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ASSERTIVE YOUNG MALES

ONE of the problems confronting most elderly people is 'bridging the gap' of years. In a family, like the ringing Exercise, this is constantly with us. It is no uncommon thing to find three generations ringing together in a belfry, and an age range of 50 years or more between the oldest and the youngest. The outlook of the youngster of today is very different from three generations ago. The average intelligence is higher; generally speaking there is more self-confidence and certainly more independence. The stern discipline of three generations ago does not prevail, and while some of the testy elderly at times try to install this and remark: 'When I was a boy you would sit in the corner and watch, and you would be lucky to have a pull,' there is a recognition that a new age requires different methods of approach.

Those in charge of towers today are not of the same sergeant-major type of 50 years ago. While there is a reasonable standard of discipline, the iron hand wears a velvet glove. It seems as if youth is placed on a pedestal; they are certainly allowed a greater measure of freedom when they show prospects of becoming a ringer. The elderly sit back and make sacrifices. They revel in the progress of their pupils, and to another old crony at a District meeting will say, with pride: 'Yes, he was one of my pupils. Look at the grace of his ringing and perfect bell control.'

Alas, there comes a time when the pupil outstrips his master; sometimes it is as short as three or four years. The youth or maiden has been on a ringing tour or two and comes back to the belfry with the glint of knowledge and experience in his or her eyes. A repertoire of methods, far exceeding those of the tower captain, is at their disposal. With this experience has come a sharpening of the ears; there has been the new knowledge that is some ringing the ear is a more important aid than the eye. The striking of individual members, particularly the elderly, is noted critically, and there are possibly asides, such as: 'Old Harry is striking wide—he must be getting deaf.'

With males there is a new assertiveness: it is not so noticeable among girls, whose nature is different. The period between 19 and 23 is often most difficult with young men. They become impatient with the elderly members who cannot advance as quickly as they can, and the atmosphere is apt to become strained. It cannot be denied that as one gets older there is a reluctance to embark into new fields. The preoccupation of other things in life lessens the will, and often the mental faculties make learning difficult.

How is the veteran captain to bridge the gap now that the pupil who was 'the apple of his eye' has reached a realm of proficiency beyond his own? To give up the captaincy of the tower—a position he has held for 10, 20 or 30 years—is very much against the grain. He has taken a pride in his bells and their regular ringing for Sunday services; he has also the respect of the vicar and the parishioners; he feels tolerably fit except for perhaps an occasional twinge of rheumatism. No, such a course is unthinkable.

With the constant moving about the country through changes of employment the crisis is frequently averted. But where the young man remains it is the responsibility of the captain to 'bridge the gap.' Failure to do this results in one of two things: Youth will either find another tower more congenial—and with modern transport such as the motor-cycle and small car this is a reasonable proposition—or he will be getting his ringing with one of the area peal bands and neglect the fold of his youth.

The wise captain will make use of his new-found knowledge by creating new responsibilities for him. If there is not a deputy conductor he will promote him to the position. He will ask him to accept certain responsibilities in the training of recruits; and it is a fact that young people often prefer to be taught by someone nearer their own age than the elderly. If possible, he will use his influence to secure for him an office in the District, such as assistant Ringing Master. This male assertiveness has to be channelled into responsibility, otherwise it will be a cause of friction and unpleasantness in the tower.

Without being unkind to anyone, this phase in life is a common experience, although sometimes its bluntness is softened by a feminine influence. Very often opportunities for service arise where the leadership of a tower is presented to him—not necessarily the belfry in which he was trained—and his knowledge and influence are used to the full extent to the advancement of the Exercise. Hard as it may sound, the wise old captain, if his tower is fully manned, will make the sacrifice for the benefit of ringing at large, even if it is to the detriment of the proficiency of his tower.

One of the secrets of the great advance in ringing in recent years has been the effective harnessing of enthusiastic youth, with the necessary 'know-how.' This information is very patent in our quarter peal columns. We have very many of these 'assertive young males' bringing along their young companies and taking as much pride in them as the veteran captains. And it is all to the good, although some of our old men will shake their heads and say: 'It was not done in my young days.'

TWELVE BELL PEAL

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 19, 1960, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 26 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

FRANK OSBALDISTON .. Treble	BASIL JONES 7
FRED DUNKERLEY 2	EDWARD JENKINS 8
EILEEN FEARN 3	JOHN WORTH 9
CAROL FERNLEY 4	LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. 10
C. KENNETH LEWIS 5	PETER LAFLIN 11
HAROLD C. LONYON 6	BRIAN HARRIS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

TEN BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Nov. 7, 1960, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF 5040 THRUSSINGTON SURPRISE ROYAL

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

BRIAN G. WARWICK .. Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. . 6
A. JAMES POYNOR 2	GORDON A. HALLS .. . 7
RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. . 3	JOHN A. ACRES 8
ERNEST MORRIS 4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. . 9
MRS. G. A. HALLS 5	JOHN M. JELLEY Tenor

Composed by SHIRLEY BURTON.

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

Witness: G. RONALD EDWARDS.

First peal in the method, and rung without previous practice.

Rung to celebrate the birth of a second son this day to Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Bennett, of Cosby, and the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. A. Morley, of Belper.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 19, 1960, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 18 cwt.

ARTHUR G. MASON .. Treble	††COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. 6
*†CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 2	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 3	JACK S. DEAR 8
ERIC EDMONDSON 4	JOHN R. MAYNE 9
*PATRICIA M. BOURN .. . 5	FREDERICK E. COLLINS .. Tenor

Arranged by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

* 50th peal together. † 50th peal together. †† First of Yorkshire.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 19, 1960, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 25½ cwt.

RITA M. JOWETT .. Treble	MARTIN C. FAULKES .. . 6
B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD .. 2	NORMAN SMITH 7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. . 3	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. . 8
JOHN H. FIELDEN 4	VERNON BOTTOMLEY .. . 9
PETER SCHOLFELD 5	RICHARD E. PRICE Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

BURTON-UPON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Nov. 19, 1960, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 BELGRAVE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 28 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in D flat.

*EDMUND MALIN .. Treble	*DAVID W. BRUNNING .. . 6
*BRYAN J. WYLDE 2	*DAVID W. FRIEND 7
*ROBERT J. WARRILLOW .. 3	†ARTHUR PRITCHARD .. . 8
*F. HECTOR BENNETT .. . 4	ROBERT B. SMITH 9
*RICHARD J. WARRILLOW .. 5	*DEREK P. JONES Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE.

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

* First peal in the method. † First of Royal in the method. First of Belgrave Surprise Royal for the Society, and on the bells.

SLOUGH, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 19, 1960, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E.

A. JAMES GLASS .. Treble	DENNIS KNOX 6
J. KEITH WARD 2	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. 7
FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. . 3	D. KENVYN WALTERS .. . 8
DENNIS C. BOWEN 4	WILFRID G. WILSON .. . 9
WILLIAM BUTLER 5	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

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

THRUSSINGTON SURPRISE ROYAL

x 30 x 14 x 50 x 16 x 1270 x 38 x 34 x 1450.78.16.78.90

L.e. 12. 1573. F.C.E.'s 32465, 43265.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 19, 1960, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb. in D.

MARION ARCHER .. Treble	RONALD J. JOHNSTON .. 6
RUTH M. BORDER 2	H. DAVID HOLLAND .. . 7
CYRIL RUSBY 3	PETER BORDER 8
F. JOHN NELSON 4	JOHN A. ANDERSON .. . 9
IAN M. HOLLAND 5	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON.

Conducted by IAN M. HOLLAND.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Oct. 13, 1960, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 48 lb. in G.

THOMAS R. SIMMONS .. Treble	DAVID CUBITT 5
DR. DAVID HEIGHTON .. . 2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. . 6
ARTHUR G. BASON 3	BERT GOGLE 7
GODFREY G. WALPOLE .. . 4	F. CHARLES GOODMAN .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by DR. DAVID HEIGHTON.

To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the first peal of Major on the bells (following augmentation from six to eight) by an all-local company, the same composition being used.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 5, 1960, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDGAR R. RAPLEY .. Treble	GEOFFREY C. RIX 5
BRYAN C. BURROUGH .. . 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN 6
HAROLD F. WOOD 3	W. LESLIE WELLER 7
EDWARD F. FOSBERRY .. . 4	BERNARD E. MATTHEWS .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. BARKER.

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Nov. 9, 1960, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*J. RICHARD WILSON .. Treble	*HENRY C. WEAVER .. . 5
*BASIL WHITE 2	†FRANK B. LUFKIN .. . 6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY 3	LEONARD STILWELL .. . 7
RAYMOND WOOD 4	*W. LESLIE WELLER .. Tenor

Composed by W. BARTON. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* First peal in the method. † 50th peal for the Association.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Nov. 11, 1960, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

ARTHUR G. MASON .. Treble	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. . 5
JOAN BERESFORD 2	DORIS E. COLGATE .. . 6
*PAUL J. DYE 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. . 7
FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. . 4	PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

* First peal in the method.

A first birthday compliment to Katrina Jane le Saux, grand-daughter of Mr. F. J. Cullum.

FOXEARH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 12, 1960, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5056 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 17 lb. in A.

ALAN R. ANDREWS .. Treble	SAMUEL J. TWITCHETT .. . 5
EDWARD E. DAVEY 2	GEORGE N. ORMAN .. . 6
EVELYN R. M. CANSDALE .. 3	RONALD G. BUGG 7
ROSEMARY J. SEABROOK .. . 4	RONALD W. STEWARD .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES LOCKWOOD.

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Sat., Nov. 12, 1960, in 3 Hours.

AT ST. GEORGE'S CHAPEL OF UNITY (Pocahontas Memorial).

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E.

PETER BERESFORD .. Treble	FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. . 5
JOAN BERESFORD 2	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 6
ARTHUR G. MASON 3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. . 7
THOMAS H. FRANCIS .. . 4	DENNIS BERESFORD .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by DENNIS BERESFORD.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 12, 1960, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.	
BASIL JONES Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS 5
JOHN WORTH 2	EDWARD JENKINS 6
PETER LAFLIN 3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY 7
HAROLD LONYON 4	BRIAN HARRIS Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
300th peal to be rung at this tower.

GREAT HOLLAND, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Nov. 14, 1960, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.	
RACHEL J. R. NEWSTEAD .. Treble	URBAN W. WILDNEY 5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY 2	MAURICE E. DOWNS 6
ALAN R. ANDREWS 3	FRANK B. LUFKIN 7
GEORGE N. ORMAN 4	WALTER ARNOLD Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

WHITCHURCH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 18, 1960, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.	
PRITCHARD'S Treble	ERIC P. WOOLGROVE 5
FREDERICK J. SAGE 2	ERNEST J. MUNDAY 6
BRIAN A. B. SHINGLER 3	GEOFFREY K. DODD 7
REGINALD W. REX 4	REGINALD F. CROOK Tenor

JOHN MANLEY 4

Conducted by REGINALD F. CROOK.

Rung as a welcome to the new incumbent, the Rev. Hamilton Lloyd, who was inducted on July 27th.

ENDERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 19, 1960, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF 5056 ZELAH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.	
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. Treble	RALPH ELKINGTON 5
W. ERNEST RAWSON 2	PAUL MARTIN 6
JOHN M. JELLEY 3	A. JAMES POYNOR 7
A. MAXWELL LINDSEY 4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.
First peal in the method.

HARMSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 19, 1960, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5088 WATFORD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. in A.	
JOHN WALDEN Treble	*GEORGE H. RANGLES 5
*CLAIRE DILLAMORE 2	*GEOFFREY R. PARKER 6
*NORAH M. RANGLES 3	*PETER A. SHARP 7
*MARGARET A. SWANN 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE Tenor

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of Watford Surprise.

KINGSWINFORD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 19, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.	
R. ARTHUR PEAKMAN .. Treble	MARTIN D. FELLOWS 5
DENIS N. LAYTON 2	*FREDERICK E. JUKES 6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 3	THOMAS HEMMING 7
FREDERICK G. HANDLEY .. 4	C. FREDERICK JUKES Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by DENIS N. LAYTON.
* First peal of Major. The ringers of the treble and tenor have now *circled the tower.

ZELAH SURPRISE MAJOR

—38—14—1258—36—34—1458—16—78. L.-c. 12. Group B.

LONDON.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 19, 1960, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANN, STAMFORD HILL.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr.	
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD .. Treble	ALICK CUTLER 5
J. DESMOND PAINTER 2	WILLIAM T. COOK 6
GILES C. GALLEY 3	PHILIP MEHEW 7
WILFRED WILLIAMS 4	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
First peal in the method on the bells.

PENISTONE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Barnsley and District Society.)

On Sat., Nov. 19, 1960, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.	
ARTHUR CHAMPION Treble	†DAVID LOCKWOOD 5
ERIC STAINROD 2	†TREVOR TARBATT 6
*RAYMOND CROSSLAND 3	†NOEL F. MOXON 7
GEOFFREY TOWNEND 4	†HARRY MANN Tenor

Composer unknown. Conducted by NOEL F. MOXON.
* First peal on eight bells. † First of Treble Bob. First as conductor on eight bells.

Rung to celebrate the dedication of the new Church of St. Aidan at Oxspring: also the birth of a son (Nigel) to Mr. and Mrs. I. Crossland.

THROWLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 19, 1960, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in F sharp.	
DORIS E. COLGATE Treble	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 5
STANLEY JENNER 2	IAN H. ORAM 6
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS 3	JOHN R. COOPER 7
RALPH BIRD 4	PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor

Composed by E. A. BARNETT. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
First peal in 11 Surprise Major methods by all except the ringer of the fifth. First in the county, and for the Association.

