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A UNIQUE MEETING

IT was surely one of the most unique ringers' meetings that could be held. Not that the business side of it was any different from any other ringers' meeting. It was the place where it was held. The place? Quex Park. The meeting? The annual of the Quex Park Society of Change Ringers.

The Society was originally formed in 1880, but lapsed for years, until it was re-formed some years ago by the ringers of All Saints', Birchington.

To those of you who have rung here, your visit would have probably been made in the summer, or at any rate when the hours of daylight are longer. If your visit was under these conditions, have you ever stopped to think what it is like on a late afternoon of a cold, damp, foggy November day? The trees are bare, the grass is still sodden from all the rains, the spire is just visible in the approaching darkness.

The nearer the tower you get, however, you can hear that you are not the first one to arrive. You can see a glimmer of light from one of the windows, and catch a smell of wood smoke from a fire in a side room, which is probably half way up the chimney by now, and hear the voices—'Steady with that barrel, Bert,' or, 'Mind those sandwiches, Jack.'

The 'Boys' are there; the fire is half way up the chimney; the kettle on the grid (two bricks) and just starting to sing. There are enough to ring so we have a touch or two until 'Tea up' is called. We sit on forms and have a good tuck in, and afterwards listen to stories of the old boys who used to ring there, and some about the not-so-old boys who still ring there.

The estate agent, Mr. Graham, comes in, and we settle down to business, perhaps less formal than some, but nevertheless conducted in equally as good a manner as any.

The minutes are read and confirmed, the balance sheet is presented and approved. The officers for the year are elected: Jack Russell as secretary and captain; as the proposer said, 'You did it all right last year, so you might as well do it again.' Bert Luck is re-elected as vice-captain and Ted Milsted is the obvious choice as steeplekeeper—after all, he works on the estate, and he can get to the tower quite easily.

Mr. Graham promises to replace the one or two panes of glass that have been broken, and to install a new fireplace. He then retires to his television and we to our ringing until the barrel is broached.

The room warms up and so do the ringers, and we really enjoy a sing-song; snacks are passed round, including baked potatoes. Bill Bridges' banjolele works overtime, and nobody seems to notice that it is not tuned in properly.

At 9.30 the door is opened by one of the minions of the law, who is quickly followed by two more; they are regaled with a glass and a snack. A course of Grandsire is rung specially for their benefit—their first experience of ringing—and they leave us while we proceed to lower the bells. The hands of the clock now point to 9.50, another annual meeting is over and we go our separate ways: the writer for his last bus, with the hope that next year he may get another invite to what can be called a unique meeting.

F. L.

INSPIRATION FROM A REDEDICATION

'THE RINGING WORLD' of December 5th contained a report of the rededication of the bells of Chipping Campden, and as I was going to that Gloucestershire village a verse ran through my mind—

In Thy house, great God, we offer
Of Thy own to Thee.'

Little did I know that it was to be sung that afternoon. By our ringing of the bells we offer something that is peculiar. No one else can do that; a machine may produce similar sounds, but that is not a personal offering.

This offering must be of our best. If it is our best it matters not whether it be Spliced Surprise or plain rounds; and then when the last 'That's all' is called we shall be sure that, at least, our ringing has been found acceptable, if nothing else.

In the time that is left, let us do all that we can to improve our own standard, and in doing so help others. Meetings in many places are not so well attended as they might be—not only by those of higher standards but by many who might well benefit.

Let us retune in this way, that our message may be spread farther and wider. For some it will mean a lowering as these bells were lowered; for others a lifting up.

The rededication of bells is a costly and great event. How much less costly in terms of money is our own rededication. The one ring of bells rehung and rededicated will spread a message over a larger area, but it is small compared with the area covered by those 40 or 50 ringers who came to Chipping Campden for that service of rededication not merely of bells, as the Vicar said, but of the ringers themselves.

CHARLES ROUSE.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 6, 1958, in 3 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE BELL TOWER,

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS

Tenor 36 cwt. in C sharp.

*REV. ALBERT WEBB .. Treble	†JEFFREY B. WEBB .. 7
*PAUL J. RIGBY .. 2	THOMAS W. LEWIS .. 8
SHIRLEY M. PARSONS .. 3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD .. 9
PETER BERESFORD .. 4	*JOHN A. ANDERSON .. 10
GERALD C. HEMMING .. 5	*EDMUND MALIN .. 11
*RICHARD J. WARRILOW .. 6	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by GEOFFREY J. HEMMING.

* First peal of Maximus. † First of Maximus, and in the method. The conductor's 50th peal on 12 bells.

Rung as a compliment to the Rev. Canon T. Charles Jones, B.A., on completing 21 years as Vicar and 14 years as Rural Dean of Evesham.

TEN BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 1, 1958, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5040 ALBANIAN SURPRISE ROYAL

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

*G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Treble	*†JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 6
BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 2	*GORDON A. HALLS .. 7
*DIANA J. PERRINS .. 3	*JOHN A. ACRES .. 8
*ERNEST MORRIS .. 4	*RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. 9
*PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER .. 5	*DEREK P. JONES .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY (Circuit BX).

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal in the method. † 600th peal. First in the method as conductor.

CANTERBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 6, 1958, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST,

A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 32 cwt. 6 lb. in C.

*THOMAS C. PHILLIMORE .. Treble	*DEREK C. CHATFIELD .. 6
*L. VICTOR CHAMBERLAIN .. 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN .. 7
DENNIS A. CHAPMAN .. 3	THOMAS H. HOLMES .. 8
WILFRID S. PALIN .. 4	BERTRAM J. LUCK .. 9
PHILIP J. WESTWOOD .. 5	EDWARD A. DIXON .. Tenor

Composed by F. NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Luck on the occasion of their silver wedding on December 9th, 1958.

NEWBURY, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 6, 1958, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb.

STELLA DAVIS .. Treble	*C. JOHN CASTELL .. 6
*HENRY LAWRENSON .. 2	GEORGE DAVIS .. 7
REGINALD A. REED .. 3	TOM CHAPMAN .. 8
GEORGE S. WIGGINS .. 4	HAROLD P. REED .. 9
ALAN R. PINK .. 5	*ARTHUR SAYERS .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

* First peal on ten bells. First 10-bell peal as conductor.

Rung on the Patronal Festival of St. Nicolas.

SOUTHAMPTON.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 6, 1958, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5000 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

(No. 3 version.)

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

DON C. EXELL .. Treble	ADRIAN J. TUMBER .. 6
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH .. 2	R. ROGER SAVORY .. 7
JESSIE M. KIPPIN .. 3	ROBERT C. KIPPIN .. 8
NELIA M. LEAHY .. 4	MAURICE J. BUTLER .. 9
MICHAEL D. STANFORTH .. 5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN .. Tenor

Composed by F. E. DARBY.

Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 6, 1958, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 21 cwt. 11 lb.

MRS. J. A. AINSWORTH .. Treble	ROLAND PARK .. 6
KENNETH LAWSON .. 2	KENNETH ARTHUR .. 7
*CHARLES N. LEA .. 3	DENIS A. BAYLES .. 8
W. NORMAN PARK .. 4	BRYAN PATTISON .. 9
EDMUND P. CROWDY .. 5	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by KENNETH LAWSON.

* First peal of Yorkshire Royal. First of Yorkshire as conductor.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 8, 1958, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5040 UPLYME SURPRISE ROYAL

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

G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON .. 6
BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 2	GORDON A. HALLS .. 7
DIANA J. PERRINS .. 3	JOHN A. ACRES .. 8
*ERNEST MORRIS .. 4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. 9
PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER .. 5	DEREK P. JONES .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN HILL.

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* 1,800th peal. The first in the method and rung without previous practice.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 13, 1958, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 32 cwt.

GILBERT R. GOODSHIP .. Treble	FRANK B. LUFKIN .. 6
GEORGE E. SYMONDS .. 2	NOLAN GOLDEN .. 7
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY .. 3	*WALTER RUFFLES .. 8
JOHN R. SMITH .. 4	LESLIE G. BRETT .. 9
HARRY D. LISTER .. 5	ERNEST V. BLAKE .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal.

Rung in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the first peal of Cambridge Maximus, which was completed at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, in August, 1908; also for the induction of a new Vicar, the Rev. Basil Layton Spurgin, M.A.

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EIGHT BELL PEALS

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 29, 1958, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Washbrook's variation.

		Tenor 12½ cwt.	
EDWIN BARNETT Treble	IAN H. ORAM 5	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 6	
ARTHUR G. MASON 2	FREDERICK J. CULLUM 7	WALTER J. LEMON Tenor	
MARY R. ANDREWS 3			
EDWIN A. BARNETT 4			

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

Rung on the occasion of a Rochester diocesan service of thanks-giving in the Royal Festival Hall to mark the successful completion of the 10-year plan for the building of new churches. Also as a welcome to the new Rector, the Rev. R. A. Agg.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 4, 1958, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Ebbe,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Comprising 1,600 Rutland, 1,280 London, 640 Bristol, 640 Yorkshire, 480 Cambridge and 480 Superlative, with 129 changes of method.

Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

CHRISTINE M. WOODWARD Treble	DERMOT J. ROAF 5	JAMES H. PAILING 6	
FRANK A. BARRETT 2	DONALD R. MARSHALL 7	STEPHEN IVIN Tenor	
ALAN R. PINK 3			
DONALD H. NIBLETT 4			

Composed by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 5, 1958, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF 5056 PREMIER SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. Treble	*RALPH BIRD 5	IAN H. ORAM 6	
JOAN BERESFORD 2	†GEORGE J. BUTCHER 7	PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor	
ARTHUR G. MASON 3			
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 4			

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

* 500th peal. † 50th peal on the bells. First in the method by all except the ringers of treble and fourth.

In memoriam Geoffrey Carter.

KIDLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 5, 1958, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23½ cwt. in D.

J. HOWARD R. FREEBORN .. Treble	JAMES H. PAILING 5	EDGAR J. SMITH 6	
BRIAN R. WHITE 2	FRANCIS A. WHITE 7	STEPHEN IVIN Tenor	
JOHN G. PUSEY 3			
FRANK A. BARRETT 4			

Composed by PATRICK I. CHAPMAN.

Conducted by JAMES H. PAILING.

In memoriam Mrs. William Judge.

BARTHOMLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 6, 1958, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bertoline,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in E.

*PETER MORRELL Treble	GEORGE A. PACKER 5	BERNARD J. ONGLEY 6	
ERIC B. ALLMAN 2	†EDWARD J. HOLLOWAY 7	IVOR R. NICHOLS Tenor	
HAROLD F. WHITE 3			
FREDK. S. SUTTON 4			

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by IVOR R. NICHOLS.

* First peal. † First of Major.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., Dec. 6, 1958, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

At the Roman Catholic Cathedral of St. Chad,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, comprising 2,880 London, 640 Bristol, 960 Cambridge and 640 Superlative, with 110 changes of method.

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in F.

MURIEL REAY Treble	TERRY R. HAMPTON 5	JOHN PINFOLD 6	
HENRY H. FEARN 2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON 7	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor	
BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE 3			
NORMAN J. GOODMAN 4			

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

DRIGHLINGTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 6, 1958, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF 5280 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In six methods, being 960 London, 928 Watford, 896 Bristol, and 832 each of Superlative, Cambridge and Pudsey, with 127 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell.

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in F.

PATRICIA REEVE Treble	WILLIAM BARTON 5	GORDON BENFIELD 6	
J. HENRY FIELDEN 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 7	VERNON BOTTOMLEY Tenor	
M. VIVIEN COPPING 3			
*DAVID S. HOLLAS 4			

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

* First peal of Spliced. First in six methods on this plan as conductor, and by a local West Riding band.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 6, 1958, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb.

