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CURIOUS PROPAGANDA

THE daily and weekly press sometimes give us some startling news about our activities, news that often brings a broad smile after perusing the article or paragraph. I wonder how many ringers spotted this peal of 'spliced' which was reported in a Midlands paper, a peal which must have been a difficult one to compose and conduct, especially when the number of changes is not given. After the heading 'Change Ringing,' the account says:—

'In honour of the re-election of the churchwardens, a peal of Grandsire, Single, Bob, Single, surprises, consisting of many changes, was rung yesterday upon the three bells of St. Peter's Parish Church. When round was called, the bells were clanged in peal and lowered in grand style. The peal was composed and conducted by the leader of the band, who is to be highly congratulated upon his fine performance.'

If the reader peruses the account a second time some probabilities might occur as to the source of such a paragraph, and much speculation could arise regarding the original writer. Was he a reporter who took notes from one of the three ringers after the performance? Did one of the performers send it to the paper, or was it written by somebody as a joke? This paper certainly gave a glowing account of some ringing on three bells but many interesting details were omitted, so we are left guessing as to the kind of change-ringing the conductor/composer led his band!

Another specimen on ringers and ringing comes from a well-known London daily paper, but the original writer was the vicar of a country parish who wrote in his parish magazine regarding the success of his ringers. He commends ringing to other country districts by declaring it to be a good, healthy exercise, and provides another interest for parishioners. He also says it is another means of making the most of one's environment, and another item with which to vary the monotony of country life. The vicar finished his writing on the subject with the following: 'More than 40,000 changes can be produced with a peal of eight bells, and our ringers expect that in due time they will be able to ring them all faultlessly.'

The four reasons advanced by this country clergyman sound quite good to those who contemplate ringing even

from a local tower, but he has omitted to point out that the principal object for ringing bells is in connection with church services, and though it is possible to get pleasure, skill and friendship in various branches of the art, we cannot be true Church workers unless we regard service ringing as the most important duty. Generally speaking, our Guilds and Associations have three stated objects, such as the recognition of the true position of ringers as church officials, the due care and use of church bells and belfries, and the cultivation of change-ringing. These are worthy objects, but those who hold responsible offices are unable to do much in the way of carrying them out unless they get the support and co-operation of the clergy and ringers attached to parishes in the area.

The struggle to keep a band together is still acute, and the writer of these lines has listened to quite a number of different versions of the problem during the summer days of this year, the speakers being clergy, ringers and other church workers. Questions are being asked regarding the use of chiming the full number of bells instead of depending on the number of ringers who turn up for service ringing, sometimes not enough to ring.

And now a few words regarding the local ringers expecting to ring over 40,000 changes faultlessly and in due time. Faultlessly and due time are words that were meant to inspire a young band so that they might progress in change-ringing, but we know only too well that faultless ringing is very difficult to attain often in short lengths even in favourable conditions. A missed dodge, a wrong lead, forgetful places and other little factors are only human to ringers equally as well as people skilled in other technical callings, and many ringers feel like kicking themselves when they know it is their fault. One ringer I knew used to kick the seat behind him when he made a trip, but he caused so much damage inside a twelvemonth that he had to be shifted from the 4th to the 5th, the seat had to be repaired, and any ringers sitting out near the 5th duly warned about the kicker!

We cannot expect the public press to be correct in reporting all details of ringing news and I rather think some of the blame can be traced to those who supply the information in the first place. After all, how many editors know anything about ringing?

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

TEN BELL PEALS

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Nov. 18, 1957, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.

At CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5080 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

MARY WORTH Treble	DONALD PEARSON 6
MAY LOMAS 2	GERALD FARRER 7
JOHN WORTH 3	HARRY FARRER 8
EDWARD POTTS 4	HEDLEY WOOD 9
DENIS HENSHAW 5	ALAN A. POTTS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

Rung to mark the wedding of Roy Booth to Miss Patricia Sellars, which took place at St. Michael's, Macclesfield, on Saturday, November 9th. All the above ringers are Sunday service ringers at Christ Church along with the bridegroom.

NORTH SHIELDS, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 23, 1957, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes.

At CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. Treble	GEORGE S. DEAS 6
CHARLES MCGUINNESS .. 2	W. NORMAN PARK 7
CHARLES N. LEA 3	KENNETH LAWSON 8
*KENNETH ARTHUR 4	†JACK SCOTT 9
THOMAS M. COX 5	ROLAND PARK Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by KENNETH ARTHUR.

* 50th peal together. † First peal of Stedman Caters. First peal as conductor on ten bells.

Specially arranged to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the first ringing meeting arranged by this Association, on Saturday, November 24th, 1877, at this tower.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 30, 1957, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in E flat.

WILLIAM H. COLES .. Treble	FREDERICK R. SCOTT 6
THOMAS G. BANNISTER .. 2	JOHN E. CHILCOTT 7
*MARION J. SKINNER .. 3	FREDK. W. GOODFELLOW .. 8
†ALBERT R. G. TWINN .. 4	JOHN R. MAYNE 9
*N. DAVID ROBINSON .. 5	FRANK C. PRICE Tenor

Composed by W. PYE. Conducted by FRANK C. PRICE.

* First peal of Surprise Royal. † First peal of Surprise.

A birthday compliment to the Vicar (Rev. F. C. Tyler).

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., Nov. 30, 1957, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 35 cwt. in C sharp.

A. WILLIAM MYERS .. Treble	REV. ARTHUR S. ROBERTS .. 6
THOMAS G. MYERS 2	†PHILIP J. WESTWOOD .. 7
H. FREDERICK MYERS .. 3	RICHARD J. BOWDEN .. 8
*FREDERICK E. DAY 4	ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD .. 9
*DAVID N. PENROSE .. 5	ALAN CARVETH Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.

* First 10-bell peal. † First peal of Royal. A. William Myers has now 'circled the tower.'

Rung to commemorate the reconsecration of Plymouth's Mother Church, which was destroyed by enemy air raids on March 20th and 21st, 1941.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

LAMBOURN, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Nov. 6, 1957, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5184 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt.

COLIN J. B. TAYLOR .. Treble	STEPHEN IVIN 5
J. HOWARD R. FREEBORN .. 2	JAMES H. PAILING 6
WALTER E. WILKINSON .. 3	FRANK A. BARRETT 7
DONALD E. COBB 4	ROGER O. FRY Tenor

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 16, 1957, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

CYRIL WRIGHT Treble	SAMUEL SCATTERGOOD .. 5
JOSEPH SAXTON 2	ARTHUR B. COOPER 6
STANLEY SLANEY 3	DENNIS COOPER 7
MRS. B. HOLMES 4	HAROLD WAGSTAFFE Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON.

Conducted by HAROLD WAGSTAFFE.

First peal as conductor.

Rung for the birthday of the daughter of the treble ringer.

BICESTER, OXON.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Sat., Nov. 23, 1957, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURGH,

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 7 lb.

DAVID HODGSON .. Treble	DONALD H. NIBLETT .. 5
*JAMES H. PAILING 2	*COLIN J. B. TAYLOR .. 6
SHIRLEY V. RYMER 3	WILLIAM H. JACKSON .. 7
*BARWELL B. DIBBEN .. 4	*PETER R. SANDERS Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. JACKSON.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal in the method for the Society.

BOURNEMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 23, 1957, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

A PEAL OF 5056 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16½ cwt.

HERBERT A. MITCHELL .. Treble	MICHAEL J. BEST 5
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 2	*LEWIS F. COBB 6
DOROTHY T. GARDINER .. 3	FRANK L. HARRIS 7
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER .. 4	RONALD N. MARLOW Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' First peal in the method for all except the ringer of the tenor.

Rung for the dedication festival and as a birthday compliment to Mr. Alan Mitchell.

MAULDEN, BEDFORD.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 23, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 10½ cwt.

J. J. Parker's One-part.	
C. EDWARD JEFFRIES .. Treble	RONALD J. SHARP 5
JAMES G. NEWMAN 2	ROBERT CHURCHILL 6
EDMUND J. HOBBS 3	STEPHEN IVIN 7
ERIC SHARP 4	ANDREW C. SINFIELD .. Tenor

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

ROTHWELL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Leeds and District Society.)

On Sat., Nov. 23, 1957, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 21 lb.

GEORGE WM. STEEL .. Treble	THOMAS WM. STRANGWAY .. 5
ARTHUR G. WOOD 2	WILLIAM WARD 6
VALERIE M. MASSAM .. 3	FRANK RAYMENT 7
FRED BENNETT 4	IRVIN SLACK Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by THOMAS WM. STRANGWAY.

Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. P. Massam.

WICKEN, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 23, 1957, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

WALTER F. JUDGE .. Treble	GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. 5
J. RICHARD CHAUNDY .. 2	EDGAR J. SMITH 6
FRANK A. BARRETT .. 3	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS .. 7
WILLIAM A. YATES .. 4	GEORGE E. GREEN Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by GEORGE E. GREEN.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Nov. 24, 1957, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND THOMAS OF CANTERBURY.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

WILLIAM CLOVER Treble	FRANK C. J. ARNOLD .. 5
JOHN R. SMITH 2	*GEORGE P. ADAMS .. 6
C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO .. 3	HENRY TOOKE 7
THOMAS E. SPIGHT 4	REUBEN APPLETON Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE.

Conducted by WILLIAM CLOVER.

* 60th peal on the bells. First peal in the method by all except the

ringers of the third and fifth. First in the method on the bells.

Rung for the closing of the 850th anniversary year.

CHURCH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Nov. 26, 1957, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's One-part.	Tenor 15 cwt.
ERNEST J. GOWER Treble	VICTOR J. C. WOOD .. 5
ROSEMARY PARKINSON .. 2	CHARLES CLEGG 6
WALTER E. WILKINSON .. 3	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS .. 7
*COLIN WIGNALL 4	FREDERICK H. PRICE Tenor

Conducted by VICTOR J. C. WOOD.

* First peal.

A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. Clegg and Mr. and Mrs. J. Clegg for their 12th wedding anniversaries.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Nov. 26, 1957, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation).	Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.
DERMOT J. ROAF Treble	†RICHARD A. JACKSON .. 5
DONALD H. NIBLETT .. 2	CHRISTINE M. WOODWARD .. 6
COLIN J. B. TAYLOR .. 3	GLYN F. JENKINS 7
*RUTH S. HODGSON 4	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS Tenor

Conducted by DONALD H. NIBLETT.

* First peal in the method. † First peal on eight bells.

Rung half-muffled in memory of John H. Flanders, a former ringer at this church and at Stanton Harcourt.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 28, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

*C. JACK GIBSON Treble	WALTER W. MILLER .. 5
PATRICIA M. CLARKE .. 2	WALTER RUFFLES .. 6
FRANK RUFFLES 3	*†JOHN W. BLYTHE 7
*EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. 4	LESLIE G. BRETT Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY (No. 2). Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

* First peal of Lincolnshire. † 150th peal.

Rung for the birth of Jane Blythe, grand-daughter of the treble ringer and niece of the seventh ringer.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 28, 1957, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5280 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In six methods, being 960 London, 928 Watford, 896 Bristol, 832 Cambridge, 832 Pudsey and 832 Superlative, with 127 changes of method.

All the bells do all the work of each method.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

ERNEST H. KILBY Treble	ALICK CUTLER 5
BRIAN BLADON 2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3	THOMAS J. LOCK 7
ALFRED J. HOUSE 4	JOHN R. MAYNE Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN.

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Nov. 29, 1957, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Washbrook's variation.

Tenor 15 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT Treble	DENNIS L. HALL 5
EDWIN A. BARNETT 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 6
FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 3	PHILIP A. CORBY 7
ALFRED G. HILL 4	GEORGE J. BUTCHER Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY.

