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### WITH HOT PASTIES

**M**ARHAMCHURCH isn't a chocolate box show village, all thatch and oldest inhabitants. The one-time green—which like many in this corner of North East Cornwall and North East Devon is a narrow triangle—is now all tarmac, and the houses and cottages stand up and face the weather instead of snuggling cosily as they do in the southern combes, for Marhamchurch stands on a hill-top. But it's a village of great charm and it feels happy, and the Church of St. Marwenne, which stands at the broad end of the triangle, is a singularly charming one, full of space and light, and graced with a fine example of perhaps the best type of flooring ever used in churches—small slates set on edge in perfect squares. The bells are a sweet little six in a neat, low tower, and they go like tops, which promised well for the Tamar Valley Guild of Ringers' Festival on May 13th.

In an exclusively agricultural area, the weather means an enormous amount to any function, and not by any means in the obvious way. A perfect, cloudless day did not spell good attendance this year, for with wet weather almost unbroken until the previous Monday and all the tilling behindhand, there were many farmers who had to keep their tractors going from dawn till dark if they were to get their corn tilled at all. However, there were well over a hundred in church, and the bells were kept going well both before and after. As Marhamchurch has no parson, the Guild's secretary conducted the service, and the Rural Dean, the Vicar of Bude, was the preacher. It has always been a tradition for the clergy to attend the T.V.G.R. Festival, whether ringers or no, and many far larger societies might have envied us the presence of no less than seven parsons at our Guild office.

Whatever may or may not be our abilities as ringers—and we mostly ring call-changes only—we in the Tamar Valley can claim a place second to none as providers, and consumers, of refreshments. Marhamchurch, who had agreed to act as hosts after another tower had run into rope trouble at only a fortnight's notice, gave us hot and delicious pasties, ham sandwiches, jam tarts and cream (Cornish, of course; it'll be Devonshire next year when we go to Ashwater), cakes in infinite variety, as much as the hungriest ringer could eat and all for half-a-crown, in their very handsome Bray Institute.

After the tea it is the custom for each band to make its way over the district and for every tower affiliated to be open for the evening, so there was plenty of bell music in the Tamar Valley on May 13th. Some bands ranged outside the Guild's confines, and one such learnt one lesson which it passes on gratis to all steeplekeepers: C\*p\*d\*x has 1,001 uses, but mending bell ropes is not one of them.

J. G. M. S.

### THE PITSTOWS OF SAFFRON WALDEN

By H. C. STACEY, F.C.I.S., D.P.A.

**H**ISTORY of Saffron Walden is incomplete without some record of the Pitstow family's connection with the Saffron Walden Society of Change Ringers, this being the oldest of its kind in the country. These recollections were made by Mr. Alfred Pitstow (now 85 years) and by Mr. Harold Pitstow and Mr. Leonard Pitstow.

When Alfred, at the age of 12 years, went up to the tower with Arthur F. James, the son of a watchmaker and jeweller of King Street, who was responsible for winding the clock, they tied the clappers of two of the bells and taught themselves to ring. At this time the company as a whole did little change-ringing, but Alfred's father, Frederick Pitstow, and his uncles, Nathan John Pitstow and Ernest Alfred Pitstow, were capable of doing so. The brother Nathan and Frederick often walked the nine miles to Stansted to get some practice.

The three brothers—Nathan, Frederick and Ernest—also toured Devon and Cornwall several times with the Revs. F. E. Robinson and G. F. Coleridge. This party rang changes on Exeter Cathedral's ten bells for the first time, the tenor being 67 cwt., in bad condition and extremely difficult to handle. They also toured Suffolk and Norfolk and rang 11 peals in nine days, one on the ten at Aylsham and one on the 12 at Norwich on the same day—commonplace today, perhaps, but in those days (1880's) a unique performance.

Alfred Pitstow and Arthur James gradually mastered change-ringing and they made the ringers at Saffron Walden up to eight, who ultimately tackled and mastered most of the intricate methods, which could only be rung in those days at Burton-on-Trent and Benington. Ringers from many parts of the county went to Saffron Walden to learn these methods.

Nathan Pitstow (who used to live where Alfred resides now) became widely known as a composer. Mr. Alfred Pitstow is the only surviving member of the company which followed in the tradition of the Saffron Walden ringers of the 17th century. In 1892, when Alfred was only 17, there was a lady band of ringers, and he taught them to ring!

In 1914, the eight bells cast by Bryants, of Hertford, in 1798 from the metal of a previous ring, were augmented to 12, and Alfred conducted the first peal on them. By this time Nathan had died, but Ernest's two sons, Leonard and Harold, had joined the company and were both still at the Grammar School. Harold rang his first peal on Saffron Walden bells in 1912 when he was 15, and after a distinguished career now lives at Banstead, Surrey, and is principal of Westminster Abbey ringers as well as captain of the Baustead band.

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Mr. Alfred Pitstow's youthful companion, Arthur James, succeeded his father's business of watchmaker and jeweller in King Street and married Ernest Pitstow's sister, Annie, and Leonard Pitstow learnt the trade with his uncle, Arthur, and today carries on the same business, which has been responsible for maintaining, repairing and winding the parish clock since it was installed in 1823 at the cost of £240.

When Mr. Alfred Pitstow resigned as conductor in 1940, Mr. Leonard Pitstow was appointed in his place, a position he still holds. The first peal of which the Society has any record was rung on Christmas Day, 1753. Details of notable achievements on the bells are to be found on nine tablets round the walls of the parish church tower.

The bells are now found to be hanging in a dangerous state, and until £2,500 has been spent on extensive repairs to the church tower and bells, the bells must not be rung. Mr. Leonard Pitstow has launched an appeal, and subscriptions can be sent to Mr. H. C. Stacey, Municipal Offices, Saffron Walden, Essex.

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## TWELVE BELL PEAL

SOUTHWARK, LONDON.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., May 13, 1961, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,  
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,  
**A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES**

Tenor 48 cwt. 9 lb. in B.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. Treble	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. 7
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 2	*STANLEY JENNER .. 8
JOAN BERESFORD .. 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 9
ARTHUR G. MASON .. 4	GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. 10
DORIS E. COLGATE .. 5	PHILIP A. CORBY .. 11
EDWIN A. BARNETT .. 6	DENNIS A. CHAPMAN .. Tenor

Composed by D. E. PARSONS (No. 4). Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.  
\* First peal of Stedman Cinques.

In memoriam Alfred B. Peck, a life member of this Association.

## TEN BELL PEALS

READING, BERKSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., May 6, 1961, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,  
**A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS**

Tenor 23 cwt. 20 lb.

*JENNIFER M. DAVIES .. Treble	†PETER M. WILKINSON .. 6
*JOHN MANLEY .. 2	DONALD H. NIBLETT .. 7
†JANET K. SECKER .. 3	JOHN N. DISERENS .. 8
RONALD F. DISERENS .. 4	†FRANK W. LEWIS .. 9
†PATRICIA HEATHER .. 5	VINCENT T. CHERILL .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by DONALD H. NIBLETT.

\* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First on ten bells. ‡ First of Caters on a working bell. First of Stedman Caters as conductor.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Mon., May 8, 1961, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,  
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 IBSTOCK SURPRISE ROYAL**

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

BRIAN G. WARWICK .. Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 6
*R. KINGSLEY MASON .. 2	A. JAMES POYNOR .. 7
RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. 3	JOHN A. ACRES .. 8
ERNEST MORRIS .. 4	ROBERT B. SMITH .. 9
JOHN M. JELLEY .. 5	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by SHIRLEY BURTON. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

\* First peal of Surprise Royal 'inside.' First in the method; rung without previous practice.

Rung as birthday compliments to Mrs. B. G. Warwick and R. Kingsley Mason.

## STRADBROKE, SUFFOLK.

### THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., May 6, 1961, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

### A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in E flat.

HARRY D. LISTER .. Treble	WALTER RUFFLES .. 6
*ALICE E. J. LESTER .. 2	*WALTER W. MELLER .. 7
*MURIEL R. PAGE .. 3	LESLIE G. BRETT .. 8
RICHARD F. PRIME .. 4	WILLIAM J. BUTTON .. 9
JOHN W. BLYTHE .. 5	*PETER S. BEDFORD .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

\* First peal of Cambridge Royal. First of Surprise Royal as conductor. Rung at a wedding compliment to Mr. Frank Ruffles and Mrs. Margaret Last, married this day.

## BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., May 11, 1961, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

### A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

ANN BARR .. Treble	JOHN McDONALD .. 6
NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 2	ARTHUR D. COOK .. 7
GEORGE E. FEARN .. 3	BARRIE HENDRY .. 8
JOHN PINFOLD .. 4	JOHN A. ANDERSON .. 9
DAVID J. PURNELL .. 5	PETER BORDER .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

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## EIGHT BELL PEALS

### AYLESTONE, LEICESTER.

#### THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 15, 1961, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

### A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

JOHN M. JELLEY .. Treble	JACK P. KESTERTON .. 5
SANDRA E. CHESTERTON .. 2	TERENCE I. ROPER .. 6
ERNEST W. RAWSON .. 3	PETER J. STANFORTH .. 7
ERNEST MORRIS .. 4	A. JAMES POYNOR .. Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by A. JAMES POYNOR.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. Russell S. Morris and Miss Patricia A. Wardle, both ringers at this church, who were married earlier this day.

## EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Mon., April 24, 1961, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

### A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 14 lb. in G.

MAUREEN M. WOOLLEY .. Treble	PETER BORDER .. 5
BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY .. 2	BARRIE HENDRY .. 6
JOHN A. ANDERSON .. 3	DAVID J. PURNELL .. 7
JOHN PINFOLD .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. Tenor

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

Rung as a compliment to Rev. Canon Ronald Allen, Vicar of Edgbaston, upon his appointment as Rural Dean.

## FULNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

### THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

On Mon., April 24, 1961, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

### A PEAL OF 5184 WARWICKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE DAWSON .. Treble	EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. 5
JOHN E. ALLEN .. 2	FRANK TAYLOR .. 6
STANLEY E. BENNETT .. 3	ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. 7
RONALD C. NOON .. 4	J. MARTIN THORLEY .. Tenor

Composed by S. J. IVIN. Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.

First peal in the method for all except J. M. Thorley.

## HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Sun., April 30, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

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

### A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F sharp.

PETER BORDER .. Treble	ARTHUR D. COOK .. 5
ANN BARR .. 2	DAVID J. PURNELL .. 6
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 3	BARRIE HENDRY .. 7
JOHN A. ANDERSON .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

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SUTTERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Mon., May 1, 1961, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-BLESSED-VIRGIN,  
A PEAL OF 5376 VICTORIA SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb.	
FRANK TAYLOR .. .. Treble	STANLEY E. BENNETT.. .. 5
JOHN E. ALLEN .. .. 2	CYRIL R. BURRELL .. .. 6
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. .. 3	RONALD C. NOON .. .. 7
J. MARTIN THORLEY .. .. 4	ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. Tenor

Composed by S. J. IVIN.  
First peal in the method by all.  
In memory of Horace M. Day, interred this day at Market Deeping.

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., May 6, 1961, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,  
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in F sharp.	
EDWARD F. P. BRYANT .. Treble	ANDREW M. MACVE.. .. 5
THOMAS E. SONE .. .. 2	IAN H. ORAM .. .. 6
*MRS. BETTY PERCY .. .. 3	RALPH BIRD .. .. 7
JOHN A. DOWNING .. .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.  
\*First peal of Double Norwich, and on the bells.  
Rung on the 26th anniversary of the first peal on the bells.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., May 6, 1961, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,  
A PEAL OF 5184 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.	
BASIL JONES .. .. Treble	BRIAN HARRIS .. .. 5
EILEEN FEARN .. .. 2	JOHN WORTH .. .. 6
CAROL FEARNLEY .. .. 3	PETER LAFLIN .. .. 7
HAROLD C. LONYON .. .. 4	EDWARD JENKINS .. .. Tenor

Composed by S. IVIN. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

PATTINGHAM, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.  
On Sat., May 6, 1961, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,  
A PEAL OF 5056 BRAUNSTONE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.	
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. Treble	CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. 5
F. HECTOR BENNETT .. .. 2	GEOFFREY DAVIES .. .. 6
ANN E. FELLOWS .. .. 3	BRIAN J. WYLDE .. .. 7
ROBERT J. WARRILLOW .. 4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.  
First peal in the method for the Society, also by all the band except the conductor.

WARMINSTER, WILTSHIRE.  
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., May 6, 1961, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,  
AT THE MINSTER CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,  
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 26 cwt. in D.	
*GILLIAN M. TRENT .. .. Treble	J. JAMES JEFFRIES .. .. 5
AUDREY J. KNIGHT .. .. 2	RAYMOND HAINES .. .. 6
EDWARD P. HAINES .. .. 3	MICHAEL J. THOMAS .. .. 7
JANICE E. WILLIAMSON .. 4	ROBERT C. KIPPIN .. .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by ROBERT C. KIPPIN.  
\*First peal.

READING, BERKSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sun., May 7, 1961, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,  
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.	
Middleton's.	
DONALD H. NIBLETT .. Treble	JOHN N. DISERENS .. .. 5
PATRICIA HEATHER .. .. 2	T. ERIC LEE .. .. 6
FRANK W. LEWIS .. .. 3	RONALD F. DISERENS .. 7
RONALD K. RUSS .. .. 4	CYRIL E. LEWINGTON .. Tenor

Conducted by RONALD F. DISERENS.  
Rung to welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. Wyndham Edgar.

DONINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Mon., May 8, 1961, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND THE HOLY ROOD,  
A PEAL OF 5088 XENIA SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.	
FRANK TAYLOR .. .. Treble	J. MARTIN THORLEY .. .. 5
JOHN E. ALLEN .. .. 2	ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. 6
STANLEY E. BENNETT .. .. 3	RONALD C. NOON .. .. 7
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. .. 4	CYRIL R. BURRELL .. .. Tenor

Composed by S. J. IVIN. Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.  
First peal in the method by all.

WASHINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Wed., May 10, 1961, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,  
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in G.	
*GEOFFREY PAUL .. .. Treble	GEORGE H. RANGLES.. .. 5
NORAH M. RANGLES .. .. 2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE.. .. 6
LOUIS WILLDERS .. .. 3	PETER A. SHARP.. .. 7
RONALD APPLEWHITE .. 4	JOHN WALDEN .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by PETER A. SHARP.  
\*100th peal. First as conductor.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.  
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Thurs., May 11, 1961, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,  
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in E.	
DAVID J. TUBBS .. .. Treble	STANLEY G. PONTING.. .. 5
HAROLD A. MAY .. .. 2	E. JOHN WELLS.. .. 6
WILLIAM T. BEESON .. .. 3	TOM PAGE .. .. 7
*PATRICIA LAYCOCK .. .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.  
\*First peal in the method.  
Rung as an expression of appreciation for the work in Guildford of the Very Rev. Walter Boulton, Provost of Guildford, who relinquishes this title on May 18th, the day after the consecration of Guildford Cathedral.

ISLIP, OXFORDSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Thurs., May 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,  
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in G.	
CYRIL H. KINCH .. .. Treble	CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON .. 5
EDGAR J. SMITH .. .. 2	*CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE .. 6
CHRISTINE M. WOODWARD .. 3	J. HOWARD FREEBORN .. .. 7
CHARLES COLES .. .. 4	ALAN R. PINK .. .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.  
\*First peal in the method.  
Rung to mark Ascension Day.

NOTTINGHAM.  
THE SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.  
On Thurs., May 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,  
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in E flat.	
MRS. M. I. PAILING .. Treble	F. NEVILLE PAILING.. .. 5
*HELEN B. NEVIN .. .. 2	ROGER BALDWIN.. .. 6
FREDERICK A. SATTER .. 3	DAVID W. FRIEND .. .. 7
DAVID STAINSBY .. .. 4	JAMES H. PAILING .. .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JAMES H. PAILING.  
\*First peal of Surprise 'inside'.  
Rung on Ascension Day.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Fri., May 12, 1961, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,  
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR

In 55 methods, including Plain Bob, Gainsborough L.B., Double Bob, Crayford L.C., Reverse Bob, Fulbeck, Cleatham, Single Oxford, Little Bob, Hackington, Canterbury, Wellington L.C., Single Norwich, Bastow L.C., Kent L.C., Nelson College, Wavertree, Smith, Hudson, Ogden, Leigh, Scholfield, Childwall, Goldhanger, Fishwick, Tolleshunt D'Arcy, Fielden, St. Catherine's, Belfield, Fothergill, Sale, Grangemouth, Wilton, Ashbourne, Ormerod, Joshua, St. Leonard's, Bentley, Walsden, Carlyn, Crumpsall, Laisterdyke, Willows, St. Ann, Harvey, Brooklands, Billingham, Millbank, Spalding, Badminton, Stoney Royd, Crayford College, Lesser Wapping, St. Clement's and Blackley; with 335 changes of method.	
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.	
MICHAEL D. FISHWICK .. Treble	JOHN H. FIELDEN .. .. 5
F. JOHN NELSON .. .. 2	NORMAN SMITH .. .. 6
ROGER LEIGH .. .. 3	PETER SCHOLFIELD .. .. 7
PHILIP J. H. HUDSON .. 4	DEREK OGDEN .. .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.  
This is the greatest number of Major methods rung to a peal.

ERITH, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Fri., May 12, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,  
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, comprising 1,312 Bristol, 1,280 each London, Superlative and Cambridge; 112 changes of method and all the work for each bell.	
Tenor 15 cwt. in G.	
IAN H. ORAM .. .. Treble	*JOHN W. EUSTON .. .. 5
ARTHUR G. MASON .. .. 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 6
DORIS E. COLGATE .. .. 3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. 7
FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN (C.C.C. 13).  
Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.  
\*First peal of Spliced Surprise.



**FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS**

WALLINGTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., April 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF 5040 ST. CLEMENT'S BOB MINOR**

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in A flat.

ALAN BUCK .. .. . Treble	MICHAEL T. HOPKINS .. 4
DEREK P. JONES .. .. 2	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 5
JUNE I. DEAR .. .. . 3	EDWIN G. BUCK .. .. . Tenor

Conducted by J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE.

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

CHELSFIELD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN-OF-TOURS.

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

*BETTY TESTER .. .. . Treble	MARTIN L. HOWE .. .. 4
OLIVE D. TESTER .. .. 2	*BRIAN E. JEFFERY .. .. 5
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 3	*COLIN A. TESTER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by COLIN A. TESTER.

\* First peal in seven methods.

STAUNTON (COLEFORD), GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 29, 1961, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being 11 methods in seven extents: (1) Cambridge and Beverley Surprise, (2) Cambridge and Surfleet Surprise, (3) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (4) Double Oxford and Thelwall Bob, (5) St. Clement's and Childwall Bob, (6) Single Oxford and Plain Bob, (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

*IVOR GOULTER .. .. . Treble	DAVID J. KING .. .. 4
JOE E. G. ROAST .. .. 2	*CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. .. 5
SHIRLEY M. PARSONS .. 3	GEOFFREY R. DREW .. Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

\* 25th peal together.

TAXAL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 29, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Being 40 extents (ten callings) and one 240 (Morris').

Tenor 11 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

*T. MICHAEL FREEMAN .. Treble	E. MICHAEL QUINN .. .. 3
*ALAN G. KIRK .. .. . 2	GORDON RUMNEY .. .. 4

JOHN ROBINSON .. .. . Tenor

Conducted by JOHN ROBINSON.

\* First peal in the method, and of Doubles.

THANINGTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 29, 1961, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

In eight methods, being six extents each of Stedman, St. Martin's, St. Simon's, St. Nicholas', five each of Grandsire and Plain Bob, and four each of Reverse Canterbury and Winchendon. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. in C.

JOHN R. COOPER .. .. . Treble	ANDREW M. MACVE .. .. 3
RALPH BIRD .. .. . 2	IAN H. ORAM .. .. . 4

THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. COOPER.

TIDENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 29, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

**A PEAL OF 5040 NEW GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 11 cwt.

*N. KENNETH WINSPEAR .. Treble	WILLIAM F. SCUDAMORE .. 4
BERNARD D. SIMS .. .. 2	JOHN E. MORGAN .. .. 5
CLIVE G. BRYANT .. .. 3	MICHAEL F. SIMS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM F. SCUDAMORE.

\* First peal. First in the method for all the band (rung without previous practice). First in the method on the bells, and for the Association. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. John E. Morgan (ringer of the fifth).

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 29, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

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

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

In seven methods, being one extent each of Single Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM A. HUGHES .. Treble	*RAYMOND E. FINCH .. .. 4
*MARY S. TAYLOR .. .. 2	JOHN D. FAIRCLOTH .. .. 5
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. 3	JOHN E. CANNELL .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN D. FAIRCLOTH.

\* First peal in seven methods. First as conductor.

Rung to commemorate the opening of new vestries and extension at this church.

KINGSTONE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 1, 1961, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 9 cwt.

LESLIE H. COLCOMBE .. Treble	MICHAEL V. POWELL .. .. 7
THOMAS H. WOOD .. .. 2	AUSTIN T. WINGATE .. .. 5
REGINALD G. POWELL .. 3	FRANK REED .. .. . Tenor

Conducted by FRANK REED.

WEST DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 1, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

**A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR**

In ten methods, being seven 720's: (1) London, (2) Lightfoot, (3) Primrose, (4) Beverley, (5) Ipswich, (6) York, (7) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose and Bourne. Tenor 10½ cwt.

CHARLES E. BLACK .. .. Treble	CECIL WADE .. .. . 4
JAMES W. HAW .. .. . 2	LEONARD C. BLANCHARD .. 5
FREDERICK W. FRENCH .. 3	ALBERT E. SCOTT .. .. Tenor

Conducted by CECIL WADE.

In memory of Horace M. Day, whose funeral took place this day at Market Deeping.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 3, 1961, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES**

Being 42 extents (15 callings).

Tenor 8 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

ROSEMARY FLEMING .. .. Treble	RAYMOND G. SMITH .. .. 3
KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 2	GERALD PENNEY .. .. 4

JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. . Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal of Stedman Doubles by all except the ringer of the fourth.

BELTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 6, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

**A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR**

Being seven extents (four callings).

Tenor 11 cwt., approx.

J. MARTIN THORLEY .. .. Treble	JAMES THORLEY .. .. . 4
KENNETH B. SISSONS .. 2	JOHN POTTS .. .. . 5
ALAN SHEPPARD .. .. . 3	LESLIE M. WOODHEAD .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE M. WOODHEAD.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 6, 1961, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being 12 extents of Plain Bob (four callings) and 30 of Grandsire (ten callings). Tenor 4 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

*LORNA DOONE .. .. . Treble	†RONALD J. BROWN .. .. 3
*WILLIAM R. CHANDLER .. 2	†VICTOR J. C. DALE .. .. 4

†BARBAR FISHER .. .. . Tenor

Conducted by RONALD J. BROWN.

\* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First as conductor. All members of the Sunday service band.

BOUGHTON-MONCHELSEA, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 6, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents.

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN W. COLEMAN .. .. Treble	MARTIN L. HOWE .. .. 4
*DAVID PUTNAM .. .. . 2	BERNARD GROVES .. .. 5
MONTY W. GILBERT .. .. 3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD GROVES.

\* First peal 'inside.'

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 6, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET.

**A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents.

Tenor 11 cwt in G.

PETER DALE .. .. . Treble	EDMUND SHUTTLWORTH .. 4
E. MICHAEL QUINN .. .. 2	GORDON RUMNEY .. .. 5
ARTHUR HIBBERT .. .. 3	JOHN ROBINSON .. .. . Tenor

Conducted by JOHN ROBINSON.

COUNDR, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 6, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different 720's, all singles.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*MICHAEL W. CHALLINOR .. Treble	HARRY EDGE .. .. . 4
BERYL W. ABBOTT .. .. 2	REGINALD H. NEWTON .. 5
FREDERICK A. H. CATTELL 3	HARRY POYNER .. .. . Tenor

Conducted by HARRY POYNER.

\* First peal.

Rung in honour of the visit of Princess Alexandra of Kent to Shrewsbury; also a 21st birthday compliment to Colin Smith, of Oswestry.



ESCRICK, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(Barnsley and District Society.)

On Sat., May 6, 1961, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

**A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR**

Being one extent each of London Scholars', Sandal, Kingston, Merchants Return, Kent, Woodbine and Oxford. Tenor 13½ cwt.  
DOUGLAS N. STABLES .. Treble | TREVOR TARBATT .. 4  
CHRISTOPHER A. MOXON .. 2 | GEOFFREY TOWNEND .. 5  
HERMAN RUSBY .. 3 | NOEL F. MOXON .. Tenor

Conducted by NOEL F. MOXON.

A wedding anniversary compliment to Princess Margaret and Mr. A. Armstrong-Jones.

HAYFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 6, 1961, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.  
ANNE P. SMITH .. Treble | EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH .. 4  
ALAN G. KIRK .. 2 | GORDON RUMNEY .. 5  
BRIAN SCHOFIELD .. 3 | PETER DALE .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER DALE.

First peal as conductor.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of 4 and 5.

KNUTSFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 6, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

In three methods, consisting of two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.  
JOHN RYDER .. Treble | HAROLD WORRALL .. 4  
MICHAEL THOMSON .. 2 | HARRY W. HOWARD .. 5  
CHRISTOPHER JONES .. 3 | NORMAN HOUGH .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

Norman Hough has now 'completed the circle.'

Rung in honour of Knutsford's May Queen.

APSLEY END, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 8, 1961, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR**

Being seven extents. Tenor 14½ cwt.  
\*EDWIN J. UPTON .. Treble | †THOMAS J. SOUTHAM .. 4  
WILLIAM C. HUGHES .. 2 | AUGUSTIN V. GOOD .. 5  
WALTER AYRE .. 3 | KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

\* First peal of London and 75th peal for the Association. † First of London Minor.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., May 9, 1961, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES**

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr.  
\*†ELIZABETH MILLER .. Treble | NOEL D. DEAM .. 4  
ROY H. JONES .. 2 | ALEC GAMMON .. 5  
††CATHERINE CHAPMAN .. 3 | JOHN S. WALKER .. Tenor

Conducted by NOEL D. DEAM.

\* First peal of Doubles. † First in the method. †† First 'inside.' First as conductor. This was Mr. Gammon's 80th peal. Rung for Ascension Day.

BREDONS NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHAPEL-OF-EASE TO ST. GILES,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being 720 Kent Treble Bob, three 720's Single Oxford Bob and three 720's Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt. in B.  
RALPH HARRIS .. Treble | \*HARRY PLUMB .. 4  
\*F. RALPH PERKS .. 2 | \*RONALD HICKMOTT .. 5  
†JOHN H. W. FIRKINS .. 3 | JAMES ATTWOOD .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES ATTWOOD.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal, first attempt. First as conductor.

BRENTFORD, MIDDLESEX.  
THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

On Thurs., May 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES**

Being 42 extents (15 callings). Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in G.  
DEREK E. SIBSON .. Treble | ROBIN J. TREBILCOCK .. 4  
MIKAELA ERIK .. 2 | DR. D. J. NEAL SMITH .. 5  
\*MARTYN JORDAN .. 3 | GILLIAN A. NEAL SMITH .. Tenor

Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.