*MARGARET A. LADD .. Treble	MAXWELL F. OAKSHETT .. 5	STANLEY JENNER 6	
†EDWARD J. JENNER 2	CHARLES A. BASSETT 7	ERNEST J. LADD Tenor	
HILDA OAKSHETT 3			
BERNARD V. COLLISON .. 4			

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

* First peal of Surprise. † First of Surprise Major on an 'inside' bell.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 6, 1958, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in F sharp.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Treble	MARY C. PAYNE 5	WALTER TOMLINSON 6	
*CYNTHIA BIBBY 2	GEORGE H. RANGLES 7	JOHN WALDEN Tenor	
NORA M. BIBBY 3			
CHARLES MCGUINNESS .. 4			

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 6, 1958, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16½ cwt.

HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. Treble	LEONARD STILWELL 5	*E. WINIFRED KEYS 6	
GEORGE FRANCIS 2	WILLIAM ROGERS 7	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON Tenor	
WILLIAM T. BEESON 3			
RAYMOND P. WOOD 4			

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.

* 150th peal.

Rung as a first birthday compliment to Andrew Michael, grandson of W. A. Riddington; also to E. F. Packham, of the local band, on his birthday.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 6, 1958, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in A flat.

RONALD W. STEWARD .. Treble	ROBERT E. LESTER 5	GEORGE A. BUTTON 6	
*EDWARD E. DAVEY 2	ROY K. DUESBURY 7	ALAN R. ANDREWS Tenor	
FRANK H. PIKE 3			
URBAN W. WILDNEY 4			

Composed by J. HUNT (C.C.C. 162).

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

* 50th peal in this tower.

KNEBWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 6, 1958, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

At the Church of SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND THOMAS-A-BECKET,

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. Treble	PATRICIA M. BOURN 5	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 6	
*JILL MAYES 2	JACK S. DEAR 7	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. Tenor	
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3			
*GEORGE A. SPENCER 4			

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

* First peal in the method.

LONDON, E.C.
THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1958, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OLAVE, HART STREET,
A PEAL OF 5088 LYME SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in G.
SUSAN JACKSON Treble J. MICHAEL LAKIN 5
MICHAEL ROSE 2 A. REX AGG 6
*CHRISTINE M. FORD 3 JOHN R. LEEMING 7
DEREK E. SIBSON 4 ROGER KEELEY Tenor
Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ROGER KEELEY.
* First peal of Surprise. First in the method by all except 5 and 8.
In memoriam John Leigh Morris, David Priestley and Geoffrey Frank Carter.

SOUTHWELL, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1958, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
AT THE MINSTER AND CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 28½ cwt.
KATHERINE BURCHNALL .. Treble F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER .. 5
FREDERICK G. HOOPER .. 2 *HAROLD STEVENSON .. 6
GRACE BURCHNALL 3 WILLIAM L. EXTON 7
F. LEWIS HEMSTOCK 4 †JOHN R. PRATCHETT Tenor
Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.
* 25th peal. † First peal at first attempt.
Rung with thanksgiving for the life and work of Arthur J. Chamberlain, a ringer at this church for 64 years and who died on October 7th, 1958, aged 78.

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1958, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST.
A PEAL OF 5152 WINCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 19 lb. in G.
MARGARET M. GODLEY .. Treble JOAN BERESFORD 5
WILLIAM WENBAN 2 KENNETH R. DUNSTAN 6
MARION J. SKINNER 3 JOHN R. MAYNE 7
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON 4 REV. M. C. C. MELVILLE Tenor
Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
First peal in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

MELBOURNE, VICTORIA.
THE ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.
On Sun., Dec. 7, 1958, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. in G sharp.
PETER G. RICHARDS Treble GEORGE W. PIPE 5
GRAEME W. HEYES 2 ARTHUR H. FISHER 6
KENNETH J. MINCHINTON .. 3 *WARNE WILSON 7
DIANA M. PIPE 4 JOHN J. F. ROPER Tenor
Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.
* First peal of Major and first attempt.
Specially arranged for the ringer of the seventh, who hails from Bendigo, 100 miles north of Melbourne.

ISLIP, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 8, 1958, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.
ALAN R. PINK Treble EDGAR J. SMITH 5
J. HOWARD R. FREEBORN .. 2 FRANK A. BARRETT 6
CHRISTINE M. WOODWARD .. 3 *CYRIL H. KINCH 7
CHARLES COLES 4 DONALD H. NIBLETT Tenor
Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by DONALD H. NIBLETT.
* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' First in the method on the bells.
Rung for the Feast of St. Nicholas.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Dec. 9, 1958, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT & OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Ilkeston arrangement. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb. in A flat.
STEPHEN BROMFIELD .. Treble *G. LEONARD THOMPSON .. 5
*MRS. F. G. BLOOMFIELD .. 2 W. ARTHUR CROWDER .. 6
*MARY C. PAYNE 3 MICHAEL W. CROWDER .. 7
*MARGARET A. SWANN 4 JACK L. MILLHOUSE Tenor
Composed by E. C. GOBEY. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

SWINDERBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Oct. 31, 1958, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents of 120 (ten different callings). Tenor 4½ cwt.
CLARENCE F. BRIGGS .. Treble WILLIAM L. EXTON 3
*FREDERICK G. HOOPER .. 2 F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER .. 4
HAROLD STEVENSON Tenor
Conducted by FREDERICK G. HOOPER.
* 150th peal on tower bells. The ringer of the treble has now 'circled the tower,' and the ringer of the second has 'circled the tower' as conductor.
Rung on the eve of the Patronal Festival.

HASKETON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Tues., Nov. 25, 1958, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's. Tenor 9 cwt. in A flat.
*MARGARET LOVETT .. Treble ALAN CLARKE 4
CLIFFORD R. LOVETT .. 2 ROBERT DOWNING 5
BRENDA DOWNING 3 CECIL W. PIPE Tenor
Conducted by CECIL W. PIPE.
* First peal.
Rung as a last token of respect to Mr. T. Bevan, churchwarden and lay reader, whose funeral took place a few days previous.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Nov. 28, 1958, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.
*GREGORY GIDMAN .. Treble J. BARRY PICKUP 4
PHILIP DUNDERDALE .. 2 CYRIL CROSTHWAITE .. 5
NORMAN SMITH 3 ROGER LEIGH Tenor
Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.
* First peal.

BUNNEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1958, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents of 720. Tenor 13½ cwt.
*GRAHAM J. FISHER .. Treble FREDERICK DERRY 4
†J. EDWARD BROWN 2 SYDNEY ADAMS 5
F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER .. 3 WILLIAM L. EXTON Tenor
Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.
* First peal at first attempt. † First of Minor.
Rung on the eve of Advent, and with gratitude and birthday compliments to Mrs. L. Midwinter (70, November 29th) and Mrs. Adams (80, November 28th), mothers of the ringers of the third and fifth.

LEWKNOR, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1958, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Thelwall, Childwall, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, and two 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt.
*WILLIAM FULKER .. Treble *REGINALD TUCKWELL .. 4
JAMES BLOND 2 ROBERT BLOND 5
*FRANK GODDEN 3 †FRANK ABSOLOM Tenor
Conducted by ROBERT BLOND.
* First peal of Minor. † First in six methods.
Rung as a wedding anniversary compliment to the ringers of 1 and 6

MARSTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1958, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor 6 cwt.
MALCOLM JOURNEAUX .. Treble *EDWARD VENN 3
ROY H. JONES 2 *BRYAN A. COLES 4
ALEC GAMMON Tenor
Conducted by ALEC GAMMON.
* First peal.
Rung in memory of George Gunn, a former churchwarden and verger for many years.

THEBERTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 29, 1958, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 of St. Clement's College Bob, 1,440 each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

*PETER KINDRED Treble	MICHAEL SOLLEY 4
RAY PECK 2	ALAN R. BRIDGES 5
JAMES M. BAILEY 3	ERNEST G. PEARCE Tenor

Conducted by PETER KINDRED.

* 75th peal.

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 29, 1958, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents (two callings). Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

DENNIS SMEDLEY Treble	GEORGE CHALLANS 4
JAMES T. ROOKE (15) 2	FREDERICK FLINT 5
DOUGLAS H. ROOKE 3	HERBERT T. ROOKE Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

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

Rung as a 15th birthday compliment to J. T. Rooke; also as a birthday compliment to G. Challans, H. T. Rooke and F. Cooke.

WOLLATON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 29, 1958, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Single Court, Single Oxford, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt.

*ROBERT PRESTON Treble	DOREEN ARMSTRONG 4
JOHN MEREDITH 2	†TOM GREASLEY 5
BRIAN BUSWELL 3	FRANK BRADLEY Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BRADLEY.

* First peal. First in five methods. Believed to be the first peal since 1914.

Rung as a farewell peal to the treble ringer, who is joining H.M. Forces.

EDGWARE, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 3, 1958, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET-OF-ANTIOCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of London, Wells, Durham, York, Bourne, Norwich and Cambridge. Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

JOHN R. MAYNE Treble	*RICHARD G. OUSTON 4
*SLYVIA STREATER 2	*HAROLD E. CLAYTON 5
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON 3	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* First peal of Surprise Minor in seven methods.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Shirley Townshend, a member of the local band.

HIGH HALDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 3, 1958, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 40 extents (ten callings) and one Morris's 240. Tenor 13½ cwt.

*MARY MEYNELL Treble	†JOHN R. COOPER 4
†VIOLET I. E. RELF 2	*PERCY V. H. RELF 5
KATHLEEN M. YEO 3	*JOHN F. BURDEN Tenor

Conducted by KATHLEEN M. YEO.

* First peal. † First of Doubles in the method.

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

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Dec. 4, 1958, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being 720 each of Beverley, Cambridge, Durham, London, Surfleet,

Wells and York, with varied callings. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in B flat.

ROBERT T. SIMPSON Treble	THOMAS COOKE 4
FREDERICK W. COOKE 2	W. NORMAN PARK 5
RICHARD BUSBY 3	ROLAND PARK Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

Rung as part of the celebrations to commemorate the 120th anniversary of the consecration of the church.

BRISTOL.

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.

On Fri., Dec. 5, 1958, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-ON-THE-MOUNT WITHOUT,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Oxford T.B., Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., combined Oxford and Kent T.B., and three extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

ROYSTON BLACKLER Treble	PATRICK J. BIRD 4
MICHAEL T. ROTHWELL 2	BRIAN J. WYLDE 5
FRANK D. MACK 3	DAVID HEIGHTON Tenor

Conducted by DAVID HEIGHTON.

Rung to mark the opening this day of the University's new engineering building (Queen's Building) by H.M. Queen Elizabeth II.

STOKE D'ABERNON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 5, 1958, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four extents each of St. Simon's and Stedman (eight different callings), 16 extents of Plain Bob (four callings) and 18 extents of Grandsire (ten callings). Tenor 3 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

*CATHERINE M. POWELL .. Treble	†REV. C. J. B. MARSHALL .. 3
*MARY WHITE 2	A. PATRICK CANNON 4

†H. MICHAEL WILLIAMSON Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

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

† First of Doubles. The conductor's 25th peal of Doubles, and he has now 'completed the circle' in this tower.

BENEFIELD, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 6, 1958, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7½ cwt. in G.

*C. L. PAGE Treble	D. C. URQUHART 4
*A. WILLS 2	R. W. SPENCER 5
F. A. GINNS 3	*P. J. STRETTON Tenor

Conducted by R. W. SPENCER.

* First peal.

GREAT BARRINGTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 6, 1958, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

PAULINE WILTON Treble	DONALD E. COBB 4
*BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON .. 2	REGINALD G. HOOPER 5
ERIC J. HITCHINS 3	FRANCIS G. WILTON Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD G. HOOPER.

* First peal on six and in the method.