An in memoriam peal for Harry Hoverd, rung by friends from six towers in the area.

AYLESTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 30, 1957, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation.

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in F.

*CHRISTINE WAKEFIELD .. Treble	REV. PETER R. BLACKMAN .. 5
†BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 2	ERNEST J. JELLEY 6
PHYLLIS POOLE 3	†RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. 7
†ERNEST MORRIS 4	JOHN M. JELLEY Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal of Major and Treble Bob. † 150th peal together.

† First peal in the method 'inside.' First peal in the method on the bells.

Rung for the Feast of St. Andrew, Apostle, patron saint of this church.

BARROW-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 30, 1957, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in F.

GILES C. GALLEY Treble	MICHAEL W. CROWDER .. 5
JOHN F. PEARSON 2	FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD .. 6
JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE 7
MRS. FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD 4	GEOFFREY PAUL Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON.

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

First peal of Lincolnshire Surprise by all except the conductor.

BITTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.

On Sat., Nov. 30, 1957, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5184 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 67 lb. in E.

DAVID HEIGHTON Treble	†MAURICE E. DOWNS .. 5
*MICHAEL T. SPRACKLING .. 2	*ALAN J. SMITH 6
ELISABETH A. G. GRIME .. 3	TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. 7
PATRICK J. BIRD 4	FRANK D. MACK Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Conducted by DAVID HEIGHTON.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Treble Bob. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal of Treble Bob for the Society.

A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Mack on the birth of a daughter, Shirley Jill, on September 15th, 1957.

CHATHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 30, 1957, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 25 cwt.

*WILLIAM J. A. LEWIS .. Treble	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS .. 5
RONALD C. BURNS 2	RONALD E. NORRIS .. 6
THOMAS BEAUMONT 3	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT .. 7
HARRY SPRINGATE 4	JOHN W. MEADE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

* First peal.

A birthday compliment to Sir Winston Churchill, K.G. Also birthday compliments to Mr. E. J. Norris, his wife and grand-daughter, and to the mother and daughter of Mr. R. E. Norris.



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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 30, 1957, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23½ cwt.

FREDK. A. H. WILKINS .. Treble	FRANK A. BARRETT 5
HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. 2	DENNIS KNOX 6
ALAN J. FROST 3	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN 7
BRIAN J. HOWARD 4	STEPHEN IVIN Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

KNEBWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 30, 1957, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND THOMAS-A-BECKET,

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*JILL MAYES Treble	CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 5
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 2	†COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. 6
†PATRICIA M. BOURN .. 3	†C. MICHAEL ORME .. 7
†RICHARD J. CASTLEDINE .. 4	†JACK S. DEAR Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

* First peal of Surprise Major. † First peal in the method.

LEIGH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 30, 1957, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21½ cwt.

SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. Treble	NEIL D. LOMAS 5
*†TREVOR TAYLOR 2	DEREK OGDEN 6
*CAROL EUSTACE 3	*†DEREK TAYLOR 7
FREDERICK W. GROCOTT .. 4	*DENNIS MOTTERSHEAD .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

* First peal in the method. † 50th peal together.

Rung to celebrate the coming-of-age of Miss Carol Eustace.

LEYLAND, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 30, 1957, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 23½ cwt.

*ERIC P. SPARKS Treble	FRED HOWARTH 5
THOMAS BARKER 2	STANLEY WALMSLEY 6
*JOHN H. OWENS 3	ALAN MEADOWS 7
LAWRENCE WALMSLEY .. 4	CYRIL CROSTHWAITE .. Tenor

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by CYRIL CROSTHWAITE.

* First peal.

For the Patronal Festival. Also an appreciation of a generous donation (anonymous) for tower repairs at this church.

LONDON, E.C.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

On Sat., Nov. 30, 1957, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OLAVE, HART STREET.

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

*M. A. FLOYER (U.C.) .. Treble	D. G. JACKSON (Imperial) 5
A. F. THIRST (Imperial) .. 2	R. KEELEY (King's) .. 6
*B. A. THOMPSON (Bed.) .. 3	*P. P. BROWN (N. Poly.) .. 7
*P. G. K. DAVIES (U.C.) .. 4	*J. ARMSTRONG (Lon. Hos.) Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by A. F. THIRST.

* First peal in the method.

Rung on the Feast of St. Andrew and as a compliment to the Rev. and Mrs. J. Miller on the occasion of their wedding.

LOWER BEEDING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 30, 1957, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

GEORGE OLLIVER Treble	*GEORGE FRANCIS 5
BARWELL B. DIBBEN 2	ROBIN J. ELLIOTT 6
MAXWELL F. OAKSHETT .. 3	GEORGE JENNINGS 7
GEORGE A. PARSON 4	EDWARD J. TALBOT Tenor

Composed by DAVID HOARE. Conducted by GEORGE FRANCIS.

* 100th tower-bell peal.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

LYDNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 21, 1957, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 16 12-scores (Morris's and Pitman's arrangements) and ten six-scores. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

*B. DAVID SIMS Treble	*DAVID A. HOULT 4
WILLIAM H. HARRIS .. 2	*RONALD THOMAS 5
WILLIAM F. SCUDAMORE .. 3	*BRYN B. NASH Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM F. SCUDAMORE.

* First peal.

Rung as a compliment to Viscount Bledisloe (one time Governor of New Zealand) on the occasion of his 90th birthday, and to William H. Harris on the occasion of his 80th birthday.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Nov. 20, 1957, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 CARLISLE SURPRISE MINOR

Being composed of seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

DENNIS LAUD Treble	WILLIAM WENBAN 4
PHYLLIS M. MAYNE 2	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 5
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON .. 3	JOHN R. MAYNE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

LUTTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Nov. 20, 1957, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and St. Clement's, and four extents of Plain Bob

Tenor 4 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in C sharp.

GEORGE R. G. BUTLER .. Treble	†FREDA P. GREAVES 4
*JOHN V. TEMPLE 2	ERNEST H. MASTIN 5
LESLIE W. HOUGHTON .. 3	NORMAN V. HARDING .. Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN V. HARDING.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal in four methods 'inside.'

Rung in honour of the tenth wedding anniversary of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II and H.R.H. Prince Philip.

GREAT HASELEY, OXON.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Thurs., Nov. 21, 1957, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's, and two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in F sharp.

*JOHN G. PUSEY Treble	JAMES H. PAILING 4
PETER R. SANDERS 2	DONALD H. NIBLETT 5
GLYN F. JENKINS 3	COLIN J. B. TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by COLIN J. B. TAYLOR.

* First peal in five methods. First peal as conductor.

RUMBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 21, 1957, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, ALL SAINTS AND ST. FELIX,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and nine extents each of St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

WALTER KERRISON Treble	C. JACK GIBSON 3
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN 2	REGINALD J. DARCH 4
JOHN W. BLYTHE Tenor	

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

Specially arranged for Mr. Walter Kerrison, who first rang a peal in this tower in 1907 (50 years ago).

WETHERDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 21, 1957, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

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

HENRY IVINGS Treble	KENNETH G. BROWN 4
HUBERT MITSON 2	DAVID BRAND 5
ARTHUR W. ROLFE 3	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE Tenor

Conducted by KENNETH G. BROWN.

MELDRETH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 23, 1957, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 12 methods, viz.: (1) Lightfoot and Wearmouth, (2) Beverley and Surfleet, (3) London and Wells, (4) York and Durham, (5) Ipswich and Cambridge, (6) Annable's London, (7) Norwich.

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. in F sharp.

HARRY F. CHURCHMAN .. Treble	DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS .. 4
GEORGE E. CRISP .. 2	GEORFREY A. LUCAS .. 5
HAROLD S. PEACOCK .. 3	MANSFIELD GINN .. Tenor

Conducted by MANSFIELD GINN.

The first peal in 12 Surprise methods by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

An 81st birthday compliment to Mr. Arthur J. Ginn, of Over, the conductor's father.

ROYDON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 23, 1957, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (ten callings).

Tenor 9 cwt.

*ROBERT D. W. SAMS .. Treble	†WILLIAM H. ALEY .. 4
BENJAMIN G. BURTON .. 2	CHARLES W. SAMS .. 5
WALTER P. SAMS .. 3	ALFRED A. LIVINGSTON .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. SAMS.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles.

Rung as a silver wedding compliment to the conductor.

SHERBORNE, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 23, 1957, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings).

Tenor 11 cwt.

ROGER HARRIS (17) .. Treble	PERCY A. ORAM .. 4
G. HARRY REEVES .. 2	TREFOR K. FARROW (15) .. 5
RICHARD M. ANDREWS (16) .. 3	JOHN SLACK (17) .. Tenor

Conducted by TREFOR K. FARROW.

First peal by all the band, including the conductor.

Rung to celebrate the founding of the Coventry Diocesan Guild 50 years ago that day.

WELCOMBE, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., Nov. 23, 1957, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NECTAN,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 38 six-scores and two 240's.

Tenor 7 cwt. 17 lb.

*D. GARVIE .. Treble	*H. HEARD .. 4
*R. CANN .. 2	H. STACEY .. 5
C. SANGWIN .. 3	S. STACEY .. Tenor

Conducted by C. SANGWIN.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

SHEPPERTON, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 23, 1957, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. NICHOLAS AND JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 ERIN DOUBLES

Being 14 360's.

Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in B.

*ROBIN G. LEALE .. Treble	†DAVID A. S. HAWKINS .. 3
†WILLIAM S. DEASON .. 2	ALAN J. FROST .. 4
MICHAEL P. MORETON .. 3	.. Tenor

Composed by J. TOPP.

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

* First peal of Doubles on tower-bells and as conductor. † First peal of Doubles. The first peal of Doubles in the method.

THORINGTON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 23, 1957, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being extents of Rossendale, York, London, Wells, Ipswich, Norwich and Cambridge.

Tenor 9 cwt. 22 lb.

DONALD B. MUNRO .. Treble	H. FRANK PIKE .. 4
ALAN R. ANDREWS .. 2	ARTHUR G. BUTTON .. 5
ROY DUESBURY .. 3	GEORGE N. ORMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

First peal in seven Surprise methods by all except the conductor.

TWYFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 23, 1957, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 960 each of All Saints', Reverse Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and 1,200 Grandsire.

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr.

*DAVID COOPER .. Treble	ROLAND H. COOK .. 4
†ALFRED E. HINMAN .. 2	†J. HARRY COOK .. 5
GEORFREY A. BOWCUTT .. 3	FREDERICK WATSON .. Tenor

Conducted by J. HARRY COOK.

* First peal (aged 14). † 25th peal together.

Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to Mrs. Florence Spencer, mother of Roger Spencer, captain of the ringers at Twyford.

DERSINGHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Nov. 24, 1957, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 9 cwt. 8 lb.

ALEC E. NURSE .. Treble	TONY OWEN .. 4
HERBERT LASKEY .. 2	WALTER FORD .. 5
CECIL V. EBBERSON .. 3	WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Nov. 24, 1957, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents (six callings).

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

HENRY P. COLLIN .. Treble	DENIS A. FRITH .. 4
JAMES H. MUSSON .. 2	WALTER WESTON .. 5
PETER E. PARRY .. 3	J. MICHAEL SIMPSON .. Tenor

Conducted by DENIS A. FRITH.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Thomas Henry Collin, father of the treble ringer and grandfather of the conductor.

RATTLES DEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wed., Nov. 27, 1957, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 11 cwt.

HENRY IVINGS .. Treble	HUBERT MITSON .. 4
RICHARD ROSE .. 2	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE .. 5
*ARTHUR W. ROLFE .. 3	KENNETH G. BROWN .. Tenor

Conducted by KENNETH G. BROWN.