WEST BRIDGFORD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 19, 1960, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt.	
*ROBERT W. WINSTANLEY .. Treble	ROGER BALDWIN 5
JEAN M. ADDICOTI 2	DENIS R. CARLISLE 6
*F. NEVILLE PAILING 3	GORDON A. HALLS 7
†PAT A. M. HALLS 4	JAMES H. PAILING Tenor

Composed by STEVEN IVIN. Conducted by JAMES H. PAILING.
* First peal in the method. † 175th peal. First on the bells.
The congratulations of the band go to Mr. and Mrs. W. Arnold Morley on the birth of their daughter.

WHITWORTH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Rochdale Branch.)

On Sat., Nov. 19, 1960, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.	
*GRAHAM B. SLEIGHT (14) Treble	†GORDON ROTHWELL 5
MRS. P. J. H. HUDSON 2	†IVAN KAY 6
†MICHAEL D. FISHWICK .. 3	GEOFFREY CHEETHAM 7
KEITH ABBOTT 4	PHILIP J. H. HUDSON Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by P. J. H. HUDSON.
* First peal at first attempt. † 25th peal together. ‡ 150th peal for the Association.
Rung for the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the bells on October 23rd, 1910.

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FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

COLTISHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Oct. 23, 1960, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being four extents of Plain Bob, one each of Kent T.B., Oxford T.B. and St. Clement's. Tenor 10 cwt.

FREDERICK BOYCE Treble	HORACE LUBBOCK 4
DAVID CUBITT 2	BEVAN W. WILLGROSS .. 5
TED HOWES 3	GEOFFREY R. DREW Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY R. DREW.

SCULTHORPE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Oct. 27, 1960, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt.	
*J. F. TOWLER Treble	BEVAN W. WILLGROSS .. 4
FREDA P. GREAVES 2	GEOFFREY R. DREW 5
DAVID CUBITT 3	IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS .. Tenor

Conducted by IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS.

* First peal at first attempt.

Rung in honour of the 26th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Saunders.

HAPPISBURGH NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Nov. 2, 1960, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11½ cwt.	
*AMBROSE E. MASON .. Treble	JOCELYN B. GARDINER .. 4
GILBERT E. LARTER 2	*ANDREW R. HARVEY .. 5
†ALLEN TWYMAN 3	GEOFFREY R. DREW .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY R. DREW.

* First peal. † 20th peal. 25th as conductor.

Rung to celebrate the birth of a son and heir to the Rev. and Mrs. H. R. Chisnell.

FINDON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Nov. 7, 1960, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Double Oxford Bob, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

HERBERT W. WOOLVEY .. Treble	GEORGE FRANCIS 4
CECIL R. LONGHURST .. 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN 5
LEONARD STILWELL 3	EDGAR R. RAPLEY Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

SAXTHORPE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Nov. 7, 1960, in 1 Hour and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 2½ cwt.	
FREDA P. GREAVES Treble	*BEVAN W. WILLGROSS .. 4
GILBERT E. LARTER 2	*GEOFFREY R. DREW .. 5
DAVID CUBITT 3	IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY R. DREW.

* 25th peal together. 25th peal as conductor for the Association. First of Plain Bob Doubles by all the band except the tenor ringer. Fastest peal at a church.

WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Nov. 8, 1960, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 of Cambridge Surprise and three 720's each of Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B. Tenor 8 cwt.

*CYNTHIA J. SHACKELL .. Treble	†RICHARD F. VERRALL .. 4
EDGAR R. RAPLEY 2	CECIL R. LONGHURST .. 5
†SHEILA A. SHACKELL .. 3	FRANK B. LUFKIN Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* First peal. † First in more than one method.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the fourth ringer and a birthday compliment to Janet Tidey.

ACLE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Nov. 10, 1960, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents of Plain Bob, Double Court, St. Clement's, Double Plain Bob, Double Oxford, College Bob and Reverse Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 47 lb. in G.

DORIS E. LIDBETTER .. Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN 4
BEVAN W. WILLGROSS .. 2	BERT GOGLE 5
ARTHUR G. BASON 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

A compliment to Mr Herbert W. Lidbetter on his 88th birthday. The traditional party took place at Hollycroft after the peal.

WHITSTABLE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Nov. 11, 1960, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 of Oxford T.B., two 720's Kent T.B. and four 720's Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

DEREK M. HOLNESS .. Treble	STANLEY A. WOODING .. 4
EDGAR R. RAPLEY 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN 5
KEITH J. TRIPLOW 3	DENNIS A. CHAPMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

Rung in memory of Michael J. Holness.

BRANT BROUGHTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 12, 1960, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten different callings).

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in E flat.

FREDERICK G. HOOPER .. Treble	PHILIP C. PITCHFORD .. 4
J. EDWARD BROWN 2	FREDERICK DERRY 5
CLARENCE F. BRIGGS .. 3	HAROLD STEVENSON .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK G. HOOPER.

Rung half-muffled on the eve of Remembrance Sunday.

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Barnsley and District Society.)

On Sat., Nov. 12, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

G. DALE Treble	K. PARK 4
*P. LOCKWOOD 2	G. TOWNEND 5
D. LOCKWOOD 3	T. TARBATT Tenor

Conducted by T. TARBATT.

* First peal. First as conductor.

WELFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 12, 1960, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, consisting of extents of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's College Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Single Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt., approx.

JOSEPH E. NEWMAN .. Treble	ROBERT W. COLE 4
*COLIN B. LONGMORE .. 2	*ERNEST W. PENN 5
MARTYN HAWKES 3	HAROLD E. RAXTER .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD E. RAXTER.

* First peal in seven methods. First on the bells.

HARSTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Mon., Nov. 14, 1960, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

ALAN GRIFFIN (Trinity) .. Treble	NOEL WAITE (St. Cath.'s) 4
*LAWRENCE SMITH (Queens') 2	†HENRY LEWIS (Fitz.) .. 5
*RICHARD HOUGH (Jesus) 3	JAMES TAYLOR (St. Cath.'s) Tenor

Conducted by JAMES TAYLOR.

* First peal. † First 'inside.'

Rung for the 12th birthday of H.R.H. Charles, Prince of Wales.

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LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 16, 1960, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 BLUNSDON SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 13 lb. in A.
 JOHN HILL Treble | FRANK C. PRICE... .. 4
 JOHN R. MAYNE 2 | KENNETH R. DUNSTAN 5
 RAYMOND G. SMITH... .. 3 | GERALD PENNEY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

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

BRISTOL.
THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1960, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-ON-THE-MOUNT WITHOUT,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Double Bob, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's College Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

DAVID HEIGHTON Treble | *IAN C. MAYCOCK 4
 DOROTHY M. STAFFORD... .. 2 | *ROYSTON BLACKLER 5
 *MICHAEL J. AUSTIN 3 | *JOHN C. BALDWIN Tenor

Conducted by DAVID HEIGHTON.

*First peal in seven methods. The conductor has now *completed the circle in that capacity.

ORLINGBURY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Plain Bob, April Day, Old, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Grandsire.

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in F.
 PERCY AMOS Treble | *RICHARD J. DANBY 3
 *†TIMOTHY A. WOODING... .. 2 | †MICHAEL R. HARVEY 4
 GEORGE F. ROOME Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. ROOME.

*First peal in seven methods. †25th peal. †First peal.
 In memoriam Rev. W. R. Flex (Duddington), J. R. Sharman (Cogenhoe), Mrs. M. E. Allebone (Easton Maudit) and W. Whitney (Yardley Hastings).

TOLLESHUNT D'ARCY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 19, 1960, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5040 TOLLESBURY DELIGHT MINOR

Being seven extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout.

Tenor 5½ cwt. in B.
 MARY ROAST Treble | DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS 4
 ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON 2 | JOE E. G. ROAST 5
 ANDREW S. HUDSON... .. 3 | HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE... Tenor

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

First peal in the method.

WYCHBOLD, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Nov. 20, 1960, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-WYCHE,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 13 methods, being three extents each of Seighford, Little Aston, Dedworth, Wychbold Pleasure, Honeybourne, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Clifford's Pleasure, April Day, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, Kennington and Plain Bob, and six of Grandsire.

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G sharp.
 *LYNDA M. POWELL (13) Treble | ARTHUR D. COOK 4
 MICHAEL J. FELLOWS (12) 2 | PAUL CATERMOLE 5
 JAMES E. PULLON (13) ... 3 | *HUGH B. MAKINS Tenor

Conducted by PAUL CATERMOLE.

*First peal. Most methods by all, and on the bells.
 Rung before choral evening Communion. Also birthday compliments to Valerie Powell and Paul Cook (local ringers) and Nicholas J. Davies (Ashford, Kent).

TOLLESBURY DELIGHT MINOR
 36 x 34, 16 x 12 x 1236 x 12 x 56

HANDBELL PEAL

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 12, 1960, in 2 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT 12, DOROTHY AVENUE, GLEN HILLS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 12 in F.

*BRIAN G. WARWICK ... 1-2 | JOHN A. ACRES... .. 5-6
 ERNEST MORRIS 3-4 | MRS. B. G. WARWICK ... 7-8
 *Composed by E. MAURICE ATKINS. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
 *550th peal for the Guild.

ASHFORD, KENT.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rita E. Gould (first of Triples) 1, Mrs. T. Cullingworth 2, Margaret M. Jones 3, J. R. Cooper 4, T. Cullingworth 5, P. Catermole 6, N. J. Davies (first of Triples as cond.) 7, H. S. Wickins 8. For Evensong.

ASTON, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 13th, 1,120 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: P. Casson 1, B. Downie 2, A. Short 3, D. T. Finnemore 4, A. S. Burbidge (cond., age 12) 5, E. Franklin 6. For Evensong.

AYLESTONE, LEICS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Christine Sedgley 1, P. Martin 2, Marie Davenport 3, Sandra Chesteron 4, Patricia Wardle 5, T. Roper 6, R. Morris (cond.) 7, J. Poyner 8. For Evensong, and to welcome the Rev. J. R. McManus, assistant curate.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: A. Buck (first quarter) 1, M. Hopkins 2, J. I. Dear 3, L. Hughes 4, D. Sutcliffe 5, P. Flack 6, R. Castledine (cond.) 7, C. Harwood 8. Also on Nov. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: Miss C. Dear (first quarter) 1, C. Harwood 2, L. Scott 3, M. Hopkins 4, J. S. Dear 5, P. Flack 6, E. Buck (cond.) 7, R. Castledine 8. Both rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday. Also on Nov. 16th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: D. Sutcliffe 1, Miss C. Willis (first of Major 'inside') 2, L. Scott 3, M. Hopkins 4, L. Hughes 5, P. Flack 6, E. Buck 7, R. Castledine (cond.) 8. For Confirmation service.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 12th, 1,440 Double Court Bob Minor: G. E. Symonds (cond.) 1, H. A. Milson 2, R. E. Lester 3, H. D. Lister 4, J. Ivings 5, W. J. Button 6. Half-muffled for Armistice.

BOCKING, ESSEX.—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (5 and 7 covering): Mrs. H. Moore 1, P. Laurence (first quarter) 2, H. Moore 3, Rev. J. Burslem 4, K. Lewsey 5, R. Suckling (cond.) 6, J. Henshaw 7. Rung half-muffled after Evensong.

BOLDMERE, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Miss B. J. Lynn (first quarter) 1, D. Reeves 2, M. N. Lawrence (cond.) 3, J. N. Laud 4, J. E. Neale 5, P. G. Laud 6. For Harvest Festival.

CAMBRIDGE.—On Nov. 6th, at St. Andrew the Great, 1,280 London Surprise Major: R. Hough 1,

C. Webster 2, J. Secker 3, J. Davies 4, H. Muirhead 5, F. Secker 6, H. Neill (cond.) 7, J. Taylor 8. Also at St. Mary the Great, on Nov. 14th, 1,242 Grandsire Caters: K. J. Futter 1, P. H. Pigg 2, J. Wilkin (first of Grandsire Caters) 3, A. J. Griffin 4, H. E. Bishop 5, E. G. Hibbins (cond.) 6, T. R. Dennis 7, H. C. Foster 8, H. F. Brown 9, H. Muncey 10. First on ten for 1 and 8. In honour of the Prince of Wales's birthday.

CHELSEFIELD, KENT.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Smith 1, Hillary Martin (first 'inside') 2, Jillian Outhwaite 3, M. Legg 4, D. Manger (cond.) 5, C. Rowe 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Edwards 1, Rosaline A. Farlow 2, W. S. Crawford 3, J. Hanley 4, A. A. Elsmore 5, B. L. Jones 6, A. S. Bayley (cond.) 7, A. Lloyd 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday Evensong.

CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Armstrong 1, G. Wall 2, R. Oliver 3, N. Errington 4, R. B. Skelton 5, W. Tyson (cond.) 6. For Remembrance Service.

DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 30th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: G. Bonsor 1, J. F. Johnson 2, Elisabeth A. Negus 3, Gillian Tavner 4, Hilary M. Johnson 5, H. M. Johnson 6, P. I. Chapman 7, D. J. Marshall (cond., aged 15) 8. For Evensong.

EAST BRIDGFORD, NOTTS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Susan Meredith 1, June Thomas 2, H. Hill 3, N. Wilde 4, J. Meredith (cond.) 5, J. Higgs 6.

EPSOM, SURREY.—On Nov. 13th, at St. Martin's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Diana W. Hand 1, Patricia A. Gibson (first quarter) 2, F. Oakshott (cond.) 3, Barbara M. Spencer (first of Triples) 4, Janet M. Besant 5, L. D. Kingswood 6, J. C. Davidge 7, J. E. Chapman (first quarter) 8. Rung muffled in memoriam John Nightingall, 30 years' churchwarden.