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THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Sat., Dec. 6, 1958, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPICED DOUBLES**

Being 42 extents in 42 individual plain course methods, viz.: (1) Westminster II and Ockham S.C.; (2) Westminster and Broughton S.C.; (3) Westminster and Chesham S.C.; (4) Blackburn and Ockham S.C.; (5) Blackburn and Broughton S.C.; (6) Blackburn and Chesham S.C.; (7) Knappton and Westminster II; (8) Lyng and Blackburn; (9) Intwood and St. Hilary; (10) New and Chipstead S.C.; (11) New and Oakley S.C.; (12) New and Itchingfield S.C.; (13) Huntspill and Chipstead S.C.; (14) Huntspill and Oakley S.C.; (15) Huntspill and Itchingfield S.C.; (16) Forngett and New; (17) Ellingham and Huntspill; (18) Bedingham and St. Vedast; (19) New, Chipstead S.C., Oakley S.C. and Itchingfield S.C.; (20) St. Nicholas and Hascombe S.C.; (21) St. Nicholas and Thornborough S.C.; (22) St. Nicholas and Longford S.C.; (23) Winchendon and Hascombe S.C.; (24) Winchendon, Hascombe S.C., Thornborough S.C. and Longford S.C.; (25) St. Remigius, Hascombe S.C., Thornborough S.C. and Longford S.C.; (26) Fundenhall and St. Nicholas; (27) Haddiscoe and Winchendon; (28) Harpley, St. Nicholas, Winchendon and St. Remigius; (29) St. Nicholas, Hascombe S.C., Thornborough S.C. and Longford S.C.; (30) Merton S.C. and St. Simon's; (31) Slapton and St. Simon's; (32) Rugby S.C. and St. Simon's; (33) Merton S.C., Slapton S.C., Rugby S.C. and St. Simon's; (34) Merton S.C., Slapton S.C., Rugby S.C. and St. Martin's; (35) Merton S.C., Slapton S.C., Rugby S.C. and St. Osmund; (36) St. Simon's and Braywood; (37) St. Martin's and Welford; (38) St. Osmund and Longworth; (39) Merton S.C., Slapton S.C., Rugby S.C., Braywood, Welford and Longworth; (40) Colnbrook S.C. and Shipway's Pl.; (41) Raveningham S.C. and Rev. Canterbury; (42) Plain Bob and Candlesby S.C.; with 281 changes of method. Tenor 12 cwt.

MRS. V. GRIFFIN Treble	*CYRIL A. WRATTEN 4
ANTHONY R. PEAKE 2	VICTOR GRIFFIN 5
*FRANCIS G. WILTON 3	THOMAS R. COLLINS .. Tenor

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

* First peal in 42 methods. First peal of Spiced Doubles by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

HANDBELL PEALS

SOUTHAMPTON.

THE UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Nov. 30, 1958, in 1 Hour and 41 Minutes,

AT 31, HIGHFIELD CRESCENT,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents (five callings). Tenor size 12 in F.
*R. ROGER SAVORY 1—2 | MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH .. 3—4

DON C. EXELL 5—6

Conducted by R. ROGER SAVORY.

* First peal of Minor 'in hand.'

BEVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 2, 1958, in 1 Hour and 51 Minutes,

AT 36, EASTGATE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 12 in G.

*FRANCES FAIRBANK 1—2 | CHARLES BARKER 3—4

*MALCOLM LINCOLN 5—6

Conducted by C. BARKER. Witness: DENNIS H. PARHAM. * First peal.

SOUTHAMPTON.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 10, 1958, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT 32, THORNBURY AVENUE,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor size 13½ in E flat.

*DON C. EXELL 1—2 | MAURICE J. BUTLER 5—6

MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH 3—4 | R. ROGER SAVORY 7—8

Conducted by R. ROGER SAVORY.

* First peal in the method 'in hand.'

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 11, 1958, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT 66, MELTON ROAD.

A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

*DEREK M. SAWYER 1—2 | JOHN A. ACRES 5—6

†ERNEST MORRIS 3—4 | B. STEDMAN PAYNE 7—8

Composed by E. MAURICE ATKINS (adapted).

Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.

* 25th peal. † 300th handbell peal.

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LOUGHBOROUGH

The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

HALF PEAL

THAMES DITTON, SURREY.—On Dec. 6th, 2,520 Grandsire Doubles: D. Lambert 1, Mrs. H. A. Hawthorne 2, R. Caporn 3, Margaret Hogg 4, F. E. Hawthorne (cond.) 5, C. Rogers 6. Longest length for 1, 4 and 6. This was an attempt for a peal, but was finished at halfway owing to the indisposition of one of the ringers.

ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. O'Brien 1, C. H. Bagot (cond.) 2, W. B. Pitcher 3, H. F. Cox 4, B. R. Cox 5, B. S. Bowden 6. First quarter 3 and 6. For Evensong.

ASHTED, SURREY.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. Harbott 1, F. Bishop 2, V. Green 3, C. Champion 4, R. W. Hinde 5, R. J. Cook 6, H. M. Williamson (cond.) 7, J. R. Castledine 8.

BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (with 6-8 covering): M. Wakeling 1, S. Wood 2, D. Laker 3, E. H. Knapp 4, J. H. G. Gardner 5, R. E. Stoner 6, A. E. Laker (cond.) 7, A. Hilton 8. Rung in welcome to the new Bishop of Chichester on his first visit to the parish.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At the Church of St. Peter, on Dec. 14th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: W. A. Riddington 1, Betty Stephenson 2, G. North 3, C. W. T. Riddleston 4, A. W. Gravett 5, F. Page 6, A. W. Bond 7, H. W. Woolven (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

BRISTOL.—On Nov. 30th, at St. Thomas' Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Doreen Gibbons 1, Jane Cook 2, M. J. Austin 3, R. Blackler 4, M. T. Rothwell 5, P. J. Bird (cond.) 6, F. D. Mack 7, B. J. Wyld 8. First of Stedman for 1, 2 and 5 and as conductor. Also at St. Michael's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Barbara Stephens 1, Beryl Abbott 2, D. Heighton (cond.) 3, J. Baldwin 4, Angela Grainger 5, M. Taylor (first quarter) 6. Both rung for Evensong by the U.B.S.C.R.

BROCKWORTH, GLOS.—On Dec. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Joy Thomas (first quarter) 1, R. Fry 2, P. Gilbert (first quarter) 3, L. Barry (cond.) 4, A. Lynall 5, F. Blown 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Charles Taylor, for many years tower master at this church.

CAMBERWELL, S.E.—At the Church of St. George, on Nov. 23rd, 1,272 Kent T.B. Minor (tenor covering): E. R. Iveson 1, L. V. Roberts 2, J. Phillips 3, B. P. Danbury 4, D. Randall 5, F. R. L. Blewer (cond.) 6, W. W. Shorter 8. For Evensong, and as a welcome for the Rev. A. Klose, a new curate from Australia. Also on Dec. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. R. Iveson 1, L. V. Roberts 2, D. E. J. Watts 3, B. P. Danbury 4, D. Randall 5, J. Phillips 6, F. R. L. Blewer (cond.) 7, W. W. Shorter 8. For Evensong. Also a birthday compliment to the wife of the ringer of 6th.

CASTLE DONINGTON, LEICS.—On Dec. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Shirley E. Clarke 1, A. Whiting (cond.) 2, J. S. Knighton 3, M. A. Fern 4, A. H. Allen 5, E. J. Hibbert 6. First quarter 1, 4 and 5. Rung to mark the dedication of the new Church Hall.

CHALFONT ST. PETER, BUCKS.—On Dec. 6th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Mrs. E. G. Swift 1, J. Camp 2, Miss L. Badcock 3, P. Badcock 4, M. G. Swift 5, E. G. Swift (cond.) 6. First of Cambridge for all except the conductor. Also on Dec. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): E. G. Swift 1, M. G. Swift (cond.) 2, Mrs. E. G. Swift 3, K. C. Vickers 4, C. J. Shepherd 5, E. J. Briden 6. For Evensong.

CHESHUNT, HERTS.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Beryl Nicholls (first quarter) 1, E. Pickett 2, W. J. Newnham 3, R. Durrant 4, J. Weeks (cond.) 5, D. S. Billimore 6. Rung to celebrate the 60th anniversary of St. Clement's, Turnford, a daughter church of the parish.

COWBRIDGE, GLAM.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Taylor 1, T. Hutchings 2, R. E. Coles (cond.) 3, R. Lee 4, J. Thomas (first quarter) 5, H. Blick 6, I. D. Davies 7, L. Groom 8. Rung half-muffled for the Old Boys' Association, Cowbridge Grammar School, memorial service for Fallen Old Boys, on the occasion of the school's 350th anniversary. The Sunday service band included two pupils, one Old Boy and one master.

QUARTER PEALS

DARTFORD, KENT.—On Nov. 29th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Merrett (first in method) 1, F. Walker 2, Mrs. D. L. Hall 3, C. E. Jones 4, S. Ball 5, A. Hall 6, D. L. Hall 7, R. G. Rayfield (cond.) 8. Rung in connection with the Rochester Diocesan Festival.

EARLS BARTON, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. C. Cozens 1, W. Chester 2, G. Care 3, E. Line 4, W. A. Yates 5, I. J. Dickin 6, G. Holland (cond.) 7, Miss J. M. Packwood 8.

EAST PECKHAM, KENT.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Miss J. French 1, Miss M. A. Ladd 2, E. J. Ladd (cond.) 3, B. V. Collison 4, K. S. Hohl 5, J. T. Medhurst 6. First of Stedman for 1 and 2.

EPSOM, SURREY.—At Christ Church, on Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Sally Hewett (first quarter) 1, Sylvia Marsh 2, W. Parrott 3, Adrienne Gibson (first 'inside') 4, F. Oakshott (cond.) 5, G. D. Robinson 6. A farewell to the curate (the Rev. J. Rose-Casemore).

GREAT HOLLAND, ESSEX.—On Dec. 7th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. F. West 1, Miss A. Lufkin 2, W. A. Rouse 3, Miss H. Stewart 4, L. Sharp 5, J. Brown 6, S. Leach 7, U. Wildney (cond.) 8. For Confirmation service.

GREAT MONGEHAM, KENT.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): Mrs. F. W. Lawrence 1, F. W. Lawrence (cond.) 2, T. A. F. Wickens 3, J. F. Penfold 4, A. C. Rye 5, Mrs. C. Court 6. Rung for the christening of Stephanie Ann Lam, granddaughter of the tenor ringer; also for the 25th wedding anniversary of the tenor ringer.

HAGLEY, WORCS.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: P. Webb 1, Elizabeth Oakeshott 2, A. Simpson 3, W. Rich 4, B. J. Woodruffe 5, C. Catt (first as cond.) 6. Rung by a Birmingham University band.

HALESOWEN, WORCS.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. H. Cox 1, A. Pickering 2, R. Chance 3, B. E. Woodall 4, Miss M. Tromans 5, L. Clissett 6, H. Shilcock 7, T. Greenhall (cond.) 8. For morning service. Also 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. E. Greenhall 1, L. Clissett 2, B. E. Woodall 3, A. H. Harris 4, Miss W. Pretty 5, T. Greenhall (cond.) 6, H. Shilcock 7, A. Pickering 8. For evening service. Both rung as a farewell to the Rector (the Rev. P. Blackston, M.A.), upon his appointment as Rector of Alvechurch.

HAMPTON, MIDDLEX.—On Dec. 7th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. G. Leale 1, R. Woodcock 2, Gillian Neal-Smith 3, W. S. Deason 4, C. M. Bloomer (cond.) 5, D. A. S. Hawkins 6. For morning service.

HATTON, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob, 660 Grandsire): Miss J. Elliman 1, A. C. Morris 2, A. A. Upton 3, G. Aldhouse (cond.) 4, H. M. Windsor 5, F. Clark 6. First quarter 1 and 6. Rung for the dedication of the memorial tablet to the late A. S. Dodds.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (followed by the whole pull and stand): Mary Garley 1, E. M. Atkins (cond.) 2, T. Garley 3, A. Blaxley 4, E. Johnson 5, A. Garley 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Frederick Boulton, churchwarden and one-time ringer.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLEX.—On Nov. 26th, at All Saints' Church, 1,280 Plain Bob Major (tenor covering): S. J. Way (first quarter) 1, C. H. Rogers (first quarter) 2, Mrs. C. M. Meyer 3, V. Green 4, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 5, G. Harvey 6, C. M. Meyer 7, W. Wilson (cond.) 8, H. W. Rogers 9. For Confirmation service. Also on Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. J. Way (first in method) 1, Miss P. J. Holborn 2, C. H. Rogers (first in method) 3, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 4, G. Harvey 5, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 6, W. G. Wilson 7, Miss B. M. Humphrey (first quarter) 8.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.—On Nov. 29th, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: J. Papworth 1, Miss W. Elliott 2, E. Coulson 3, C. Buttons 4, C. W. Burton 5, A. R. Elliott (cond.) 6. Rung as an 85th birthday compliment to Mrs. L. M. Burton, mother of the ringer of the 5th.