* 25th peal.

STANWICK, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Nov. 27, 1957, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent T.B., St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

*JENNIFER GILES .. Treble	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE .. 4
SHELAGH COLLINS .. 2	BRIAN AUSTIN .. 5
RAY IDLE .. 3	BRYAN S. COPE .. Tenor

Conducted by BRYAN S. COPE.

* First peal. First peal on the recently augmented bells.

LITTLE MILTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 29, 1957, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Comprising seven extents in ten methods: (1) Chester and Munden, (2) Beverley and Surfleet, (3) Durham and York, (4) London, (5) Wells, (6) Ipswich, (7) Cambridge.

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in F sharp.

STEPHEN IVIN .. Treble	DONALD H. NIBLETT .. 4
DERMOT J. ROAF .. 2	ROBIN N. PITTMAN .. 5
BRIAN J. HOWARD .. 3	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. Tenor

Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 29, 1957, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*MRS. E. T. CHAPMAN .. Treble	EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. 4
C. JACK GIBSON .. 2	L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE .. 5
ROBERT PLUMMER .. 3	JOHN W. BLYTHE .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

* First peal.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

QUARTER PEALS

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 1st, 660 Grand-sire Doubles and 600 Bob Doubles: Margaret E. Perry 1, Pamela R. Gough 2, Diana M. Gough (first in two methods as cond.) 3, I. C. Forrest 4, H. W. Brown 5, D. A. Hibbitt 6. For Confirmation service.

APSLEY END, HERTS.—On Nov. 17th, 1,296 Surprise Minor (720 Spliced Ipswich and Cambridge, 576 Norwich): E. J. Upton 1, Joyce Good 2, W. Ayre (cond.) 3, W. J. Puddifoot 4, A. V. Good 5, K. B. Good 6. Rung prior to Confirmation service taken by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. E. J. Lester 1, P. R. J. Lester 2, R. E. Lester (cond.) 3, H. A. Mitson 4, J. J. Prentice 5, G. R. Goodship 6. Half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday Evensong.

BATH, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 1st, at St. Michael with St. Paul's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Russell (cond.) 1, F. Mills 2, Mrs. K. Plank 3, R. Milla (first 'inside') 4, G. Hawkins 5, J. Hobbs 6.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Wingrove (cond.) 1, Dorothy Fletcher 2, Ann Sheils 3, J. Harrison 4, D. Lamb 5, J. Meads 6, A. Bridges 7, S. Hatfield 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

BRENTFORD, MIDDLEX.—On Nov. 21st, 1,300 Doubles (40 Reverse Canterbury, 480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandeire): D. B. Lewis (first quarter) 1, Jill Barron (first of Doubles and first 'inside') 2, Gillian Neal Smith 3, C. M. Bloomer 4, Dr. D. J. Neal Smith (cond.) 5, Meriel Holden Brown 6.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 St. Clement's: G. M. Rouse 1, S. W. Bigmore 2, E. Deacon 3, K. Everett (conductor) 4, A. T. M. Perry 5, H. Stebbings 6. For morning service.

CARLISLE, CUMBERLAND.—On Nov. 25th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. A. Palmer 1, Miss A. Callum (first quarter) 2, J. Ling 3, R. Briggs 4, A. Hodgson 5, J. Boustead (cond.) 6, J. Butterfield 7.

CLITHEROE, LANCs.—On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Sylvia Wignall (first quarter) 1, E. J. Gower 2, Miss R. Parkinson 3, P. Norman 4, V. J. C. Wood 5, C. Wignall 6, W. E. Wilkinson (cond.) 7, F. Price 8. For Evensong.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On Dec. 1st, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: E. W. Razzell 1, Mrs. F. E. Collins 2, Miss H. Talbot (first on ten 'inside') 3, R. Davies 4, G. H. Humphries 5, N. G. Steere 6, R. G. Abbott 7, F. E. Mitchell 8, F. E. Collins (cond.) 9, P. G. Humphries 10.

DALWOOD, DEVON.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Taylor 1, G. Walford (cond.) 2, I. Hughes 3, D. Salter 4, W. R. Trickey 5, D. Hart 6.

DERBY.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Nov. 29th, 1,061 Grandsire Caters: E. Walklate 1, S. Walklate 2, Miss P. Pearson 3, A. Morley 4, H. Letts 5, G. Freebrey (cond.) 6, A. Wright 7, B. F. Morris 8, F. R. Lowe 9, H. Bridges 10. For the festival of St. Andrew.

EWELL, SURREY.—On Dec. 1st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Maureen Candy (first quarter) 1, H. E. Good 2, Mrs. Pauline Spittle (first in method) 3, J. Hill 4, R. C. Spittle 5, J. E. Beams 6, D. Spittle 7, C. W. Munday (cond.) 8. For Advent Sunday.

GREAT STAUGHTON, HUNTS.—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. W. Lack (cond.) 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, H. S. Peacock 3, T. Jefferies 4, J. F. W. Allen 5, F. Reeve 6. For evening service on the patronal festival.

HAMPTON, MIDDLEX.—On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Minor (720 Amersham Alliance and Little Bob, 560 Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's and Childwall): Margaret Essen 1, Judith Essen 2, R. G. Leale (cond.) 3, R. Woodcock 4, W. S. Deason 5, S. J. Woodcock 6. For Evensong. Also on Dec. 1st, 1,440 Minor (720 Cromer Alliance and Crayford Little Court, 720 London Bob, Lytham Bob, College and Wavertree College): Judith Essen 1, R. Woodcock 2, R. G. Leale (cond.) 3, D. A. S. Hawkins 4, W. S. Deason 5, S. J. Woodcock 6. For Evensong.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Dec. 1st, 720 Cambridge Surprise, 540 Bob Minor: C. J. Young 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, F. R. Nicholls 3, D. F. Murfet 4, H. S. Peacock 5, D. E. R. Knights (cond.) 6. For morning service.

KING'S SOMBORNE, HANTS.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. d'A. R. Blackwall (first quarter) 1, Margaret E. L. Beamish 2, Brenda M. Claridge (first quarter) 3, J. L. Queen (first 'inside') 4, M. V. White (cond.) 5, W. Batchelor 6. Rung by members of the Southampton University Guild, except for W. Batchelor, who is a local ringer.

LUPPIT, DEVON.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Morrell 1, I. Hughes 2, D. Salter 3, G. Walford 4, W. R. Trickey (first as cond.) 5, F. Taylor 6.

NAZEING, ESSEX.—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. M. Burton 1, C. W. Sams (cond.) 2, C. Clayden 3, B. G. Burton 4, K. Wood 5, J. Sams 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Arthur F. Burton, a ringer at this church until failing health caused his retirement.

NORTHAM, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Joan Garnet 1, R. Barnes 2, Mrs. R. Reece 3, J. Epps (first away from tenor) 4, W. Button (cond.) 5, F. Tedham 6. For morning service.

QUEDGELEY, GLOS.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. E. T. Tranter 1, A. Wixey 2, S. J. Pugh 3, P. T. Hurcombe (cond.) 4, C. F. Wixey 5, C. J. Leighton (first quarter) 6. First quarter on the bells since they were rehung on ball-bearings and in a steel frame. For morning service. Also on Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. F. Wixey 1, Miss A. Cox (first 'inside') 2, Miss P. Clark 3, F. E. T. Tranter 4, P. T. Hurcombe (cond.) 5, C. J. Leighton 6.

LAUGH WITH R. J. B.



'LEAD FULL & SNAP'

RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. J. C. Colson (first on treble) 1, H. Richardson 2, W. Copperwheat 3, A. Wilson 4, L. Witten 5, A. Gibbs 6, W. J. Whitmore (cond.) 7, F. Swan (first quarter) 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Canon Arthur Brown, for 34 years Vicar of Raunds, who died on November 23rd.

READING, BERKS.—At St. Mary's Church, on November 24th, 1,280 London Surprise Major: K. Cotterell 1, Helen M. Brant 2, A. Diserens 3, R. H. Begrie 4, W. Newton 5, J. N. Diserens 6, R. F. Diserens 7, N. J. Diserens (cond.) 8. First in method for 2 and 5. For Evensong.

REDHILL, SURREY.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss F. Illman 1, Miss B. Sagers 2, Miss F. Hankey 3, A. Streeter 4, F. E. Roberts (cond.) 5, H. Comber 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday. Also on Dec. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss F. Illman 1, Miss B. Sagers 2, A. Streeter 3, H. Comber 4, F. E. Roberts (cond.) 5, W. Clarke 6. First 'inside' for 4. For Evensong.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On Nov. 20th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: D. French 1, Miss M. Mills 2, Mrs. E. Chaddock 3, Miss E. A. Wardill 4, Miss S. Chaddock 5, J. N. Chaddock 6, G. S. Lee 7, F. Fisher 8, N. Chaddock (cond.) 9, P. Walker 10. Rung by the Sunday service band.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—On Dec. 1st, at the Cathedral, 1,311 Stedman Cinques: B. A. Cornell 1, M. D. Frost 2, G. Dodds 3, Miss P. Doorn 4, R. F. Ewer 5, J. E. Ewer 6, J. L. Cox 7, G. N. Blake 8, W. Little 9, W. J. Arnold (cond.) 10, G. Penney 11, W. A. Nicholls 12. First on 12 bells for 2, 4, 6 and 7. Rung as a farewell to J. L. Cox, who is leaving St. Albans for Streatham.

ST. LEONARDS-ON-SEA, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Ridd 1, J. Ridd 2, Miss K. Stisted 3, G. S. Piper 4, E. F. P. Bryant (cond.) 5, S. Bailey 6.

SELLY OAK, BIRMINGHAM.—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret Parker 1, Dorothy Battersby 2, A. Westwood 3, H. Yardley 4, A. Cox 5, Wm. B. Cartwright 6, N. J. Goodman (cond.) 7, H. J. Turner 8. For Evensong.

SOUTHGATE, N.—At Christ Church, on Nov. 28th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Ann Aldridge 1, Mary Piper 2, Pam Miller (first of Major) 3, M. Stanyon 4, J. Wallman (cond.) 5, S. G. Peck 6, F. Gilbert 7, C. Aldridge 8. Rung on the 5th anniversary of the first peal of Superlative Surprise Major in the Rochester Variation (now named Southgate Surprise), November 28th, 1907. Also on Dec. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mary Piper 1, Ann Aldridge 2, S. G. Peck 3, W. C. G. Wainwright (first of Triples 'inside') 4, M. Stanyon 5, J. Wallman 6, C. Aldridge (first of Triples as cond.) 7, J. Perrett 8. For Evensong.

TRENT, DORSET.—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): Miss T. Barnett (first in two methods) 1, D. Sweet 2, E. Amey 3, R. J. Vardy 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5, H. T. Brooks (first quarter) 6. Rung (after meeting short for Minor) as a birthday compliment to the wife of the conductor.

WANDSWORTH, SURREY.—At Holy Trinity Church, on Nov. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss F. Brown 1, J. Tomsett 2, Miss J. Scrutton 3, J. Bell 4, A. Bishop 5, W. Wilson (cond.) 6, J. Euston 7, L. Bell 8. Rung for morning service on Remembrance Sunday.

WARGRAVE, BERKS.—On Nov. 30th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Mrs. H. Smith 1, Mrs. B. C. Castle (first in method) 2, B. C. Castle 3, H. Smith 4, W. Hunt 5, R. H. Begrie 6, W. J. Paice (cond.) 7, A. J. N. Rance 8.