\* First peal. First of Stedman Doubles by all the band, and for the Society.

Rung for Ascension Day.

DOWNHAM, ESSEX.

On Thurs., May 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

In six methods, being one extent each of Ipswich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Childwall, St. Clement's Bob and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt. in B flat.

MARGARET E. PANTON .. Treble | JAMES L. TOWLER .. 4  
JOE E. G. ROAST .. 2 | ANDREW S. HUDSON .. 5  
\*CHRISTOPHER K. COOPER .. 3 | HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. Tenor

Conducted by ANDREW S. HUDSON.

\* First peal of Minor 'inside.'

Rung for Ascension Day.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Ascension Day, May 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

In five methods, being one extent of London Surprise, two of Cambridge Surprise, one of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

CHRISTINE B. CLAYTON .. Treble | DAVID A. H. BENNETT .. 4  
ANDREW J. THOMSON .. 2 | BRUCE WAKEFIELD .. 5  
PETER J. WYCHERLEY .. 3 | ROBIN N. PITTMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBIN N. PITTMAN.

The conductor's 50th peal.

Rung as a compliment to Dermot Roaf and Caroline Hughes on their engagement, and to the former on his being elected to a Fellowship of Exeter College, Oxford.

EAST DRAYTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., May 12, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF 5040 NORWICH SURPRISE MINOR**

Being two 2,160's (C.C.C. Nos. 152 and 153) and one 720 (No. 150). Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

\*JOHN COATES .. Treble | KATHERINE BURCHNALL .. 4  
†GEORGE CHALLANS .. 2 | HAROLD DENMAN .. 5  
GRACE BURCHNALL .. 3 | †ERNEST PRESTON .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST PRESTON.

\* First peal of Surprise. † 25th peal together. First of Surprise as conductor.

EASTCHURCH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 13, 1961, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR**

Being 19 methods in seven extents: (1) Chester and Munden, (2) Lightfoot, Wearmouth and Netherseale, (3) London, Wells and Cuncastre, (4) Annable's London, Rossendale and Stamford, (5) Beverley, Surfleet, Berwick and Hexham, (6) York and Durham, (7) Cambridge and Ipswich; with 98 changes of method. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb. in G.

A. PATRICK CANNON .. Treble | †ANDREW M. MACVE .. 4  
\*CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. 2 | RALPH BIRD .. 5  
IAN H. ORAM .. 3 | JOHN R. COOPER .. Tenor

Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

\* First peal in 19 methods. † 50th tower in the county for a peal. First of Surprise on the bells.

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**MINIMUS PEAL**

RANDWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.  
NON-ASSOCIATION.

*On Wed., May 3, 1961, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes.*

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

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINIMUS**

In 11 methods, being 19 extents each of Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Reverse C.P. Bob, Double C.P. Bob, Single Court, Reverse Court, Double Court, St. Nicholas', St. Martin's, Double Bob and Plain Bob, and 20 of Reverse Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

ALLAN PATON .. .. .	Treble	CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. .. .	3
SHIRLEY M. PARSONS .. .. .	2	GEOFFREY R. DREW .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY R. DREW.

First peal of Minimus for all the band, and in the county. Most Minimus methods yet rung to a peal.

**HANDBELL PEALS**

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Tues., April 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 1 Minute.*

At THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH.

**A PEAL OF 5088 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor size 15 in C.

JOHN A. ACRES .. .. .	1-2	ALFRED BALLARD .. .. .	5-6
MRS. P. J. STANFORTH .. .. .	3-4	PETER J. STANFORTH .. .. .	7-8

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

First peal in the method 'in hand' by all, and for the Guild.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sun., April 23, 1961, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes.*

At St. MARGARET'S SELECT VESTRY HALL.

**A PEAL OF 5248 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor size 15 in C.

ERNEST MORRIS .. .. .	1-2	JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. .	5-6
JOHN A. ACRES .. .. .	3-4	ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. .	7-8

Adapted from E. M. ATKINS'. Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTSHIRE.  
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Fri., April 28, 1961, in 1 Hour and 46 Minutes.*

IN THE BELFRY OF St. MARGARET'S CHURCH.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents.

*A. TERENCE COLLINS .. .. .	1-2	†BRIAN BLADON .. .. .	3-4
†ANTHONY R. PEAKE .. .. .	5-6		

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

\* First peal on handbells. † First of Minor on handbells. 50th peal as conductor, and first as such on handbells.

WIGSTON MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

*On Sun., April 30, 1961, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes.*

At 24, MANOR STREET.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL**

Tenor size 15 in C.

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

ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. . 9-10

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

CLEATHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Wed., May 3, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.*

At CLEATHAM HOUSE FARM.

**A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS**

Tenor size 15 in C.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. .. .	1-2	*A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL .. .. .	5-6
JOHN FREEMAN .. .. .	3-4	GEORGE E. FEIRN .. .. .	7-8

JACK BRAY .. .. . 9-10

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

\* First peal in the method 'in hand.'

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sun., May 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.*

IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF St. MARGARET.

**A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor size 26 in G.

ERNEST MORRIS .. .. .	1-2	JOHN A. ACRES .. .. .	5-6
JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. .	3-4	ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. .	7-8

Adapted from E. M. ATKINS'. Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

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## HALF PEAL

**MILTON REGIS, KENT.**—On May 6th, 2,520 Doubles (Winchendon Place, St. Martin's, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire): R. G. Nye 1, Evelyn M. Cumberworth 2, D. Breakspear 3, T. D. Wickens (cond.) 4, N. Crane 5, K. S. Ryan 6. First half peal by all the band.

## LONG TOUCH

**THORNHILL, YORKS.**—On May 14th, 2,100 Minor (Violet, Plain Bob, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B.): D. Scarrill 1, H. Wood 2, I. Pearson (cond.) 3, F. Shaw 4, O. Coulthard 5, Heb. Wood 6. A farewell to Canon Thornhill, who is leaving after 21 years as Vicar.

**ASSTEAD, SURREY.**—On March 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret Rippon 1, Kathleen Beasley 2, Felicity Goss (first 'inside') 3, J. T. Symonds 4, Geraldine M. Piper 5, J. Marilyn A. Gibbs 6, J. L. Hayns (cond.) 7, H. H. Hayns 8. A belated 21st birthday compliment to the conductor. Also on April 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles 7, 6, 8 behind: Beryl Asridge (first quarter) 1, K. Beasley 2, Diana Prynn 3, G. M. Piper 4, J. Marilyn A. Gibbs (cond.) 5, G. Williams (first quarter) 6, B. C. Piper 7, C. Dorman (first quarter) 8. For Matins. Also, same day, for Evensong, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Rippon 1, G. M. Piper 2, Christine Boxall 3, J. T. Symonds 4, D. Prynn 5, J. M. A. Gibbs (comp. and cond.) 6, J. C. Hayns 7, H. H. Hayns 8.

**BARKBY, LEICS.**—On May 3rd, 1,380 Doubles (Plain Bob, Canterbury, April Day, Grandsire): Christine Smith 1, B. Brant 2, Amy Wanes 3, M. R. A. Kirk (cond.) 4, R. D. Flowers 5, A. C. Holling 6. A 16th birthday compliment to Alan Holling. Also on May 4th, 1,260 Doubles (Canterbury, April Day, Grandsire): A. Holling 1, Amy Wanes 2, Ann Wanes 3, B. Brant 4, M. R. A. Kirk (cond.) 5.

**BATCOMBE, SOMERSET.**—On May 11th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): C. Harvey 1, Mrs. A. J. Frith 2, R. W. Treasure 3, C. Allward 4, F. C. Mogford (cond.) 5, L. B. Coles 6. For Ascension Day.

**BRADFORD, YORKS.**—At the Cathedral, on May 11th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal: D. Rhodes 1, S. B. Schofield 2, Rita M. Jowett 3, Mrs. H. B. Schofield 4, Jeanne E. Bottomley 5, B. Gillian Schofield 6, H. B. Schofield 7, L. W. G. Morris 8, V. Bottomley 9, F. A. Munday (cond.) 10. First of Surprise Royal for 1, 4, 5 and 7. Rung by the Sunday service band for Ascension Day Evensong.

**BRISTOL.**—At St. Ambrose's on March 12th, 1,440 Minor (Double Oxford and St. Clement's): M. J. Hoskins 1, Miss G. M. Hussey 2, J. F. Pedler 3, A. C. Baker 4, R. G. Hooper (cond.) 5, M. J. Hobbs 6. Also on Easter Sunday, at St. Ambrose's, 1,260 Doubles (8 methods): F. R. Hussey 1, Miss G. M. Hussey 2, M. J. Hobbs 3, B. A. Shackleton 4, R. G. Hooper (cond.) 5, M. J. Hoskins 6. Also on April 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. P. Smith (first of Triples) 1, J. W. Smith 2, M. J. Hoskins (first of Triples 'inside') 3, M. J. Hobbs 4, Miss M. P. Smith 5, B. A. Shackleton (cond.) 6, A. V. Bennett 7, H. T. Ferris 8. Rung for St. Ambrose's Day. Also at St. George's, on April 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. R. Hussey 1, Miss G. M. Hussey 2, M. J. Hobbs (cond.) 3, S. Gillett (first 'inside', aged 64) 4, J. H. Joyner 5, B. A. Shackleton 6. For St. George's Day, and the visit of the Lord Bishop of Bristol. Also as a wedding anniversary compliment to the Vicar and Mrs. G. Elwell. Also on April 23rd, at St. Ambrose's, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman and Grandsire): B. A. Shackleton 1, Miss M. P. Smith 2, Miss G. M. Hussey 3, S. Gillett (first in 2 methods) 4, M. J. Hobbs 5, R. G. Hooper 6. Conducted by 1, 3, 5 and 6.

**BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX.**—On April 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: H. C. Evans 1, Angela M. Barclay 2, Susan J. Beresford 3, D. S. Anderson 4, K. C. Knight (cond.) 5, A. Brown 6. For Easter Sunday.

**CALVERLEY, YORKS.**—On April 16th, at Oakfield, Shell Lane, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. Rhodes (cond.) 1-2, P. Dawson 3-4, R. J. Lumley 5-6. First quarter 'in hand' by all. Also on April 15th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: P. M. Lumley 1, R. J. Lumley 2, R. A. Appleby 3, J. Rhodes 4, W. Lee 5, P. Wheatley 6, P. M. Dawson (cond.) 7, R. Waddington 8. Rung by Sunday service band to welcome Martin John, son of Joan and Peter Dawson.

**CAPTOWN, SOUTH AFRICA.**—On April 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Ernszen sen, 1, V. Sheppard 2, W. Smith (cond.) 3, O. Lamb 4, J. Riley 5, J. Ernszen 6. For Evensong, and St. George of England

## QUARTER PEALS

**CHARLTON HORETHORNE, SOMERSET.**—On May 13th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Pat A. Burt 1, J. J. Jefferies 2, L. R. G. Taylor 3, A. F. Lee (cond.) 4, C. J. A. Brown 5, D. J. Barnett 6.

**CLYST HONITON, DEVON.**—On April 30th, 1,260 Spliced Triples (700 Oxford Bob, 560 Grandsire, with 12 changes of methods): Miss A. Christie (first of Spliced) 1, J. Salway 2, Mrs. G. E. Retter 3, D. Callard 4, E. E. Retter 5, A. Holway 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, E. R. Retter 8. For evening service.

**DOWNTON, WILTS.**—On May 1st, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: J. Mussell 1, Margaret L. Page 2, I. Ann Abrahams 3, R. Haines 4, L. A. Page 5, A. F. Haines (first quarter in method) 6, L. F. Cobb 7, R. N. Marlow (cond.) 8.

**DUNHOLME, Lincs.**—On May 11th, 1260 Doubles (Grandsire Reverse Canterbury, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place, St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Plain Bob): Miss J. M. Smith 1, P. Coddington 2, T. R. Smith 3, W. S. Smith 4, J. M. Burton (cond.) 5, B. W. Smith 6. Rung for Evensong on Ascension Day.

**EAST ILSLEY, BERKS.**—On May 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. J. Hibbert 1, Mrs. C. J. Hibbert 2, A. Sayers 3, J. Hibbert 4, W. Irving 5, B. Taylor 6, G. W. Bishop (cond.) 7, R. Wells 8.

**FARNBOROUGH, SOMERSET.**—On May 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Baker (first quarter) 1, M. Horseman (cond.) 2, K. Baker (first quarter) 3, R. Smith 4, J. Pugh (first 'inside') 5, J. Coombes 6. For morning service.

**FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.**—On May 14th, 1,440 Minor (Oxford and Kent T.B.): R. H. Mills 1, Miss M. A. Finch 2, R. E. Finch 3, P. J. Joyce 4, P. N. Murgatroyd (cond.) 5, D. P. Treble 6. For Evensong.

**GILLINGHAM, DORSET.**—On May 13th, 1,320 Plain Bob (720 Minor, 600 Doubles): Pat A. Burt 1, L. R. G. Taylor 2, J. J. Jefferies 3, D. J. Barnett 4, C. J. A. Brown (cond., Doubles) 5, A. F. Lee (cond., Minor) 6.

**GREAT FINBOROUGH, SUFFOLK.**—On May 5th, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge and Plain Bob): Mrs. R. E. Lester 1, R. E. Lester 2, H. A. Mitson 3, E. Hotice 4, Alice E. J. Lester (cond.) 5, E. A. Cracknell 6. A birthday compliment to Mr. A. Bennett, of Bearley, Warwickshire.