LINTON, KENT.—On Mar. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Olive Couchman 1, T. Grice 2, T. Sone 3, L. Head 4, C. Dring 5, J. Wallis 6, L. Mannering (cond.) 7, P. Town 8. For Evensong. Also on June 21st, 1,372 Grandsire Triples (from the Original): T. Grice 1, Olive Couchman (first 'inside') 2, G. Fry 3, C. Tester 4, J. Wallis 5, F. Leeson 6, L. Head (cond.) 1, P. Town 8. For the 78th birthday of Mrs. R. Fryer, for 60 years a member of the choir. Also on Nov. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Joy Mattingley 1, A. Lamb 2, C. Bridger 3, A. Couchner (first 'inside') 4, P. Town (first as cond.) 5, J. Houghton 6. First quarter 1, 2, 3 and 6. A welcome to the Bishop of Dover for the Confirmation service. The Misses Jean and Margaret Stevens, members of the band, were confirmed.

MERROW, SURREY.—On Dec. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Joan E. Probert 1, Shirley B. Aston (first quarter) 2, Valerie A. Bundy (first in method) 3, A. Pamela Warren 4, P. G. Smart 5, J. A. Etherington (cond.) 6. For Confirmation service.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Valerie Colegrove 1, T. J. Frodsham 2, W. C. Budd 3, J. R. Haycock 4, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, Margaret Stanley 6. For Evensong.

NORTH CREEKE, NORFOLK.—On July 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Allcock 1, A. Coote 2, T. Owen (cond.) 3, J. S. Williamson 4, A. Allcock 5, J. E. Couzens 6.

OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON.—On Dec. 13th, 1,386 Grandsire Triples: C. J. Turner 1, C. C. Deem 2, B. Mills 3, J. Ayres 4, E. J. Manley 5, R. F. Sheppard 6, C. C. Turner (cond.) 7, R. T. G. Wood 8.

QUEDGELEY, GLOS.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Winter (first quarter) 1, Miss A. Cox 2, P. T. Hurcombe (cond.) 3, S. J. Pugh 4, C. F. Wixey 5, C. J. Leighton 6.

RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 7th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. J. Jones 1, R. Thatcher 2, J. Holbrook 3, E. Brown 4, F. Carter 5, D. Hoare (cond.) 6. First of Cambridge by all except the conductor. Rung by members of the Sunday service band for the patronal festival (St. Nicholas), and the visit of the Suffragan Bishop of Taunton.

READING, BERKS.—At 'St. Giles' Church, on Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Wilkinson (first of Triples) 1, Angela Mullocks 2, Molly Tilbury 3, Lucy Allen 4, Jennifer Davies 5, J. Coates 6, M. Downs (cond.) 7, R. Hudson (first quarter) 8. For Matins.

ROCKWELL GREEN, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss R. Chick 1, A. Cooke 2, A. Chapman 3, G. Hutchings 4, W. R. Trickey (cond.) 5, F. Taylor 6. Rung for the induction of the new Vicar (the Rev. L. Taylor).

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Minor (720 St. Clement's, 540 Plain Bob): D. Hart 1, Heather Stewart 2, F. Harvey 3, P. W. Mills 4, M. Mills (cond.) 5, W. Downs 6. For morning service.

WANDSWORTH, S.W.—On Nov. 27th, at Holy Trinity Church, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. Rea 1, J. Euston (cond.) 2, M. Williamson 3, D. Sibson 4, J. Cook 5, G. Goodman 6, W. Wilson 7, R. Sanders 8. Rung to the memory of Thomas Francis Harley Parkinson, Lieut., R.N., on the 30th anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

WELLS, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 14th, at the Cathedral, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: E. C. Wadman 1, K. Prime (first 'inside') 2, R. Fox 3, T. R. Marks 4, M. Rose 5, D. Gay 6, V. G. Roberts 7, D. Hoare 8, T. J. Setter (cond.) 9, G. Salmon 10. First quarter on 10 bells for 1 and 6. For Evensong.

WEST RETFORD, NOTTS.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Margaret Womack 1, D. McNeil 2, D. Emmerson 3, Valerie Waterfield 4, C. Scott (first 'inside') 5, R. Hobbs (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Dec. 14th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Susan Rawlings (first of Treble Bob) 1, J. Tomsett 2, Anne Garnett 3, Susan Jacobs 4, A. Bagworth 5, F. Corfield (cond.) 6. Thirtieth quarter on the bells this year.

WOODSTOCK, CAPE TOWN.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: V. Sheppard 1, O. Lamb 2, R. Law 3, W. Abraham (first touch in South Africa) 4, W. Smith (cond.) 5, R. Stickley 6, R. Towler 7, J. Ernstzen 8.

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Supt. Claude Rush writes that the fund for the restoration of Eye bells has now reached £1,209. This year he had 14,000 greeting cards printed with the church as a picture, and all these have been sold. His collection of salvage, mainly waste paper, amounted to 110 tons, and from this source he realised £608. Waste paper had been received from Suffolk, Norfolk, Essex, Kent and Hertfordshire. Congratulations on a really colossal undertaking.

Mr. Jim Bennett, of Grundisburgh, left last week for a world tour. The first stage of his journey is on the S.S. 'Dinteldyk' for San Francisco, via Panama.

The captain of the Benefield, Northants, band (Mr. C. L. Page) took part in his first peal on December 6th. It is hoped that his success will encourage other young learners in this tower to emulate him.

Over 2,000 copies have already been sold of the popular Ringer's Diary and the publishers anticipate the print order of 3,000 being exhausted in a few days. Who said ringing was a dying art?

The front cover of 'The Field' for its issue of December 25th contains a beautiful picture in colour of the ringing of the Christmas bells at Sopley, Hants, a 5-bell tower with a ground floor ring. All the ringers are handling their bells correctly.

The offer of the warden of Dillington House, near Ilminster, Somerset, to arrange a short course for ringers (see page 843) should make an appeal to many of our readers. Dillington House is the Somerset College for Adult Education, and although it dates from the 16th century it has been internally modernised to accommodate 40 people. The house stands in formal grounds and is surrounded by spacious parkland.

BELFRY

GOSSIP

The 50th anniversary of the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus, rung at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, in August, 1908, was commemorated by a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal on the bells on December 13th. It was intended to ring Maximus but last-minute illness reduced the band. Mr. Lewis W. Wiffen, of Braintree, is the last survivor of the first peal. When the original peal was ended, someone remarked: 'We have rung the first peal of Cambridge Maximus.' To this, Mr. Wiffen replied with his usual witticism: 'Who can say this was not done before Noah went into the Ark?'

East London members suggest for an 'Any Questions'—'Is it pleasant or otherwise to have a skin like a rhinoceros?'

The morning service on Sunday, January 4th, at Leicester Cathedral is being televised on I.T.V., 11.15 a.m. to 12.15 p.m. The bells will be on the air before and after the service.

This has been a year of loss to the University of London Society. At St. Olave's, Hart Street, the headquarters church of the Society, an in memoriam peal was rung on December 6th to John Leigh Morris, David Priestley and Geoffrey Frank Carter.

Mr. W. Wilson rang the seventh bell of Holy Trinity Church, Wandsworth, to a quarter peal of Cambridge Surprise Major on November 27th without a stay or slider. This was due to the incumbent allowing All Saints' Church Youths to teach the new curate to ring.

The general restoration of Lichfield Cathedral is estimated to cost £200,000, of which about £130,000 has been raised. The top of the south west spire has been taken off to a depth of 6 ft., and there is no knowledge as to when the bells can be rung again.

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THE BARNSELEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY 1909-1959

By H. CHANT

AFTER a preliminary meeting in December, 1908, the first meeting of the Society was held at the Windmill Inn, in Shambles Street, Barnsley, on Saturday, January 9th, 1909. How many ringers were present is not recorded in the minutes, which for the first few years of its existence are recorded only annually; but Albert Nash afterwards stated that 'about 50 members were present at the foundation.' The balance sheet records that '37 subs. at 1/-' were taken at the meeting.

Who provided the original impetus is uncertain, although I imagine that both A. Nash and C. D. Potter had a great deal to do with it. The reasons behind the formation are less nebulous.

After the formation of the Yorkshire Association in 1875, a 'West Yorkshire Society,' which C. D. Potter describes as having 'flourished in the Barnsley area as late as 1879,' appears to have gone out of business. The Minor ringers of the Barnsley area appear to have had a thin time at these early Yorkshire meetings, and a growing desire was felt to form a society in which Minor ringers would have greater opportunities.

C. D. Potter always emphasised this as being the principal aim of the Society and, indeed, at the resumption of the meetings after the 1914-18 war, it was stated in the minutes that: 'As this Society was first formed for the upholding of Minor methods, six bell bands may claim first privileges at all times.'

The officials elected at this meeting were: President, C. D. Potter (Barnsley); secretary-treasurer, A. Nash (Wath), and vice-president, W. Woodcock (Darfield).

WOODCOCK'S VICTORY

The W. Woodcock mentioned here was a fine Minor ringer who was continually experimenting with Minor methods of the Treble Bob variety. His notebook contains in addition to established favourites of that period many methods with a footnote in his elegant handwriting, 'W. Woodcock's composition' or 'Woodcock's transposition.' Some of the methods are hopelessly false, others irregular, and quite a few have 5ths place without the treble behind; but some are 'regular' methods, and one at least—'Woodcock's Victory'—has found its way into the Central Council's Collection under the name which he gave it.

I have no doubt that most of them were rung at Darfield or Wath or both, as the names of ringers of both these towers appear on the peal boards hanging in the belfries of both. W. Woodcock died in 1921, aged 65.

C. D. Potter held office in one form or another, apart from the year 1911, until his death in 1939 at the age of 83. Although never a great ringer (he rang, I believe, one or two peals), his enthusiasm and generosity knew no bounds. He was the backbone of the Society almost until the last few months of his life; a venerable and much-respected figure. Founder of a reputable building firm, he was by trade, I believe, a stonemason, and a great authority on church architecture. My earliest recollections of him are of a slightly stooping figure with a stick, white-haired and with a large walrus moustache, showing me round the various churches that we visited during the Society's monthly meetings.

When he settled for a short time in Royston about 1933, he found the bells silent owing to lack of ringers. This would not do for C. D. P.! He approached me and almost bludgeoned me into taking on the training of a

brand new team! In due course the ringers were sufficiently competent to perform for Sunday service—and C. D. P. insisted that they should not do this until I considered that they would 'not make a mess of it.' I came over from Felkirk for the occasion, and the sight of Mr. Potter's beaming face as we descended the belfry steps after a creditable performance more than compensated for all the effort entailed.

Alas, the band has recently gone to pieces and the bells are once again silent.

'THE BRAINS OF THE SOCIETY'

If C. D. Potter was the 'heart' of the Society, Albert Nash was the 'brains.' When a serious accident during the war years badly burnt his face and reduced his hands to shapeless stumps, it impaired neither his mental ability nor his power to transform this into active ringing both on handbells and tower bells. He was at home on any number of bells from six to 12, and was constantly encouraging Minor ringers to move to higher numbers; and many peals of Surprise Major which he conducted contained often two, three or more ringers who normally rang at 6-bell towers or had what he termed 'a 6-bell foundation.'

He did a great deal of research into Minor methods, both regular and otherwise, and his notebook, crammed with information about ringing, from Minor to Maximus, is among my most treasured possessions. His charts of Minor methods now hanging in Wath belfry are works of art which should be perused by anyone interested in this subject. Well educated, he was an excellent speaker with an acute sense of humour and a ready wit.