WILLINGHAM, CAMBS.—On Nov. 17th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. Denson 1, N. Robinson 2, D. Murfet 3, G. E. Crisp 4, D. E. R. Knights 5, G. A. Lucas (cond.) 6. Also on Nov. 29th, 1,320 Surfleet Surprise Minor: A. Denson 1, N. Robinson 2, D. Murfet 3, G. E. Crisp 4, D. E. R. Knights (cond.) 5, G. A. Lucas 6.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Dec. 1st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Sheila Douglas (first of Major) 1, J. Tomsett 2, Anne Garnett 3, E. Jacobs 4, A. Bagworth 5, Susan Jacobs 6, M. P. Moreton 7, M. Sinden (cond.) 8.

A 200-MILE DAY TRIP

A band drawn from Coleshill, Keresley, King's Bromley, Lichfield Cathedral, Little Aston and Sharehill set off in a Land Rover on November 16th for a day's ringing and covered a distance of 200 miles.

Activities started on the light set of six bells hung for ringing in a disused cottage by Mr. Arthur Jopp, of Staulton, near Pershore. They were mixed bells with a tenor of 56 lb., and eventually we succeeded in ringing rounds and Grandsire Doubles. Mrs. Jopp kindly provided us with a welcome cup of tea.

The early English church at Aston Cantlow, at which Shakespeare's parents are supposed to have been married, now possesses an easy-going ring of six, recently rehung, and are all that could be desired. Over the Oxfordshire border to Home Farm, Balcote, where Mr. Charles Jarvis let us spend an hour on his well-known ring of six.

With the long draught at Cropredy we had all forgotten Double Court, and even worse for 'go' were the ~~xxx~~ at Wardington, where rounds were more than sufficient. The recent restoration of the five at Stoneleigh, Warwickshire, has been well executed. The ring at St. Edith's, Monks Kirby, Warwickshire, the heaviest eight in Warwickshire (tenor 24-2-7), is indeed a peal-ringer's dream. A pleasing ground floor eight are at All Saints', Bedworth, and the day's ringing finished on the excellent little five at Keresley. Sincere thanks are tendered to incumbents and all who met us, and also to driver Eric. C. M. S.

BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Gearing (first quarter) 1, Miss R. Patching 2, Miss D. M. Gough 3, S. W. Brown (cond.) 4, B. Turner 5, M. Abbott 6.

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL

The University of Bristol Society chose the Bath area for their mid-week autumn term outing.

Leaving Bristol soon after lunch, the majority travelled by bicycle (the more lazy, in cars) and made the first stop at Corston, where the very light bells were found difficult to handle by most members and in consequence the striking was of a poor standard. The next tower was Newton St. Loc, and the six bells were kept going to Stedman, Grandsire and a course of Cambridge.

Then into Bath and to the 'well going' eight at Weston. By this time the ringing was improving and at the next tower, Bathwick, a well-struck course of Bristol was brought round by an all-resident band. The evening was brought to a close by a visit to the 6-bell tower of Keston, followed by the customary refreshment 'across the road.'

Altogether, the outing proved very successful, and thanks are extended to the tower secretaries and incumbents of the towers visited. D. H.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

St. Albans District

The first meeting to be held at St. Stephen's, St. Albans, since the restoration of the bells was held on November 16th. The meeting was well attended considering the short notice. Mr. H. C. Frost took the chair, and two members of the St. Stephen's band were elected as probationary members.

Before ringing continued in the evening the Vicar took a short service. Methods rung were the usual mixed variety with rounds for beginners.

It is hoped that the next meeting will be held at Hatfield on December 21st. M. A. C.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Dorchester Branch at Charminster

A sparsely-attended but none the less enjoyable meeting of the Dorchester Branch was held at the ancient Church of St. Mary, Charminster, on November 30th, where the ringers were made welcome by the Vicar (Rev. Percy Anderson), who also gave a short but inspiring talk on the responsibilities attached to the office of bell-ringing. The lesson was read by Mr. J. D. Grigg, of Charminster, and Mrs. Trivett was the organist.

Following the service, tea was served in the Village Hall by Miss T. Barnett and Miss W. Harewood, two young members of the Charminster band, who were congratulated on behalf of the company by the vice-chairman of the Branch (Rev. P. J. Heaton, rector of St. Peter's, Dorchester). Apology for absence was received from the Rev. S. P. Rowcroft (Abbotsbury Branch chairman).

There being no business meeting, the ringers adjourned to the tower immediately after tea, and ringing on the six bells was continued throughout the evening, under the direction of Mr. H. J. Ford (Branch Ringing Master) and his deputy, Mr. J. W. Rose.

Methods rung ranged up to Treble Bob Minor, with plenty of chances for the learners. Ringers attended from Abbotsbury, Cattistock, Charminster, St. Peter's, Dorchester, Preston, Wool, Wyke Regis and Yetminster. J. H. H.

TIMBERSCOMBE, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. H. Reed 1, B. Jean Stevens 2, C. J. Stevens (cond.) 3, Pamela M. Stevens 4, F. A. K. Prime 5, A. G. Cook (first of Triples) 6, R. D. Short 7, R. Stone 8. First quarter on the bells since rehangings.

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In addition to the Christmas bell broadcasts published in our last issue, the bells of the 15th century church of St. Mary-the Virgin, Dedham, Essex, in the Constable country, will be heard for two minutes at 12.1 a.m. on Christmas night. This will lead into a 'Welcome to Christmas,' sung by members of the Dedham Choral Society, who will also take part in the first Communion of Christmas Day.

Mr. E. A. Barnett thanks the many who enquired after his welfare in connection with the Lewisham rail crash. He had an 11-mile walk and arrived home at 11.20 p.m.

From Sherborne, Warwickshire, comes a peal that will gladden the hearts of the Exercise. It is a peal of Grandsire Doubles in which every participant was ringing his first peal, making a worthy tribute to the founding of the Coventry Diocesan Guild 50 years ago on the same day (November 23rd).

ERRATA.—The peal of Gainsborough Surprise Major at Brenchley, Kent, on page 650, was rung on September 18th and not as stated. Also the composition of 12 Spliced Surprise Major, published on page 748, was first rung at Hernhill, Kent, on October 19th, 1957, conducted by Mark S. Lancefield.

To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the first peal of Superlative Surprise Major in the Rochester variation (now named Southgate) a quarter peal was rung on the bells at Christ Church, Southgate. Of the 1907 band there are three survivors—Mr. N. Tomlinson, who still rings at Christ Church; Mr. A. Glasscock, who chimes for the early morning service on Sundays, and Mr. J. Sharman, who lives in the Midlands. Others in the band were Messrs. J. Armstrong, F. Tegg, H. Miller, J. Miller and S. Wade (conductor).

BELFRY GOSSIP

When it became known that repairs to the tower of Leyland Parish Church would shortly be required, a friend, who wishes to remain anonymous, immediately came forward with a donation of £300. The ringers are especially appreciative of this generous gift, and wish the peal which was rung on St. Andrew's Day to be regarded as some measure of their appreciation. Five of the local band took part and it was an opportunity for two of them to score their first peal.

Mr. W. R. Marsh performed a good service when the peal attempt band arrived short at Rippingale. He stood in; the ringing in seven Minor methods was excellent throughout.

The peal of Ashted Surprise Major at West Hallam on November 30th was to mark the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. W. Carlisle, of Nottingham, parents of a ringing family.

The band who rang the peal of Double Norwich at Waldron, Sussex, on November 30th express their thanks to Miss Margaret Ladd who, at very short notice, so ably rang the treble and scored her first peal in the method.

The bells will be heard prior to the service to be broadcast from St. George's Parish Church, Greenock, on Sunday, December 15th, at 9.45 a.m. in the Scottish Home Service. These bells are for chiming only and are a ten with a tenor of 18 cwt. 1 qr. in F.

The band who rang the peal at Rothwell for the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. P. Massam was the same that rang for the 21st birthday of their daughter, Valerie, five months ago. Each man rang the same bell in both peals. The band would like to place on record their thanks and appreciation for the hospitality provided by Mr. and Mrs. Massam on both these occasions.

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ROCK 'N' ROLL ROUND AFRICA

Dear Sir,—Having just returned from a cruise and a month's stay in Cape Town, may I, through 'The Ringing World,' be allowed to offer my very best and heartfelt thanks to the band at St. Mary's, Woodstock, for the right royal welcome my travelling companion and self received. Too much space would be required to record the many kindnesses showered on us during our stay, but I mention a few. On three Sundays Mr. John Wood (captain of the band) and his sisters took us in their car on afternoon drives of 70 or more miles each, and afterwards entertained us very hospitably at their homes. On the remaining Sunday Mr. Len Hewitt (one of the band) took us on a similar run. All were through very beautiful scenery, with one exception being back in time to ring for 7 p.m. service, the only Sunday I missed ringing for two services. From Mr. and Mrs. Vic Sheppard there was an ever-open door at the Old Town House, just round the corner from our hotel. Mr. Sheppard is steeple keeper, secretary ('scribe'), local bell-hanger and general handyman at Woodstock.

All the band turned up on the five practice nights, plus two Saturday afternoons; on the first a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was scored and on the second an attempt was made for a peal, which was unfortunately lost after more than 1,300 changes of tolerably good ringing. Our liner left Cape Town on a Tuesday, and as this is practice night, Mr. Wood arranged for Monday instead as a farewell to me, and afterwards entertained the whole band at his house for refreshments (both solid and liquid). At this very homely gathering a few hundred changes of our peal attempt were rung back to us from the tape-recorder, which had been arranged by Mr. Sheppard. Future visiting ringers will themselves be able to judge the striking.

Our cruise had been arranged to commence last March, but owing to the Suez crisis was postponed for six months to enable me to circumnavigate the African continent. During all this time Mr. Sheppard gave much help and advice by air mail. On arrival at Cape Town Mrs. Sheppard met and conducted us to our hotel, and on leaving, in the company of Vic and Miss Wood, came aboard to bid us farewell. I cannot possibly speak too highly of one and all at Cape Town. In Africa things are not done by halves.

The bells (eight, by Barwell, tenor 11 to 12 cwt.) were installed in 1902, and considering they've had no expert attention since, go very well, due to the energy of some of the band. Recently a new wheel for the fourth and half of that of the third were made locally and both replaced quite satisfactorily.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

An early start was made with ringing at the Northern District's nomination meeting on November 16th. Clapham Park bells proved popular from 2 to 3.30, and Holy Trinity, Wandsworth, from 3.30 to 4.30. The Vicar conducted a ringers' service in the church, which was followed by tea in the New Church Hall adjoining.

The routine business meeting was dealt with and at nomination time all the existing officers were nominated, and in addition Mr. Colin Champion for a seat on the committee. Votes of thanks were then passed to all who had helped, with special reference to Mr. J. Euston, who had made all the arrangements for the secretary, and Mr. Ford who had organised the service and the tea.

Ringing continued afterwards at All Saints', Wandsworth, until a rope broke, and at St. Mary's, Putney.

W. P.

The first peal, Grandsire Triples, was rung in December, 1904; two of Grandsire Doubles have since been rung—one in 1951 and the other in 1953, both conducted by Bob Stickley, native of Hereford. These are the only tower-bell peals yet rung in Africa. The church (not the tower) will celebrate its centenary next year—a good opportunity for some enterprising band to pay a visit and collect a few 'firsts in the method' (continent), etc.

The band is mixed; nearly half are African-born and the remainder English, and includes a lay reader, organist, choir master and two servers, the latest additions being Mr. John Crump, from Hornsey, London, and Miss Bridgette Hamilton, Ireland (late of Oxford). Both arrived during my stay.