FAREHAM, HANTS.—On Nov. 18th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Stevenson 1, Miss S. Smith 2, Mrs. B. M. Hunt 3, D. Jones 4, J. A. G. Ball 5, C. Miles 6, A. H. Sturgess 7, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 8. Rung to welcome the birth of a son to Renee and Alan Sturgess, both members of the local band.

FARNINGHAM, KENT.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Rita E. M. Gasson (U.C.) 1, Mary Atkinson (Westfield) 2, Enid Town (Westfield) 3, N. J. Davies (London Hospital) 4, P. Catermole (King's, cond.) 5, Diana M. Lawless (Westfield) 6. Rung by members of London University Society.

HITCHAM, BUCKS.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury and Grandsire): Heather Barrett (first quarter) 1, Jennifer Sceeny 2, Mary F. Carr 3, T. Evans 4, H. O. Glesby (cond.) 5. Half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

LONDON.—On Nov. 13th, at St. Clement Danes', 1,277 Grandsire Caters: J. Tomsett 1, A. Fulwell 2, Hilda Oatway 3, H. Eldred 4, S. Croft 5, A. M. Stacey 6, W. G. Wilson 7, D. Theodm 8, W. F. Oatway (cond.) 9, M. Gathercote 10. Rung half-muffled for Armistice Sunday.

MANCHESTER.—At 52, Woodland Road, Gorton, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Robinson 1-2, R. M. Edwards 3-4, G. Rumney (first 'in hand' as cond.) 5-6.

MODBURY, DEVON.—On Nov. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. G. Myers 1, F. E. Day 2, H. C. Spencer 3, D. R. Bould 4, W. J. Harvey 5, W. G. Lavers (cond.) 6.

OXFORD.—On Nov. 13th, at St. Aldate's, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor (all calls being singles): Catherine M. Chapman 1, J. H. Gardner 2, J. Venn 3, R. H. Allsworth 4, R. M. Jones 5, E. R. Venn (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday Evensong.

READING, BERKS.—On Nov. 13th, 1,280 London Surprise Major: Jennifer M. Davies 1, Patricia Heather 2, J. Manley 3, P. Wilkinson 4, E. J. Munday 5, J. N. Discrens 6, C. E. Lewington 7, N. J. Discrens (cond.) 8. For Remembrance Sunday.

ST. CRANTOCK, CORNWALL.—On Nov. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rev. A. J. Vincent 1, Rev. G. W. Ruming 2, Rev. A. S. Roberts (cond.) 3, Rev. W. E. Minors 4, Rev. W. H. R. Trehwella 5, Rev. J. R. Jose 6. A compliment to the Rev. W. H. R. Trehwella for 31 years' secretary of the Truro Diocesan Guild.

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. A. Thatcher (first quarter) 1, C. H. Webber 2, Miss G. M. Stevens (first of Triples) 3, W. Stevens 4, I. G. Hughes 5, G. J. Gammon 6, D. T. North (cond.) 7, C. E. Baker 8. For morning service.

QUARTER PEALS

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BRATTON, WILTS.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: R. Humphries 1, R. Purnell 2, Miss C. Lansley (first as cond.) 3, A. Bartlett 4, R. Lovelock 5, P. Gaisford 6. Rung for the wedding anniversaries of Mr. and Mrs. Humphries, Mr. and Mrs. Purnell and Mr. and Mrs. Gaisford, all being in the previous week.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Miss J. Neal (first quarter) 1, L. North 2, T. Clark 3, E. Ashby 4, C. Cook 5, N. Jenkins 6, T. Norris 7, D. Cobb 8.

CASTLE CARY, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 14th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: H. F. Creed 1, W. C. Hodges 2, S. W. White 3, W. J. Tilley (first of Minor) 4, A. Callow 5, W. E. Turner (cond.) 6. A compliment to Prince Charles on his birthday.

CHURCH GRESLEY, DERBYS.—On Nov. 20th, 1,259 Grand-sire Doubles: A. Baxter (14) 1, Mrs. S. H. Jones 2, D. P. Jones (cond.) 3, S. H. Jones 4, D. Eames (15) 5. Rung half-muffled in memory of John Baxter (17), brother of the treble ringer, who died November 12th, after a long illness.

CLAPHAM PARK, LONDON.—At the Church of St. Stephen, on Nov. 20th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss S. Hughes 1, Miss E. J. Langton 2, G. Pratt 3, V. Green 4, J. Perrett 5, N. Davies 6, D. E. Sibson (cond.) 7, J. Euston 8. For Matins.

DOWNE, KENT.—On Nov. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Grand-sire and Plain Bob): J. C. Bowers 1, A. S. Richards 2, R. E. Finch 3, D. Holland 4, J. Faircloth (first of Doubles as cond.) 5, T. C. Prentice 6. First quarter for 1 and 6. Rung as a compliment to John Louis George, son of the Vicar, Rev. L. G. Vedy and Mrs. Vedy, who was baptised this day. Ringers of 1 and 6 are believed to be the first members of Downe Church to take part in a quarter peal.

DUNHOLME, Lincs.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. M. Smith 1, P. Coddington 2, P. Burton 3, B. W. Smith 4, T. R. Smith (cond.) 5, B. Clark 6. For Remembrance Day service.

EARL'S CROOME, WORCS.—On Nov. 4th, 1,260 Single Oxford Bob Minor: I. Davis 1, M. Hawkes (cond.) 2, D. Price 3, C. Haylings 4, J. Lawrence 5, F. Lawrence 6.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Nov. 20th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: L. Reeves 1, B. M. W. Dobbie 2, J. N. Lindon (cond.) 3, A. Timmins 4, T. R. Russell 5, S. Waterhouse 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

EDMONTON, MIDD.—On Nov. 20th, 1,344 Little Bob Major: Iris George 1, Trudy Newcombe 2, W. Theobald 3, W. George 4, J. Towers 5, J. Weeks 6, D. Langdon 7, T. Hawkins (cond.) 8. First for 1, 2, 4 and 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Terry Anderson, former ringer of this tower, who died on November 19th.

GOLDHANGER, ESSEX.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Minor (Plain Bob, Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B.): T. White (first quarter) 1, J. Owens 2, B. C. Mann (cond.) 3, A. Appleton 4, W. White 5, H. Appleton 6. Rung to mark the 50th anniversary of the first peal of Minor on the bells by a local band.

GOLDINGTON, BEDS.—On Nov. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas', Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Grand-sire): L. E. Duffield 1, Mrs. R. G. Corby 2, J. H. Edwards 3, R. French 4, R. G. Corby (cond.) 5, A. Lumbis 6. Rung for the combined Confirmation and Parish Eucharist service.

GREAT ROLLRIGHT, OXON.—On Nov. 16th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: H. Francis 1, J. Benfield 2, R. Jarvis 3, S. Pulker 4, I. Harris (cond.) 5, C. Tompkins 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. Walker, who celebrated their silver wedding on this day.

HINTON WALDRIST, BERKS.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: J. Moland 1, Miss P. Rooney 2, F. Moland 3, N. Leslie (cond.) 4, D. Leslie 5, A. O'Shaughnessy 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Miss C. Haynes (first quarter) 1, Miss W. Hussey (first 'inside') 2, Miss B. Smith 3, R. Biggs 4, Miss J. Barton 5, A. Newton 6, R. Hazell (first of Triples as cond.) 7, Miss B. Newton 8.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles: Pauline Hood 1, S. W. Brown 2, J. R. Norris 3, M. Wooldridge 4, H. W. Brown 5, N. Wright (first quarter) 6, Penelope Clark 7, B. Oxenham 8. A compliment to David Robinson and Joyce Walsh, both members of the local band, on their engagement of marriage. Also on Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Penelope Clark 1, Joyce Walsh 2, M. Wooldridge 3, S. W. Brown 4, H. W. Brown 5, Pauline Hood 6, D. Robinson 7, A. Walsh 8. Rung half-muffled by members of the local band in

memory of Charles Diplock, a ringer in this tower for 62 years, who died on October 30th. Also on Nov. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (540 Plain Bob, 720 Grand-sire): N. Wright (first on a working bell) 1, Joyce Walsh 2, J. R. Norris 3, S. W. Brown 4, H. W. Brown 5, Pauline Hood 6, A. Walsh 7, D. Robinson 8. First in two methods by all except 4 and 5. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday Evensong.

HUTTON CRANSWICK, YORKS.—On Nov. 16th, 1,296 Cambridge Minor: J. Porter (first of Cambridge as cond.) 1, B. Fisher 2, R. Gibson 3, C. Brown 4, D. Johnson 5, R. Ducker 6.

ISLEWORTH, MIDD.—On Nov. 19th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Royal: L. C. Way 1, Miss P. Holborn 2, W. G. Wilson 3, J. Perrett 4, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 5, Miss J. Creak 6, J. E. L. Cockey 7, C. H. Rogers 8, M. Gathercole 9, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 10. First in method for 1, 2, 4, 6, 8 and 9. Rung for Evensong, and the anniversary of the marriage of H.M. the Queen to H.R.H. Prince Philip.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Miss P. Fox (first quarter) 1, L. Fox 2, C. Hughes 3, L. Batley 4, Miss V. Hester 5, F. Mills 6, J. Crampion (cond.) 7, C. Willmington 8.

LONDON.—At Westminster Abbey, on Nov. 17th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: M. P. Moreton 1, C. W. Cecil 2, W. Rawlings 3, H. N. Pistow (cond.) 4, J. D. Rock 5, J. A. Waugh 6, J. Phillips 7, J. H. Crampion 8. Rung on Foundation Day.

MARKET BOSWORTH, LEICS.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: G. Newton 1, J. Lawrence 2, J. Hodgetts 3, H. Hollis 4, J. W. Rawson (cond.) 5, L. Hodgetts 6, N. Statham 7, R. W. Proudman 8. Rung half-muffled to commemorate Armistice Day.

MILLOM, CUMBERLAND.—On Nov. 19th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Metiers (first quarter) 1, V. Forshaw 2, J. Bagnall 3, J. E. Burles 4, D. Lawson (cond.) 5. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss K. A. Houlden (Leyland), Mr. F. T. Tyson (Millom), Mr. J. C. Lawson (Preston).

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jennifer Brake (first of Minor) 1, P. Blake 2, Mary Powell 3, L. Derrick 4, T. Phillips 5, C. Kortright (cond.) 6. To welcome Jacqueline, granddaughter of the ringer of fifth.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Nov. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Horton 1, Ann Hancock 2, Wendy Bowak 3, L. Cordell 4, J. McPhail 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to G. Horton.

PARRAMATTA, N.S.W.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (Grand-sire, Plain Bob and Old): L. Bruce (first quarter) 1, R. W. Ferris (cond.) 2, G. A. J. Langshaw 3, R. L. Clark 4, J. I. Hammond 5, R. E. Miller 6.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—On Nov. 20th, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,259 Grand-sire Caters: Miss R. J. Marks 1, Miss Y. C. Porter 2, T. G. Myers (cond.) 3, J. Perkins 4, D. F. Wheeler 5, H. W. Milford 6, F. E. Day 7, H. F. Myers 8, D. R. Bould 9, W. H. Marks 10. For Evensong, and birthday compliment to Miss R. J. Marks.

POULTON-LE-FYLDE, LANCs.—On Nov. 8th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Nevin 1, Miss D. M. Barrett 2, Miss O. W. Barrett 3, B. Atkinson 4, B. H. Hal 5, P. Crook (sen.) 6, P. Crook 7.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On Nov. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Bull 1, M. Lewis 2, L. Allen 3, B. Coatsworth 4, C. Mew (cond.) 5, A. Clayton 6. For Evensong.

QUEDGELEY, GLOS.—On Nov. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss S. Hall 1, J. Parker 2, S. J. Pugh 3, P. T. Hurcombe (cond.) 4, C. F. Wixey 5, Miss A. Cox 6. First quarters for 1 and 2. For morning service.

QUEENBOROUGH, KENT.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss P. Wallace (first quarter) 1, P. Negus (first 'inside') 2, W. A. Wood (cond.) 3, S. Rayfield 4, G. Hawkes 5, Mrs. Groll 6. Birthday compliments to three local ringers.

RIPPLE, WORCS.—On Nov. 11th, 1,320 Besthorpe Bob Doubles: Anne Broxton 1, Nadine Price 2, C. Haylings 3, A. Halling 4, M. Hawkes (cond.) 5, L. Woolley (first quarter) 6. First quarter peal in this variation by all the band.

ROTHERSTHORPE, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 13th, 1,320 Reverse Canterbury Doubles: Jennifer Gittins (first quarter) 1, Elizabeth M. Paul 2, M. R. Harvey 3, G. C. Paul 4, K. M. Perkins (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled for Evensong.

RUARDEAN, GLOS.—On Nov. 20th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles (4, 6 and 8 covering): W. T. Penn 1, A. G. Halling 2, A. Halling 3, W. J. Harper 4, E. W. Penn 5, T. Wilce 6, J. J. Webb (cond.) 7, H. Meek 8. Rung on the occasion of a visit by the Bishop of Gloucester.