On one occasion after listening to a speaker at some local meeting talking at length about nothing in particular, he was asked as he rose to speak about some relevant point or other, by this same gentleman who was in the chair, if he would please be brief as many ringers were anxious to return to the belfry.

Albert's reply was: 'Brevity is my strong point—ought to be yours!'

The meeting, if I rightly remember, quickly terminated.

He relinquished the office of secretary-treasurer in 1912, but was later president in 1929.

In 1910 Charles E. Bell, of Darfield, was elected vice-president in place of W. Woodcock. C. E. Bell was a dapper little figure who could ring quite a few Treble Bob methods, and who died in 1956 at the ripe old age of 90.

The year 1911 saw a double change in the officials, J. Easter, of Wragby, becoming president and G. Hunt, of Horbury, vice-president.

JOHN EASTER

John Easter must have been a popular figure seeing that he was chosen in preference to C. D. Potter after both had been nominated for the position. He was certainly a remarkable man. He took up change-ringing at Ackworth at the age of 60, where he learnt to ring Bob Minor. Shortly afterwards he joined the Wragby company, where he learnt Treble Bob methods, and at his death could ring no fewer than 24 Treble Bob methods! His favourite method was Primrose Surprise. He rang two peals—the first at Tong in 1908 with the famous Tong company, conducted by the well-known Minor ringer George Bolland, and the second at Wragby in 1910, which was the first on the bells by a local band.

For the last 21 years of his life he was head gardener at Nostel Priory, and when he died in 1912 at the age of 75, Lord and Lady St. Oswald were mourners at his funeral. 'All along the pathways through Nostel Park the

coffin was borne shoulder high by relays of bearers, and after the funeral service in the church, he was laid to rest beneath the shadows of the church he loved so well,' writes an eyewitness (Frank Atkinson). He was also president in 1912 when he died.

In 1912 a J. Holmes was elected vice-president in place of G. Hunt, and C. D. Potter moved into the position of secretary-treasurer in place of A. Nash who expressed a wish to retire. In the two remaining years that were left before the 1914-18 war ended the meetings for a few years, the officials were F. Tinker, of Penistone, a quiet and faithful ringer, who was elected to fill the position left vacant by John Easter, with Henry (Harry) Cutts, of Royston, as treasurer and C. D. Potter as secretary.

The creation of a separate position as treasurer was due to the influence of C. D. P., who confided to me many years afterwards that it was better if 'one could keep an eye on the other'!

The man chosen as treasurer, H. Cutts, was 'the last of a once-famous band' at Royston. A fine ringer of treble bob methods who rang in peals with the Wath and Darfield bands. I have heard both Panther and Gill speak highly of him both as a man and as a ringer.

Charles Walsh, of Wath, who was elected vice-president in 1914, I remember as a fine tenor ringer who always intrigued me by ringing in his shirt, minus his collar and tie, with his braces slipped from off his shoulders and dangling by his side, whilst his trousers maintained their position by some miracle of equilibrium. He was as strong as an ox and made light work of the most awkward tenors.

There were two committee meetings during the year with a view to purchasing a cup and starting an annual contest. The war, however, put an end to any further developments and nothing more was heard of a contest until the mid-1920's.

The meetings of the Society restarted in July, 1920, when a general meeting was held at Brookes Hotel, Barnsley, although there is evidence of activity by the Society in the two years preceding the meeting. C. Walsh was elected president and Arthur Panther, of Wath, treasurer, with C. D. Potter as secretary, the last two retaining these positions until 1930.

PEALS ON MEETING DAYS

Arthur Panther was a member of the excellent Wath company, where his father was a ringer before him. He was asthmatical and never whilst I knew him really enjoyed very good health, but was always cheerful nevertheless. No one was ever more devoted to the Society than Arthur. On one occasion a young and enthusiastic member arranged to ring in a peal attempt at Almondbury on the same Saturday that the Society were holding a meeting at Cawthorne. He called at the meeting on his way home and was greeted as he entered the belfry by a glaring Arthur, who said: 'And where's *tha* been?', although it was obvious that the question was superfluous.

The much-surprised youth admitted that he had been 'ringing in a peal,' whereupon A. P. told him at great length and in no uncertain terms what he thought of people who put peals before meetings—especially Barnsley and District meetings—and wound up a verbal fusillade with: '... and *tha* never does it again. Does *tha* understand?' The youth understood. He never repeated the offence, for offence it was.

Herman Rusby, of Cawthorne, who was present at the time, recently asked me if I still remembered the incident. Remember it? After 30 years or more I can still feel the lash of Arthur Panther's tongue!

(To be continued.)

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Taunton Deanery Annual

The A.G.M. of the Taunton Deanery, held at Milverton on December 6th, was the most successful for many years.

During the afternoon and evening ringers were present from over 30 different towers: 14 towers within the Deanery were represented, with visitors from towers as far apart as Radstock (Bath), Dulverton, Havant (Portsmouth) and Ealing (Middlesex).

The Guild service was conducted by the Association Master, the Rev. Henry Warren (Vicar of Exford).

At the business meeting which followed a very enjoyable tea, the Deanery vice-chairman (Mr. S. G. Coles) welcomed to the meeting the Master, general secretary, peal secretary and treasurer, and commented that this was the first Taunton meeting that he could remember at which all the Association officers had been present. He then invited the Master to preside for the ensuing business.

In his report, the secretary (Mr. A. H. Reed) stated that the Branch membership had increased by nine to 119 and that one new tower, Ruishton, had joined the Association.

All the Branch officers were re-elected for 1959, and six new members were elected to the Association: Messrs. Baker, L. Hellings, Holway and E. Pike (all of Sampford Arundel tower), and Miss Jennifer Lowman (Ruishton) and Mr. Adrian Bird (Wellington).

Quarterly meetings for 1959 will be held at Rockwell Green, Creech (St. Michael's) and North Curry, with the annual meeting at St. James', Taunton, subject to the local incumbent's permission. Weekday practices were also arranged for January 8th at Wellington, and Wednesday, Feb. 18th, at Sampford Arundel.

The Association treasurer stated that he was getting some response from Parochial Church Councils asking them to pay an affiliation fee to the Association.

The meeting closed with the Ringing Master (Mr. W. Gigg) expressing the usual vote of thanks to all who had contributed to the success of the meeting. The ringers then returned to the tower to make use of the bells until almost 9 p.m., in a variety of methods to Double Norwich and Cambridge Major.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

A well-attended District meeting took place at Woodbridge on December 6th, when ringing on the fine eight was enjoyed until an adjournment was made for tea.

At the business meeting Mr. C. W. Pipe outlined the proposed amalgamation of the Ipswich and Woodbridge Districts. Mr. Clifford R. Lovett, of Grundisburgh, was elected District secretary.

Further well-struck ringing up to Spliced Surprise took place, and thanks were accorded Mr. A. Stanley Woodard for obtaining permission to ring and arranging the tea.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION Eastern District

The holding of the winter meeting of the Eastern District at Goole on December 13th was made memorable by the presence of the Mayor and Mayoress of Goole. There was a Christmas tea for the 85 ringers and friends, an iced Christmas cake having been made for the occasion by Mrs. J. J. Taylor, of Goole. This was cut by Mr. A. E. Sellers, of Beverley Minster, the oldest ringer present. Thanks to the Mayor (Mrs. Campling) and the Mayoress (Miss Campling) were expressed by Mr. L. M. Woodhead, and the Mayor replied by welcoming the Association to Goole.

Mr. Sellers presided at the business meeting, when the following new members were elected: Miss Elizabeth Mortimer and Mr. Alan Grundy (Selby Abbey), Miss Frances Fairbank and Mr. Malcolm Lincoln (Beverley Minster). An invitation to hold the next meeting at Howden was unanimously accepted. A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar (Rev. M. Hanson) for conducting the service, and to Mrs. J. J. Taylor for the Christmas cake and tea arrangements. Both replied; Mrs. Taylor remarking that she enjoyed working for ringers and the Church.

Church Bell Hired by Americans

A 17th century 5 cwt. bell from the disused Church of St. John, Stanton, West Suffolk, was hired two years ago by the U.S.A.F. at Shepherd's Grove base for 50 dollars a year. With the closing of the base shortly the bell is to be returned to the Stanton Parochial Church Council.

The bell has been hung on a tripod outside the base chapel. Prior to that the bell had not been rung for 50 years.

Capt. J. W. Prigden, the base chaplain, recalled that at his last station in Louisiana the chapel had used a brass bell from an old railway train, and at another base in Missouri a bell from an old steamship which plied the Mississippi.

BARNSELY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The meeting at Wakefield Cathedral, with ringing in the afternoon at Sandal, on December 13th, was attended by representatives from 14 towers.

The president (Mr. Noel F. Moxon) presided at the business meeting which followed tea in the Brook Street School. Mr. Harold Chant announced that 'The Ringing World' was publishing a history of the Society in connection with its jubilee year. It would be given in instalments. The Editor hoped it would induce more young members of the Society to take the journal. Mr. John W. Moxon (Sandal) supported this appeal.

One new member, Roger Turbitt, of Shelley, was elected. The Society's jubilee year would start with the annual meeting at Barnsley on January 10th.

Proposing a vote of thanks to the Provost, the president also thanked Mr. John E. Kirby, the local company for arrangements and the ladies for the tea. The Rev. Parry Oakden replied on behalf of the Wakefield company. The Sandal company was also thanked.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD North Dorset Branch

Thirty-five ringers representing 15 towers were present at the annual meeting of the North Dorset Branch held at Sherborne on December 13th. The Guild Office was conducted by the Rev. R. A. Wells (hon. secretary) in the Abbey, the lesson read by the Rev. R. Longridge and the address given by the Vicar (Canon Wingfield-Digby).

The annual meeting was held after tea at Coombs Café, with the Rev. R. S. Chaffey Moore in the chair. The interim statement of accounts showed a balance in hand of just over £30.

It was announced that the hon. secretary, having served for three years, had asked to resign, and that Mr. B. Powlesland, one of the Ringing Masters, had also resigned on leaving the district. The following elections were made: Chairman, the Rev. R. G. Chaffey Moore; vice-chairman, the Rev. R. A. Wells; hon. secretary, the Rev. R. N. Longridge; Ringing Masters, Messrs. W. Shute, B. Ridout and A. E. Woods; committee, Mr. J. Ralph and Mrs. D. M. Wright. The Archdeacon of Dorset was elected an honorary member.

Meetings in 1959 will be held on the first Saturday of each third month, instead of the second Saturday as at present. Those provisionally fixed were: Compton Abbas (March), Yetminster (June), Motcombe (September) and Blandford (December), subject to the approval of the new incumbent.

A donation of 2 gns. is to be sent in response to an appeal by Mere for new ropes. At Branch services it was decided to take a collection for a fund to meet belfry needs. The meeting ended with the usual votes of thanks.

Ringing was resumed at 6.30 p.m.; parties also visited Lillington and Yetminster.

ROUND AND ROUND CHELTENHAM

Amid the fog on November 29th, ringers from St. Albans and South Wales joined forces for a day's ringing around Cheltenham. The party of 15 represented nine towers.

The two cars met head-on in a narrow road near Chedworth, Glos, and it was on the six bells at Chedworth that the day's programme started, with Plain Bob Minor. The easy-going eight at Prestbury were followed by Bishop's Cleeve's beautiful octave.

After a short break for lunch and getting lost in the fog, Leckhampton was finally reached. This is one of the five rings in Britain where the ropes hang in the chancel. The heavy-going six at Brockworth were perhaps not the best bells to choose for our first attempt of London.

Upton St. Leonards and Barnwood were visited before the party divided. The St. Albans car vanished into the fog in search of the meeting at Tewkesbury Abbey, while the Cardiff party rang a course of Cambridge at Churchdown, Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Minimus on the five at Swindon Village, and Grandsire, Stedman, Cambridge and Kent at Great Witcombe.