**HEAVITREE, EXETER.**—On April 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. Mallett (cond.) 1, Miss J. Wooders 2, F. Wills 3, B. Thompson 4, J. Carter 5, C. Yates 6, F. Wreford 7, B. Coles 8. For Evensong, also a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Hill on the birth of a son (Ian Philip).

**HOLT, WILTS.**—On April 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss V. Sheet 1, G. Humphries (first 'inside') 2, P. Gaisford (first as cond.) 3, R. Purnell 4, J. C. V. Edwards 5, J. Banks 6.

**HORSHAM, SUSSEX.**—On May 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Anne Bree (first quarter) 1, G. Rix 2, Miss A. Trott 3, J. Smith 4, S. A. Paice 5, E. R. Rapley (cond.) 6, B. White 7, C. Denyer 8. For Rotation Sunday.

**HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BUCKS.**—On May 6th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: K. C. Fleming 1, A. Kershaw 2, G. Seth (first quarter) 3, H. B. Whitney 4, K. G. Spavins 5, R. A. Ward 6, I. N. Pett 7, R. R. Churchill (cond.) 8.

**LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.**—On April 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Turner 1, S. H. Symonds (cond.) 2, S. Smith 3, F. F. Mortlock 4, F. Boreham 5, M. T. Symonds 6, L. Pryke 7, L. Offord 8. For Evensong, also birthday compliments to the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th ringers, and to J. Euston, of Streatham.

**LEIGH-ON-MENDIP, SOMERSET.**—On May 1st, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: A. F. Lee 1, Gloria M. Newton 2, L. R. G. Taylor 3, T. J. Milsom 4, H. L. Parfrey (cond.) 5, A. F. Butt 6.

**LICHFIELD, STAFFS.**—On April 16th, 1,289 Plain Bob Triples: J. B. Webb 1, Marlene E. Jones 2, F. A. Sedgwick 3, Penelope Sedgwick 4, B. J. Townsend 5, J. H. Allen 6, M. J. Elson (cond.) 7, M. Knight 8. First of Triples in the method for 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8. For Evensong.

**MANGOTSFIELD, GLOS.**—On April 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. R. Hussey 1, Miss G. M. Hussey 2, M. J. Hobbs 3, P. Hurcombe 4, E. Cooksey 5, R. G. Hooper 6, B. A. Shackleton (cond.) 7, G. Blagg (first of Triples) 8. Rung prior to the wedding of Miss Joan Payne and Michael Jefferies.

**MARLOW, BUCKS.**—On May 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. E. Dean 1, P. R. Dean (first in method) 2, Miss H. Bonner 3, B. D. Price 4, J. Young (first in method) 5, E. D. Poole 6, L. J. Young (cond.) 7, E. Silvey 8. For the eve of Ascension.

**MILBORNE PORT, SOMERSET.**—On May 13th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse St. Bartholomew, Plain Bob, Stedman, Reverse Canterbury and Grandsire): L. R. G. Taylor 1, D. J. Barnett 2, C. J. A. Brown 3, J. J. Jefferies 4, A. F. Lee (cond.) 5, L. F. Mattravers (first quarter) 6.

**MILTON REGIS, KENT.**—On May 8th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury and Grandsire): R. G. Nye 1, Evelyn M. Cumberworth 2, D. Breakspear 3, T. D. Wickens (cond.) 4, N. A. Crane 5, K. S. Ryan 6. For Evensong. Also on May 12th, 1,259 Grandsire Doubles, by the same band, for Ascension Day service. Also on April 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire): R. G. Nye (first away from cover) 1, R. Cottis 2, D. Breakspear 3, T. D. Wickens (first as cond.) 4, N. Crane 5, K. S. Ryan 6. First quarter 2, 3 and 6. First in three methods for all the band. Rung for the Queen's birthday.

**MUCH WENLOCK, SALOP.**—On May 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Evans 1, V. Hollinshead 2, J. E. Fox (cond.) 3, L. Longlands 4, W. H. Lloyd 5, H. Perks 6, H. Edge 7, C. F. Edwards 8. Rung as a welcome to Princess Alexandra.

**NAILSEA, SOMERSET.**—On May 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jennifer Brake 1, L. Derrick (cond.) 2, T. Phillips 3, P. Blake 4, H. Hardwidge 5, Mary Powell 6.

**NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.**—On April 30th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: Valerie Colgrove 1, T. G. Pickering 2, Jean Cheney 3, W. C. Budd 4, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, P. M. Edgson 6. Rung for Evensong, on the occasion of the visit of the Bishop of Coventry, to launch a parish mission.

**PANGBOURNE, BERKS.**—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Barbara Mort (13, first quarter) 1, G. Clark 2, J. F. Carter 3, J. Froome 4, J. A. Harland (cond.) 5, A. J. Burt 6. For Commonwealth Youth Sunday service, and in memoriam John P. Chambers, sometimes ringer and vergor.

**POTNEY, SURREY.**—On May 14th, 1,260 Minor (Kent T.B. and Plain Bob): Caroline Carpenter 1, Elizabeth Negus 2, Alison Mann 3, L. Allen 4, J. Perrett 5, C. Mew (cond.) First extent of Kent for all except 5th.

**READING, BERKS.**—On May 6th, at St. Laurence's Church, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. Hibbert 1, J. W. T. Hibbert 2, C. J. Hibbert 3, G. W. Bishop 4, J. H. Napper 5, J. K. Ward 6, M. Thurmott 7, F. R. Scott 8, R. G. Burton 9, W. Rampton 10. With affectionate memories of Alfred B. Peck, by fellows members of the College Youths.

**REIGATE, SURREY.**—On May 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Caters: R. G. Talbot 1, Mrs. Sanders 2, Freda Hankey (first of Caters 'inside') 3, A. Streeter 4, J. H. Euston 5, A. T. Shelton 6, E. G. Talbot (cond.) 7, W. H. Inwood 8, R. Sanders 9, Joan Hanning 10.

**ROYDON, ESSEX.**—On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. W. Sams 1, B. G. Burton 2, W. P. Sams (cond.) 3, A. A. Livings 4, G. Blake 5, N. Ward 6. Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect, from his fellow ringers, to Frank Wright, who was interred this day at Great Parndon.

**SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD, OXON.**—On May 7th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob, with 7, 6, 8 covering): Caroline Copley (first quarter) 1, R. A. Brown 2, A. J. Tumber 3, H. N. Evans 4, J. R. Goodenough (first as cond. on tower bells) 5, R. L. Taylor (first quarter) 6, E. D. Elderkin (first on tower bells) 7, A. S. Harrison (first quarter) 8. Rung by members of Southampton University Guild.

**SOUTH CERNEY, GLOS.**—On April 14th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: B. Wakefield (first in method as cond.) 1, R. Wakefield 2, M. J. Cook 3, P. Wakefield 4, R. J. Smith 5, P. Law 6. First quarter of Stedman by all the hand except conductor. Also on April 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Thompson 1, Miss A. Stephens 2, M. J. Cook (cond.) 3, Miss M. Fenton 4, R. Wakefield 5, P. Law 6. For evening service.

**STOCKLAND, BRISTOL.**—On May 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Langdon (first quarter) 1, Miss F. Phillips 2, D. J. Gay (cond.) 3, D. Miller 4, K. Prime 5, G. Duckham 6. First quarter rung on the six, with an additional new treble bell.

**STRATTON, CORNWALL.**—On May 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. T. Stacey 1, J. Tomsett 2, H. Trewin 3, H. Heard 4, C. Sangwin 5, C. Taylor (cond.) 6, J. Sangwin 7, J. Hockridge 8. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. T. Heard and Miss E. Curtis. Also a birthday compliment to C. Sangwin, tower captain.

**WIMBLEDON, SURREY.**—On May 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret Plummer (first quarter) 1, Elizabeth Carson (first Triples 'inside') 2, M. Sinden (cond.) 3, A. Bishop 4, Caroline Carpenter 5, Susan Rawlings 6, C. Walters 7, R. Mayes 8. For Evensong.



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A new record in Spliced Plain Major has been created at Accrington. On May 12th a band, conducted by Mr. Derek Ogden, rang a peal in 55 methods with 335 changes of method. This is the greatest number of Major methods to a peal. Congratulations.

The ringers of the peal at Eastchurch, Isle of Sheppey, on May 13th wish to record their grateful thanks for the hospitality of Mrs. Wash and family in providing the band with tea after the ringing.

Canon C. C. Cox is the new president of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild in place of the late Earl of Shaftesbury. Canon Cox's office as Master will be undertaken by the Rev. Richard Longridge, Vicar of Bourton, Dorset.

Here is a coincidence. Patricia Forster and Ruth Carey went to school and learnt to ring together. Within a week they both became mothers of sons. Patricia is now Mrs. Pat Halls and Ruth, Mrs. Ruth Jackson. The Exercise will rejoice with them.

A bunch of keys was found in the car park adjoining Buckfastleigh Parish Church on the day following the joint meeting there on May 13th. If these belong to any of the visiting ringers, they should apply to Mr. A. L. Bennett, of Cornerways, Buckfastleigh, Devon.

Mr. Alan Clapstick, the well known Ambleside ringer, is the first Westmorland-born ringer to ring a peal of Yorkshire in his native county—a feat of which he is very proud. He and his wife entertained the band to a lovely tea after the peal at Ambleside and are thanked by all who enjoyed their hospitality.

Last Wednesday was one of the few occasions the 10 bells at the Commonwealth Institute, South Kensington, were rung. These 10 bells were the gift of an Australian lady, Mrs. Elizabeth Millar, of Melbourne, in 1892 to the Prince of Wales and are by descent the property of the Queen. The bells were named after members of the Royal Family. The tenor weighs 38 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. and is named Victoria R.I.

## BELFRY

## GOSSIP

As long lengths are very much in the air, Mr. A. Hingley, of Darlaston, South Staffs. writes of the centenary of a peal of 10,061 Grandsire Caters rung on May 21st, 1861, recorded on a peal board in Wednesbury Parish Church. It was rung in 5 hours 55 minutes, the longest length rung in the county. The band was J. N. Lloyd 1, Hy. Malborn 2, S. L. Spittle 3, J. H. Lloyd 4, Abl. Malborn 5, J. H. Bate 6, Jas. Foster 7, Thos. Foster 8, Wm. Micklewright (cond.) 9, Hy. Lawton 10. Composed by Henry Johnson, of Birmingham.

Mr. Adrian G. Semken writes solving the mystery of the peal of Sudbury referred to in this column in our issue of May 12th. The peal in question was rung at Great Bromley (see page 281). The only connection with Sudbury is that the bell Miss J. Munson rang was cast in Sudbury in 1717.

Mr. Clifford Ball, carillonneur at Bournville, began a tour of American carillons on May 13th. The following Sunday he gave two recitals in New York—at St. Martin's Episcopal Church and at the Riverside Church. His selection at the latter church was appropriate for Mothering Sunday.

The band who rang the peal of Double Norwich at All Saints', Hastings, on May 6th, would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. C. Alfred Levett for so kindly providing such a lovely tea afterwards. Unfortunately, Alfred was unable to stand in, owing to indisposition, but his substitute, Mr. John A. Downing, captain of Christ Church, Blacklands, agreed to stand in at short notice.

Suggesting that it might throw some light on 'The Sunday Pictorial' pictures from Cumberland, J. S. sends us a cutting concerning 'I-spy' badges taken from 'The Daily Mail' of May 9th. In it it is suggested that an 'I-spy' badge is a kind of open sesame and might take the wearers behind closed doors and 'bell ringers let you have a go.' The ignorance of those who hold the responsibility of formulating public opinion is amazing!

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# PERSONALITIES OF THE EXERCISE - 21

Few ringers have devoted as much service to their brethren in the art as Mr. Arthur D. Barker, of Stoke Poges, Bucks. For 50 continuous years he has held an important office, firstly in the London County Association, and from 1924 with the Oxford Diocesan Guild. When the Northern District of the L.C.A. was formed in 1911, he was appointed the first Master, and later became general secretary of this Association, from 1920-24. On moving from London to Stoke Poges, in 1922, he soon took office in the Oxford Diocesan Guild, being secretary and treasurer of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch from 1924-54. Since 1936 to date, he has been the Guild's general treasurer, and during this period £1,121 has been paid in grants to churches in the Diocese for bell restoration. He has been a Central Council representative from 1924 to date, with an unbroken record of attendance. On August 12th, 1922, when he married Gladys Elsie Bateman, he was fortunate in finding a wife who was not only a first class ringer and striker, but one who, by her profession of school teacher, was well equipped to assist him in his many duties.



MR. and MRS. A. D. BARKER,  
Oxford Diocesan Guild.

Arthur was born in Islington, North London, on October 28th, 1890. He was educated at Hanover Street Board School, but as there was, even in those days, a shortage of masters, he often assisted in teaching the class, while still a pupil! He qualified to go to Christ's Hospital (The Blue Coat School), but unfortunately, as there were five younger children in his family, he had to start work at 14. After a series of varied jobs, such as motor engineer, auctioneer, stockbroker and hosier, he eventually met John Christopher Mitchell—they were both members of the A.S.C.Y.—who was secretary to the L. G. Omnibus Company, and afterwards secretary and treasurer of the London Transport Board. This meeting resulted in Arthur getting a position as clerk, which lasted for 41 years, until his retirement in March, 1955.

He was taught to ring in 1908 at St. Mary's, Islington, by Joseph Barry, a fine heavy-bell ringer, and a relation of James George. His first peal was Grandsire Triples on June 12th, 1909, at St. John of Jerusalem, South Hackney, London, E., and rung for the A.S.C.Y., of which he was made a member on November 17th, 1908. Mr. James Bullock, another well known London ringer, rang his first peal on the same occasion. Arthur's fourth peal was Stedman Triples, and his sixth was Stedman Cinques, and all these three peals were conducted by Mr. Richard F. Deal, to whom, along with Mr. Thomas H. Taffender (responsible for many well known London ringers getting a start), Arthur wishes to give grateful credit for early knowledge and encouragement.