ST. BRECKOE, CORNWALL.—On Nov. 17th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: L. Moss (first away from tenor) 1, D. Docking 2, J. Roberts 3, C. Stephens 4, A. H. Eplett (cond.) 5, J. Northey 6. Rung to mark the birth this day of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. N. Saunders, of Wadebridge.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Jane Shaw 1, R. Henebury 2, C. D. Baugh 3, Judy Robinson 4, V. A. Hemming (cond.) 5, E. T. Lloyd 6, J. T. Clark 7, N. Smith 8. First on eight 1 and 8. First 'inside' on eight 3 and 7. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

SOUTH CERNEY, GLOS.—On Nov. 17th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Plain 1, M. J. Cook 2, Miss A. Stevens 3, R. Wakefield 4, R. J. Smith 5, W. Godwin (cond.) 6. First of Minor by all the band except the conductor.

SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. R. Doy (first quarter) 1, B. G. Brinkley 2, I. R. Panton 3, J. O. Kerley (first quarter) 4, M. S. Golding (first 'inside') 5, B. R. J. Bover (first as cond.) 6.

STOWING, KENT.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Josephine D. Hardy (first of Minor) 1, Rita E. Gould (first 'inside') 2, C. T. Hillis 3, N. J. Davies 4, T. Cullingworth 5, P. Cattermole (cond.) 6. Rung for Evensong, and as a welcome to Rev. P. M. Jaquet, newly inducted Vicar.

SUTTON, CAMBS.—On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: S. Shipp 1, G. Markwell 2, G. Walker 3, D. Murfet 4, C. Gimbert (cond.) 5, A. Yarrow 6. Rung half-muffled in memorial F. G. Howard, for many years a ringer at this church.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 13th, at St. James' Church, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: T. Jeanes 1, R. Beale 2, F. Chidgey 3, J. Brewer 4, F. Matravers 5, F. Morris 6, W. G. Gigg (cond.) 7, B. Hooper (first quarter) 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

THURLOXTON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Grand-sire and Plain Bob): E. H. Langley 1, J. Brewer 2, W. Gigg 3, A. H. Reed (cond.) 4, P. N. Tubb 5. Rung in honour of Thurloxton being made a separate parish, having been a united benefice with Durston for the past 64 years.

TWYNING, GLOS.—On Nov. 18th, 1,260 Chase Bob Doubles: Christine Halling 1, M. Hawkes 2, W. Williams 3, A. Halling 4, E. W. Penn (cond.) 5, D. Williams 6.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Miss S. Secker (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Whitcher 2, D. Hawkins 3, M. C. Austin 4, K. R. Scrimshaw 5, H. Duncan 6, R. J. Chapman (cond.) 7, T. Pearson 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday and to the memory of Fred Digby, a true friend to this tower.

WARMINSTER, WILTS.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles (with 1, 2 covering): L. Hawkins 1, Susan Porter (11, first quarter) 2, V. Bull 3, E. Norris 4, A. Bull 5, P. Roynon 6, E. Kneel (cond.) 7, T. Mallard 8.

WEST BRIDGFORD, NOTTS.—On Nov. 18th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Christine Froggatt 1, R. W. Winstanley 2, Rosemary Whitehouse (first quarter) 3, W. L. Ratcliffe 4, J. Woolley (first as cond.) 5, K. C. Vokes (first quarter) 6. First quarter by members of the Sunday service band.

WEST HAM, LONDON.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: A. H. Worboys 1, F. J. Richardson 2, S. Penfold 3, J. Carrot 4, J. Fowler 5, A. J. Salisbury 6, J. McPhail 7, A. D. Garrave 8, T. East 9, F. V. Gant (cond.) 10. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

WESTMINSTER, LONDON.—At St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, on Nov. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss D. Lawless 1, I. Hughes (first of Minor) 2, R. F. Overington 3, A. J. Frost 4, M. P. Moreton (cond.) 5, J. H. Crampion 6.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Nov. 13th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (720 each Oxford and Kent): A. S. Richards 1, W. A. Hughes 2, L. W. G. Skinner 3, R. E. Finch 4, J. Faircloth (first of T.B. as cond.) 5, D. Holland 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day service.

WHITBY, YORKS.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: J. Lamerton 1, A. V. Coates 2, J. Hodgson 3, G. White 4, J. Waller 5, A. Waters 6, S. R. Elwick (cond.) 7, F. Lamerton 8. For Remembrance service.

WILBURTON, CAMBS.—On Nov. 9th, 720 Cambridge Surprise, 600 Woodbine: G. Markwell 1, H. Sharp (86) 2, S. Shipp (cond.) 3, D. Murfet 4, G. Walker 5, A. Yarrow 6. Rung to celebrate the 64th anniversary of the first peal on the bells.

'A BIT O' ZATURDAY RINGIN''

'Ere did I tell 'ee 'bout the little trip us 'ad down 'ere in Cornwall a week or so ago? 'Twas on October 15th. I think, 'ees thats it was I know, 'twas the Zaturday before the eighteenth Sunday arter Trinity, an' the missus always 'as 'er hair done the Vriday before that.

Well us put this yer trip on for some chap called Paul Field, and 'is dog, from Zummerzet way; 'tis only Paul that rings, of course, 'is dog just listens an' barks a bit. 'Twas said that this yer chap only wanted a couple of towers to 'clean up' Cornwall; 'tis amazin' 'ow you can get about these days, ain't it, with these new fangled 'orseless carriages.

Well to get on with the story, as the parson said after 'ee'd bin preachin' for 'alf an hour, us went up to Menheniot first, an 'ansome little six, tenor 'bout leb'm 'underd, where us 'aived 'em up and rang a bit of Grandsher and Bob Miners (oh, yes, us be getting on with 'alf pull stuff now), before us went on to Saltash, which is nearly in Deb'm This is where they'm buildin' a new road bridge across river; our gaffer, Alan Carveth, was daft enough to want to walk across the catwalk the workmen be usin' to get from one end to 'tother without gettin' their veet wet, but us managed to drag 'on off it and into the tower. These bells be lovely to ring on after rehanging followin' fourteen years' silence, they'm a ring of six with an 'eavy tenor, 'bout fifteen 'underd.

Us was all peckish by this time, an' seein' as 'ow the pubs weren't open us decided to make do with a drop of tay. Us 'ad this at Launceston (pronounced Lans'on) with a bit of zummat to ait before goin' on to Lancastr, another ring of six, 'bout nine 'underd. 'Tis a pity these bells be never rung as they'm very pretty sounding. The ropes was all drawn through a rack close together so they could be chimed an' us 'ad to go up over an' thread 'em all down through the guides before us could ring. Well everything was ready agin to start. This time the ol' rope

up. Muscle man Paul got 'old of tenor rope and with one 'aive 'ee broke it, so up us went ag'in an' tied a nice big knot in it, just like us would do at 'ome, an' then got ready ag'in to start. This time the ol' rope lasted two pulls from Paul before it broke ag'in. Us realised by this time that 'twould be better to stick another rope up, so us went up ag'in an' put one of our old ones on. This time us actually managed to get bells up an' ring a few changes before the second and third ropes broke within 'alf a minute of each other. Us decided to finish it there an' tidied the mess up a bit before goin' on to the last place at Advent to ring a quarter peal at the little church in the middle of a field.

These are five 'boys' bells, tenor 'bout three 'underd, an' us 'ad to scrounge around for a couple of candles to see to ring. Us never realised before 'ow evil lookin' Alan Carveth is by candlelight, but us managed to get over our nerves and ring a quarter of Grandsher.

Well, 'twas time to start for 'ome, stoppin' on the way at St. Columb for a bite to ait an' a drop of wallop. I never realised before but the only time our ringers is quiet is when they'm aitin'. Us 'ad a good trip an' be very grateful to all the parsens 'oo let us ring on their bells, and be 'appy to know that one Paul Field and dog returned 'ome victorious after 'cleaning up' Cornwall.

GARGE.

ROCKWELL GREEN, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss R. Chick 1, W. Stevens 2, G. Stevens 3, G. Hutching 4, W. R. Trickey (cond.) 5, T. C. Taylor 6. For Evensong, and the conductor's birthday. Also on Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss R. Chick 1, C. Webber 2, A. Cooke 3, G. Hutching 4, W. R. Trickey (cond.) 5, T. C. Taylor 6. For All Saints' Day. Also on Nov. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss R. Chick 1, A. Chapman 2, A. Cooke 3, G. Hutching 4, T. C. Taylor 5, K. Thorne 6. Conducted by W. R. Trickey. A farewell to ring of 2.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD Central Bucks Branch

The second Central Bucks Branch supper was held at the King's Head Hotel, Aylesbury, on October 29th, when 68 members and friends attended. The branch chairman (the Rev. G. H. Isaacson) presided, and was supported by the Master (the Rev. C. E. Wigg), the branch president (the Rev. Canon G. Dixon), the honorary general secretary (Miss M. R. Cross), the librarian (Mr. H. L. Roper) and Mrs. Roper, and the branch secretary (Mr. D. G. Wheeler).

Apologies were received from the Bishop of Buckingham (the Rt. Rev. G. D. Savage), the Deputy Master (Mr. F. Sharpe), the Vicar of Winslow (the Rev. A. P. A. Barnes), Quanton ringers, Wotton Underwood ringers and Mr. W. E. Jones, of Waddesdon.

The chairman, in his stories, told of how an attempt to play a carol by means of a chiming apparatus was frustrated and parishioners of his former London parish were surprised to hear the strains of 'Now the day is over' proceeding from the belfry, prior to the eight o'clock celebration on Christmas morning.

Miss Cross spoke on the early days of the Oxford Diocesan Guild and of its former Masters, while Mr. Roper compared ringing to playing cricket.

The chairman thanked all those who had helped with the evening's arrangements and also 'in advance' those who had come to entertain.

The winner of the identity competition was Miss J. Bates. Contributing to the entertainment were Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Jamieson, with tunes on their handbells and Mr. Andrew Douglas, songs and stories. Mr. C. Walton led community singing accompanied by Mr. A. Kemsley on the piano.

A four-a-side darts tournament was held under the superintendence of Mr. J. W. Hall, after which the Rev. G. T. Barker made the presentation of prizes to the winning team, consisting of Messrs. E. Reece, L. J. Gregory, J. E. Tompkins and C. Griffin. D.G.W.

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The quarter peal at Downe is another progressive step in Kent ringing. Change ringing is being practised in the tower and this was the first quarter in which local ringers had taken part. The quarter of Doubles in three methods was rung by four ringers from West Wickham and two of the local band. It was a happy occasion, to mark the baptism of the Vicar's son. The band, after the service, attended, with the congregation, a reception in the village hall.

Messrs. Frank B. Lufkin and E. Rapley have had a week's peal ringing in Sussex and Kent, during which five peals were scored.

The 50th anniversary of the first peal of Minor, at Goldhanger, Essex, was marked by a quarter peal on November 12th. In the band were Messrs. J. Owers and A. Appleton, who took part in the first peal.

Another similar anniversary to Goldhanger comes from Wilburton, Cambs. Here the 64th anniversary of the first peal on the bells was celebrated by a quarter and in this Mr. H. Sharp, now 86, rang the second. This is an encouragement to all our octogenarian ringers.

Six priests rang in a quarter peal at St. Crantock, Cornwall, as a compliment to the Rev. W. H. R. Trewhella, who for 31 years has been secretary of the Truro Diocesan Guild. This was the first quarter in Cornwall by six priests.

The peal at Penistone, on November 19th, was the first on eight bells by the Barnsley and District Society for over ten years. The composition, from 'The Clavis,' was rung threadbare in Yorkshire during the 18th century.

The light, anti-clockwise octave at Foxearth, in North Essex, has been silent for several years, but with the permission of the Rector, the Rev. L. G. Folkard, was rung to a peal of Treble Bob on November 12th. These bells go quite well and it is to be hoped that they will be heard more often in the future.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The quarter peal rung at Thurloxton, Somerset, on November 17th, in three methods, was quite an event in a very strong call change district and was much appreciated and admired. Mr. E. H. Langley, who came from Wokingham to Somerset, 18 months ago, would like to thank Taunton ringers for their assistance and help in improving his ringing.

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association are holding a course of instruction in Cheltenham, in the New Year at Monks-croft County Secondary Modern School evening institute, running for eleven weeks, covering a wide field of ringing subjects.

The Southern section of the Surrey Association held an extremely successful practice at St. Mary's Church, Reigate, on Tuesday, November 15th, which was attended by 43 ringers. The officers extend their thanks to all who attended and also their hosts, the local ringers.

An unexpected opportunity to ring his first peal came to Graham B. Sleight (14) at Whitworth, Lancs, on November 19th. Five minutes before the start the band was one short and Graham was roped in although he had not previously rung more than 200 changes. He rang very well, reports the conductor.

As no other name could be found in old 'Ringing Worlds,' the variation included in the peal of Doubles at Wychbold on November 20th was named Honeybourne (consists of Reverse Canterbury leads for the bobs in Reverse St. Bartholomew). It was so named in deference to Worcestershire's heaviest (and roughest?) five (tenor 19½ cwt. in F), a ring of superb tone, as yet unpealed.

The open day held at Beaminster, Dorset, on November 19th, in aid of the restoration fund for the bells was quite a success and created much interest among the townsfolk, who inspected the records, the bell frame and the deplorable state of the frame. Unfortunately the ringing fraternity did not support the effort, there being only four visitors. A sum of £11 6s. was received in contributions.

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ALPHABET FOR BEGINNERS

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UNPEALABLE METHOD.—An unpealable method is one which cannot be rung to a peal of five thousand or more changes without repetition of any one change. When some of the regular methods defy a true composition of five thousand odd changes on the accepted principles of composing the problem is sometimes solved by parting the tenors at least once and perhaps only for a lead or two. The alternative treatment of these such methods is to determine the least number of changes that ring true, thus producing a composition of, say, 5,728 changes. Some of our modern composers have worked out compositions for methods previously thought to be unpealable.