Continuing the voyage, with two ports of call in between, our liner reached Durban on Saturday, October 19th. Mr. Cyril Chambers (ex Kidderminster) came aboard on arrival and arranged ringing at St. Paul's (8, tenor 14 cwt.) for the same evening. On Sunday we rang for morning service at St. Mary's, Greyville (10, tenor 21 cwt.), and at St. Paul's for Evensong. On Monday evening, the last complete day of our stay, a special meeting at St. Paul's was arranged for my benefit. These are two good Taylor rings and both go well, but unfortunately the ringers are well scattered—most are eight or more miles from either tower. My very best thanks are due to Mr. Chambers for arrangements, and to the rest of the company for meeting and making it possible to rung at Durban.

At Dar-es-Salaam on November 2nd, I met Mr. Davis whose photo, together with his team of handbell ringers, appeared in 'The Ringing World' a few months ago. Although ashore the previous evening also, but through not knowing, I missed a performance by them at a social function. They are practising Bob Major as well as tunc ringing.

It has now been my pleasure to meet and ring with our friends on four continents, viz.: Europe, America (also Canada), Australia and Africa. I should be interested to know how many there are who have rung (on tower-bells) on five.

Apart from the course of both liners, approximately 1,600 miles were added through almost indescribable scenery by various modes of travel down to and including rickshaw.—Yours, etc.,
Grundsiburgh. JAMES BENNETT.

EIGHT PEALS MARK 850th ANNIVERSARY YEAR AT WYMONDHAM

The 850th anniversary year of Wymondham Abbey, Norfolk, has been marked by the ringing of eight peals on the bells. Each Branch of Norwich Diocesan Association rang a peal on the bells. Details of the peals are appended.

Opening peal, Advent Sunday, December 2nd, 1956: 5,088 Plain Bob Major.

May 18th, eight members of the Suffolk Guild: 5,120 Cambridge Surprise Major.

August 10th, eight members of the East Norfolk Branch: 5,056 Plain Bob Major.

September 7th, eight members of the West Norfolk Branch: 5,040 Plain Bob Major.

October 5th, eight members of the North Norfolk Branch: 5,040 Grandsire Triples.

October 12th, eight members of the South Norfolk Branch: 5,024 Kent Treble Bob Major.

October 22nd, eight members of the St. Peter Mancroft Guild, Norwich: 5,040 Stedman Triples.

November 24th, Thanksgiving Sunday: 5,040 Plain Bob Triples. Rung for the closing of the festival year.

PLYMOUTH'S MOTHER CHURCH RESTORED

The Mother Church of Plymouth, the Parish Church of St. Andrew, suffered severe damage by incendiary and high-explosive bombs during two heavy air raids on March 20th and 21st, 1941. The tower, with its fine old ring of ten bells, escaped serious damage, but the rest of the church was just a ruined shell. Shortly after its destruction a board with one word in bold lettering was fixed above the north porch doorway—*Resurgam*.

Over 16 years later, St. Andrew's Day, 1957, the restored church was reconsecrated by the Lord Bishop of Exeter, accompanied by the Bishops of Liverpool and Plymouth, and in the presence of H.R.H. the Princess Alice, Countess of Athlone.

Plymouth's Lord Mayor and other civic leaders, Service chiefs, visiting clergy, lay readers and representatives of the Free Churches formed a large part of the 2,000 who had accepted the invitation to attend. Extra seats were brought in for the occasion and every inch of space was occupied.

The ringers played their part on this great day. For an hour-and-a-half before the service the bells rang out to rounds on ten and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters. When the service had ended 395 Grandsire Caters was first rung; and then (after a break to adjust ropes, etc., and lock themselves in) 5,040 Plain Bob Royal was well and truly rung by ten members of the Guild of Devonshire ringers. The bells went off into changes at 5.4 p.m., and a fast beat set by Alan Carveth was consistently maintained, each part averaging a few seconds over 50 minutes, and they 'ran home' at 8.25 p.m.

The conclusion of the peal brought to an end the festivities of this memorable day—the first in a new chapter in the ministry of St. Andrew's Church, Plymouth. After a farewell handshake, the ringers made for their respective homes—the Rev. A. S. Roberts to Carbis Bay; Alan, David and Bob to Truro; Philip to Dover; and the rest . . . to within walking distance of St. Andrew's.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

Bells and Belles at Bolton

The Bolton Branch is enjoying very good meetings. The one at St. Mary's, Deane, on November 30th, was outstanding, with plenty of methods to suit all tastes. Youth was again prominent—a good omen for the future. From rounds to Spliced Surprise was the order of the day, and the striking, particularly in higher methods, was very good.

What constituted the success of this meeting? In the first place the bells were new and of a good tone; then there was a good chance of ringing in a variety of methods, and after all, variety is the spice of life. But above all it was a happy gathering, and the pretty young women who attended may have been a factor in the meeting's popularity—there were plenty of them and most of them were very capable ringers.

During the afternoon a band which rang a peal at Todmorden travelled the 25 miles to attend the meeting, and they were well rewarded. The Vicar, who is learning to ring, was present, and he was thanked for the use of the bells. Thanks were also accorded the head ringer and Mrs. Crook for providing cups of tea.

The annual Branch meeting will be held at Bolton Parish Church towards the end of January. A tea will be provided free at this meeting.

P. C.

ST. ANN'S, STAMFORD HILL, HAS RING OF EIGHT

Saturday, November 30th, was indeed a very great day in the history of St. Ann's Church, being the culmination of ten years of real hard work and effort on the part of the local ringers, for on that day the dedication took place of the restored and augmented ring of eight bells.

The story of these ten years, as told by the Vicar in his address at the dedication service, should be a wonderful lesson and example to all of what can be done by keenness and enthusiasm. About 1946, Mr. Ernest J. Rowe asked permission of the Vicar to inspect the then ring of six in his tower, which was in a bad state, the bell chamber being in a filthy condition and the bells themselves likewise. Mr. Rowe, and the keen band of ringers which he built up, spent many hours in cleaning the bell chamber and ringing chamber and in improving the 'go' of the bells. The new band made rapid progress, and the bells were rung regularly for services in almost every conceivable Minor and Doubles method, often to quarter peals. The arrival of Brian Bladon helped to strengthen the band, which must now be one of the best Sunday service bands in the London area.

Right from the start the aim for the future had been the completion of the ring of eight. The old six, cast by Mears and Stainbank in 1865, were badly in need of retuning and restoration, and the opportunity arrived when a parishioner offered to present two new bells to the tower as a memorial. Before this could be done, it was necessary to move the works of the church clock from its position in the bell chamber to the floor below in order to leave room for the installation of the frame for the two new bells; the whole of this extremely difficult task was carried out by the ringers themselves, under the supervision of Mr. Rowe.

Finally, the six bells were lowered and removed to the Whitechapel Foundry for cleaning and retuning, the two new trebles were cast, and the new complete eight finally hoisted to the belfry once again—much of the work in the tower again being carried out by the local band. The final result is that St. Ann's now possesses a very fine light octave which 'go' and sound perfectly; the two new trebles being a perfect splice.

The local band, with Brian Bladon as Ringing Master, having run the whole gamut of Minor and Doubles methods, are now hard at work with Triples and Major: already several of the band have progressed to courses of London Surprise Major, and the standard of striking deserves emulation in towers far and near!

The dedication service was conducted by the Vicar of St. Ann's (Rev. F. J. Finch) in the presence of a large congregation of visiting and local ringers and interested parishioners. The service took the form of shortened Evensong, and after the third collect the procession, led by the cross bearer and choir, proceeded to the tower, and included the Ringing Master (Brian Bladon), the secretary of the Middlesex County Association (Mr. T. J. Lock) and a representative of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, Mr. Dennis Langdon. In the ringing chamber the new trebles and restored six were dedicated to the service of God and committed to the care of the Ringing Master. As the procession returned to the chancel the new octave were rung to rounds by members of St. Ann's band.

In his address the Vicar, after welcoming the visiting ringers, gave a most interesting account of the efforts of the local ringers which had led up to the present happy occasion, and a summary of which has already been given. As the choir and clergy left the church a well-struck touch of Stedman Triples was rung by members of the local band.

Light refreshments were served to visiting ringers and friends in the Church School Room, and during the evening the bells were rung to a wide variety of methods, ranging from rounds to Surprise Major.

The inscriptions on the bells are as follows:

Treble.—*Cantat in auredie*. Frederick James Finch, M.A., Incumbent of St. Ann's. Edith Theodora Finch. By Mears and Stainbank, London, 1957.

Second.—*Non clamor sed amor*. Albert William Wallis, James Palmer—Churchwardens. Ernest J. Rowe, Ringing Master. By Mears and Stainbank, London, 1957.

Third.—*Festo decoro*. Emily Robins. By Mears and Stainbank, London, 1865.

Fourth.—*Pestem fugo*. Almeria R. Lettis. By Mears and Stainbank, London, 1865.

Fifth.—*Defunctus ploro*. I. W. Freshfield, Obiit 1864. By Mears and Stainbank, London, 1865.

Sixth.—*Congrego clerum*. John W. Lettis, M.A., Incumbent of St. Ann's. By Mears and Stainbank, London, 1865.

Seventh.—*Plebem voco*. J. W. Robins, R. S. Barnes—Churchwardens. By Mears and Stainbank, London, 1865.

Tenor.—*Audem Deum Verum*. This peal of six bells was presented to this church by Fowler Newsam and Ann, his wife, 1865. By Mears and Stainbank, London, 1865.

Weight, after retuning, approximately 7½ cwt. in A.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

Saxmundham District

Saxmundham District held a meeting at Benhall and Saxmundham on November 23rd, when ringers attended from many parts of Suffolk, including Higham, Stratford St. Mary, Lowestoft, Grundisburgh and Ipswich.

Ringing commenced at Benhall in the afternoon; a broken rope caused a hold up, but good use was made of the handbells while it was being spliced. The service at Benhall was taken by the Rector, who also gave an address. Thanks are due for all the trouble he took in finding an organist. Tea was taken at Saxmundham and in the evening the bells of Saxmundham were kept going until 9. Methods rung included Plain Bob, Oxford, Cambridge, London, Ipswich, Wells, St. Clement's and Double Court.

At the business meeting Mrs. S. Lowe, of Kelsale, was elected an honorary member and Mrs. E. Chapman, of Lowestoft, a non-resident life member. A collection for the Guild restoration fund amounted to 13s. An invitation was given to all ringers and friends to come to the dedication of Theberton bells on December 14th at 3 p.m. A. R. B.

REDEDICATION

St. Cuthbert's, Benfieldside

Consett Iron Works stand as a landmark visible for miles on the high ground of north-west Durham and could hardly fail to attract the attention of the traveller, but the small village of Benfieldside nestling lower down on the steep side of the Derwent Valley would probably not be noticed. But Benfieldside does not pass unnoticed by ringers for it has a long record of loyal support of the Durham and Newcastle Association, and it was characteristic of it to invite the Association to be present at the service of rededication of the six bells of St. Cuthbert's after their recent restoration by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. on November 9th.

The service of rededication had been delayed for a few weeks and, with the bells having been used, one seemed to miss that usual eager anticipation of waiting to see and hear and feel the results of the bell-founder's work.

The service did not commence until 6 p.m., so tea was taken first. It was a parish tea and the ringers joined with many parishioners in the Church Hall. But this was not 'just another tea,' as was immediately obvious from the tables covered with beautiful tablecloths and set with delicate china tea services and a wonderful display of home-made fare. Each table was under the charge of one lady, who provided service to match.