Up to April, 1961, his total of peals is 197, of which he has conducted 67. This includes four non-conducted peals, and 34 rung on 12 bells. Although his peal total is a modest one, it includes a number of interesting performances. His longest length was 7,777 Stedman Caters at Beddington, Surrey, in 1913. He took part in Stedman Caters at Wells Cathedral, when, after travelling down with his right arm in a sling, he removed it before meeting the rest of the band! For the Oxford Diocesan Guild he conducted the 'first ever' peal of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor, rung without bobs, and all 5.6s at backstroke, the first peal of London Minor rung at Amersham, and the first peal of Stedman Cinques rung by a resident Guild band at Oxford in 1926. In these last three peals, Mrs. Barker also took part. Arthur has always been 'game' to tackle an awkward tenor, and in three places in London he rang the tenor to peals of Major, during the 1920's, which will not be repeated. They were at White-chapel (always a 'slaughterhouse'), Blackfriars and Rotherhithe. He also 'turned-in' the 264 cwt. tenor at Great Missenden, Bucks, to the first peal of Minor on the bells (Kent) in 1931. More recently, in 1957, he conducted Stedman Triples from the 264 cwt. tenor at Bray, Berks, the first peal on the eight bells, at the age of 67, a very creditable performance.

During the First World War, he served in the R.A.M.C. (T.A.), from 1915-19. He was

promoted sergeant 'on the field,' caught pneumonia (temperature 106.4 degrees) in Jerusalem, and afterwards malaria, finally being invalided out. He took part in an interesting peal in 1919 at St. John of Jerusalem, South Hackney. It was Stedman Triples, and the whole band had been in Jerusalem during the 1914-18 war.

His loyal association with Stoke Poges church, since 1924, resulted in the bells being augmented to eight in 1938, and he has conducted all peals on the bells since, except one which was conducted by one of his pupils. This church was the first one to broadcast change ringing in the South of England, Kent and Oxford T.B. Minor in the early 1920's.

On December 1st, 1927, he joined the St. Clement Danes' Lodge of Freemasons, and was Worshipful Master in 1940-41. He has held several other offices, including, in 1957, the honour of Most Worshipful Master, London Grand Rank, conferred on him in consideration of his zeal and services to Freemasonry, in which he has an unbroken record of attendance. Since 1948 he has been treasurer of the St. Clement Danes' Masonic Benevolent Association, and during this period nearly £1,200 has been contributed to Masonic charities. His other hobbies include gardening and stamp collecting.

Gladys Barker was born at Wexham, Bucks, on August 9th, 1900, and educated at Clewer St. Stephen High School and Whitelands Teachers' Training College, Chelsea. During the first war, the local band at Stoke Poges was sadly depleted, and the bells were silent. Her father, the late William J. Bateman, was tower-keeper, so Gladys, her sister and cousin persuaded her father to teach them. They were inspired by the news that the neighbouring parish of Fulmer had a full band of lady ringers. Gladys would like to acknowledge the great work done at this time by the late George H. Gutteridge, who was a very patient teacher and is greatly missed in South-East Bucks.

Her first peal was an Armistice one, rung at Burnham, Bucks, on November 30th, 1918—Grandsire Triples, conducted by William Henley, still active at Farnham Royal. Her present total of peals is 79, of which 66 have been rung with her husband, whom she met at the Ladies' Guild annual meeting at Enfield in July, 1919. She has rung five peals for the Ladies' Guild, including the first of Stedman Triples at Old Windsor in 1924. Stedman Caters at St. Clement Danes' in 1926, and the first peal of Surprise, Cambridge Major, at Crayford on March 31st, 1928, to which she rang the 7th. She is proud of the fact that she was the first lady to ring a peal of Maximus on tower bells, this being Kent T.B., at Waltham Abbey on April 22nd, 1921, conducted by Richard F. Deal, and she has completed the family of Cambridge and Kent on all numbers. She took part in the married

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## OXFORD GUILD'S RINGING COURSE

Some 60 ringers representing more than 20 towers attended a ringing course at Monks Risborough, on April 15th, organised by two Branches of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. The course began in the White Cross Hall, where Mr. A. D. Barker (Guild treasurer) spoke on 'Handling a Bell,' for which two ropes—one at the handstroke position, one at the back—had been suspended from a beam. Having dealt with the actual handling of a bell and pointing out the faults beginners were apt to make, Mr. Barker turned to the actual teaching. He thought the learner should be encouraged to progress as quickly as possible—of course, some would progress more readily than others—in order that he/she would not lose interest.

Also, in answer to a question, he advocated that the learner should not be shown the bells until he/she could handle one properly in case of being 'frightened' by the size of the bells. (This is different to what has been expressed elsewhere.)

The company then adjourned to the church, where the six bells are rung from the ground floor. Plenty of rounds were rung for the learners, and their faults were quietly pointed out to them so that they could correct their style. After ringing for an hour, back to the hall, where the ladies of the church had prepared a good tea. Ringing recordings were played by Mr. W. H. Coles on his tape-recorder.

The next speaker was Mr. W. G. Wilson, who, with the aid of diagrams, dealt with the learning of methods. This was explained in a very thorough manner, and afterwards as the bells in each change of the plain course of Bob Minor were counted out, members of the audience, equipped with handbells, sounded them simultaneously as they all followed the path of one and the same bell. Handbells were passed on to others and the procedure was repeated. Finally, Mr. and Mrs. Barker, Mr. Coles and Mr. Wilson rang a touch of Stedman Triples on handbells. Several present had never seen this done before and many appreciative comments were passed.

The return to the church was made once again and ringing in a variety of methods was enjoyed.

D. G. W.

## STRENUOUS HANDBELL PEAL RINGING

On May 14th in the belfry of St. Margaret's, Leicester, a peal of Plain Bob Major was rung on the largest set of handbells ever to be rung to a peal. The tenor was size 26 in G. There has been only one previous peal on these bells, Stedman Triples, on February 2nd, 1925, conducted by Harold J. Poole. Both peals were successful at the first attempt. Ernest Morris rang in both peals.

It was with some trepidation that the band surveyed the bells before the start, and the ringer of 5-6 wisely donned a pair of gloves.

A start was made, and a very steady beat was maintained throughout. About half way, after nearly 1½ hours' ringing, 5-6 and 7-8 were beginning to feel the effect of the heavy bells and blisters were already in evidence. It was agreed to continue, but to shorten the peal to 5,008. The peal was successfully completed in 2 hours and 34 minutes one minute under the time taken for the 1925 peal. As the bells were laid to rest the ringer of the tenors was heard to say, 'I don't think I could have rung another lead,' and then he showed us his hands!

It was a glorious peal and well worth the effort which 5-6 and 7-8, in particular, agreed was more strenuous than a tower-bell peal.

Now which enthusiastic band is going to attempt one on 29 in C?

J. A. C.

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couples' peal of Cambridge Royal and Stedman Cinques, and has been a Central Council representative for the Oxford Diocesan Guild for a number of years.

Mr. and Mrs. Barker have a long record of service to others, and their devotion to duty is appreciated by members of their Guild. As a married couple team, they have set others an excellent example, in every direction.

APACE.



## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

### Master Wants More Inter-visiting

THE annual meeting of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was held at Hackney on April 22nd: it was attended by over 60 ringers, who were given the opportunity of ringing at St. John-at-Hackney and at St. John's, South Hackney, during the afternoon and evening.

The chair at the business meeting was taken by the president (the Rev. G. C. Taylor), who extended a warm welcome to all present and particularly to Mr. Kent, who, although now resident in Hackney, rang for some years in the Ealing towers. Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. L. Grice, E. R. Gotham, W. H. Coles, C. E. Slade and Mrs. S. Slade. A minute's silence was observed to those past members who had died since the last annual meeting.

A new departure this year was a report from the Master, Mr. J. R. Mayne. During the year he had visited 23 of the towers affiliated to the Association, and he had found that, though a few bands were strong, some were struggling, and some were enthusiastic, but not very capable; however, all gave him a welcome.

Continuing his report, the Master gave those present food for thought, with his summing-up of the strength, or otherwise, of the Association. In his opinion, there was much to be done, and it would not be done by making speeches, or by one officer visiting 20 different towers during the course of a year. It needed a combined and sustained effort from everybody. Some bands would benefit from more discipline, some needed more enthusiasm. He suggested that there could be more inter-visiting between local towers on their respective practice nights.

Mr. Mayne also pointed out that the strength of the Association lay in its meetings, where all ringers had the chance to try something new, and he urged that an effort should be made to increase the numbers of ringers present at these meetings.

The reports made by the secretary and treasurer were received and adopted, and all the retiring officers were re-elected. One amendment to the Rules was agreed upon—that Rule 16, regarding peal fees, should now read that the fee of 6d. per member taking part could, in addition to the Secretary, be sent to the District Secretaries. It was voted that the next annual meeting be held at Hillingdon.

Other routine business was concluded, and was followed by votes of thanks to the Revs. Pink and Isherwood, for the use of bells, etc.; to Mrs. Edwards and helpers at tea, and to Mr. Edwards, local captain, for having everything in readiness.

Before the tea and business, a service in the rather unusual but lovely church of St. John-at-Hackney was jointly conducted by the Revs. Pink and Taylor, at which the former gave the sermon.

## BARNESLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Three generations rang together at the monthly meeting at the Barnesley and District Society at New Mill, near Huddersfield, on May 13th. Denise Greenwood, of Meltham, was elected a member and he rang with his mother, Mrs. Mary Greenwood, and his grandfather, Mr. Charles Byram. Fourteen towers were represented. The Vicar (the Rev. P. F. W. Frost) presided and responded to the usual vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. Edward Farnshaw, of Meltham.

Next meeting, June 10th, Kirkthorpe (shield contest).

## RINGING TOUR BY LONG NARROW BOAT



'WATER, water everywhere and none of it fit for drinking.' was the theme of a crew of ringers from St. Albans District and Watford, navigating the Grand Union Canal in a seventy foot long narrow boat on May 6th. Spirits were high as we embarked at Leighton Buzzard, aboard the 'Heather Belle.' We cast off at 9.30 a.m. and soon there were more ringers on the boat than in it.

Our first port of call, Fenny Stratford, was reached after a few 'teething' trials, arising from a strong cross-wind, which necessitated much strong arm activity with boat hooks. However, the hard working crew were rewarded by the easy going six at Fenny Stratford.

After lunch the next target was Woughton-on-the-Green, where we found a fraying rope on the treble. The third tower (which was delightfully positioned) was at Gt. Linford (6, 16½ cwt.), where the bells were a real joy to ring. This place was also our turning point, so we headed back downstream in the hopes of ringing at Simpson. Unfortunately, we were a little behind schedule and did not have time to ring, because it is against the law to navigate after dark. This was remedied by some ringers who took to ringing hand-bells behind the engine room.

On the whole, locks and steering were managed very well and thanks must be to the 'tiller men and girl,' the lock workers, the tea and coffee brewers, water sprites and, finally, all kind incumbents concerned. Three cheers for the gallant organisers from the damp campanologists!

C. M. R.

N.B.—The tour even provoked mention on the South-East England B.B.C. News on the previous evening.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—On May 11th, 1,260 Doubles (Canterbury Reverse, April Day, Plain Bob, St. Simon's, St. Martin's and Grandsire): R. Longhurst 1, Miss M. Erik 2, R. W. Pictou (cond.) 3, K. Waples 4, B. Barker 5, P. Harper 6. First of six methods by all the band. For Evensong.

## SURREY ASSOCIATION Striking Competition

The fifth annual striking competition, organised by the Surrey Association, held at Ewell, attracted only four entries. This emphasises once more that although a large proportion of our bells are rung regularly for services, the state of change ringing in the county is in poor health.

Once again the Association was privileged to have as judge Mr. Charles H. Kippin, of Southampton, with Mrs. Parrott as his marker. Proceedings started with the Association's service, conducted by the Vicar of St. Mary's, Ewell, Rev. V. P. Davis. The bells were then raised by spectators and listeners, the draw for order of ringing made and the four bands in turn rang 252 changes. After the last band had rung the company, some 50 strong, made for the local school, where the Ewell ringers, under their captain, Mr. J. Beams, had an excellent tea awaiting.

After tea Mr. Kippin announced the results. The team with least faults was St. Mary's, Beddington, for the second year running, and the ringing was described by Mr. Kippin as the best he had heard at a Surrey competition. Next was St. John's, Croydon, and third St. John's, Redhill. This entry is the first from the Southern District, and a welcome recruit to the competition. Finally, came St. Martin's, Epsom, a very youthful band, who were also making their first attempt. The first two teams rang Stedman and the latter two Grandsire.

At the routine business meeting which followed, two new members were elected and the librarian mentioned that the library had a copy of 'Leatherhead Bells' presented by the author, Mr. A. H. Winch. The collection for the bell fund raised £1 13s. 3d., and the meeting concluded with votes of thanks to the Ewell ringers, whose efforts had made such a success of the afternoon.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## PEALS ON THE FRONT 8 OF 12 OR 6 OF 8

Dear Sir.—Following the annual meeting of the Worcestershire Association, exaggerated and strongly worded remarks in the local Press on this subject have been attributed to me, and further, making them appear as my own personal opinions, that I feel the facts to be not out of place.

In 1960, three peals were rung for this Association, two on the front 8 of a ring of 12, and one on the front 6 of a ring of 8. Before the Central Committee meeting in February, a member notified me of his intention to bring the matter forward and asked me to put it on the agenda. His proposal was that the peals be not accepted for publication, but the committee, not wishing to go as far as this, decided 'that the ringing of such peals should be discouraged.'