We left Gloucester after satisfying various thirsts and appetites at 9.30 p.m., with thoughts of thanks to incumbents and tower captains who made such an enjoyable day possible. C.C.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE PEAL AT BOW, E.3

Dear Sir,—The correspondence columns of 'The Ringing World' are nearly always interesting, very often surprising and even, as in the issue of December 5th, astonishing. Firstly, we get a letter from the Rector of Bow denying that he had given permission for a peal, yet only in the previous paragraph saying: 'The ringers obtained my keys from the Rectory.' This seems to be another case where there is disagreement after the event has taken place, and I feel, in fairness to both sides, that the Exercise at large, and the public in Bow, should know the truth behind this peal attempt. I myself know nothing of the details, but I do know some of the ringers concerned. They are men of integrity, and I cannot believe that they would do anything to bring themselves into disrepute.

Surely the solution is obvious. Either the rector had been properly approached, and had given permission for a peal, or else the band 'grabbed' the tower under false pretences. If the former is the case, then presumably the organiser of the peal had written to the rector and received a reply. It can hardly have been a refusal since the keys were obtained from the Rectory. If these letters are in existence (and I should hope they have been kept), they should be submitted to two responsible persons, such as the president of the Guild for which the peal was rung and, on the rector's side, to a senior clergyman in the diocese. Their findings should be published in 'The Ringing World' and in the local papers circulating in Bow. If the rector really had given permission for a peal, then he should have the courage to admit to his angry parishioners that the blame was entirely his. If on the other hand the peal was obtained by false pretences, the organisers should be censured by the appropriate Guild.

It may well be that the rector will claim he gave permission to ring, but not for so long a time. I should find it difficult to believe that he did not know what the term 'peal' meant; as incumbent of a church with a famous ring of bells, and as one so senior (he signs himself also Rural Dean), he must have this knowledge.

May I suggest that all peal organisers in writing their requests, for their own protection and for the good name of the Exercise, put down quite clearly not only the time they hope to begin ringing but also the time they expect to stop. There can never be any doubt then, and the blame cannot come back on the ringers.

And now to my second, and greater, piece of astonishment. Is Mr. Ernest J. Rowe really advocating that the public should do violence to ringers who displease them, and even disable them? Read his letter in any way, and I cannot make it mean anything else—it is not, surely, facetious? This is irresponsible talk from one who is a ringer. I can assure Mr. Rowe, and any members of the 'belligerent' public, that if I suffer at their hands, they will not only face an assault charge but find themselves defending an action for damages in the civil courts. But perhaps they would not care to try.—Yours sincerely,

D. J. NEAL SMITH.

Twickenham, Middlesex.

EVENING PEALS IN BUILT-UP AREAS

Dear Sir,—Surely the time has now come for us all to ponder very seriously the harmful effects that the Exercise can suffer as a result of adverse criticism by the clergy and the public concerning evening peal ringing in congested localities on occasions other than those of national rejoicing or important local celebration. In London and environs building land is now very scarce and many of our beautiful churches find themselves completely surrounded by new housing estates, etc. The old battle cry of 'The bells were here first, therefore thou shalt endure' is out of date, and a more realistic approach to the problem must be made if we are to prevent situations arising such as the aftermath of the Bow affair and the embarrassment caused to members attending the Middlesex Association meeting at Twickenham resulting from a visiting band ringing an evening peal in the same week 'for the 626th anniversary of the foundation of the Church!'.
If we wish to indulge in evening peals in 'difficult' localities then why not make a concerted effort to soundproof the towers concerned for such occasions? The vast majority of evening peals are rung purely for the personal pleasure of the participants. The discordance left in the wake of these itinerant weeknight peelers reflects unfairly on the local bands who are the ones left to face the music! There are not many towers that do not lend themselves to temporary soundproofing or sound reducing treatments, and I am sure that the publication in 'The Ringing World' of various practical methods would be of interest to all concerned. With towers suitably treated in this way evening peal ringing could be a blessing instead of the curse that it is now becoming.

During the past year the enthusiastic young band of beginners at St. Peter's, Staines, led by John Taylor, have, of their own volition, carried out a house-to-house canvass on both sides of the river in order to sound local inhabitants, churchgoer and non-churchgoer alike, on their attitude to bells in general and concerning our activities at St. Peter's in particular. This voluntary survey has done much to create further local interest in our art. We enjoy the goodwill of the local residents but limit peal attempts for personal enjoyment to four per year. In this way we hope to maintain the happy relationship which now exists in this area.—Yours faithfully,
RONALD I. SHEPHERD.

Staines, Middlesex.

GOSPEL OAK BELLS

Dear Sir,—I entirely agree with E. J. Rowe's letter re Gospel Oak bells (page 811). I was for many years a member of that band. We met regularly twice on Sundays, and if we did not ring out the old year and ring in the new, the residents wanted to know why.

Those were the days when we had vicars who liked to hear the bells ringing. St. Martin's, Gospel Oak, was a very keen centre for 6-bell ringing. The following are some of the well-known ringers who used to attend, unfortunately now departed: Messrs. R. Beven, F. Smith, A. Newlands, G. Newson, A. E. Bonfield and W. J. Norton. The last named is still with us.—Yours faithfully,
R. NEWMAN.

Holloway, N.7.

PHOTOGRAPHS OF CELEBRITIES

Dear Sir,—A paragraph in Mr. Wilfred Wilson's excellent and interesting notes on 'Campanology' in the issue of 'The Ringing World' of December 5th, expressing the hope of the editor of that journal to 'publish photographs of ringers who have rendered good service to the Exercise,' prompts me to say how much I feel that publication today of a series of such photographs would be of real interest to the great majority of your readers.

Although I have had the privilege and pleasure of meeting and ringing with many of the leading members of the Exercise in the southern half of the country—I am proud of the fact that the late J. Armiger Trollope conducted my first peal—my knowledge of the leading ringers of the Midlands and the North is very little, despite the fact that many are household names through continually appearing in our paper. I am therefore of the opinion that a weekly series of photographs of ringers who come within the category defined above by the Editor of 'Campanology' would be most interesting to those readers in a similar position as myself.

The photograph of Mr. Albert Walker, of Birmingham, in this week's issue enhances my views on this subject and is a case in point as, although I feel I know Mr. Walker through his many splendid performances throughout the years, I have never had the pleasure of meeting him personally, and the publication of his photograph is most interesting.—Yours, etc.

Wembley.

ERNEST H. KILBY.

ST. ALDATE'S, OXFORD

Dear Sir,—Your readers may be interested to learn that the six bells of St. Aldate's Church, Oxford, are now with Messrs. John Taylor, being cleaned and retuned. On their return to the tower, we hope some time in March or April, they will be rehung in a new iron frame and on ball-bearings, and will be fitted with new clappers, new wheels and headstocks, etc. In fact, to quote Mr. Paul Taylor: 'St. Aldate's bells will be outstanding amongst the Oxford rings for perfection and ease in going order.'

Unfortunately, the job is much bigger and more costly than was originally anticipated, for when a Faculty was applied for the architect insisted that the bells should be rehung in a lower position in the tower, necessitating also the lowering of the bell-chamber floor and the ringing room ceiling. This turned out to be a good thing, because when removed they, and the old oak frame, were found to have been badly attacked by beetle.

Over the years, possibly because of its situation in the very centre of Oxford, our tower has had the pleasure in teaching very many ringers, both students and townsmen, their first steps in change-ringing. Very many of them will no doubt remember my predecessor, the late Albert Barrett, who delighted in this work and who we still try to emulate.

It has therefore occurred to us that some of these people (and, we hope, some of those who have not yet rung on our bells but who may some time in the future) might like to make a donation to this restoration work. We can only say that if they do, their kindness will be very greatly appreciated. Gifts may be sent to me or direct to the Rector, marked 'Bell Fund'.—Yours sincerely,
J. VENN
(Tower Captain).

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LETTERS—Continued

RINGING AT BOW

Dear Sir,—I note that the band who rang the peal at Bow on November 19th consisted mainly of tower and peal snatchers. I am pretty certain that not one single member of this band has ever rung here for Sunday service. The local people do not like the bells at the best of times.

The Rector (Rev. Francis Mettrick), who I should say is one of the staunchest supporters of the Exercise, has agreed to ringing in small doses. Ninety-nine per cent. of the ringing for Sunday services has been carried out by the London County Association, who have endeavoured to stick to the rules at other times. Not so the gate-crashers—they like to stir everyone, especially round about 9 p.m.

In view of this conduct the Rector is deciding whether to ban all but service ringing. If this came about perhaps it would teach some ringers to be less selfish in the future.—Yours sincerely, Romford, Essex. L. W. BULLOCK.

WOULDHAM BELLS

Dear Sir,—With reference to letters which have been appearing recently in 'The Ringing World' about unringable towers in Kent, it may be of interest to you that Wouldham bells, quoted by one of your correspondents as being unringable, are in fact ringable. A local band has been formed during the past year, but I am unable to say how it is progressing. I understand that the bells go rather heavily.—Yours faithfully,

MAURICE E. DOWNS.

East Malling, Kent.

LITTLE HEATH BELLS

Dear Sir,—Under Great Ilford—St. James', Little Heath, Deedes and Walters in 'The Church Bells of Essex' give the church as built in 1862, and the five bells (tenor 5 cwt. 2 gr. 22 lb. in C) all cast in 1872 by John Warner and Sons, London.—Yours faithfully,

Danbury, Essex. J. E. G. ROAST.

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THE NORWICH ASSOCIATION

The Eastern Branch held their usual winter meeting at Acle on December 6th. The service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. E. W. Alexander), whose inspiring address drew as its theme the Rector's own ringing progress since he came to the parish a year ago and straight away started to learn to ring. The Rev. G. C. Galley was the organist.

The meeting, presided over by the Branch chairman (Mr. E. R. Goate), supported by the Association and Branch officials, stood in silence in memory of Mr. James Spaulding, of Eccles, who had died since the last meeting.

Miss Anne Moore, Miss Susan Hubbard and Mr. Frank Balls were elected probationary members. Loddon was voted as the venue for the Branch annual meeting on February 14th.

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded the Rector, organist, and Mr. and the Misses Lidbetter for the excellent tea arrangements.

THE EXTENT OF GRANDSIRE CATERS

Dear Sir,—Some time ago you were good enough to publish an inquiry from me about James Hewett's composition of 362,880 Grandsire Caters. An interesting reply from Mr. Edgar Shepherd appeared in your columns, and in addition, Mr. William H. Hewett very kindly lent me his copy of the figures, which was given to him some 50 years ago by an old London ringer, William Weatherstone, of whom it was noted in these columns a few years ago that as a staunch Nonconformist he would never

ring on a Sunday, while as a cabinet-maker by trade he also never worked on a Monday. Mr. Hewett adds that it was he who started him on change-ringing.

I feel that as a matter of general interest and as a greater safeguard against the figures of such an unusual composition being lost, their publication in 'The Ringing World' would be a good idea, and I enclose a copy.—Yours faithfully, E. A. BARNETT.

A PEAL OF 362,880 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Being the first composition on record containing the full extent of the changes on nine bells

By JAMES HEWETT

Member of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths and the Winchester Diocesan Guild of Change Ringers

The leads of the First Long Course.	These long courses (each consisting of 28 leads) are produced by a bob every lead except when the ninth makes thirds place, and singles as shown in the index.				Index showing the number of the lead in each long course where a single is made.							
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34628759 b	734265	745362	754362	734562				S				
27394568 s	234765	345762	354762	354762		S						
29753846	523647	234657	235647	253647	S		S		S		S	S
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52389674 b	523746	234756	235746	253746		S						
68542739 b	623547	634257	635247	653247	S							S
47698352 s	234675	345672	354672	354672	S	S		S	S	S		
49736285	237645	347652	357642	537642						S		
23459876 b	273645	374652	375642	573642					S			
85263749 b	723645	734652	735642	753642				S				
67895423 s	623745	634752	635742	653742		S						
69748352	263547	364257	365247	563247	S						S	
34629578 b	634275	645372	654372	654372	S	S		S	S	S		
52384769 b	637245	647352	657340	673542						S		
78592634 b	673245	674352	675342	673542					S			
79865423	763245	764352	765342	763542				S				
46739285 b	263745	364752	365742	563742		S						
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85293746 b	364275	465372	564372	364572	S	S		S	S	S		
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	236745	346752	356742	536742		S		S				
	345267	354267	534267	423567	S		S					

The part-ends of the peal.