The ringers had hoped to express publicly their congratulations and thanks to all concerned, but pressure of space in the main hall necessitated their adjournment to another room where a very informal meeting was held.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. E. H. Fenwick), and the rededication of the bells and dedication of a book table to the memory of Thomas Westgarth were performed by the Bishop of Jarrow (Rt. Rev. J. A. Ramsbotham). The lessons were read by Mr. K. Heppinstall, of the local band, and the president of the Association, Mr. K. Arthur. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells after the third collect.

The Bishop, taking as his text Rev. 21 v. 5. 'Behold I make all things new,' spoke of associations that he had had with bells, and suggested that the bells had a threefold message for their hearers. They proclaimed the good news of the Gospel of Christ; they sounded an alarm, warning of the need for repentance; they marked the passage of time and emphasised the need to prepare for the life eternal, wherein all would be made new.

The local band rang a few rounds immediately after the dedication, and a representative band rang changes as the congregation left the church. Thereafter, the bells were available for general ringing.

The tea had proved more than adequate and ringers were invited back for supper before they left for home after a memorable day.

COLERNE, WILTS.—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (420 Grandsire, 360 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 240 each Plain Bob and April Day): R. G. James (first quarter) 1, G. J. Sheppard 2, T. Gray 3, G. C. Weeks 4, J. R. C. Tiley 5, M. B. Bogg (first quarter) 6, P. W. Weeks (cond.) 7, R. H. Clements 8. Rung half-muffled, with 4, 6, 8 covering, in memoriam Mrs. D. Frowde.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

DO OUR READERS AGREE?

Dear Sir,—The cartoon by R. J. B. in the 'R.W.' of November 29th is not funny: it is no joke but extremely bad taste. There is no harm done by bellringers having alcoholic refreshment after ringing the bells, as Our Lord once changed water into wine. Probably members of brass bands, orchestras, teams in various branches of sport do the same: but do they 'put up bills' about it or shout it from the 'house tops' in their periodicals? I doubt it. Then why should bellringers? For once in a way I am glad the 'R.W.' has not the circulation that some papers have, as a cartoon like this one could create a very bad impression.

Too many people are ever ready to get the opportunity to have a smack at ringers and bell ringing, as fewer attend church today than years ago. On the other hand, it is a happy thought that more ringers attend the service they have just rung for than in the days of long ago. Intoxicating drink is seldom seen in the ringing room today, thanks to the reforms brought about by our ringing associations.

Please, Mr. Editor, not allow any more of this degrading stuff to appear in our paper.—Yours faithfully,

R. NEWMAN.

Holloway, N.7.

SURVIVOR OF THE FIRST PEAL BY QUEX PARK BAND

Dear Sir,—In an obituary notice contained in 'The Ringing World' of November 29th concerning the late Mr. A. H. Sayer, reference is made to the first peal by the Quex Park band on the Quex bells on May 23rd, 1885. In this peal the treble was rung by Mr. Charles Willshire; the band included his two brothers, Lionel (who I believe called Holt's Ten-part) and George, who rang the seventh. A previous attempt made on May 2nd, 1885, failed when 4,500 had been rung.

Mr. C. Willshire went to Canada in 1913 and now lives in Montreal. He will be 91 years of age on January 8th, 1958, and is probably the only survivor of the band who rang the peal on May 23rd, 1885.—Yours sincerely,

A. C. HAZELDEN.

Guildford.

GUILD OFFICE BOOKS

Dear Sir,—At the last general meeting of the Oxford Diocesan Guild a sub-committee was appointed to go into the question of revising the Guild Office Book. As a member of this sub-committee I have been given the job of collecting some preliminary information and materials.

To do this I sent a circular letter to a number of Masters and Secretaries of other Guilds and Associations, and by their response have collected a number of other Office Books and various hymns. However, it occurs to me that there will be other people who might like to contribute material also.

The relation between ringing and worship must be built up and developed continually if the Exercise is to fulfil its function properly, and we on this sub-committee are very keen to present only the best in the new Office Book.

I would therefore much value any material that could be considered for inclusion, especially if such material is not widely known. I already have the Offices of Durham, Norwich, Worcestershire (prayers), Devon, Salisbury, Coventry, Peterborough, Chester, St. David's, Truro, Chelmsford.—Yours faithfully,

DAVID J. SMITH.

Merryfield House,
Witney, Oxon.

'INADVERTENT PLAGIARISM'

Dear Sir,—That a composer of Mr. E. W. Tipler's experience should put his name to compositions such as the 5,056 Yorkshire ('No. 21') and the 5,088 Superlative ('No. 31') which appeared in two recent issues is enough to make one weep. After all the years that people have been churning out peals it is impossible to produce an original composition of their kind, and while inadvertent plagiarism is forgivable when people are first putting peals together, Mr. Tipler has no such excuse.

Take the 5,056 Yorkshire (November 22nd). Who first produced it, goodness knows; but in 'The Bell News' of February 1st, 1908, there is a peal of Superlative ascribed to H. Dains in which the first 13 courses are identical with Mr. Tipler's peal, thus:—

23456	B	M	W	H
45236				
25634				3
53246	X			3
52436				2
43526				—
53624				3

There must be a hundred different ways of filling in the last ten courses. Here are two of them:—

53624	M	W	H	53624	M	W	H
34625	—	2		63425	—		
63425		3	—	35426	—	2	
35426	—	2		42356	—		—
23456		—	3	32654	—		3
				62453	—		
				23456	—		2

Of these, the first was used by Dains in the peal referred to above. The second was used by Arthur Knights in a composition of Superlative published in the Kent County Association report for 1913. It is also that used by Mr. Tipler in his peal, which is therefore half by Dains and half by Knights and, like almost every 5,056 of Superlative or Yorkshire with one bob Before, is only this three-course touch

23456	B	M	W
35264	X		
63254			—
23456			—

'padded out' or, if you like, with enough Q-sets bobbed to produce 23 courses.

Thank goodness most composers nowadays seem to realise this.—Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT.

NOTE.—The composition was not submitted to us by Mr. E. W. Tipler but by a member of a band which has rung many of his peals.—Ed.

SCOUTS AND RINGING

Dear Sir,—I recently picked up the weekly periodical 'The Scout.' In it was a full page of instructions on how to ring. It was a splendid article by F. F. Rigby. I was informed that this was a weekly contribution.

It would be interesting to know if these articles are bearing fruit in the way of swelling our ranks. To me they are very comprehensive and a splendid innovation.—Yours, etc.,

PETER CROOK.

Bolton, Lancs.

LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL'S OPEN DAY

Ringers from Kent in the south-east to Cornwall in the south-west, Westmorland in the north and North Wales, together with representatives from practically every midland and southern county, gathered together in Liverpool on November 9th for the open day on the Liverpool Cathedral bells. Following fog on the two previous days, the 9th turned out to be one of the brightest days of the month, with clear nights—moonlight on a white frost.

Five parties of some hundred ringers were allotted fixed times on the bells, and certainly as many again if not twice the number were accommodated in greater or lesser degree. It is too much to hope that all our visiting friends were completely content with their, or our, effort, energy and enthusiasm, but we did our best to improvise for those who just came, including a wonderful party of youths whom I left eventually on a distant country lane still seeking towers to 'grab,' even into the frosty moonlight. Meeting you all was a great pleasure. Back to the day, which was not without its misunderstandings; the rhymster has a saying about 'too many cooks'—in this case there appears 'no broth spoiled.'

Ring generally was better than on previous open days and at times the standard was excellent. The first few rounds caused trouble on occasions, owing to the beat of 16 to 17 changes per minute, the light bells pulled off and 'tumbled in' instead of setting on the back stroke and waiting for the tenors. Where the 82 cwt. attempted to follow it found itself too far down readily to recover the position when the front-enders had restored their order. Mr. Peter Laffin's words of last year had not been too well taken to heart. It is every one of the band who make or mar the effort.

The Dean of Liverpool visited the belfry and welcomed all, thanking those who came for their interest, and meeting some of the happy personalities of the day, including Mr. Peter Bond. Mr. C. Crosthwaite was introduced to the Dean with the words that Preston and Liverpool ringers had been visiting each other's towers for more than 150 years. Youth was very much to the fore and very welcome; these young people cannot possibly grow as ill-humoured and self-centred in their middle and old age as we. Liverpool has a 15-year-old who handles 55 cwt. with ease and assurance, but the handling of the 82 cwt. tenor by a youth of 16 from York was outstanding.

Youth generally showed a good style; there were, however, too many who bend in at the middle, damaging ropes and wasting effort. Things to remember are: a supple, bending knee; a straight back; putting the least possible effort into the longest possible distance; using the senses, eyes 10 per cent. and the ears 90 per cent., to develop a rhythm of sound, broken only by the small open handstroke leads.

The closing touch of the day—three leads of Kent T.B. Maximus—saw our own tenor ringer (H. S. Bailey) turn the 82 cwt. in with the same ease and skill as that shown on previous occasions by A. P. Cannon to Royal and Peter Border to Cambridge Major, while the fourth member of this group would assure aspirants that he has always found turning it in jolly hard work.

E. L. H.

BEXLEY, KENT.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,800 Minor (720 Cambridge, 1,080 St. Clement's): P. N. Bond 1, Miss B. A. Thompson 2, P. G. K. Davies 3, H. M. Williamson 4, P. P. Brown 5, J. L. Morris 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Harry Hoverd, whose ashes were interred at Crayford this day. Also on Nov. 24th, 1,260 Minor (720 St. Clement's, 540 Plain Bob): D. Mary Ward 1, Jean Jones 2, Susan Nicholson 3, Brenda Foster 4, Mary R. Andrews 5, J. L. Morris (cond.) 6.

REJOICE, AND BE MERRY

The most dismal corner of Oxford on a damp, dull October day does not give a very good send off to any ringing outing, and hearing the moans and groans of her O.U.S. escorts the 'cause' of the whole affair felt none too happy.

Eynsham was the first tower of attack and produced quite fair ringing in the Plain Bob. Stedman, Kent régime. However, we progressed with time, and after the tenor of the recently augmented ring at Hanborough had defeated even the combined attempt of three college youths (young variety) to pull it up the right way, it did not defeat efforts at Cambridge and Double Oxford.

Having recovered the organiser from the depths of the Vicarage garden, arranged and rearranged the good Mr. Sanders' hat, and waited a considerable time while Mr. Ivin decided how he looked most becoming, the band, by now slightly less miserable, was immortalised on celluloid. The organiser was then told that tea would fill the gap in his programme, and a somewhat primitive 'tea' of ginger beer and jam tarts made by the Oxford Walter was eaten (standing) in the gutter outside a village shop. The ginger beer seemed to produce the most odd effects and forms of amusement, which made the writer feel that the company was rather unfit for her and that she should join C. R. C. C., who was wearing a very sober expression as he consumed his daily 'Kit-e-Kat.'

At Yarnton, a heavy six, a permanent audience consisting of the Vicar and potential ringers watched with awed admiration as everyone left the appropriate gaps for the tenor in Plain Bob Minor; the object of 'make friends and influence people' was, however, accomplished so that we left with an invitation to return.

The more 'to be respected' types vanished in the direction of Bladon, the 'refuse' following at a suitable distance. At Bladon, most of the band stayed for a peal attempt. Mumbling and sighing seemed to seal its fate, but after a slow and stately beat had been established by the tenor the peal was rung.

It only remains to say that the band, which was nearly driven to Eynsham, decided that everything had been most enjoyable after all. The writer's only worry at the end of the day was that her short bike excursion had worn out at least two healthy young gentlemen to the extent that, having eventually reached Oxford again, their only cry as they wandered through the streets was 'Fish and chips'! S. H.