Reporting to the annual meeting on behalf of the committee, I used the exact phrasing of the minute and no more, and the report was adopted without comment.

After the meeting, the Press reporter, young and admittedly uninformed on ringing, asked me for an explanation of the 'front 6 of a peal of eight,' etc., and this I gave him, quite simply and briefly. Another member of the committee, hearing the discussion, can vouch for the fact that no such expressions were used as 'agony of sound' or 'grating on the ears.' In point of fact, I think, I am usually considered to be ultra cautious in any remarks I pass in public.

One can only assume it to be another case of over-enthusiastic reporting, looking for something sensational, and after reading the opening sentence in one paper: 'A look of horror spread over the 150 members present, when the secretary . . . etc., one could expect anything to follow.—Yours faithfully,

J. D. JOHNSON,  
General Secretary,  
Worcestershire Association.  
Sedgeberrow, Evesham.

### A PUZZLE

Dear Sir.—With reference to the letter from Mr. A. J. Blair, headed 'A Puzzle' in a recent issue of 'The Ringing World,' I am sure I will not be alone in pointing out that the solution given is the extent of Bob Minimus, with the bells in reverse order, the fourth doing the treble's work, the third that of the second and so on.—Yours faithfully,

D. K. PUTNAM.

Bearsted, Kent.

Dear Sir.—I also, have the book of puzzles which your correspondent is interested in. I see the method is Plain Bob, but with the 4th as hunt bell instead of the treble.

I do not think a separate name could be given to this as, it is only Plain Bob 'back to front,' so perhaps it could be called '4th hunt bob.' If a little experiment is done it will be found that any bell can be made the hunt bell, keeping the same rules for Plain Bob when the hunt bell leads.

I do not think these methods should be used on more than four or five bells, but as ringers of four-bell towers must have a little variation from Plain Bob, this should prove quite acceptable on Minimus.—Yours faithfully,

DAVID W. STRUCKETT.  
Sunbury-on-Thames.

## HAROLD J. POOLE AND SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Dear Sir.—With reference to Mr. Sedgley's letter ('R.W.' May 5th) I have pleasure in submitting for publication and his perusal the peals of Maximus as rung by the late Harold J. Poole, of Leicester.

The list consists of 25 different Surprise methods and the acme of all is no doubt the only peal to be rung of Cambridge Surprise Maximus 'in hand.' Also it might be stated that where it was possible the Minor, Major and Royal extensions were rung.

This information will no doubt be of interest to all who are statistically minded.—

### TOWER BELLS

Kent Treble Bob 1.

Surprise methods: Cambridge 35 (cond. 21); New Cambridge 3 (3); Yorkshire 27 (17); York 2 (2); Buckinghamshire 1 (1); Superlative 4 (4); Buckingham 1 (1); Pudsey 2 (1); Rochester 1 (1); Bedford 1 (1); Lindsey 1 (1); Lincolnshire 1 (1); Belgrave 1 (1); Albanian 2 (2); Wigston 1 (1); Leicestershire 1 (1); Aldenham 2 (1); Bristol 2 (2); Rutland (Belvoir) 1 (1); Goscoe 2 (1); Metropolis 1 (1); Langley 1 (1); Sconeigate 1 (1); Garree 1 (1); Framland 1 (1); 2 Spliced 2 (2); 3 Spliced 1 (1); 4 Spliced 3 (2); 5 Spliced 1 (1); 6 Spliced 1 (1); 7 Spliced 1 (1); 8 Spliced 3 (1); 10 Spliced 1 (1); 12 Spliced 1 (1). Total 111 (80).

### HANDBELLS

Kent Treble Bob 3 (2); Plain Bob 4 (3); 4 Spliced Plain 1 (1); Cambridge Surprise 1 (1). Total 9 (7).

Grand total: 120, conducted 87.

Yours faithfully,

Leicester. PETER J. STANFORTH.  
P.S.—On summing up my own Maximus total of tower- and handbell peals, it stands at 105, conducted 23.—P. J. S.

## NORTHAMPTON TOWER AGAIN IN THE PICTURE

Dear Sir.—After many years of silence, a band has been formed at All Saints' Church, Pitsford, Northampton, under the expert eyes of Mr. Frost and Mr. Benefield, of Kings-thorpe, to whom we are most grateful. Our Rector, Canon H. J. Boyd, has given us full support and we are also indebted to the friends who visit us on practice nights.

We have now been made members of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild (Northampton Branch) and enjoyed an afternoon's ringing at a Guild meeting, at a local church.

It was a source of great joy to me to be able to ring at Christmas and New Year (the first time by a local band for 20 years). May I thank, through your columns, all who have given encouragement and advice to us, both local and from nearby parishes, and trust we may go on to become an active band.—Yours sincerely,

Pitsford.

DENNIS E. C. ISAACS.

### 'NOT SACRILEGIOUS'

Dear Sir.—I agree with Mr. Brown (bad taste and sacrilegious) when he says that the people who were responsible for the photographs being allowed to appear in the 'Sunday Pictorial' should be severely reprimanded: surely they knew the photographs would appear in the paper.

But for Mr. Brown to say that to have photographs taken in the belfry was sacrilegious is, to my mind, ridiculous. I have seen, with the permission of the incumbent, photographs taken inside the church at a wedding: surely this is not sacrilegious. Also, were the writers of the Central Council's 'Handbook for Beginners' sacrilegious, when they had their photographs taken for their book?—Yours faithfully,

Dartford, Kent.

I. McLEAN.

## THE NORWICH ASSOCIATION

THE annual general meeting of the Norwich Diocesan Association was held in Norwich on May 6th, with an attendance of approximately 80. Although fewer in number than in recent years a good standard of ringing at all towers made it a successful meeting.

The Vicar, the Rev. Frank Jarvis, conducted Evensong, in St. Peter Mancroft, and gave the address, the president (Mr. Nolan Golden) reading the lesson.

The business meeting, with the president in the chair, was opened with votes of thanks to all who had given of their services to make an enjoyable and successful afternoon and evening. The president gave a review of the progress of the Association during 1960. He also also very pleased indeed to see so many of the young people at the meeting and congratulated them on their ringing activities. A very good omen for the future. Members would see by the annual report that the Association was very alive and active throughout the Diocese. More support would be welcomed from those who had given up attending Branch meetings in recent years. He congratulated Messrs. William Clover and William C. Duffield, on their completion of 50 years' continuous membership, and thanked them for their great services to the Association over that long period.

In his report, the general secretary (Mr. W. Love) reported the election of 49 resident ringing members and 12 non-resident life members during the year. Losses through deaths and non-payment of subscriptions were 48. Total resident membership, 483. Mr. Love, as treasurer, presented the accounts, showing an excess of income over expenditure of £4 3s. 1d., and drew attention to a drop in receipts of approximately £18, as compared to 1959. Overdue subscriptions were the main cause of this, at approximately £20. Grants had been made from the Belfry Repair Fund of five guineas each to Buxton and North Elmham, leaving a balance of £113 17s. 6d. in this fund. Balance in the General Fund Account, £225 1s. 10d.

Restorations had been completed at three more towers, Aylsham (10), Buxton (6) and Kessingland (5). A new treble had been ordered for Kessingland and would be in the tower very shortly. Further restorations were contemplated at Blofield (6), Norton Subcourse (6) and Ellingham (5).

The Ringing Master, Mr. H. W. Barrett, congratulated all first pealers, 17 in all, those who had conducted their first peal, first 'inside' and first in methods, Mr. T. Owen in ringing his 100th peal for the Association. It appeared that Sunday service ringing was in the same position as last year, but he hoped an improvement would be made in the future.

All the officers of the Association were re-elected and thanked for their past services.

It was proposed and agreed, that the Central Council representatives support the motion as advertised in 'The Ringing World,' 'That the conditions required for peals as laid down on page 19 of the Council's Handbook be amended by the addition of the following: "A peal shall be rung with five or more changing bells."

### Verse!

Dear Sir.—

I. Eastham Hatton  
Needs to be sat on;  
For he's one of those  
That should write in prose.—

Yours faithfully,

R. N. PITTMAN.

Pembroke College,  
Oxford.

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## BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY TOUR OF DEVON AND CORNWALL

ABOUT 20 members assembled at Plymouth on the evening of April 5th, for the University's annual tour, which was to last for a week and include ringing at over 50 towers. After a quick tea, Tamerton Foliot was visited, transport being provided by a minibus, several cars and a van. On our return to Plymouth, the base for the tour, we bumped into Tom Myers, of the St. Andrew's band, who joined us in handbell ringing in St. Andrew's Church Hall, where the male portion of the party were to sleep for the week. The handbell ringing eventually included a course of Grandsire Cinques, with all the participants in bed. (Is this a record?)

Rising early on Thursday, the first tower visited was Silverton (8), then on to the fine Taylor eight at Tiverton, generally considered the best bells of the tour. After ringing at Uffculme, we found Culmstock rather difficult to handle. Bill Lavers, of Plympton, who accompanied us for most of the tour, supplied a fund of information about the towers, churches and districts, and pointed out many interesting features, such as the tree growing out of the tower top at Culmstock. The fine ten at the beautiful church at Cullompton were next, and the day's tower-bell ringing ended at Bradninch.

Friday was a day of sixes, most of which had belfry walks covered with competition ringing certificates. The towers included Plymstock, Brixton, Yealinton and Modbury—the best six we rang on, cast by Bilby and Taylors. After lunch Kingsbridge and Stoke Fleming were visited, then the Dartmouth towers of St. Saviour's (a nice eight), St. Petrox, a good six by various founders, situated by a castle on the River Dart, and St. Clement's, another light six, but with a flat tenor. The last tower was Ugborough, a beautiful ring by Bilby, which needs retuning. At each tower we were tutored by Bill Lavers on the Devon method of rising in peal, which sounds well but is difficult to apply to rings of any great weight.

### THE FIRE ESCAPE

Early on Saturday we crossed by the ferry to Saltash (6), then to a very good eight at Liskeard. Engine trouble delayed the minibus on the way to Lostwithiel, but with the aid of some wire this was made good, and St. Austell (8). Probus and Kenwyn, a very good eight, were visited before tea. At Truro Cathedral, one aspiring heavy bell ringer turned the tenor into the Stedman Caters the rest of the band were ringing. He set his bell (with some difficulty) and, taking the treble, rang in a good course of ye same. The last tower of the day was Bodmin, where half the party distinguished themselves by inadvertently entering the belfry through one of the windows, having mistaken the somewhat precarious route which leads by a plank over a gaping chasm, then by ladder half way up the tower wall, which was discovered to be the fire escape, for the usual entrance.

On Sunday morning we were joined by Mr. and Mrs. Edgar C. Shepherd, and rang for the morning services at St. Andrew's, Plymouth. Dinner was at the Magnet Restaurant, then we visited several six-bell towers on the moor—Sheepstor, Meavy, Shaugh Prior and Bickleigh. Four of the party, with Edgar Shepherd, left us at Shaugh Prior and went to St. Andrew's, Plymouth, to ring a quarter of Grandsire Caters, with some of the local band.

The eights of Hatherleigh, North Yawton, Crediton and Newton St. Cyres were called at on the way to Exeter on Monday morning. Crediton, a heavy (27 cwt.) ring, did not, it was felt, live up to their local reputation. Travelling through the crowded centre of Exeter, one of the vehicles got lost and only managed to find us a couple of towers later. The excellent heavy eight at Heavitree was the next call, then, by a lucky chance, the date having been altered, we were able to join in the Cathedral practice, ringing on this majestic twelve being a unique experience.

### JACKDAW REFUSE

Glorious weather marked our journey eastward on Tuesday, ringing at Totnes, Paignton, Torquay (Upton), Babbacombe, East Teignmouth and King's Teignton. On the way back



BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

Highweek (8) and then Littlehempston were called at, the latter being notable for the quantity of jackdaw refuse being scattered about, as they have not been rung for several years. During the afternoon seven of the party hurried back for an evening peal attempt of Grandsire Caters at St. Andrew's, Plymouth, which was successful.

After ringing at Plymouth Emmanuel and Buckland Monachorum on Wednesday morning, we went on to Tavistock, where the highlight of our call change ringing took place—a competition between two teams, picked from the party and held in authentic West Country style, which was judged by Tom Myers and Bill Lavers. The twelve at Buckfast Abbey were easy going and very enjoyable. We went on to Buckfastleigh, where an elusive touch of Spliced Surprise was brought to a successful conclusion. The Plympton towers of St. Mary's and St. Maurice's concluded the ringing of the tour.

We gratefully extend our thanks to all who helped to make the tour so enjoyable, the organiser, Alan Collings (whose competence is illustrated by the fact that we were late at only one tower); Mrs. Collings, who prepared our breakfasts and provided sleeping accommodation; the Rev. Mr. Cooper, Vicar of St. Andrew's, who allowed us the use of the Church Hall; Bill Lavers, Tom Myers and all the local ringers, who made us so welcome, and our drivers.

C. A. A. W.

### 30 Years Ago

'R.W.' May 22nd, 1931.—

Anniversary of the 17.024 Double Norwich rung in 11 hours 12 minutes by the Oxford Guild and conducted by the late Mr. James Washbrook.

Thirty years ago next Saturday the first true peal of Treble ten was rung in Ireland, at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin. Four days later the first Surprise peal rung out of England was accomplished at Bray, Ireland. It was a peal of Superlative.

### 50 Years Ago

On May 15th, 1911, a cheque for £190 was paid to George Day and Son, of Eye, Suffolk, by the Rev. L. B. Stallard and churchwardens of Holme Hale, Norfolk, to rehang the ring of six bells in a new English oak frame, with four new supporting beams and all new fittings for bells. The bells were also quarter turned.