42356789
34256789
32456789
43256789
24356789
23456789

The above four divisions called alike with extra singles at the 15th, 19th and 23rd lead of the 30th course, the 23rd of the 60th, the 19th of the 90th, and the 15th, 23rd and 28th of the 120th, constitute the first part. This five times repeated, omitting the single at the half-way and the end, completes the peal.

Note.—The 8th does the same work every long course, the 7th every six, the 6th every 30th and the 5th every 120th long course. January, 1892.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Guildford District

The nomination meeting of the Guildford District was held at Ewhurst on December 13th. Ringing began on the eight bells of the Parish Church at 3 p.m. and continued in a variety of methods until 4.30, when a service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. J. de C. Bensted.

Afterwards, tea was taken in the Church Hall, and this was followed by a business meeting, at which all the present officers of the District were nominated to serve for a further twelve months.

Ringling throughout the afternoon and evening was directed by the District Ringing Master, Mr. T. Mark White.

BALDOCK RINGERS' DINNER

Interest in ringing tunes on handbells is no new matter at Baldock, and after the traditional dinner, held at the Rose and Crown on December 13th, a feature of the evening was the ringing of 'Hark! the Herald-angels sing' by a band consisting of the rector, the curate, the churchwardens and the churchwardens' wives—none of whom are ringers.

After an excellent meal there were brief speeches by Canon F. C. Brenchley, Mr. J. Welch (president of the Herts Association) and Mr. E. G. Buck (captain of the Guild). Unfortunately, a peal attempt of Cambridge was unsuccessful during the afternoon, but everyone enjoyed the dinner. J. S.

CHANGE RINGER MARK II

By E. A. BARNETT

MANY readers will probably recall the occasional notes and comments which have appeared in these pages during the past five years about a ringing machine being constructed by Professors R. J. Walker and J. Kiefer, of the Department of Mathematics, Cornell University, New York. News of this project first came as the result of a short letter from the writer which appeared in 'The New Yorker' early in 1953, and this has led to an interesting and pleasurable correspondence which has continued at intervals ever since.

'Change Ringer Mark II' was completed just over a year ago, a party at which it was the 'guest of honour' being held on June 1st, 1957. Of the party, Professor Walker wrote:—

'The machine behaved very well at its inaugural, although it did make a few mistakes; it is by no means perfected as yet. Fortunately the mistakes were not serious (the changing mechanism would stick and the same change would be repeated several times) and nobody noticed it but Jack and I. We had nearly a hundred guests at the party and most of them were quite interested in their introduction to change ringing—or else they were very polite.'

Details of the construction of the machine, together with a copy of an explanatory note handed out at the time, have recently come to hand. The note is headed 'Something About Change Ringing,' and goes on:—

"You'll remember, my lord, that you starts by making the first snapping lead with the treble and after that you goes into the slow hunt till she comes down to snap with you again."

"Right you are," said Wimsey. "And after that I make the thirds and fourths."

"That's so, my lord. And then it's three steps forward and one step back till you lay the blows behind."

Such is the quaint but incomprehensible language which has introduced the art of change ringing to many Americans in Dorothy L. Sayers' 'The Nine Tailors.' Miss Sayers goes on to explain—

'The art of change ringing is peculiar to the English, and like most English peculiarities, unintelligible to the rest of the world. To the musical Belgian, for example, it appears that the proper thing to do with a carefully-tuned ring of bells is to play a tune upon it. By the English campanologist, the playing of tunes is considered to be a childish game, only fit for foreigners; the proper use of bells is to work out mathematical permutations and combinations. . . . To the ordinary man . . . the pealing of bells is a monotonous jangle and a nuisance, tolerable only when mitigated by remote distance and sentimental association.'

By way of explanation of change ringing, let us consider the ringing of the full peal of changes on four bells: a 'change' is merely an arrangement of the four bells in some order, a 'peal' is a sequence of different changes (a short peal is a 'touch'), and the full peal is the collection of all possible changes—24 on four bells. Bells are designated by numbers, from 1 for the treble or highest pitched bell down to 4 for the tenor (probably so called because there were often ten bells in churches). The bells start out in 'rounds':—

(a) 1 2 3 4

For a second change, how about 4321? That would be very difficult to achieve in a church since the tenor would be rung last on one change and first on the next, and it would take

a superman on the rope of bell 4 to obtain such a result when the bells are being rung with at most a short pause between changes. In fact, in England (and in Mark II) a bell never alters its position by more than one place in going from one place to the next. Thus, alternately interchanging the bells from the first two and last two positions, and then in the middle two positions, in going from change to change, we would have the 'hunting course' (note the pattern of any individual bell's movement):—

(a) 1 2 3 4
(b) 2 1 4 3
(c) 2 4 1 3
(d) 4 2 3 1
(e) 4 3 2 1
(f) 3 4 1 2
(g) 3 1 4 2
(h) 1 3 2 4

At this point a continuation of our pattern would bring us back to rounds (order (a)) before we had rung all the desired changes. So a slight deviation is introduced into our pattern at this point: the bell which has just come from the first or 'lead' position stays in second position for one change while those in third and fourth positions 'dodge,' and then goes back to lead position again:—

(i) 1 3 4 2
(j) 3 1 2 4
(k) 3 2 1 4
(l) 2 3 4 1
(m) 2 4 3 1
(n) 4 2 1 3
(o) 4 1 2 3
(p) 1 4 3 2

at which point our alteration in pattern must again be introduced so as not to repeat change (i). In the lovely language of change ringing, 'the bell the treble takes from lead makes second's place and returns to lead again, while the bells behind dodge':—

(q) 1 4 2 3

and so on, to

(x) 1 2 4 3
(y) 1 2 3 4

This particular 'method,' or rule for going from change to change, is called 'Plain Bob.' We have indicated the ringing of Plain Bob Singles, the word 'singles' meaning four bells.

Other numbers of bells (from 5 to 12) are designated by 'Doubles, Minor, Triples, Major, Quatres (pronounced 'katers'), Royal Cinques and Maximus.' Other methods have such nice names as Kent Treble Bob, Grandsire, Double Norwich Court Bob, Stedman, Yorkshire Surprise, etc. All methods must be simple enough patterns to be executed by the ringers (one to each bell-rope) rapidly and without recourse to any charts. Consequently, on more than four bells, the bells would come back into rounds after only a few lead-ends (the second of the two consecutive changes when the treble is in lead), were not further slight modifications occasionally introduced. These are called 'bobs' and 'singles,' and are called by the conductor (usually one of the ringers) at appropriate times. You may have read, about a year ago, of the failure in England of the first attempt to ring the full peal of 40,320 changes on eight bells (usual peals are of about 5,000 changes and take three hours): the conductor forgot to call a bob about half way through!

Mark II is so named because there was a Mark I, which unfortunately did not work. (Mark II inherited some tendencies in this direction, too.) In the early stages of work on the machines, correspondence was initiated with Mr. E. A. Barnett, hon. secretary-treasurer of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers. Surprisingly, he was not appalled at such an attempt to mechanise this 300-year-old art, and even sent descriptions of previous attempts to construct such devices. 'The Ringing World,' of which you will find several copies scattered about, has printed occasional descriptions of progress on the machines, and lists Mark I's salute to Her Majesty on the occasion of her coronation. (It also interested one young Englishman in suggesting by mail that he take a Ph.D. in change ringing at Cornell.) Most of the construction of Mark II was carried out by Mr. Donald Stevens as his senior engineering project two years ago.

(To be continued)

WIVETON, NORFOLK.—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. Stephenson 1, J. Rone 2, G. Slater 3, L. V. Page 4, R. E. West 5, T. Owen (cond.) 6. First quarter 1 and 3. First on bells since rehanging.

WIGTOFT, Lincs.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Elkington 1, J. W. Bailey 2, L. H. Taylor 3, J. H. Taylor (first of Minor) 4, H. Barsley 5, R. Stephenson (first as cond.) 6.

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ELECTRICAL RINGING— ANOTHER VIGOROUS PROTEST

A vigorous answer to the decision of the Lichfield Consistory Court regarding the installation of electrical bell-ringing in the churches of Ashley and Bagnall, which was also reported in the 'Birmingham Post and Gazette,' has been given by Mr. Edgar Shepherd in a letter to that newspaper. Mr. Shepherd wrote:—

'Dear Sir,—The news of the installation of bell-ringing apparatus at Ashley and Bagnall, noted in "Talk of the Midlands" on November 11th, will bring sadness to the hearts of many of us who have been brought up to believe that the Church should stand for truth and sincerity in its worship and oppose an uncompromising militancy to all forms of sham.

'Synthetic bells, and all apparatus designed to simulate the sound of bells being rung, have been condemned by leaders of both Church and laity, and as recently as October, 1956, the Lord Archbishop of York, speaking at the annual dinner of the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers, said: "I regard this as one of the most bogus frauds of Christendom." "The Bradford Telegraph" followed this up by reminding us that bell-ringing is an act of worship, and the leader writer went on: "If it is to be replaced by a gramophone because sufficient ringers cannot be enlisted, then it might as well be dispensed with altogether. . . . The bells must ring out again; but their song must come from the hands and hearts of men, not from the mechanical lungs of an ecclesiastical juke box."

'The notion that bell-ringing is a dying art is a strange one, and it would be very interesting to learn upon what information the Rev. David H. N. Wells has based his statement. It is true that in some districts there are few ringers; indeed, where there are no bells it is not reasonable to expect to find ringers. The art of ringing is very old; and far from there being any sign of its demise, the fact is that there has been an astonishing growth of the practice, and at the present time it is probably flourishing far more than it has ever done. In addition to the great network of territorial and Diocesan Guilds that covers Great Britain and both parts of Ireland, there are ringing societies in the leading universities, in the training colleges and secondary schools, and even in some primary schools, so that young men and maidens, old men and children join week by week in this wonderful act of praise, seeking to perfect themselves in their art, to the glory of God.—Yours faithfully,

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD,

Vice-President and Librarian, The St. Martin's Guild of Church Bell Ringers for the Diocese of Birmingham.'

Thorpe, Surrey, Bells Ring Again

For many years the three bells of St. Mary's, Thorpe, near Chertsey, have been unsafe to ring, owing to dry rot in the bell frame. Restoration work costing £400 has been undertaken. The bells have been recast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank into a ring of four, but it is hoped eventually to have a ring of six. For the time being the bells are hung stationary.

The tenor of the old ring was cast by Richard Phelps, of the Whitechapel Foundry, the middle bell by William Eldridge, of Chertsey, in 1693, and the other by Thomas Swan, of Longford, Middlesex, in 1753.

STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Gray (cond.) 1, Miss F. Brown 2, Miss E. Brocklehurst 3, R. Brocklehurst 4, M. Hill 5, J. Laver 6.

OBITUARY

Mr. B. H. Swinson—An Appreciation

The late Bernard H. Swinson, who died in Jersey, C.I., on November 17th, would not be known to a lot of ringers. He learned to ring as a teenager in his native St. Albans, and did most of his ringing there and in London. Shortly after passing his 21st birthday, his employment took him abroad and he found himself sojourning in Egypt. Later he served in Colombia, Venezuela, U.S.A. and Canada.

It was in Venezuela that I first met him. He always took 'The Ringing World,' and it was from an announcement in the journal that he learned of the impending arrival in Venezuela of my wife and myself. Apart from business colleagues, he was the first person we met in Venezuela, and such was his interest in ringing matters that the arrival of a kindred spirit was an event to him, and he made it his business to seek me out at the earliest opportunity—actually within ten minutes of arrival in Caracas.