UNUSUAL TOWERS.—A short list of towers or structures which contain a ring of bells is given below, and as you will notice they are situated in widely placed parts of the country. They have been chosen because there are none others, or at the most very few, quite like them.

Accrington.—Access gained by a circular staircase which rises above the floor in the centre of the rope circle.

Brookland.—The bells are contained in a detached wooden structure having an outline similar to a pyramid.

Dublin, St. John's R.C.—An oblong ringing chamber with the ten ropes falling in two straight lines.

East Bergholt.—A detached structure in which the bells are rung by wooden handles or levers instead of ropes, the ringers standing level with the bells which are hung a few feet above the ground.

Kingsclere.—A ringing chamber with no windows or natural lighting.

Liverpool Cathedral.—Possibly the most spacious ringing chamber there is. The ringers stand on a raised circular platform and the ropes fall into the 'well.' Access is gained by two lifts.

Loughborough Bell Foundry.—Unsuspectingly situated on a street corner. Even whilst ringing eating and drinking is permitted!

Manchester Town Hall.—Bells in a civic building, and access to ringing chamber by lift.

Melbourne.—Choir stalls have to be hinged back before ringing commences.

Morpeth Watch Tower.—Similar to a church tower but detached and isolated in the centre of a street.

Pershore Abbey.—An open iron spiral stairway leads to the ringing chamber, the floor of which is supported on two great wooden beams, and the sides of which are of open wire mesh.

Quex Park.—The bells are in the isolated Waterloo tower, which is surrounded by trees in the middle of a field.

Southwell Minster.—The ringers stand in a gallery against the inside of the four walls of the central tower.

Windsor Castle.—A keeper's flat is 'next door.'

UP RIGHT, UP WRONG.—As stated previously, there are two ways of raising a bell, one being the wrong way. The other (and more usual) way is, more often than not, quite easily done. The points to remember in order to raise a bell properly are—pull at the rope to start the bell swinging as in chiming, when the clapper will be hitting the backward or following 'edge' of the bell; continue to pull the rope downwards so that the bell is swinging higher and higher making sure you check the bell movement enough to enable the clapper to strike on the backward edge every time: when the clapper commences to strike on both the backward and forward edges pull at the sally and at the end of the rope which you are holding coiled in your hand. You will gradually release the coil as the bell swings higher! When a bell is 'up right' the clapper is lying at the forward edge of the swing just completed, and when the bell is 'up wrong' the clapper is lying at the backward edge of the swing just completed. It is important to have all the bells 'up right,' otherwise the striking will be adversely affected.

SERVANTS OF THE EXERCISE — No. 49



MR. WILFRID G. WILSON,
London County Association.

Mr. Wilfrid Wilson's record of service to the Exercise is one that should inspire all who are concerned with the training and instruction of beginners in our art. We should all be grateful to him for producing his booklet 'Notes for Beginners,' which ran into six editions totalling 3,500 copies. These were all hand produced, entirely at his own expense and risk. The value of this work has found suitable recognition by its incorporation in the Central Council's 'Handbook for Beginners.' Mr. Wilson has also written a book 'On Conducting,' which in its second edition has just been printed, and numerous articles which have appeared in this paper, including 'Stedman' and 'Double Norwich for Beginners.'

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD Marlborough Branch

A most enjoyable time was spent by the 24 ringers who attended the annual meeting of the Marlborough Branch held at Marlborough on November 19th. The visitors included Mr and Mrs. Brian Bladon, of Swindon, the former stating that an attempt for a long peal would shortly take place at Mildehall.

The afternoon's ringing on the lovely six was followed by the service conducted by Canon F. B. R. Brown, A.D., Rector, who in his address spoke of the place of ringers in the service of God.

After tea, Mr. George Newman presided over the business meeting. The secretary (Mr. Arthur Palmer) in his annual report stated that nine meetings had been held during the year, and a most successful outing to Ross-on-Wye. Both Aldbourne and Overton towers had been televised with short shots of the ringing.

The chairman welcomed those who were seeking election, and recruits from Chisledon, Overton, Marlborough St. Mary and Collingbourne-Kingston were duly enrolled. With the thanks of the meeting for the past services the officers were re-elected as follows: Chairman, Mr. G. Newman; honorary secretary, Mr. A. Palmer; vice-chairman, Mr. J. Fuller.

Ringling in the evening included Grandsire and Bob Doubles. Bob Minor, St. Simon's and Kent T.B., with rounds for beginners.

He was associated with the late J. A. Trollope in the preparation of various publications by the Methods Committee of the Central Council; reprints of the Snowdon series; and he helped E. C. S. Turner to complete the book on 'Grandsire,' which had been commenced by Trollope. In addition to all this, he has lectured at the week-end courses of instruction sponsored by the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

Born in 1910, at St. Pancras, London, and moving to Ealing in 1915, he was educated at Ealing County Grammar School. He was taught to ring, along with Ernest Turner, by J. A. Trollope, at Christ Church, Ealing, where he is now tower captain, and rang his first peal in 1927. His peals total is 189, of which he has conducted 40. The total includes 30 on handbells, of which he has conducted 7.

His interests are more in Sunday service ringing and teaching than in peal ringing—but he is particularly proud of two peals in which he has taken part. One was a peal of Grandsire Triples he called in 1954, with two first pealers in it, one aged 13 and the other 64; and the second was a peal of Spliced Surprise Major, in four methods, which he conducted without having called a bob in any Surprise method, or indeed having rung three of the methods.

Mr. Wilson is by profession a local government officer, having entered the service of the London County Council in 1928, in the department of the Clerk of the Council. He has been concerned with the work of many of the Council's committees, and with staff management. At present he is clerk of the Town Planning Committee, dealing with road improvements and the development plan for London. His army service (1940-46) saw him in North Africa, Italy and Greece.

He was, at one time, an assistant secretary of the Middlesex Association, 1930-48, and represented that Association on the Central Council, 1936-48. He is now treasurer of the London County Association, and has represented this organisation on the Council since 1952. He took an active part in the preparation of the 'Beginners' Handbook,' and at the last Council meeting was elected to serve on 'The Ringing World' Committee. It is always the busiest man who can find time to undertake the 'tricky' jobs, and we have no doubt that Wilfrid will make his contribution to one of the most difficult jobs the Council has to offer! JAFUS.

JOINT MEETING AT WHICKHAM, CO. DURHAM

The Western District of the Durham and Newcastle Association were joined by the North Eastern Branch of the Ladies' Guild, at Whickham, on November 19th. The weather could not have been worse and dense fog made travelling most difficult. In spite of this, ringers came from as far as Richmond (Yorks), as well as a contingent from Darlington. These included Mr. T. Cooke, president of the Durham and Newcastle Association, and Miss D. M. Killingley, vice-president of the Ladies' Guild.

Good use was made of the bells before tea: rounds for the learners (and there were many of them) and various Minor methods for the more advanced. Canon Lamb conducted a short service before going into the Church Hall for tea. Miss Killingley presided at the meeting and called upon Norman Errington to propose a vote of thanks to the Rector and churchwardens. Mr. W. Tyson thanked Miss Thompson and her helpers for a most excellent tea and also mentioned the good work of Stephen, in his efforts to make the meeting a success and in training a young band. After months of toil the bells of Whickham now ring out with a band composed of youths whose ages, combined, do not come up to Stephen Thompson's (70).

The Ladies held their meeting later when a gate-crasher (a male) attempted to attend, but he was politely (?) told to get out.

R. W. L.

THE STORY OF A DORSET TOWER

ST. MARY'S, BEAMINSTER

By EDNA PANNELL

THE bells in the tower of Beaminster Church were recast from the five bells into a ring of eight in 1764 by Thomas Bilbie, in a shed adjoining the churchyard. The tenor weighs 26 cwt. in D, and bears the inscription, 'I to the church the living call, and to the grave do summon all.' It was the custom to toll this bell, called the Passing Bell, on the death of a resident; this practice has, alas, been dropped, the last time it was heard was January 4th, 1957.

The present chimes were remade in 1765, and the hymn tune 'Hanover' has been played every three hours, day and night, almost without fail, since 1780. Previous to this there were two tunes played 'as chosen by the parish' on the five bells. The church clock dates from 1739, and was remade in 1929, and has no dial. Both the chimes and the clock have to be wound manually, the clock daily and chimes every other day.

RULES FOR RINGERS

The earliest record of the forming of a Guild of ringers is in 1874, and then there were nine honorary members and eight ordinary members. An ordinary ringer who was unable to attend a 'paid' occasion, had to supply an honorary ringer in his place, or pay a forfeit, and was fined 6d. For leaving the belfry before the ringing was finished, or without the captain's consent, a ringer was fined 2s. 6d. The fines were many, and rules strict, and were observed firmly.

The funds were divided amongst the ringers at the annual meeting held in January. Honorary members were paid a ninth share of the sum of subscriptions and fines. Ordinary members paid all money earned during the year, less fines, divided into nine equal shares, eight for the ordinary ringers, and one share into the honorary funds. Admission to the Guild was 1s., and the annual subscription 1s. 6d. To be admitted to the Guild a man had to be approved of by the Vicar and churchwardens as being a suitable person for the belfry. Then his name was put before the members of the Guild who used a balloting box (still in the belfry today) to show their approval.

The earliest accounts held by the Guild are 1884, when eight ordinary members received £2 2s. 8d. as their share for the year's ringing. The honorary members received nothing. Obviously the ordinary members had attended well!

THE PASSING YEAR

From time immemorial it has been the custom to ring out the old year with muffled bells. A short service in the belfry, then the tens and units of the year are tolled on the tenor just before midnight. The New Year is greeted merrily.

Attendance registers have been kept regularly, but the earliest records of these are 1900. It was the practice in the paid days to mark the register at the end of the first touch, thus: a, absent; x, present; l, late.

The set of 19 handbells, used by the Guild today, were purchased in 1878, at the cost of £8 15s. Two of the ringers canvassed the town for contributions towards these bells, the records state how much was collected, and also that 'each ringer who canvassed the town be paid 4s. to compensate him for the loss of time during collecting.' The whole of the 'Reserve Fund' was also used to pay for these bells, which were inscribed in 1880, 'St. Mary's, Beaminster'—after inquiries as to whether the tone would be altered if an inscription was added! Up until the bells were rehung in 1887 it took two



ST. MARY'S, BEAMINSTER.

[Photo: Dearden and Wade. Bournemouth.]

men to ring the tenor. The bells were quarter turned then and tuned.

The Guild joined the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers in 1888, and we read, 'The Diocesan Guild paid a visit to Beaminster in 1887, for this occasion the Guild spent £4 in improving the furnishings in their belfry.'

DUMB BELL PRACTICE

In 1894 the Seages dumb bell practising apparatus was installed at a cost of £16 12s. from Guild funds—it seems to have been in need of constant repair. It was used during the 1939-45 war when the bells were silenced. To keep alive the ringing enthusiasm of the Guild, but it is unusable again now.

In 1900 the Guild first made a start on scientific ringing; and some books were purchased. But the first record of actual ringing half pull changes was in 1910, when Mr. F. Hervey Beams, the headmaster of Bradpole School, walked a distance of five miles each way, weekly, to instruct the Guild in Grandsire Doubles. He offered his services free, but received a gratuity of £1. The end of the first world war saw Mr. Beams again journeying to Beaminster, this time to ring Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob Triples.

In 1912 the present Guild was formed and the latest rules drawn up in 1950. In 1914 the number of ringers had to be limited to 20, there was such enthusiasm then. Members of the Guild rang a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles on Christmas Eve, 1915.

The bells were rehung on ball bearings in 1938 and to raise the necessary funds members canvassed the town.

LONG SERVICE

Long years of service to the tower have been a feature of the Guild. Mr. J. B. Dunn was a ringer for 30 years, of which for 20 years he was captain. He was presented with an illuminated address in 1903; this was

returned to the belfry upon his death, as was a clock, still in the tower, which was presented to Mr. George Pomery in 1904, bearing the inscription, 'A token of respect, 1873-1902.' Quite a number of the ringers of today are descendants of the ringers of the last century, and three members now have 52, 49 and 48 years' service behind them.

Only 12 peals have been rung on the bells. The first was 5,040 Grandsire Triples in 1907. Next 5,040 Stedman Triples in 1909, followed by 5,056 Bristol Surprise Major (the first peal of Major on the bells and first of Bristol in the county). 1924 saw another peal of Grandsire Triples, 1932 another of Stedman Triples. A peal of Cambridge Surprise Major was rung in August, 1939, and May, 1947, saw the 'Barra-bool Peal' of Bob Major. 1949 a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, and Double Norwich Court Bob Major. The last three peals—in 1950, 1951 and 1957—are all of Stedman Triples.

MEN HANGED FROM TOWER

The tower itself is over 100 feet high. The ascent is made by a central external staircase which goes right up to the battlements. It is adorned with sculptures of Virgin and Child (the former is crowned and sceptred), Crucifixion, Resurrection and the Ascension. From this tower in 1685 men were hanged to teach the people what they might expect from King James II! A great deal of money was spent in 1958 in replacing the pinnacles, repairing the sculptures and stonework. The whole tower was encased in scaffolding for several months.

Now the framework of the bells is becoming weak: it is eaten with woodbeetle and rotting. It is the same age as the bells—almost 200 years. The bells are in the weakest part of the tower. When they are rehung they will be put at a lower and safer level, in a cast iron frame, on a concrete reinforced ledge. The bells themselves will be sent to the foundry to be 4th turned and tuned. The clock and chimes will be wound mechanically.