ANOTHER PROBLEM IN COMPOSITION

Dear Sir,—Herewith is a 720 in 18 methods which increases the maximum number of methods in seven 720's by five methods

23456	Bastow L.C.
42635	" "
— 64235	Spilsby Alliance
35426	Gunby Alliance
26543	Bicker Alliance
43652	Gedney Alliance
52364	" "
S. 64325	Kent L.C. "
— 36425	" "
43562	" "
54236	" "
S. 25463	Gosberton Alliance
56234	" "
63542	" "
34625	" "
42356	" "
— 42563	College Ex. T.B.
35642	Ockley T.B.
26435	Norbury T.B.
54326	Duke of Norfolk T.B.
63254	" "
— 54263	Surfleet Alliance
32654	Spalding Alliance
46532	Pinchbeck Alliance
23546	Wainfleet Alliance
65423	Spilsby Alliance
S. 25436	Kent L.C.
42653	Normanton Alliance
— 64253	Kent L.C.
26345	Kent T.B.
32564	" "
— 53264	Kent L.C.
— 25364	" "
32456	" "
43625	" "
64532	" "
56243	" "
— 25643	" "
— 62543	Kent T.B.
56324	" "
35462	Kent L.C.
43256	" "
— 24356	Normanton Alliance
32645	Kent L.C.
63524	" "
56432	" "
— 45632	" "
S. 64523	Sibsey Alliance
— 56423	" "
45362	" "
34256	" "
— 23456	" "

middle rows in the first and last sections of the lead, according to the following table.

Treble Bob	Special Alliance
Kent	Normanton
Oxford	Sibsey
Morning Star	Gosberton
London Scholars'	Gunby
Sandal	Gedney
Kingstone	Spilsby
Capel	Bicker
College Exercise	Spalding
Norbury	Pinchbeck
Duke of Norfolk	Surfleet
Ockley	Wainfleet

And to complete the picture for those unfamiliar with the battlefield, here are the two Little Court methods.

Bastow L.C.	Kent L.C.
123456	123456
214365	213465
213456	214356
124365	124365
142635	142635

Which, according to a well-known ringing friend of mine, are 'a load of rubbish!'; an observation which finds my fullest support, so much so in fact that I find it hard to resist the temptation of making comparisons between these miniature monstrosities and certain methods of the irregular variety, during the course of which the former would certainly suffer.

However, on examination of the above 720, the following facts may be deduced:

- (1) If a lead of Sibsey is changed to Bastow the corresponding lead of Kent L.C. in the portion on the opposite side of a 'single' can be changed to Normanton Alliance.
- (2) If a lead of Sibsey is omitted then its opposite number can be changed to Kent T.B.
- (3) If a lead of Kent L.C. is omitted the corresponding lead of Sibsey can be changed to Oxford T.B.

The transposition of the 'opposite' number from 23456 is 24356 (or 23465—one is the lead head of the other or vice-versa).

It will be seen that by omitting the appropriate five leads of K.L.C. it has been possible to introduce a complete course of Treble Bob, i.e., Oxford=Coll. Ex., etc.

Four leads of Sibsey have been omitted and four of Kent T.B. introduced; also two leads of Sibsey changed to Bastow and two leads of Normanton introduced.

After this rather long, but perhaps necessary, preamble we come to the problem.

By sacrificing Gosberton and omitting the necessary five leads of K.L.C. four more Treble Bob methods could be introduced (London Scholars', etc.); in addition, by omitting the appropriate K.L.C. lead(s), Oxford T.B. could be introduced in place of Sibsey. So theoretically, 22 methods are possible in this 720.

So far I have been unable to pin them down in a round block (although I managed a 720 that didn't come round!), and as it is now my busy season I thought someone else may like to have a try.

I have tried to avoid a 'single' in Treble Bob. The last time I sent a problem to 'The Ringing World' I received a solution from Mr. C. K. Lewis almost by return of post. This was subsequently published in the 'R.W.'

I look forward to seeing the solution to this problem during the next few weeks. It is far more interesting than doing crosswords! And slightly more difficult.—Yours sincerely,

H. CHANT.

Ryhill, Wakefield.

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The Alliance methods may be produced from Treble Bob methods by omitting the 2nd and 3rd, and 22nd and 23rd rows (i.e., the two

5,152 RUISLIP SURPRISE MAJOR

By JOHN R. MAYNE

23456	M	W	B	H
52436	—	—	—	3
43526	—	—	—	—
(32465)	—	—	X	—
42563	—	—	—	3
52364	—	—	—	3
24365	—	—	—	2
32546	4ths and In	—	—	3
(24365)	—	X	—	—
32465	—	—	—	—
35426	4ths and In	—	—	2
23456	—	—	—	3

Rung at Willesden on June 6th, 1957, conducted by the composer.

STOCKLAND, DEVON.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Taylor 1, W. R. Trickey 2, D. Salter 3, D. Hart (first 'inside') 4, G. Walford (cond.) 5, L. Morrell 6.

80 YEARS AND TO-DAY

Durham and Newcastle's
Commemoration Peal

To commemorate the 80th anniversary of the first ringing meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association at Christ Church, North Shields, on Saturday, November 24th, 1877, a peal of 5,079 Stedman Caters was rung in the tower on November 23rd. Of the original meeting in 1887, the following report appeared in 'Church Bells' of December 8th, 1877:—

DURHAM DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
OF RINGERS

This Association held its inaugural meeting at Christ Church, North Shields, on Saturday, November 24. Shortly before 10 a.m. the ringing commenced, and several touches of Grandsire and Bob Minor were rung. At one o'clock the ringers sat down to dinner, returning to the belfry at two, when the ringing was again resumed until after four. A meeting was then held in the spacious belfry, the Vicar of Tynemouth presiding. The Secretary made a statement of the origin, progress, and purpose of the Association, and it was decided to form a committee to be composed of representatives from each band of ringers in union with the Association, and as many clergymen as are willing to join. At 5.15 a special service was held, and a very appropriate address delivered by the Vicar on 1 Cor. xiv. 7. After service some touches of Grandsire Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major were rung, and the bells were ceased at 9 o'clock. The Association at present numbers about ninety members, including several clergy, and the Archdeacons of Durham and Lindisfarne. On Monday morning, Nov. 26, a peal of Grandsire Minor was rung at Blaydon in 25 minutes, by Joel Hern. Hurworth, Treble: J. E. Hern, Hurworth, 2; W. Reed, Esq., North Shields, 3; E. Wallis, Newcastle, 4; J. Gaines, Hurworth, 5; F. Lees, Newcastle, Tenor, 7 cwt. Afterwards a peal of Bob Minor was rung at Winlaton in 27 minutes. Weight of tenor, 10 cwt. This is the first time a peal of six has been rung at either of these places, and was conducted at each place by J. Gaines.

In the afternoon a 5040 of Grandsire Triples was attempted on the All Saints' bells, Newcastle, but failed at the end of an hour, owing to the bells being out of order. It was conducted as far as it went by J. Power, Newcastle.

(We congratulate Durham on this beginning, but are very sorry to hear that more consideration was not paid to the requirements and wishes of the ringers from a distance as to time of holding the service, which many were unable to attend for fear of missing their trains.—Ed.)

NOVEMBER OUTING

On November 9th, a party from North Somerset had an outing to the southern extremity of the county. The towers they visited were Fivehead (6), Curry Mallet (6), Ashill (5), Kingstone (6), Hinton St. George (6). Arrangements had been made to eat their tea at Ashill. A chance knock at a door in the village resulted in the whole party being invited in and given the freedom of the kitchen to brew their tea. The householders were holding a children's party, and their thoughts of two adjacent rooms, one with 14 ringers and the other with 15 children, all in high spirits, must be left to the reader's imagination.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Central District

The bells of two riverside churches—St. Mary's, Hampton, and St. Mary-the-Virgin, Twickenham—were rung at the meeting held by the Central District on November 30th.

About 20 people were present but, although gentlemen guests were very welcome, we should like to have seen more ladies at the meeting. However, various methods, including Stedman, Grandsire, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Cambridge and Superlative were rung both at Hampton in the afternoon and at Twickenham in the evening.

A service, conducted by the curate, was held at St. Mary's, Hampton, and a collection was made to add to the proceeds of a bazaar being held by the church that afternoon.

At a short business meeting three new members were elected and the election of one member prior to a peal attempt was ratified. Mrs. Savoury, our vice-president, proposed votes of thanks to the incumbents for the use of the bells, Dr. D. J. Neal-Smith for making the arrangements, and the curate and organist at Hampton.

The annual general meeting will be held at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on March 29th.

S. H. D.

COMBINED MEETING AT
CAERLEON

The combined meeting of the Monmouth Branch and the South Wales District of the Ladies' Guild, held at St. Cadoc's, Caerleon, on November 30th, proved most enjoyable.

Ringings on this pleasant light eight commenced early, and during the afternoon the ladies held their business meeting in the vestry. One new member was elected—Miss Mary Davies, of Builth Wells. It was decided to hold the next Ladies' Guild meeting at Llandaff Cathedral early in January.

The service followed, and was conducted by the Rev. Ivor Davies (Vicar of Caerleon), whose son kindly acted as organist. Tea was provided in the school, given and arranged by Mr. P. H. Stafford and Miss Stafford. Mr. Arthur Hoare thanked them on behalf of some 57 present.

At the business meeting Mr. David Pike, of Caerleon, was elected a member. Progress was reported at Penhow, and it was decided to hold the annual Branch meeting there. Members agreed to the arrangement of the proposed Branch dinner at Lovells, Newport, on January 25th.

J. S. K.

CUMBERLANDS & MIDDLESEX
JOINT MEETING

Nearly 70 members and friends of both Societies were present at various times during the afternoon and evening on the occasion of one of the most successful of these annual events. Twenty-eight names had been received for tea, and a company of 53 eventually sat down to an excellent tea in St. Martin's canteen.

During the afternoon ringing, in various methods up to Cambridge Maximus, took place at St. Martin's, and after tea the Master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths (Mr. F. J. Cullum) extended a very cordial welcome to the members of the Middlesex County Association. He said how pleased he was to see such a large company present, and expressed special pleasure at the large number of young ringers among them. All present were duly reminded of the annual general meeting on January 25th, and of the annual dinner on the following Saturday, February 1st.

Our Greetings Issue

We feature Christmas greetings in our issue of December 20th. Post at once to ensure insertion. Price 4s. for 36 words.

Messrs. T. J. Lock (hon. secretary, Middlesex County Association) and W. H. Coles suitably replied on behalf of the Association. Joint meetings of this kind, they said, were really excellent in ensuring friendship and co-operation between the members of both Associations, and they hoped that these meetings would continue to be as happy and successful as the present one.

A very cordial vote of thanks to all those who had contributed to the success of the meeting was passed with acclamation—to the Vicar and churchwardens of St. Martin's for use of the bells, and the canteen for tea; to the Vicar of St. Giles' for the use of the bells in his tower; to the ladies who had prepared and served such an excellent tea; and to Messrs. T. H. Francis and G. Parsons for having all in readiness in their towers.

After tea most of those present visited St. Giles-in-the-Fields, where ringing took place in various methods ranging from rounds to 6 Spliced Surprise. The bells were finally lowered at 8.45 p.m. to bring to an end a most happy and successful occasion.

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OBITUARY

MR. JAMES FERNLEY

The sudden death of James Fernley at the age of 53 on November 25th was completely unexpected, and it came as a very unpleasant surprise to his many friends. His parochial activities were varied and everything he undertook was carried out with that cheerfulness which was characteristic of him. Ringing was his chief interest, but he also had been a chorister and deputy organist; in addition he helped in some of the many social activities which Norbury Church had developed.