LYDNEY, GLOS.—On April 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Berry 1, J. Long 2, B. D. Sims 3, F. Reed 4, C. G. Bryant 5, G. T. Horritt 6, W. F. Scudamore (cond.) 7, M. F. Sims 8. For Evensong.

### S.W. NOTTINGHAMSHIRE VISITED

The ringers who visited S.W. Nottinghamshire on May 6th, the nucleus of which were from Bloxwich, Lichfield and Little Aston, wish to thank the incumbents and local ringers concerned for their help. This enabled them to spend an enjoyable half day at five towers.

An excellent heavy five was found at St. Michael's, Sutton Bonington. The tenor is at least 20 cwt., and the bells 'go' very well, being rung from an upstairs room. Likewise Stanford-on-Soar, but the eight here (tenor 16 cwt.) are hard work to ring and very odd-struck. In addition the ventilation was poor so everyone was pleased to move on to Hickling, where we were in time to hear the unusual clock chime at 4 p.m. The tenor is only 10½ cwt. here, and the bells are easy to handle from the ground floor. They are never rung, according to the Vicar, and reluctantly we had to refuse his kind offer of tea and cakes, as this might have delayed our arrival at Congrave. Rung from the ground floor, these six bells are an excellent example of pre-war Taylor splicing recast bells with old retuned ones. Minor was rung with ease and sounded grand with a tenor of 17½ cwt. in E. The last touch of the day was rung at Ruddington, on the eight bells, which comprise an unusual 'back six', reminding the writer of a ring of steel bells, and the two trebles are modern by Taylors. In addition, care in bell handling is needed here, without which one's sally tends to descend in odd places.

Methods rung during the day varied from St. Simon's and Stedman Doubles, Cambridge Minor, to a 'bobbed' course of Yorkshire Surprise Major.

KLEEWAY.

### GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

The quarterly meeting of the S.W. Branch was held at Revelstoke on April 22nd and ringing, supervised by Mr. T. G. Myers, included touches of Grandsire Triples, Stedman, Plain Bob Major and rounds. The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar, who extended a hearty welcome to the ringers.

The chairman, Mr. H. H. Thomas, presided over the business meeting. The meeting stood in sympathy with the relatives of the late Mr. F. C. Smale, who, up to three or four years ago, was a most regular visitor to our meetings, for many years chairman of the N.W. Branch and vice-president of the Guild.

The election to membership of the Guild was confirmed of seven members of the Birmingham University Guild, who had recently had a week's ringing tour in Devon and Cornwall.

H. H. T.



## LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

The 62nd annual meeting of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild was held in Lincoln on April 29th, and was attended by some 160 members from towers throughout the Diocese.

During the afternoon ringing took place at the Cathedral, St. Giles' and St. Peter-at-Gowts and, following Evensong, in the Angel Choir of the Cathedral, the company had tea in the ancient Chapter House at the Cathedral.

The business meeting was held in the Consistory Court at the Cathedral and the president, the Dean of Lincoln, opened the proceedings by paying a tribute to the late Mr. John A. Freeman, who had, at his death, been Master of the Guild for nearly 14 years.

Later, the meeting considered the provision of a suitable memorial to Mr. Freeman and it was decided that this should take the form of a badge of office for the Master, and the placing of a suitably inscribed plaque in the Ringers' Chapel at the Cathedral. A sub-committee was formed to go into the details.

The annual report and balance sheet were approved, but, since some criticism had been made of the form of the annual report and its cost, the sub-committee was instructed to investigate the question and report to a future meeting.

Two nominations were received for the office of Master, and on being put to the vote Mr. Jack Bray, of Burton-on-Stather, was elected by an overwhelming majority. This is a well merited honour for Mr. Bray has a fine record of service to the Guild in many capacities over a long period of years, but notably as honorary secretary for the past 13 years. Without doubt, he should prove a worthy successor to those Masters who have gone before.

To succeed Mr. Bray as honorary secretary, Mr. John Freeman was elected. The remainder of the officers were re-elected.

Following a proposal by Mr. R. C. Noon, it was resolved that the Guild's representatives on the Central Council should be ex-officio members of the Guild Committee. This amendment to the rules brought Mr. J. L. Millhouse to the ranks of the Guild Committee.

Following the business meeting, ringing continued at the Cathedral and the two churches during the evening in a variety of methods.

## UNIVERSITY OF WALES SOCIETY

On April 29th and 30th, the U.W.S.C.R. had a short tour of South-West Wales. A fine spring afternoon and a cheerful Miss Buckland welcomed us to St. David's, with its clean, well kept Cathedral, and an impressive sounding ring of eight bells in a squat, round tower, two hundred yards away. The bells went well, some of the local band joined in our ringing, and we were sorry to leave.

At Haverfordwest, we found a rather rough eight, but after learning to ignore the salthes and catch the rope above, we managed to ring some methods. The last tower that day was Tenby, an easy-going eight, where we had the best ringing of the tour. After the traditional fish-and-chip supper, and a stroll along the beach, we returned to our lodgings for the traditional handbell ringing. But somehow, although they chased each other for some time, the handbells and the would-be handbell ringers never quite caught each other up.

After ringing for and attending Matins at Tenby the next morning, we had lunch and went to Pembroke. Ringing on the octave here completed the list of ringable rings in Pembrokeshire, and we went on to Llanstephan, in Carmarthenshire. This eight did not go quite as well as we had hoped, but the local band turned out in force, and made us most welcome.

Our last call was at Carmarthen, where we rang for Evensong, on an eight that was not so bad as we had feared. This almost concluded the tour, but a short while after the handbell ringers got their long-awaited chance—in the waiting room at Carmarthen station.

We are most grateful to Gwyn Thomas, for arranging all the towers and accommodation.

B. J. C.

## THE IRISH ASSOCIATION

### Presentation To Retiring President

The annual meeting of the Executive Council of the Irish Association was held in the Music Room, Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin, on April 22nd. It was presided over by Mr. William Pratt (president), and was well attended by delegates from all Districts, as well as 'strangers.'

Tributes were paid to members who died during the previous year—viz., J. Ernest Harris (life member), Morris J. Morris and Frank Skidmore (non-resident life members).

The annual report, after recording events during the year, stated that the well-designed badge was very popular and more than half the stock had been disposed of. Regarding the library, the new librarian (Mr. W. H. Wilson) stated that the Dean of St. Patrick's would not permit any books to leave the tower unless he authorised it. The matter would be reported on.

There were no visiting parties during the year. Four peals were rung. The position in regard to change ringing remained much the same. Whilst more members were practising methods—even at the hunting stage—others appeared to have lapsed, either by not having the opportunity or loss of interest.

The circulation of 'The Irish Bell News' was maintained and the price of the paper (2s. 6d. per annum) had remained the same since its inception, nine years ago.

The Ringing Master (Mr. T. Dunwoody), in his report, comments: 'I think a peal on four bells is more a feat of endurance than a ringing performance, and I would be inclined to suggest that the matter should be left alone.'

The reports and accounts were adopted. At the meeting it was decided to increase the annual subscription to 2s. 6d., as from January 1st, 1961 (1s. 3d. for scholars up to 17 years).

In future, the badge sales will be run in aid of the Bell Restoration Fund, and they will cost 2s. 6d. each.

The report and the statement of accounts of 'The Irish Bell News' were adopted, with thanks to the Editorial Committee. It was reported that the circulation was well maintained. An increased profit was shown—due to donations and gifts of materials. The circulation included readers in the U.S.A., Africa and Australia, as well as a goodly number in England. There are no readers in Wales and Scotland!!

### OPEN HANDSTROKE LEADS

A long discussion took place in regard to a resolution from the Southern District, as to whether the 'open' handstroke lead must be rung in competition, or may teams ring 'open' or 'cartwheel,' as they wish.

As the Rules state that all ringing shall be in accordance with the principles as laid down in 'Ropesight,' it was directed that in all competitions the competing teams and judges should strictly adhere to the relative rule. It was pointed out that Chapter II of 'Ropesight' deals with the 'open' handstroke lead in rounds, before even one blow is struck in changes.

A grant of £5 from the Bell Restoration Fund was agreed to Carnickfergus for the re-hanging of their bells in the new tower to be built to replace the war memorial tower, now being demolished on account of it being dangerous.

### NEW PRESIDENT

The outgoing president, Mr. W. Pratt, now in his 77th year, thanked all secretaries and members of the Districts for their support during his 14 years of office. He then installed Mr. Fred Bogan, of Cork, as his successor.

The new president's first action was to thank the Association for the high honour conferred upon him, and said he was particularly proud that a Cork man should fill the office for the first time and also that the holder should hail from St. Fin Barre's Cathedral in particular and the Southern District in general.

Mr. Dukes spoke of Mr. Pratt's association with ringing in Ireland. In 1927, when the Northern Branch was formed, he became the first secretary, an office which he held until 1945, when, owing to pressure of post-war

business, he had to relinquish this post. He was back again in ringing in 1947 and was elected president of the Association at the meeting in Belfast, and since then had been unanimously re-elected.

The Rev. E. G. Parke (vice-president, Northern District), Mr. C. Galbraith (vice-president, Southern District) and Mr. J. MacManus (chairman, Eastern District) all spoke of the esteem with which Mr. Pratt was held by their Districts.

Mr. Bogan then called upon Mr. Pratt to receive an autograph album, which contained an address and the names of individual and tower subscribers to a presentation, which takes the form of a wireless set and an arm-chair.

Mr. Pratt, who was taken by surprise, could not find words to express his gratitude for what he described as an undeserved appreciation.

Business was resumed and the election of officers continued, as follows: General secretary, Mr. Fred E. Dukes, M.I.E.E., Meadow Cottage, Julianstown, Co. Meath; Ringing Master and badge secretary, Mr. J. T. Dunwoody; librarian, Mr. W. H. Wilson; auditors, Messrs. W. Bovenizer and J. N. Dolan; 'Irish Bell News' Editorial Committee, Mr. F. E. Dukes (editor), Mrs. F. E. Dukes, Mrs. J. Jeffery and Mr. G. Bingham.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the 95-year-old Dean of Christ Church, Very Rev. E. H. Lewis-Crosby, B.D., for use of bells for competition and hall for meeting.

Before the meeting the contest for the Murphy Cup took place on the bells of Christ Church Cathedral. The contestants were: St. Mary's Cathedral, Limerick; St. Mark's, Dundela, Belfast, and St. Peter's, Drogheda. St. Mark's emerged as winners, with 18 faults. Limerick were second, with 26 faults and Drogheda had 35 faults. The judges were H. Brown, J. Pryor (Cardiff) and F. Bogan. The cup was presented to Miss Rosemary Thompson for the winners.

### Eastern District

At the annual meeting of the Eastern District at the Augustinian Church of St. John the Baptist, Dublin, the Lindoff Cup was won by Drogheda, for the seventh year in succession.

District officers elected were: Chairman, Mr. J. MacManus; secretary, Mrs. F. E. Dukes; assistant secretary, Mr. Roy Huber; treasurer, Mr. W. D. Graham; Ringing Master, Mr. T. Mason.

## KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

### Tonbridge District

Although a cold, boisterous wind was sweeping Westerham heights it did not deter over 40 ringers attending the by-meeting of the Tonbridge District at St. Mark's, Biggin Hill. 'The Moving Church' is a truly wonderful example of unquenchable faith the Vicar and his dedicated helpers possessed in giving this parish a permanent church.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. Vivian Symonds, after which tea was enjoyed at 'Ann's Pantry.' The gathering was honoured by the presence of Mr. E. A. Barnett, who kindly took the chair at the business meeting. Five new members and four non-resident life members were elected. It was agreed that contributions to the fund for the presentation to Archbishop Dr. Fisher, on his retirement, could be made at this and the next meeting in June. The closing date is June 15th.

Mr. P. A. Corby, in thanking the Vicar, also congratulated Miss B. Howard on all the work she had done for ringing at Biggin Hill.

**OVER, CAMBS.**—On April 2nd, 1,440 Plain Bob: G. Lucas 1, P. Leggett 2, D. Murfet 3, A. Payne 4, G. Thoday 5, M. Ginn (cond.) 6. For Festival Evensong.

**QUORN, LEICS.**—On April 24th, 1,334 Plain Bob Major: T. Harris 1, Miss V. Lacey 2, Miss J. Exon 3, Miss C. Cowley 4, J. Tickle 5, D. Swift 6, R. Carter 7, R. Beniston (cond.) 8. A birthday compliment to R. Carter.