Why are we so anxious to rehang our bells? In eight years or so they may be considered unringable, and the voices of this church will be silenced. We feel that whilst the bells are able to send their message through the streets, lanes and fields of the neighbourhood they are reminding those who are preparing themselves for service it is nearly time—and those who do not intend attending church—that there is a church, and Sunday is a day set apart from other days.

Contributions towards the restoration fund may be sent at Mrs. E. Pannell, honorary secretary and treasurer, Beaminster St. Mary's Honorary Ringing Guild, 214, Gerrards Green, Beaminster, Dorset.

PEALS OF MINIMUS AND FOUR BELL TOWERS

Dear Sir.—Mr. P. A. Whitaker's arguments (page 755) might be better understood if a precedent had not already been created by the recognition of four bell peals. That a majority at the last Central Council meeting decided in favour only goes to make the opposition look bad sportsmen, and the Central Council ridiculous, in trying to reverse the position now that a precedent has been created.

What are we going to do with ringers in four bell towers, like Ridlington, Rutland, where more than four bells is not possible—snub them and act with uncharitableness? After all these four bell church ringers are our brothers; they need our help, our sympathy and our charity—not to be looked down on.—Yours faithfully,
Weston Favell.

P. AMOS.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MORE FALSE PEALS

Dear Sir.—After finding that the 50 method peals were false, Robin Heppenstall has been checking the figures and finds there is another repetition of changes between leads of Crayford College and Kidlington College. Since my Spliced arrangements are all based on the same plan, this falseness occurs in 10 more peals that have been rung, as below.

I am therefore in the unfortunate position in having to withdraw another 10 Spliced peals, which I give below.

I believe I am correct in stating that the figures of each Spliced peal were published as they were first rung. Should anyone have these peals I will give the corrections so that they will be true.

All the leads of Kidlington College must be changed to Crayford College and vice versa.

Again my sincere apologies to all the ringers who took part in the false peals.—Yours sincerely,

G. E. FEIRN.

Gainsborough, Lincs.

P.S.—The arrangement of 84 Spliced Plain and Little methods that was published in 'The Ringing World,' about 1942, is false as it stands.—G. E. F.

31 methods	Burton-on-Stather.	July 7, 1950
36 methods	Burton-on-Stather.	Nov. 11, 1950
12 methods	Cleatham.	Dec. 18, 1950
12 methods	Burton-on-Stather.	Dec. 29, 1950
42 methods	Cleatham.	Feb. 6, 1951
46 methods	Burton-on-Stather.	Feb. 19, 1951
12 methods	Burton-on-Stather.	Feb. 4, 1952
31 methods	Burton-on-Stather.	June 14, 1952
36 methods	Gainsborough.	April 1, 1960
42 methods	Cleatham.	May 11, 1960

COLLEGE YOUTHS' FIRST PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Dear Sir.—I beg to point out an error in the speech of Mr. John E. Chilcott, honorary secretary of the Ancient Society of College Youths, at the annual dinner on November 5th, as reported in your issue of November 18th, when he said that during the current year the first peal of Superlative Surprise Maximus for the Society had been rung.

Twenty-nine years ago a peal of Maximus in this method was rung for the A.S.C.Y., at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, on December 12th, 1931, in 3 hours and 51 minutes, conducted by—Yours truly,

GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

Ipswich. Honorary Secretary.

P.S.—The passage of time may account for this slip.—G. E. S.

'RAINED OFF'

Dear Sir.—I am sorry that I seem to have offended T. R. W. W. T. F., by my reference to his footnote to the quarter peal at Wentworth, and it certainly made me wonder why he thought I had doubted that it was too wet for Wortley, and as to his assertion of making fun—no, sir!

After reading about 400 footnotes, the Wentworth one was the most unusual and certainly worth mention; after all, is it not the unusual item that makes the interest? I suppose this had been missed by many readers.

As for his challenge to ride five miles on a pushbike in a thunderstorm, I bow to defeat, never again. I have probably cycled to more ringing occasions in such, or near conditions, than the total number of thunderstorms he has ever witnessed!

The reference to your other efforts, T. R. W. W. T. F., is irrelevant. However, I offer my congratulations. Keep it up Wentworth.—Yours faithfully,

H. E. TAYLOR.

Darley Dale.

NEWS FROM VANCOUVER

Dear Sir.—Having placed a notice in the 'R.W.' that we would be glad to welcome any out of town ringers, we have been stimulated and encouraged by the visitors to our tower.

At our regular service ringing, on August 14th we welcomed Mr. Peter Crook, of Bolton, Lancs. and Mr. and Mrs. Harold McDonald, of Edmonton, Alberta, formerly of Ireland. We had met Mr. Crook at Christ Church Cathedral, in Victoria, B.C., and at the Benedictine monastery at Mission City, B.C., and found all his advice most helpful. The following Tuesday, a practice night, Harold and Valerie McDonald returned to ring with us again. We enjoyed them very much and plan to meet them one week-end next spring when some of our ringers hope to ring in Calgary, Alberta.

On September 20th, we were pleased to meet and ring with Wing, Comdr. J. S. Mason, R.A.F., from London and Birmingham. At present he is stationed in Los Angeles, California. Unfortunately we had a poor turn out for practice that evening and so the ringing was limited. Wing Comdr. Mason thinks it possible he may be up our way again. We hope so.

Mr. William B. Cartwright, of Selly Oak, Birmingham, on tour through our city, rang with us on September 30th. We had a good ring and enjoyed Mr. Cartwright's company, both in the tower and afterwards.

Mr. Peter Crook joined us again on October 25th, on his homeward trip to England. He called a touch of Bob Minor and made our practice night most enjoyable. After ringing in the tower we moved to the home of one of our ringers for tea and handbells.

It is with great pleasure that we remember our visitors of these past few months, and we, here in the West, cut off by distance from the majority of the ringing in the world, feel honoured that these distinguished ringers have paused in their travels to ring with us and give us the benefit of their experience.—Yours truly,

J. FRANCIS BODIE.

Vancouver Society of Change Ringers.

Vancouver, B.C., Canada.

DERBY CATHEDRAL PEAL

Dear Sir.—With reference to the peal at Derby Cathedral, rung for the Ancient Society of College Youths, I am sorry that it has caused a series of controversial letters in 'The Ringing World.'

Mr. Hall's letter is based on his own personal views and (as yet) no protest has been registered by the Derbyshire Association.

Personally, I regard the Ancient Society of College Youths as non-territorial, and therefore they have a perfect right to ring peals wherever they please.

The very fact of the suggestion that the two societies should be used to exploit differences between two personalities is even more regrettable.

References to the South Derbyshire and North Leicestershire Association by Messrs. Carlisle and Marshall, in the issue of November 4th, were quite uncalled for. While one may feel that the formation of this Association has brought about divided loyalties—which I for one deplore—no good will be gained by hurling insults which have brought no credit to the Derbyshire Association—in fact the very reverse.

I hope that this letter will close this issue. I am sure you can make better use of the limited space available.—Yours sincerely,

B. P. MORRIS

Honorary Secretary.

The Derbyshire Association.

Ashbourne, Derbyshire.

MORE LOWERING OF STANDARDS?

Dear Sir.—I don't know whether it is because I am getting older and losing my sense of humour, but two items in the peal columns of your issue of November 18th caused me some misgivings.

I understood that when a hitherto unnamed method is pealed, the band have the option of naming it, but the Exercise expects them to show some discretion in their choice. An example of the normal procedure is seen on page 764 (at Watlington). On the previous page however, at Heptonstall, a multi-method peal of Plain Major is recorded, involving some fantastic method nomenclature! It would appear that (assuming, of course, that this is a genuine report) several methods were used which were hitherto unnamed: in some cases they had actually given their own surnames to these methods, a distinct departure from normal taste. (Bob Smith tells me he hopes to arrange a peal of Smith Bob Major, soon!)

And where on earth is Lesser Wopping and what merits does it claim to entitle it to give its name to a method that never meant to do anybody any harm? Surely it would have been better, and more helpful, to have given the C.C.C. numbers of these methods in the report, leaving the actual naming till such time as the methods concerned are rung to an entire peal. I think there is a precedent for this.

Secondly on page 766, I find that the Universities Association, which must have as one of its chief aims, more so perhaps than any other association, the proper advancement of change ringing, has become the unwilling recipient of yet another handbell Minimus stunt! Whatever can be said for ringing Minimus in a four-bell tower, it seems quite clear to me that, competition for University Entrance being what it is, the three young men concerned would have been far more wise in devoting this ill-spent time to their studies!—Yours faithfully,

DEREK P. JONES.

SIX BELL TECHNIQUE

Dear Sir.—I disagree with the views of Mr. Harry Poyner on peals of Plain Bob Minor and as I have previously given my opinion on such performances I will pass over the subject but I must question the last sentence in his letter: 'There is no better foundation than Plain Bob on which to build up six bell ringing.'

Surely Oxford or Kent Treble Bob is the correct ground method from which a learner can graduate to scores of T.B., Delight and Surprise methods. Plain Bob can lead to a few plain methods and according to the Minor peal columns only about ten are in regular use, these being used by eight-bell ringers when they wish to ring a peal in seven Minor methods.

Furthermore, the task of weaning a learner from Bob Minor to Oxford is often a long and painful business, as we have found to our sorrow.

The best way to develop six bell technique is to learn the various front works of Oxford, Kent, Woodbine, New London, etc., then certain back works and from the four-way table many interesting methods can be produced. 'A Collection of Minor Methods' is really essential but this book is out of print and a strong rumour is being circulated that the new edition has been banned, something about certain words being used for the names of the new Alliance Methods! However, I still have my tattered copy and the youngsters can always learn Plain Bob from 'The Beginners' Handbook.'—Yours faithfully,

M. F. MOXON.

Cawthorne, Barnsley.

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RAMBLING RINGERS' 1960 TOUR

THIS year's tour of the Rambling Ringers, from July 23rd to August 13th, was the most successful in the history of the Society, being attended by over 60. Ringing started on the ten at Beddington, where a bride arrived to the sound of Cambridge Royal. Later in the day there was ringing at Banstead and on the six at Kingswood.

Sunday's programme opened with ringing on the ten at Reigate. After a meal of cheese and beer two of the towers of the Tillingbourne valley were visited—Shere and Albury. The latter's bells go well but we probably rang them too quickly. We rang at St. Nicholas, Guildford, for Evensong, but some of the members 'took time off' to grab Holy Trinity Cathedral. The youth hostel at Milford was reached in time for supper.

The route on Monday was from Frensham, in Surrey, into Hampshire, at Binsted, and then the reasonable eights at Alton and New Alresford. As permission could not be obtained to ring at Winchester Cathedral, the light six at Tichborne were substituted—and nice bells they proved to be.

TRIBUTE TO GEORGE WILLIAMS

Tuesday was a splendid day with Bristol at Twyford and Grandsire, Stedman and Cambridge Royal at North Stoneham, and an inspection of the grave of that giant among ringers—George Williams. But the best was to come with the restored ring at St. Mary's, Southampton, followed by St. Michael's, Southampton, where we were greeted by the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead. Later, some of the party inspected Mr. Felstead's filing system of peals. After a 15 mile cycle ride we arrived at Brockenhurst and enjoyed our night at the Norleywood Youth Hostel with its grand warden.

Bournemouth was in the next day's programme with ringing previously on the 12 at Christchurch and then St. Peter's and St. John's, Surrey Road. A chapter of misfortunes followed. There was difficulty in finding the ferry, then there were three cycle mishaps and heavy rain. A 'drowned' party reached the youth hostel, but not too dispirited to visit the fine eight at Swanage that night.

IN DORSET

Friday was spent amid Dorset towers—Winterbourne, Whitechurch, Blandford, Gussage St. Michael (and although it was sweltering hot six of the party rang a quarter peal here), Gussage All Saints and Wimborne St. Giles, where Superlative was rung.

Saturday's ringing started with the glorious eight at Cranborne and at Ringwood we were greeted by the newly-arrived party from Leicester, including the first officers to join the tour. Later, at Milford-on-Sea we were joined by our president, Mr. Patrick I. Chapman, and Spliced London, Bristol and Cambridge was rung. The ferry was caught to take us to the Isle of Wight, the youth hostel being reached in time for dinner.

ON THE ISLAND

Sunday and Monday were both spent on the island. There was service ringing at Carisbrooke and Freshwater. In the gyrating tower at Newport the worst ringing of the tour was recorded by a local gentleman. Other towers visited were Godshill, Arreton, Brading and Ryde and then by ferry to the mainland for a night at Gosport Youth Hostel.

Monday's ringing commenced with four Spliced and Bristol at Alverstoke. At Portsmouth Cathedral Yorkshire Royal would not go and the ringing in general was poor. The nightmare of Portsmouth was forgotten as changes were tapped with clocklike precision at Havant. On the way to Westbourne we were struck by a violent thunderstorm, the road being covered with large chunks of ice in a matter of seconds.

At Westbourne the good work was carried on. What a pity, in view of the subsequent striking, a band not trained by the College of Campanology could not have acquitted itself better at its very stronghold. The night was spent at East Marden Youth Hostel.

The next morning at South Harting the London Scholars' group was rung and the Vicar expressed his pleasure at the standard

of the ringing. Six Spliced was rung at Pulborough (8) and four Spliced by the second team and at Arundel the rise in peal was excellent and the subsequent ringing of high standard. It was here we rang a course of Wembley Surprise Major.

Thursday saw us ringing on three sixes—Lymminster, Angmering and Goring—and during this the College Exercise group was rung. The following day was spent at Shoreham and at the two Brighton tens, St. Nicholas' and St. Peter's.