Naturally, most of our conversations centred on ringing and ringers, and the question arose—could we do any handbell ringing? Bernard and myself were the only two who could ring, so we had to find another to ring two handbells in order to do anything worth while. My wife, who had no previous knowledge of ringing, volunteered to fill the breach and we were able to start regular practices. This in time led to the ringing of several peals of Doubles, and nobody was more delighted with, or enthusiastic about these modest performances than Bernard. Altogether we rang ten peals—eight in Venezuela, including the first on the South American Continent, and two in the U.S.A.

Although debarred for so long from practical ringing by circumstances beyond his control, he was keenly interested in the mysteries of composition, and published at least one meritorious peal of Stedman Triples. He had also composed several peals in plain major methods, and had contributed articles and correspondence to 'The Ringing World.'

He retired towards the end of 1957 and took up residence in Jersey in January of this year, looking forward to a long and happy retirement. However, this was not to be, and his death, which was not preceded by any illness, came suddenly. I am sure I will be expressing the feelings of those who knew him when I say how sorry we were to learn of his death, and in extending sympathy to Mrs. Swinson.

For our part, my wife and I will be ever grateful to Bernard and Mrs. Swinson for the kindness they showed to us when we were strangers in a strange land—a true example of the brotherhood fostered by our art. R.P.

MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

A maiden effort worth noting was the peal of Doubles in three methods at Nash, Monmouthshire, on December 6th. It was the first peal for five of the band, and the conductor, who had rung a peal previously, was calling his first peal.

Almost three years ago to the day, Mr. Roy Towler scored a quarter peal at Woodstock, Cape Town. Being on leave from Basutoland, he popped in to see the Cape Town ringers and have his usual quarter. He had not touched a rope since his last visit.

Scorton, Lancashire, commemorated the silver wedding anniversary of two of the band—Messrs. J. Metcalfe and Richard P. Davis—not only with a peal but a splendid repast afterwards, attended by the band, their wives and friends, and also the Vicar and his wife. Many parts of the peal had been recorded by Mr. Thomas Moss, and these were played back together with previous ringing on the back six bells. The recordings brought out the beautiful tone of the bells. The hostesses were heartily thanked for their hospitality.

QUARTER PEALS

BOLSOVER, DERBYS.—On Dec. 7th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: C. Wright 1, M. J. Cooper (first quarter) 2, A. Keller 3, Caroline Collier 4, J. Saxton 5, A. B. Cooper 6, G. Davison (first as cond.) 7, S. Slaney 8. For Evensong, and for the 14th birthday of M. J. Cooper and the homecoming after National Service of Alan Keller.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At the Church of St. Nicholas, on Nov. 29th, 1,260 Grandfire Triples: Pamela R. Gough 1, S. W. Brown 2, H. W. Brown 3, R. D. Brown 4, G. North 5, S. E. Armstrong 6, H. Stalham (cond.) 7, F. Lewis 8. First of Grandfire Triples for 1, 2 and 4.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLEX.—On Dec. 7th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: T. Bannister 1, Marjorie Hill 2, A. W. G. Twinn 3, A. R. Turley 4, D. Robinson 5, M. J. Palmer 6, F. A. Price 7, J. Hill (cond.) 8. First in method 2 and 6. For Evensong.

IDE, DEVON.—On Nov. 29th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (720 Cambridge Surprise, 720 Kent Treble Bob): R. Pitman 1, A. R. Jones (first in two Treble Bob methods) 2, C. Webb 3, W. J. Andrews 4, J. Carter 5, S. Skirner (cond.) 6.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.—On Dec. 7th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (720 College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk, Ockley and Morning Star; 720 Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Sandal, Capel and Oxford): Margaret C. Mackay 1, A. McFall 2, B. F. L. Groves (cond.) 3, W. H. Dowse 4, A. Osbaldeston 5, F. Osbaldeston 6. For Evensong by the Sunday service band.

OLD HEADINGTON, OXON.—On Sept. 28th, 1,320 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles: Miss C. Withell 1, R. H. Jones 2, H. W. Badger 3, T. H. Smith 4, R. J. Trebilcock (cond.) 5, R. Brown 6. Rung after the induction of the Rev. L. V. Gedge as curate of the parish. Also on Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandfire Doubles: J. Bagnall 1, T. H. Smith 2, Miss C. Withell 3, E. Parsons 4, R. J. Trebilcock (cond.) 5, J. Eaton 6. For Evensong on St. Andrew's Day.

OLD MARSTON, OXON.—On Dec. 7th, 360 Reverse Canterbury, 900 Plain Bob Doubles: N. Deam 1, B. C. Machon 2, E. Venn 3, A. Gammon 4, R. H. Jones (cond.) 5. For Evensong and to mark St. Nicholas' Day.

RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Gibbs 1, H. Richardson 2, E. E. Whitmore 3, D. Edwards (first in method) 4, L. Witten 5, A. Wilson 6, W. J. Whitmore (cond.) 7. F. Swann 8.

STORRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Grandfire Doubles: J. Charman (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Curtis 2, Miss G. Smith 3, Miss J. Horton 4, B. Farhall (cond.) 5, Miss J. Morton 6.

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CHACKSFIELD—CURTIS.—The engagement is announced between Roland John, only son of the late Mr. C. Chacksfield and Mrs. Chacksfield, of Hawkhurst, Kent, and Joyce Helen, youngest daughter of the late Mr. W. H. Curtis and Mrs. Curtis, of Storrington, Sussex. 3567

SALISBURY—HUTTON.—The engagement is announced between Donald, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. T. Salisbury, of Hornchurch, Essex, and K. Patricia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Hutton, of Baldock, Hertfordshire. 3578

RETURN THANKS

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Walker thank their many friends for congratulations received on the occasion of their diamond wedding anniversary, December 12th, and send every good wish for a prosperous New Year.

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MEETINGS

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, St. Nicholas', Brighton (10), Dec. 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., Brighton Hotel, Queen's Road. Sorry, no service. Note change of venue.—George North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 3520

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Annual general meeting on Saturday, Jan. 3rd, at St. Peter's, Bedford. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss P. Gray, 18, Durler Avenue, Kempston, Bedford. 3570

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting and social for January to be held at Warwick (St. Mary's) on Saturday, Jan. 3rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in St. Mary's Hall. Ringing again after tea, followed by social at 7 p.m. All welcome. Names for tea, please, by Dec. 31st.—H. M. Windsor, The Bakery, Long Itchington, near Rugby, Warks. 3574

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Annual general meeting at Ely on Saturday, Jan. 3rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. E. R. Knights, Dis. Sec. 3572

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Saturday, Jan. 3rd, Bristol Cathedral (8) 3 p.m. Evensong 4. Tea 5 p.m., Chapter House. Names essential by December 31st, No names no tea.—A. Bennett, 151, Kingsway, Bristol, 5. 3582

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A.G.M., Hitchin, Saturday, Jan. 3rd, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Town Hall.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 3568

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Quarterly meeting, Goudhurst, Saturday, Jan. 3rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5 p.m. Names (with cash, please) by Wed., Dec. 31st, to Miss D. Colgate, 30, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks. 3583

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Joint meeting with the Loughborough District, Leicester Diocesan Guild, at Loughborough, Saturday, Jan. 3rd. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Stevens, 91, Parklands Drive, Loughborough, Leics. 3573

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting, All Saints', Wigan, Saturday, Jan. 3rd. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—M. E. Ridyard, 16, Vaughan Road, Birkdale, Southport. 3576

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Annual meeting at Accrington, Jan. 3rd. Ringing at 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., price nominal. Meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please notify not later than Wednesday Mr. R. Leigh, 321, Willows Lane, Accrington.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 3585

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Annual meeting, Syston, Saturday, Jan. 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in the Red Cross Hall 5 p.m. Names by previous Wednesday to Mr. E. F. Payne, 6, The Green, Syston. 3569

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Clement Danes', Strand, Sat., Jan. 3rd, 2.15 to 4.30. Service 4.45, followed by business, including nominations.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth, ISL3921. 3561

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Newcastle-under-Lyme on Saturday, Jan. 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Own arrangements for tea—cafes near the church.—E. H. Edge, Hon. Sec. 3571

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Adderbury, Saturday, Jan. 3rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by Dec. 30th to H. L. Roper, Adderbury, Banbury, Oxon.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting in Sheffield, Saturday, Jan. 3rd. St. Marie's bells 3 to 5.30 p.m., Cathedral bells after tea. Names for tea, please, to Mr. H. Hurst, 23, Carver Street, Sheffield, 1.—J. Seager, Sec. 3565

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Annual meeting, Nottingham St. Mary's on Saturday, Jan. 3rd. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. No tea, unfortunately, but local cafes available.—S. Adams, Dis. Sec. 3533

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Social meeting, Chester-le-Street, Saturday, Jan. 3rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by social evening. Names for tea to D. A. Bayles, 12, Crichton Avenue, Chester-le-Street. 3556

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Feniton, Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business after. Ringing after meeting at Buckereil. Names for tea by Jan. 7th, to W. Webb, Oakwell, Millhead Road, Honiton. 3575

DEVON GUILD.—North East Branch.—Annual meeting, Tiverton (St. Peter's), Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names to W. H. Ware, 1, Holly Road, Cowleymoor, Tiverton. 3559

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Annual general meeting, Brentwood, Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea, please, to Mr. A. Pryke, 199, Ongar Road, Brentwood. 3466

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Repton, Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. All visitors welcome.—J. Cotton, Overseal 264. 3579

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—Annual meeting at St. Giles', Norwich, on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. St. Peter Mancroft (12) after tea. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Names for tea by Jan. 7th to Mrs. Golden, 26, Brabazon Avenue, Hellesdon, Norwich.—C. Bird, Hon. Sec. 3558

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Southampton District.—Annual meeting at St. Michael's, Southampton, Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. St. Michael's and St. Mary's available after tea. Notify by Jan. 7th, please, J. Hartless, 17, Testwood Crescent, Salisbury Road, Totton. 3584

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District.—Annual meeting, Great Waltham, Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury. 3557

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—IMPORTANT NOTICE.—Owing to unforeseen circumstances, the annual dinner on Saturday, Feb. 7th, 1959, arranged for the Old Bell Restaurant, will now take place at *The Deacons Restaurant, 6, Walbrook, E.C.* (Walbrook runs between Cannon Street and Mansion House.) All those who hope to attend the dinner please note! Tickets (price 15s. 6d. each) still available from the undersigned.—P. N. Bond, 33, The Drive, Hedge Barton, Fordcombe, Tunbridge Wells, Kent. 3504

THE LADIES' GUILD

Western District

A quarterly meeting of the Western District was held at Wraxall on December 13th, and in spite of wintry conditions was well attended. After ringing in the afternoon a service was held which was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Young, from Failand.

Tea followed in the Library, and some 40 members and visitors were present. After the usual votes of thanks a business meeting followed, when five new members were elected as follows: Miss R. Webb, Miss S. Lewis, Miss G. Newton, Mrs. B. King, Miss B. Smith. Members were asked to make a note of the change of date for the annual outing, which is to be held on September 12th.

It is hoped that the annual meeting of the Western District, which is to be held in March, will be in Bristol. B. J.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: M. Hatch 1, A. House 2, R. Tomlin 3, W. Smith 4, W. Ellis 5, G. Sandwell 6, M. Hallett 7, E. Blower 8. Non-conducted and silent. For Evensong.

SHIPBOURNE, KENT.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: A. Beach 1, Miss J. French 2, A. J. Beach 3, K. S. Hohl 4, J. T. Medhurst (cond.) 5, C. Hancock 6. Rung prior to morning service which Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother attended.

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CHESTER.—At St. Mary's-without-the-Walls, on Dec. 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. Swindley 1, J. S. Dean 2, J. F. Hughes 3, A. B. Close 4, S. Jones 5, G. Parting 6, J. W. Griffiths (cond.) 7, R. King 8. For Confirmation service.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: J. Hurrell 1, E. J. Coode 2, Brenda Slark 3, K. Small 4, T. Easterby 5, F. Hurrell 6, E. B. Crowder (first as cond.) 7, J. Sims 8. First in method by all the band except 5 and 7. First for the tower. For Evensong; also birthday compliment to the conductor.

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