In the capable hands of his father, the late James Fernley, sen., young Jim made rapid progress once he had learned to master a bell, but as far as his first peal was concerned, his luck was out and he stood in many attempts ere he got it: since then he had rung over 200 peals for the Chester Guild alone. His last peal was one of Cambridge Surprise Minor rung at New Mills on November 12th, in which his daughter Carol took part. He rang the treble in the first peal of Minor in 35 methods, rung at Norbury on Tuesday, December 4th, 1923, conducted by his father. Now two only of that band remain, his brother William and John P. Fidler.

On the death of John W. Hartley, young Jim took charge of Norbury tower and had gathered around him some promising young ringers. He maintained the tradition of the Norbury band in making the stranger welcome, especially on practice nights.

In addition to the tower-bells he was interested in tune ringing. The Norbury handbell band possess a large number of bells and they are frequently called upon to play at concerts and in the church. An innovation of theirs, and one that is very popular, is to tour the parish at Christmas time playing carols. It was at the handbell practice that he collapsed and died. As will be appreciated, this was a severe shock to all present, amongst whom was his wife Eva, who also is a tower-bell ringer. To her and her daughter Carol we extend our deepest sympathy.

The funeral took place at Norbury Church on November 30th. The whole-pull and stand was rung with the bells half-muffled prior to the service, which was fully choral and conducted by the Vicar (Rev. E. Taylor), assisted by the curate (Rev. J. B. Woolridge). The large number of parishioners and ringers who attended testified in no small way to the high regard all had for him. In his short address Mr. Taylor expressed not only his own feelings but of those present.

It was an impressive moment when a perfectly rung course of Grandsire Triples was rung at the graveside by A. Potts 1-2, C. H. Lewis 3-4, J. Worth 5-6, P. Laffin 7-8. As the bells struck into rounds there was a hush: it was a silence that was pregnant with a depth of feeling which even the eulogy of the Vicar could not express. For many it was the first time they witnessed the traditional farewell to a brother ringer, and it made a deep impression on them.

The floral tributes came from all and sundry—his family, ringers, church workers, his fellow workers and management, neighbours and others too numerous to mention.

Amongst the ringers present were Messrs. F. Dunkerley, J. Worth, A. Potts, J. Whittaker, C. K. Lewis, R. A. Elkins, A. Brown, D. Vincent, T. Wilde, A. Barnes, T. Jenkins, A. Frost, J. P. Fidler, P. Laffin, B. Jones and many others. When the funeral was over a half-muffled peal of Bristol Surprise Major was rung.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' Church, on Dec. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. T. Howes 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, C. J. Young 3, A. J. Davcy 4, F. R. Nicholls 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service.

MR. CHARLES J. NORTH

At one time a prominent ringer in London, Mr. Charles J. North died on November 24th at his home, West Street, Selsey, Sussex, aged 82 years.

A native of Winchester, where he learnt to ring, he soon mastered change-ringing and became a member of the Cathedral band. Coming to London he joined the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths and other metropolitan societies. He rang about 100 peals, many with the late Frank Bennett. These peals included Stedman Cinques at St. Martin's, a number of Surprise Major methods at St. John's, Waterloo Road, and elsewhere. Mr. North also took part in handbell peals with William Shepherd and the late Mr. Clement Glenn. The peals were Grandsire Triples, Mr. North ringing mostly 1-2. For Sunday services he joined St. Leonard's, Streatham, band.

He finished his ringing career at the beginning of World War I as business at Croydon took his attention. It was not long before he had a breakdown in health and had to retire from work. He never lost interest in ringing and looked forward to his 'Ringing World' from the day J. S. Goldsmith started it in 1911 to his (Mr. North's) death recently.

The funeral took place at Bandon Hill cemetery on November 29th. A number of friends attended as he was a Freemason. Mr. J. W. Chapman represented St. Leonard's, Streatham. He is survived by his widow. J. W. C.

THE REV. C. J. STURTON

AN APPRECIATION

With the passing of the Rev. C. J. Sturton the Exercise has lost another of its oldest and respected members, who was well known in the Grantham and Newark Districts as the cycling parson who in his younger days travelled miles on push-bike. He was vicar of Orston, Notts, from 1911 to 1937, and during that period was responsible for the restoration of the church. His great ambition was achieved in 1922 when the bells were restored and increased to a ring of six. Since then quite a number of peals have been rung on them, with the late Mr. Sturton usually on the third. He was a safe ringer in most plain methods. We of the older generation will retain happy memories of a dear friend.

After the funeral service the bells he loved were rung half-muffled to a 720 Bob Minor, those taking part being A. Mackears (conductor) 1. T. Goodwin 2. A. W. Ward 3. H. Squires 4. B. Box 5. L. Squires 6. The ringers of 1, 3 and 4 are long-standing friends. A. W. W.

MR. FRANK BENNETT

AN APPRECIATION

The passing of our old friend, Mr. Frank Bennett, at the advanced age of 89 years (except two days) leaves a gap in the ranks of ringers of the 'old school.' His presence will be missed by many old friends who have in the past been connected with him in his many performances. He was very thorough in organising his tours and left nothing undone to ensure complete arrangements.

As one who has taken a minor part in some of them I would wish to add my condolences to his family; and may I be permitted to say: Well done, thou good and faithful servant.

Peace be with you.

A. J. H.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: T. Henshall (15) 1, J. Adams (16) 2, K. Collier (16, first 'inside') 3, D. Holland (19) 4, F. R. Morton (17, cond.) 5. Rung as a 15th birthday compliment to T. Henshall.

TWO POINTS OF VIEW

Hell's
B——y bells!
The r——y row!
Why ever does the parson allow
It? I'd hang him up there
With them—ringers, too. How dare
He tell men
They are sinners, when
Crashing,
Bashing,
Clashing
Hulks of bronze make church
Towers lurch
And, worse,
A curse
To sanity?
Inanity!

Ten ropes, ten massive,
Hollow, silent, passive
Shapes, dead, hanging, then—
Ten men!
No silence now,
For how
Can such a Message fail to make
The stones themselves awake,
Cry out
And shout?
So tumbling,
Rumbling,
One
By one,
They ring, sing, boom and hum:
'Tittum, tittum, tittum, tittum!'
'Tittum, tittum, tittum, tittum!'
—Soul-stirring sounds;
For Earth abounds
With Heaven's joy and must proclaim
It in His Name,
Who came
In shame
And brought us back from self to God.
How odd
That inarticulate bells, no use
Till men come up and loose
Their tongues, are made to be
Messengers to you and me.
Reminding us that even we
Are creatures, and could nothing be
Till Christ came down, from selves to set us
free!
G. C. G.

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JOINT MEETING AT SAFFRON WALDEN

The North-Western District of the Essex Association, the Eastern District of the Hertfordshire Association, the Ely Diocesan Guild and the Cambridge University Guild held a meeting at Saffron Walden on November 23rd.

A cold but bright day brought nearly 80 ringers to try the ring of 12 in the graceful tower attached to this gem of a Perpendicular church—one of the finest in Essex.

The service was conducted by the Vicar of Saffron Walden (Rev. M. R. Sinker), assisted by his two curates (Rev. D. R. Warrington and Rev. W. Uden). The organist was Mrs. D. Wood. Some 74 ringers sat down to tea in the Church Hall. After tea ringing was resumed until 8.30 p.m.

This is the first attempt by the North-Western District to hold a meeting with three other Associations. By its success, it should become an annual affair.

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Nominations for the election of honorary officers must reach me by February 1st, 1958 (Rule VI).—F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch, Essex. 1462

PACKWOOD, WARWICKSHIRE.—Ringing practice recommences today, Friday, 13th, at 7.30 p.m., and thereafter weekly at the same time. Beginners and ringers welcomed (local band rounds and simple ringing only). Bells have now been rehung by Taylors (6). 1459

TANWORTH-IN-ARDEN, WARWICKSHIRE.—Practice night is now on Saturdays from 7 to 8.30. Help from visitors will be much appreciated. 1464

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting, Saturday, Dec. 14th, Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C., 6 p.m. Ringing at St. Margaret's, Westminster, 4 p.m.—J. Chilcott. 1456

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield District) and **SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Monthly meeting (annual for Chesterfield District), Staveley, Saturday, Dec. 14th, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to W. Dickenson, High Street, Staveley, Chesterfield.—A. B. Cooper, J. Segar. 1426

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—On Saturday, Dec. 14th, Leigh (6). Names to Mr. B. Pankhurst, Chestnuts, Leigh, Tonbridge.—C. A. Bassett. 1447

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge and Huntingdon Districts.—A joint meeting will be held at St. Neots (8) on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—E. W. Bullman, H. S. Peacock, Dis. Secs. 1440

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Tydd St. Giles, Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 1431

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Annual meeting, Wotton-under-Edge, Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—Mary Drew. 1470

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Annual nomination meeting at Farnborough (6) on Saturday, Dec. 14th, from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1432

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Halling on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.—T. Barton, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1401

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at St. Ann's, Stamford Hill, on Saturday, Dec. 14th, 3 p.m. Business 4 p.m., tea to follow. Service and further ringing afterwards on the recently augmented ring of eight. Alight at St. Ann's Road from buses Nos. 623, 627, 659 or 679.—T. J. Lock. 1438

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford City Branch.—Annual meeting, Wolvercote, on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. 1410

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting, Felpham (6), Saturday, Dec. 14th. Tea 5 p.m. Service 6 p.m.—W. L. Weller. 1442

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A practice meeting will be held at Twyford (8) on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Tea 4.30 p.m. Service 5.15. Bells available 2.30 p.m. 1439

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Practice meeting, Farnham, Dec. 14th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea, Wallington Hill Guest House. 1453

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Meeting at Flitton on Saturday, Dec. 21st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., but only for those who send names to Mrs. Munday. The Old Vicarage, Flitton, Beds.—K. G. Spavins, Dis. Sec. 1468

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Dec. 21st, at St. Luke's, Derby (Parliament Street, off Uttoxeter Road). Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All very welcome.—Vivienne M. Horton, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1428

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Battle, Sussex, Saturday, Dec. 21st, 2.30 p.m. Bells (8). Tea names to Miss Stisted, Fordlands, Catsfield, Sussex. 1457

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting at Hatfield (10), Saturday, Dec. 21st, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing after until 7.20 only. Names for tea to S. Huckle, 39, Stonecross Road, Hatfield.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 1466

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Ringing meeting at Manchester Cathedral, 5 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 21st. Nearby cafes. Note date.—R. Benson. 1473

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Evening practice at Stoke Poges (8) 6 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 21st (note date).—W. Butler, 17, Forest Road, Windsor. 1467

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practice at All Saints', Wokingham, on Saturday, Dec. 21st, at 6.30 p.m. Special method for practice, Stedman Triples.—B. C. Castle. 1454

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Joint meeting with Beverley and Selby Societies at Goole on Saturday, Dec. 21st. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Christmas tea in Church Rooms at 5 p.m. Names by Dec. 19th to Mrs. J. J. Taylor, 165, Dunhill Road, Goole.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Sec. 1445

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Keymer (6), Saturday, Dec. 28th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Hall for those who notify by Monday, Dec. 23rd. Please note change of date.—Geo. North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 1463

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—Annual dinner, Saturday, Feb. 1st, 7.30 p.m., at the Cadena. Ringing programme later. Tickets 15s. 6d. Those interested in a peal attempt at noon should write to R. A. Jackson, Balliol College, Oxford. 1458

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual dinner, Saturday, Feb. 1st, 1958, Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets, price 13s. each, now available from J. L. Morris, 25, Lancing Road, Orpington, Kent. 1465

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