Our first progress course of London Royal, followed by Yorkshire and Cambridge Royal, was rung on Friday at Lewes. Progress was noted at Ringmer by eight Spliced and the second team five Spliced. At Alfrinston, 'the Cathedral of the South Downs,' a hotch potch of Minor methods was rung. Saturday's ringing included St. Mary's, Eastbourne, Pevensey, Bexhill and St. Leonards.

After ringing for Matins at Battle on Sunday we went to Salehurst. Here we were approached by some of the locals who asked us if they could record some of our ringing for an old ringer who would like to hear the bells again. This we did with Stedman, Spliced eight and Double Norwich. We should like his opinion. Evensong ringing was on, the lumbering old eight at Goudhurst and a merry evening was spent at the youth hostel where the Ringing Master entertained the company.

SPICED 10 REACHED

It was not such a merry Master the following morning when he came to the youth hostel vowing everlasting destruction on wasps—he had been stung several times while hay making! To be recorded this day was the first touch of Spiced 10 at Biddenden, a press interview at Ashford and Wye Surprise at Wye. A dark and menacing sky caused some of the feeble brethren to take the train. The night was spent at Chatham.

The road to Dover was taken the following day via Folkestone with ringing en route. More rain was encountered on Wednesday and at Quex Park a near perfect course of Yorkshire Maximus was rung. Later came Yorkshire Maximus at Canterbury Cathedral (well rung) and Cambridge Maximus (awful).

The rain persisted the next day which was too much for two of the party who headed for home. Ten Spliced was again rung—at Chatham. At Eastling (6) we found the Vicar and some of his congregation waiting for us.

These bells can only be chimed, but the welcome that was received will ever live in our memory. Doddington Y.H. is probably the best in the country and more like an hotel.

The next morning London, Yorkshire and Cambridge Royal were rung in the huge tower at Leeds and at Maidstone we said goodbye to the Honorary Master, Mr. Denis Mottershead. The day ended with ringing on the fine eight at Wrotham, which brought out the best in the bells.

The concluding day of the tour saw us in London. At Bromley we left a lasting impression, as the ringing from start to finish was first class. At St. Giles', Camberwell, we were unable to bring out the music of the bells.

We hope to visit Somerset for the next tour. J. E. C.

(Abridged.)

LETTERS—Continued

FIRST PEAL IN MONMOUTHSHIRE

Dear Sir,—Replying to Mr. Hannington's letter, evidence that the peal of Grandsire Triples at Chepstow, in 1837, was false is largely circumstantial but fairly convincing.

Nearly sixty years ago while I was on the way to a meeting in Gloucestershire with the Rev. C. D. P. Davies the conversation turned on old composers, and with the Chepstow peal in mind I asked if he knew anything of its composer. He did not, but said that if he had been a person capable of composing a peal of Grandsire Triples at that time, more would have been heard of him.

Some forty or so years later the late Mr. R. T. Hibbert's obituary credited him with calling the first peal in the country some time around 1890, and the next time I saw the late J. A. Trollope I asked him if he knew anything of the Chepstow peal and its author. He had evidently come across it in his investigations into ringing history, as without any hesitation he replied that the peal was a transposition of a 2,520 in an old book on ringing, which, while true as a half peal, became false when doubled by singles.

In view of Mr. Trollope's great knowledge in such matters, I felt it quite safe to say the 1886 peal at Monmouth was the first true peal in the county.—Yours sincerely,

E. BARNETT.

10, King Close, Crayford.

PURELY PERSONAL VIEWS

Dear Sir,—I was alarmed to read the statements recently made by Mr. E. H. Willows. He incorrectly refers to a dispute between the Derbyshire Association and the College Youths.

The dispute, if indeed it is a dispute, is solely between myself and Mr. D. G. Clift, the writer of the tour report in question. For my part the views I expressed were my own and must not be assumed to be those of the Derbyshire Association. The same can be said about the humorous remarks of Carlisle and Marshall.

Whilst on the subject of the North Derbyshire and South Leicestershire Association I have noticed that they take care not to advertise their activities in 'The Ringing World.' Thus Mr. Willows' remark about Mr. Marshall not having attended one of their meetings is a bit pointless. If their standards of striking are so exemplary let them advertise their meetings in advance: other ringers would like to come along.—Yours sincerely,

G. A. HALLS.

Derby.

Ancient Society Of College Youths

At the business meeting of the Ancient Society of College Youths, held on November 12th, at the 'Rising Sun,' Carter Lane, E.C., the following were elected officers for 1960-1961:—

Master, Michael P. Moreton; secretary, John Chilcott; treasurer, Cyril G. J. Watts; senior steward, William T. Cook; junior steward, Michael V. Chilcott; trustees, Ernest G. Fenn and J. Frank Smallwood.

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OBITUARY

MR. JOHN R. SHARMAN

In the account of the College Youths dinner (November 18th), among those mentioned who had passed away during the year was Mr. John R. Sharman, who had been a member for 63 years.

Mr. Sharman was probably unknown to the present generation, but for many years he was very prominent in ringing circles, especially in London, first with the College Youths and later with William Pye and the Middlesex Association.

Mr. Sharman was born in Northamptonshire and educated at Northampton Grammar School, 'where my headmaster said I was the finest handwriter in the school,' and no doubt it was at Northampton he learned to ring. He left there about 1895 for Crawley, where he was one of James Parker's band.

Leaving Bexley in 1897 he went to Bexley to work on the building of a large mental hospital, and for nearly a year he was a frequent visitor to Crayford.

For the next 20 years he lived in London until he left to take over (I believe) the family business at Cogenhoe, where he spent the remainder of his life.

With his departure from London his peal ringing activities appeared to cease, but I have no doubt whatever he continued as a Sunday service ringer as long as he was able.

He was a personal friend of Mr. A. T. King, who founded the Middlesex Association and he was probably this Association's oldest member.

Mr. Sharman was a safe ringer, a perfect striker, a good conductor, and a very useful man on a heavy bell. Among his many peals are a 'John' peal of London at St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, and a 'John' peal of Siedman Cinques, at St. Giles', Cripplegate.

In the early years of the present century he 'circled' the Waterloo Tower, Quex Park, Birchington, with twelve successive peals. These were week-end visits when one peal would be rung on Saturday evening, and two peals on Sunday.

Respecting the wishes of Mr. J. P. Powell (who built the tower and installed the bells) that the bells should never be rung during service times at Birchington Church, Sunday peals always finished before 11 a.m. or 6.30 p.m., but Mr. Sharman would insist that the first peal had to finish by 10.30 a.m. to enable him to attend service at Birchington Church, and most of the band would go with him. Like the late Mr. Challis Winney and John Flint, of Bolsover, Mr. Sharman was a good living man. In recent years he had attended the College Youths' dinner, and the veterans' gathering at Bishopsgate, his last visit being in 1959.

In my long ringing life there are many ringers I count it a privilege to have known and of these none ranks higher than John R. Sharman. E. B.

MR. C. H. EXON

With regret we record the passing of Mr. Charles Herbert Exon on November 11th at Dorchester, Oxon. Mr. Exon was the last surviving member of the band which rang the then record peal of 11,096 London Surprise Major, in 1896.

After moving to Dorchester from Oxford in 1906 he found his business as a baker gave him little time for serious ringing, although he had rung about 89 peals by the time he was 30 years of age.

A keen churchman, he was a member of the Parochial Church Council, people's warden for many years and a member of the Parish Council for over 50 years. He was also a governor of the local school.

After the funeral service a muffled quarter peal of Plain Bob Doubles, with 1 and 2 leading, was rung on the Abbey bells. This was his granddaughter's first quarter. The ringers were: B. Butler 1, P. Selwood 2, Peggy Exon (first quarter) 3, Jean Mary Exon 4, H. Butler 5, Margaret Thewlis 6, F. Absalom (conductor) 7, D. Exon 8.

MR. F. HURRY

We regret to record the passing of Mr. Fred Hurry, of Duxford, Cambs, on November 16th, aged 76 years. He had been ill for some months, but his death occurred suddenly. It came as a particular shock to members of the Ely Association, who had visited him during their meeting at Duxford on the previous Saturday, as he seemed to be recovering and was his usual cheerful self.

Living in the neighbouring village of Sawston all his life, Fred learned to ring in 1904. He had been a member of the Ely Association since before the First World War and was also a member of the Cambridge Youths. Never a great peal ringer (he had rung four or five at Sawston), he was well known at district meetings, both of the Ely and neighbouring Associations.

The funeral was held at the Cambridge Crematorium on November 19th, where the Cambridge Youths were represented by Mr. J. W. R. Quinney (Master) and Mr. T. Chinery.

In the evening 1,260 Plain Bob Minor was rung to his memory on the half-muffled bells of Duxford, by the following: J. Halls (first quarter of Minor) 1, I. G. Stracey 2, C. W. Cook (cond.) 3, E. G. Hibbens 4, H. F. Churchman 5, J. W. R. Quinney 6.

C. W. C.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Ashford District

A good cross-section of the ringing fraternity, ranging from budding conductors and potential tenor kings to 'giants' relaxing after 11 Spliced at Throwley, put the fine ring at Bethesda to good use on November 19th, for the Ashford District meeting. Ringing was mainly under the direction of Mr. L. T. Pope.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. H. O. Albin, who gave a thoughtful address. Dr. D. P. Gray was at the organ, and Mr. C. T. Hillis read the lesson. An excellent tea was enjoyed at Low Wood Guest House.

At the business meeting four new members joined the Association. Miss K. Yeo reported on the work to be undertaken at Tenterden. It is hoped this famous tower will be in action again in eight or nine months. Mr. S. G. Waters undertook to arrange the next meeting, at Biddenden, on January 7th. Thanks were expressed to the Vicar and Dr. Gray for their kindness, and to Messrs. Harry and Peter Jarvis for making all the arrangements. C. T. H.

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The Truro Diocesan Guild has had four secretaries during its 63 years of life. All have been clergymen: Canon A. J. Kempe, Canon H. H. Mills, Canon H. R. Jennings, and for only one year short of half its life—since 1929—the Rev. W. H. R. Trehwella.

Father Trehwella, as he is affectionately known to many, has truly welded the Guild in many ways because of his attendance at meetings and general care of many towers whenever this has been needed. At all three churches, where he has been Vicar, something has been done to the bells. At Zennor three old bells were augmented to six, at St. Crantock a 'dead' live with a ringing tenor were completely restored. Previously at St. Paul's, Truro, a ringing bell of 12 cwt. was hung.

Cornwall is a county where much remains to be done in various spheres of ringing. On November 15th just one more thing was accomplished in that six priests rang a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles, at St. Crantock, with their Diocesan Guild secretary, and in his honour. The occasion meant travelling a good many miles for some, but it was a unique one, and the quarter went with such ease that it was suggested at the end it should have been a peal. Five of the band were true Cornishmen, the sixth, the Rev. G. W. Ruming, curate of St. Mary's, Penzance, was born in Norfolk. All the five Cornish incumbents have bells in their care at Kenwyn (8), Carbis Bay (10), St. Breward (6), St. Crantock (6) and the Rev. J. R. Jose two rings of six at Perranarworthal and Stithians.

Father Trehwella entertained the band to a bountiful tea, and there was much talk of bells. The majority of the band had rung at most towers in Cornwall. One ring of five, now lowered to the ground, had been visited by some many years ago, and the secretary has three left, one of which he travelled many miles to ring at recently, having arranged with the incumbent to leave the key accessible, but he failed to do so! The ranks of ringing clergy still grows, and even Cornwall can put up a show with an effort. May this not be the first and last.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On November 19th, members of the Luton District met at Westoning for their third ringing contest.

Competition was keen, with eight bands taking part. The standard of striking was very good, and youth was much to the fore. These contests are held to promote better ringing for Sunday services. As 4 p.m. drew near, lots were drawn to decide the competing order of the bands, while the judges retired to the Vicar's study to listen to the competitors.

After the contest 42 people adjourned to the Village Hall, where a sumptuous tea had been prepared by the Vicar's wife and ladies of the village. When tea was over excitement ran high as everyone wondered who could be the winner of the beautiful silver cup, which had been given to the Association for this contest by Mr. Peter Newing, a ringer and lay-reader, who has been living at Woburn and is now at Durham University.

The judges were: Mr. F. Plummer, of Hitchin, Mr. A. E. Rushton, president of the Bedfordshire Association, and Mr. R. Sharp, of Maulden. Their remarks and criticisms were both helpful and revealing. Although two teams chose to ring changes instead of rounds, they were judged on striking only. Westoning was the winning band with 112 faults, and Woburn second with 134 faults. The Vicar of Westoning, Rev. S. Wright, had the very great pleasure of presenting the trophy to his own ringers, the majority of whom were youngsters, who had been ringing about a year. There was great applause as these youngsters went off with their prize. It was agreed that the contest should be an annual event, and be held each May.

After the presentation the ringers returned to the belfry for more ringing, which ranged from rounds to Spliced Surprise.