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### BIRTHS

**BLOOMFIELD.**—On May 16th. 1961. at 'Campania,' 32a. Exeter Road. Felixstowe. Suffolk. to Frank and Gwen (née Rusby), the gift of a son (David Chevalier). 8285

**CLOKE.**—To Daphne and Malcolm Cloke. 27. Cedar Road. Botley. Oxford. on May 13th. 1961. a son. Jonathan Martin Peter. a brother for Nicholas. 8280

**COLLEY.**—On May 3rd. 1961. to Nancie E. (née Swann) and Edward W. Colley. a son (John Edward). 8249

**HALLS.**—On May 15th. 1961. to Gordon and Pat (née Foster) a son. Martin Gordon. 1. Camberwell Avenue. Mackworth Estate. Derby. 8265

**SEMMENS.**—On May 8th. 1961. at Rhodron House. 52. Belle Vue Grove. Middlesbrough. to Peter and Barbara (née Knee). a son (William Peter John). a brother for Morwenna. Elizabeth and Diana. 8286

### PERSONAL

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### PUBLICATION

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### MISCELLANEOUS

**LEATHERHEAD. SURREY.**—On and after Sunday. June 4th. morning service ringing will be 9.15 to 9.45. until further notice.—G. Marriner. 8266

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### CANCELLATION

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Kettering Branch.—Regret. practice meeting. Brampton Ash. May 27th. is cancelled.—M. Coleman. 8250

### MEETINGS

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Business meeting at the 'Rising Sun.' Carter Lane. E.C.1. Saturday. May 27th. at 6 p.m. Forthcoming practices: May 30th. St. Paul's Cathedral. 6.30; June 6th. St. Lawrence Jewry. 6.30 p.m.—John Chilcott. 8253

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Derby District.—Monthly meeting on Saturday. May 27th. at Shardlow. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—W. A. Morley. Dis. Sec. 8243

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—N.W. District.—Meeting at Hatfield Broad Oak (8). on Saturday. May 27th. at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at The Cock. 5.15 p.m. Sorry. cannot guarantee tea unless names are sent to G. Blake. Dis. Sec. Hamlet House. Roydon Hamlet. Harlow. 8186

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Meeting at Wickham St. Paul. Saturday. May 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Preacher. the Archdeacon of Colchester. Names for tea please. to Mr. T. Bird. Brickfields. Bulmer. near Sudbury. Suffolk. Letch's bus leaves Sible Hedingham. 1.55 p.m. returning 9 p.m. also 9.20 bus to Halstead. Halstead bells also available from 7.45 p.m. 8178

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Cheltenham Branch.—Monthly meeting. Dumbleton (6). May 27th. 3 p.m. Practice methods: St. Clement's.—Mary Bliss. Beech Pike. Cheltenham. 8259

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Hereford District.—Meeting. Saturday. May 27th. Ewys Harold. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to T. Wood. 75. Redhill Flats. Hereford 8244

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—Meeting at Brookland. Saturday. May 27th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. Velvick. 15. West Place. Brookland. Romney Marsh. by previous Thursday.—C. T. H. 8185

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Beds and Northants District.—Meeting at Raunds (Northants). on Saturday. May 27th. Bells from 3 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea. Service 7.30 p.m. 8242

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton and Manchester Branches.—Joint meeting at Farnworth. Saturday. May 27th. Bells 2 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. free. No names just come. Whitsuntide Festival here today.—Thornley and Riddle. Secs. 8262

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.**—Llandaff Branch.—Meeting. Whitchurch. Saturday. May 27th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—R. E. Coles. 8219

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chipping Norton Branch.—Annual meeting. Shipton-under-Wychwood. Saturday. May 27th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. Keyte. Freeland. Oxford. all ringers welcome. 8182

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Meeting at Windsor. Saturday. May 27th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea please.—Miss Hague. 6. Stompits Road. Holyport. Maidenhead. 8175

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Rutland Branch.—Meeting. Preston (5). May 27th. 3 p.m. Names for tea to W. C. A. Clark. Middle Street. Wing. 8228

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—Quarterly meeting at Rotherfield. on May 27th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea please to F. Beeny (Sec.). Hillbrae. Carters Corner. Hailsham. 8238

**WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting. Symonton (6). May 27th. Echinswell bells also available from 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. Service. Symonton. 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. to those who notify D. Papworth. Boundary Hall. Tadley. Burghclere (6) after tea.—G. Dodd. Sec. 8248

**COVENTRY DIO. GUILD.**—Southern District.—Meeting. Sat. June 3rd. Burton Dassett. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Picnic tea at 5 p.m. Bring your own refreshments. No need to send names. just turn up and enjoy a good six and some lovely views of Warwickshire from the Burton Dassett Hills. All welcome. 8232

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bridgnorth District.—Quarterly meeting. Saturday. June 3rd. Worfield (6). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to H. Edge. 10. The Crescent. Much Wenlock. Salop. by Wednesday. May 31st. 8252

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Evening practice meeting at Walkern. on June 3rd. at 5.30 p.m.—E. Buck. Dis. Sec. 8221

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Watford District.—Saturday June 3rd. Bushey Heath (8). 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to F. Morris. 7. Vera Road. Bushey Heath. Tel.: Bus 1207.—G. W. Seaman. Dis. Sec. 8258

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Ash-by-Wroham. Saturday. June 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday please. to Mr. J. Muller. School House. Ash. Sevenoaks. 8233

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—A by-meeting will be held at Seal and Seal Chart on June 3rd. Bells of both towers available at 3 p.m. Service at Seal at 4.15. Tea at 5 p.m. Please notify for tea by May 31st. to Mr. E. Drawbridge. 7. Zambra Way. Seal. Sevenoaks. 8245

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Colne. on June 3rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m. meeting to follow. (Advance notice: July meeting will not be at Slaidburn.)—John Pilkington. 8254

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern Branch.—Next meeting. Morton. Saturday. June 3rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify the Rev. E. G. Close. The Vicarage. Morton. Bourne. Lincs. by Monday. May 29th.—F. G. Vickers. Hon. Sec. 8235

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Lindsey Branch.—Meeting. Caistor (6). June 3rd. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by May 31st. to Mr. T. Richards. Nettleton Road. Caistor. Lincs. 8231

**NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.**—Ringing meeting at Stone. Saturday. June 3rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday. May 31st. to Mr. H. Hodgson. 43. Church Street. Stone.—J. G. Burton. Hon. Sec. 8214

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting at Newport Pagnell (8). June 3rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names to Mr. H. C. Beard. 17. Silver Street. Newport Pagnell. Bucks. by May 30th please.—F. Vickers. 8256

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Dewizes Branch.—Monthly meeting. Market Lavington. Saturday. June 3rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to E. J. Hitchins. 136. Bradley Road. Trowbridge. Wilts. 8246

**SALISBURY GUILD.**—Calne Branch.—Meeting. Broad Hinton (6). June 3rd. Usual arrangements. Names for tea please to Canon White. Vicarage. Broad Hinton. Swindon.—W. Hacker. 8263

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Dorset Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Kingston Magna. on Saturday. June 3rd. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business after. Numbers for tea by May 31st. to Richard Longridge. Bourton Vicarage. Gillingham. 8251

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Cup contest meeting at Wentworth. 3 p.m. Saturday. June 3rd. Both. full teas or cups of tea available. Names for tea to Mrs. A. Lill. George and Dragon Hotel. Wentworth. Rotherham. please.—J. Seager. Sec. 8255

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—S.W. District.—Meeting at Polstead (6). Saturday. June 3rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday. May 31st. to Mr. C. Woods. 'Broomside'. Polstead. Colchester. Essex. 8216

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—Practice meeting. Saturday. June 3rd. Slaughman (8). Bells 3-4.30 p.m. (only). Please bring picnic tea. Ringing. Lower Beeding. 6-8 p.m.—E. L. Hairs. Dis. Sec. 8236

**BARNLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Shield contest. Kirkthorpe. near Wakefield. Saturday. June 10th. Entrance fee 10s. Send to James W. Buxton. 21. Roydhouse. Shelley. Huddersfield. Tea. please notify by Saturday. June 3rd. Mr. Frank Robinson. Melton Cottage. Heath. Wakefield. 8261

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—S.W. District.—Meeting. June 10th. Great Wakering. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea please. to Mr. G. Kirby. 181. High Street. Great Wakering. Bus service from Southend. 8264

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Lincolnshire District.—Meeting at Winterton. on Saturday. June 10th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Hall. West Street. Winterton. near Scunthorpe. not later than Tuesday. June 6th.—Mrs. A. Richardson. Hon. Sec. 8257

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—By-meeting. Lynsted. on Saturday. June 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea in School Hall at 2s. per person. Names together with cash please. by June 14th.—Mr. G. C. Ivory. Cambridge Cottage. Teynham. near Sittingbourne. 8260



## LATE NOTICES MISCELLANEOUS

Will D. J. Cheeseman, Kent, please send his address legibly to Essex secretary; his report has been returned. 8283

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION**—Bedford District.—Meeting at Harrold, on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Special methods: Double Court, London Surprise and Rounds. All welcome.—R. L. P. 8278

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION**—Peak District.—Meeting, June 3rd, at Eyam. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—G. Richardson, Dis. Sec. 8277

**DEVON GUILD**—Aylesbeare Branch.—Meeting at East Budleigh, Saturday, June 3rd. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to C. Savage, Brookside, East Budleigh. 8268

**DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**—Northern District.—Meeting now at St. George's, Jesmond (combined with LADIES' GUILD). Saturday, June 3rd. Bells from 3 p.m. Names for tea to Miss W. Philips. 198, Osborne Road, Jesmond, Newcastle on Tyne 2, by Wednesday, May 31st. 8270

**ELY DIOCESAN GUILD**—Ely District.—Meeting, March, Saturday, June 3rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 8271

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION**—South Forest Branch.—Meeting at Staunton (6). Saturday, June 3rd. Bells at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Winspear, Brook House, Blakeney. 8269

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**—Monthly meeting at Burton, on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names to Mr. A. Casson, 5, Barton Road, Burton, near Carnforth.—P. Handley, Branch Sec. 8288

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**—Wigan Branch.—Meeting at Emmanuel, Southport, Saturday, June 3rd, at 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to R. Kenrick, 24, Glamis Drive, Southport. 8275

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**—Leicester District.—Striking competition, June 3rd, at Belgrave, 3 p.m. Tea 6 p.m. Names for tea to the Dis. Sec., 31, Marsden Lane, Aylestone, Leicester, by May 31st.—A. J. Poyner. 8284

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD**—Guilborough Branch.—Meeting, Hazelbeck, June 3rd. Names for tea by Tuesday previous, to J. E. Goddard, 45, Station Road, Long Buckby, Rugby. 8276

**WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD**—Christchurch District.—Quarterly meeting, Milford-on-Sea, June 3rd. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 'The Creamery'. Names for tea by Thursday previous, to W. T. Godfrey, 'Pine Hurst', Shorefield Way, Milford-on-Sea, Lymington, Hants. 8267

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION**—Maidstone District.—By-meeting on June 10th. Ringing, Nettlestead (5 bells) 3-5 p.m. Tea 5. Yalding (6) after tea. Service 6.30 p.m.—R. L. Silks, Dis. Sec. 8274

**LADIES' GUILD**—South Wales and Western Districts.—Joint meeting at Penarth, June 10th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea to follow. Names, please, to Mr. E. Hantley, 3, Clinton Road, Penarth, Glam. 8279

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**—Oxford City Branch.—Half yearly meeting, Saturday, June 10th, at Garsington. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by June 3rd, to Mr. A. J. Adams, 35, Church Hill Road, Cowley, Oxford. 8272

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD**—Annual general meeting, Lichfield, June 10th. Bells available: Cathedral (10) 2.30 to 3.30 and 6.30 to 7.30 p.m.; St. Mary's (8), St. Michael's (6). Service at St. Michael's, 3.45 p.m. Tea at Women's Institute, 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. D. J. Tranter, 36, Seven Acres, Aldridge, Walsall, by Wednesday, June 7th. Other bells available during afternoon: Shenstone (5) 2.30-3.30: evening: Afrewas (8), Eford (6), 7.30-9. 8273

The University of Wales Society hope to organise a tour of Gloucester and North Somerset for the last week in June. There are vacancies and details may be obtained from B. J. Couzens, 20, Grosvenor Road, Sketty, Swansea.

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## GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

### Joint Meeting At Buckfastleigh

The Mid-Devon and South-West Branches held a joint meeting at Buckfastleigh, with Dean Prior, on May 13th in ideal weather conditions. Both Branches were well represented. Ringing included touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Triples, and Plain Bob Minor and Major.

A sumptuous tea was later served at the Croppins Park Hotel, and while there was no business meeting, a number of apologies for absence were received, and it was unanimously resolved to write to the president (Rev. Preb. E. V. Cox) and wish him a very speedy recovery from his illness.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar of Buckfastleigh for the use of both rings of bells, and to Mr. A. L. Bennett for the excellent arrangements made.

### Gratefully Acknowledged

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Northleigh bells, Oxfordshire (6), have been rehung on ball bearings.

The Witney Ringing Society has given a bell to the new hall-church of St. Luke's in their parish.

## ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY

On April 29th the weather was kind, when the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford visited the delightful village of Rolleston-on-Dove, near Burton-on-Trent. The eight bells of the fine old Church of St. Mary were rung to a variety of methods, under the supervision of the Ringing Master, Mr. Edmund Malin. The standard of ringing was noticeably better than at recent meetings.

The service was conducted by the Rev. Philip R. Knight, who welcomed the Society to the northern part of the Archdeaconry. In his address he spoke of the work done by the bells and bell ringers in reminding people of the church's message. He felt the sound of the bells stood for conviction of faith, conversion, consecration and celestial joy. Mrs. Marion Key kindly played the organ in the absence of the local organist.

Unfortunately, no tea could be provided for visitors, due to local catering difficulties and members brought their own sandwiches along. The Church Hall was available, however, and about 50 people gathered to enjoy their 'picnic' style meal. David Brunning and a lady helper from Burton-on-Trent provided welcome cups of tea. Mr. B. G. Key reported that the Rev. C. H. Barker presentation fund had now reached more than £20. He had approached Mr. Barker as to what form the presentation should take and it had been decided that an 'Aldis' film projector would be a most acceptable present from the Society to mark his 40 years' service as clerical secretary. It is intended to present the projector to the Rev. C. H. Barker at the annual general meeting in June.

Ringling continued after tea until 8 p.m., when members reluctantly made their several ways home, filled with the happy memory of a pleasant afternoon's ringing.

D. J. T.

The tenor at Stokeclimsland, Cornwall, weighs 14 cwt. 23 lb., and not as previously published.



**5,024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

By J. PLADDYS

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