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DEATH

LONGFOOT.—On November 18th, 1960, at his residence, Home Farm, Castor, Peterborough, Walter William Longfoot, for many years churchwarden and ringer at St. Kyneburgha's Church, Castor, aged 60. 7050

IN MEMORIAM

JELLEY.—We remember with deep affection our loyal and faithful friend, Ernest, passed away December 2nd, 1959.—The ringers of St. John-the-Divine Church, Leicester, and friends. 7034

PERSONAL

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Annual meeting, Wellington, Saturday, December 3rd. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea. Rockwell Green bells available 7.30 p.m.—A. H. Reed, George Street, Taunton. 7006

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at Swavesey and Over, on Saturday, December 3rd. Swavesey bells (6) 3 until 4.45 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., at Over. Over bells (8) available after tea.—D. F. Murfet, Dis. Sec. 7018

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Practice meeting on Saturday, December 3rd, at Stoke. Ringing 6-9 p.m. 7052

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Practice meeting, Abbot's Langley (6), Saturday, December 3rd. Bells 6.30 p.m.—G. N. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 7017

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Stockbury (Rodmersham not available), on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. A. Dunk, Pett Farm Bungalow, Stockbury Valley, Sittingbourne. 6969

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Newton Longueville (8), Saturday, December 3rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea and quarterly meeting to follow.—F. Vickers, 64, Bourtonville, Buckingham. 7022

SHEFFIELD & DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Thrybergh, 3 p.m. Saturday, December 3rd. Names for tea to Mr. F. Brunt, The Channings, Doncaster Road, Thrybergh, please.—J. Seager, Sec. 7027

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Lindfield (8), Saturday, December 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea to those who notify Mrs. Hairs, Norman Cottage, Park Corner, Groombridge. 7005

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover and Basingstoke Districts.—Combined meeting, December 3rd, at the following towers: Hurstbourne Priors 1 to 2 p.m., Whitchurch 2 to 3, Laverstoke 3 to 4, Overton 3.45 to 4.30 and after tea. Service and tea, Overton, followed by meeting, Deane 6 to 7, Church Oakley 7 to 8, Wootton St. Lawrence 8 to 9 p.m. Tea only to those who notify Rev. F. Sanders, Overton Rectory.—G. K. Dodd, J. Chesterman, Hon. Secs. 6991

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station), on Monday December 5th, at 7 p.m. 7041

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD—

St. Nicholas', Kenilworth.
Tuesday December 6th, 7.30 p.m.
Service of Rededication of the bells by the Ven. Archdeacon of Coventry.
The Rev. J. Thompson, of St. Nicholas', and the ringers extend an invitation to attend the service and a short period of ringing after the service until 9 o'clock. 7043

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Monthly practice at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, on Wednesday, December 7th, 6.30 p.m. 7054

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Branch.—Annual meeting, Ilminster, Saturday, December 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Please notify for tea to J. T. Locke. 7066

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—Practice meeting, Weston-super-Mare, Saturday, December 10th. Bells (8) 5 p.m.—David H. White. 7044

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Kirkthorpe, near Wakefield, on Saturday, December 10th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea. Please notify, not later than December 7th, Mr. John E. Kirby, 53, Pinderfield Road, near Wakefield.—J. W. Buxton, Hon. Sec. 7051

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting, Wellesbourne, Saturday, December 10th. Usual arrangements. Possibly the last Guild meeting service taken by the Rev. C. G. Evans, before his retirement this year. Your support, please. Names to R. A. Oram, 15, Henley Road, Leamington Spa. 7042

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Annual meeting, Exeter, St. Thomas', December 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names to J. Andrews, 14, Attwyll Avenue, Exeter. 7016

EAST DERBYSHIRE & NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Next meeting to be joint with Chester District of the **DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION**, at North Wingfield, on Saturday, December 10th. Bells 3 p.m.—B. A. Sollis, A. B. Cooper, Hon. Secs. 7059

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Meeting at Wadhurst, Saturday, December 10th. Tea at 'The Willow Plate', Durgates. Names to me by 8th.—C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst, Sussex. 7047

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting on Saturday, December 10th, at St. Andrew's, Chesterton. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—E. W. Bullman. 7070

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Walpole St. Peter, Saturday, December 10th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 7060

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—A.G.M., St. Mary's, Cheltenham (12), December 10th, 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30, followed by very important business meeting. Names for tea by December 6th.—Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. 7064

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Annual meeting at Stroud, December 10th. Bells (10) at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea after service. Names for tea by December 7th, to Mr. S. T. Price, 12, Regent Street, Stonehouse, Glos. 7068

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Annual meeting, Christ Church, Swindon (10), Saturday, December 10th. Names for tea to R. Luton, 169, Cheney Manor Road, Swindon. 7038

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Nomination meeting at Aldershot (8), Saturday, December 10th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, December 7th, to Miss N. Bragg, 20, Church Hill, Aldershot. 7063

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at King's Langley, Saturday, December 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, December 6th, to Mr. B. Barker, 7, Watford Road, King's Langley. No name no tea.—J. Good, Dis. Sec. 6996

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midland District.—Quarterly meeting, St. Nicolas', King's Norton, Birmingham, Saturday, December 10th. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Tea 5, followed by meeting. Ringing 6-8 p.m. Notifications for tea not later than Wednesday, December 7th, to Miss J. M. Funnell, 7, Lancaster Road, King's Norton, Birmingham. 30. 7067

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Meeting Warmley, Bristol, Saturday, December 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., meeting to follow. Names for tea by December 8th, to Miss B. Johnson, 10, Lancashire Road, Bristol. 7. 7049

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—Meeting at Holy Trinity, South Shore, Blackpool, on Saturday, December 10th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—John F. Turner. 7055

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting, Bowness-on-Windermere, Saturday, December 10th, 2.30 p.m. Names to F. Wilson, Woodside, Bank Road, Windermere.—N. M. Newby. 7072

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Branch meeting at St. Michael's, Garston, Saturday, December 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, December 7th, to Mr. A. H. Mason, 17, Lovelace Road, Garston, Liverpool. 19.—T. E. Radcliffe. 7062

RAISING THE STANDARD

Compositions Of Stedman Caters And Cinques

By D. E. PARSONS

The great disadvantage of composing peals of Triples is that, no matter how one arranges the calls, all 5,040 possible changes have to be used. There can be no question of musical composition, but only of ease or difficulty of calling.

When dealing with Caters and Cinques, however, it is the composer's job to select the most musical changes out of those available. The ease of calling should only be a secondary consideration.

MUSICAL CONSIDERATIONS

The first point to establish is what, in the general opinion, comprises musical changes. Judging by the compositions rung now, and for many years past, there is no doubt that the Tittums course ends78E90 or978 and the handstroke course ends8709E or879, followed by a slow six, are the most popular. Apart from the undoubted music and rhythm around the course ends, the combinations of bells in the middle of the course are generally pleasant, although this is more a rule in Cinques than Caters.

There are several other course ends which should have some consideration, namely:—

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Several peals are available using these positions but they do not seem to have found general favour.

Once the positions of the back bells at the course ends have been decided, it remains to find the best arrangements of the front six. It is almost invariable to have the 5th or

6th in 5ths place. The most musical position for the other bell (6th or 5th as the case may be) is generally accepted to be in 6ths place. If this is not possible then the aim is to keep it in 4ths, except for the special case of the 6th in 2nds place in Caters, which gives excellent music in the middle of the course although a rather poor course end.

Now, in most of the compositions rung today, this musical quality is partly sacrificed in order to have a bell, usually the treble fixed in seconds place. By doing this only six56 course ends are available for one arrangement of back bells, instead of the possible eight, and the extra padding courses to make up the number necessitate the use of the 6th in 3rds or even treble's place.

It is often claimed in defence of this practice, that there are musical advantages in having the treble fixed in 2nds place, in that in Caters in the middle of every course, 18 and 91 dodge together behind. In the eight56 blocks, the extra two56 course ends, plus the associated music of the sixes preceding and following these course ends, more than compensate for the part loss of these regular 18s and 91s. It is also just as pleasant, to my mind, to have the 2nd and 3rd in 2nds place, as they are octaves above the 9th and 10th. One could argue that the 4th in 2nds place theoretically mars the music as it is a 7th interval above the 10th, but in practice, it only sounds bad if the 4th and 10th strike together.

There is no case at all in Cinques, as the 2nds place bell dodges only with 7, 8 and 9 of the back bells.

FIXED 2nds PLACE BELL'S POPULARITY

The fact is that having a bell fixed in 2nds place makes life much easier for the composer and conductor. For the former, proof can be checked just by the natural course ends and anyway there are only about four different blocks of courses that can be used. Composition is therefore limited to the going off and turning courses. The conductor is also helped by the lack of variety in blocks, and usually only has to learn the going off and turning courses and the treble's place bells. The 2nds place bell, besides being an extra guide to the calling positions, is a useful bell to ring as it is always around at the usual call positions and mistakes can quickly be spotted. It is also helpful to have one less variable.

Now the idea of the eight56 block is by no means new. When I showed my first Stedman composition to one famous ringer, I was informed that it was impossible to compose anything original in Stedman Caters and Cinques as John Carter had done it all. While that statement is rather open to doubt, Carter certainly produced this peal of Cinques, in which he used some of the variations of the back bells mentioned earlier.

5,237 STEDMAN CINQUES

By JOHN CARTER

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3421 — S — —

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4132 — F

12346587E90 C

2134 — F

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1432 — F

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2341 — G

2341 — S

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(To be continued.)

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Whittle-le-Woods, Saturday, December 10th. Bring own food.—L. Walmsey. 7071

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting. Moorside (Oldham), December 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Business 6 p.m. Cups of tea. Nominations required for new Ringing Master. The annual party and A.G.M. will be held at Heywood (note change), on January 14th, 1961. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service (St. Luke's) 4.30. Tea 5. Business 6 p.m. After this the bells will be open till 7.30. Dance and whist drive in Queens Park Road School 7.30 till 11 p.m. Tickets now available from Mr. J. P. Partington, 23, York Street, Heywood. It is essential that Mr. Partington has names for tea by the previous Wednesday, to enable him make adequate arrangements.—Hudson. Sec.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting at Anstey, Saturday, December 10th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m., in Church Rooms. Names for tea by Wednesday, December 7th, please, to Mr. R. Elkington, 24, High Street, Anstey, Leicester. 7008

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Evening meeting, Kibworth, Saturday, December 10th. Bells 5 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m., in the church.—L. W. Allen. 7008

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Meeting. Stoney Stanton, Saturday, December 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, followed by business meeting, at the Star Inn, at 5 p.m. Names, please, by Wednesday, the 7th, to Michael Vernon, Long Street, Stoney Stanton, Leics. 7048

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, December 10th. St. Bride's Major. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—R. E. Coles. 7004

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting, Saturday, December 10th. St. John's, Deptford. Bells 3.30 p.m. Business 5 p.m. Tea, own arrangements. Evening ringing, St. Mary's, Lewisham, 6.30-8 p.m. All welcome. 7061

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Waddesdon (6), Saturday, December 10th. Bells available 2.45 p.m. Guild service 4 p.m. Preacher: the Bishop of Buckingham. Names for tea by Wednesday previous.—D. G. Wheeler, 47, Whaddon Chase, Aylesbury, Bucks. 7039

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—City Branch.—Annual meeting, December 10th, at Ifley. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 7th, to Mr. A. J. Adams, 35, Church Hill Road, Cowley, Oxford. 7045

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Davenport Branch.—Meeting. Kislbury, Saturday, December 10th. Tea for those who let me know by Tuesday previous.—F. W. Hancock, Church View, Willoughby, Rugby. 7056

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting. Malins Lee (6), Saturday, December 10th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, to Mr. H. Poyner, 16, Hawthorn Road, Shrewsbury. 7076

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS and MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting at St. Augustine's, Kilburn (near Kilburn Park tube station), on Saturday, December 10th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea to follow. Ringing also at St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway Road, 2.30-4 p.m. 7040

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Practice meeting Saturday, December 10th, Rougham (6). Bells 6.30 to 9 p.m.—A. F. Ballam. 7010

SUFFOLK GUILD.—S.W. District.—Annual general meeting at Bures (8), Saturday, December 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. L. D. Mills, Colchester Road, Bures. 7057

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Section.—Nomination meeting at Betchworth, December 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea by December 8th, to Mr. A. Lucas, 145, Sandercroft Lane, Reigate.—G. A. West, Hon. Sec. 7065

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting at Findon (6), on Saturday, December 10th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to E. W. Keys, 'Greystones', Salthill Road, Fishbourne, Chichester. 7058

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting, Pocklington, on Saturday, December 10th. Bells (8) 2 to 8 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., in Church Hall. Names by December 8th, please, to Mr. C. Bairstow, 9, Victoria Road, Pocklington.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7007

ASH, SURREY.—Surprise Minor practice, Monday, December 12th. Methods: Bourne, Canterbury, Cunecastre, Durham, Ipswich, Netherseale, Norwich and Wells. 7053

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Evening practice meeting at Geddington (5), on Monday, December 12th. Bells from 7-8.30 p.m. All welcome.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The Charles W. Blakey Memorial Table and Visitors Book will be dedicated on Saturday, December 17th, at Rishton Parish Church. A cordial invitation is extended to all who wish to attend. The arrangements will be as follows: 3 p.m., bells available for ringing; 4. service, conducted by Rev. W. Brandwood, Vicar of Rishton; preacher, Rev. R. D. St. John Smith, president of the L.A.C.R.; 5 p.m.(approx.), tea will be provided at a small charge; please send names for tea to Mr. A. Yates, 15, Norfolk Street, Rishton, Blackburn, Lancs. at least one week in advance. There will be further ringing after tea.—John Pilkington, Branch Sec. 7036

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AND NORTH LEICESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, January 14th, Legion Hall, Shardlow, at 5 p.m. Ringing 3 p.m. Nominations for officers and committee for 1961, to secretary, Mr. R. S. Barker, 3, West End Drive, Shardlow, Derby, before December 20th. Nomination forms available from secretary. 7065

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.—The annual dinner will be held on January 28th and a meeting for all past and present members will be held earlier that day. All details to be announced later. 7032

5,152 LITTLE BOB ROYALBy **DAVID HEIGHTON**

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