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'T'WAS IN ASHWATER TOWN'

... says the old song,

'The bells they did sound,

They rung for a belt and a hat laced with gold.'

BUT on May 12th they rang for the glory of God and the love of ringing, though perhaps the village of Ashwater ('town' in Devon can mean no more than a farm) has not changed so very much since that 'day in October' when Northlew beat Broadwoodwider.

Ashwater is what one might call a 'proper village.' It has a triangular green, with the church at one corner and the pub in the middle of the opposite side, not glaring at each other in hated rivalry but each contributing to the wellbeing of the whole man. There is a garage where once perhaps was a forge, but Ashwater is one of those happy communities which is able to move with the times enough to keep in touch and still not lose its identity.

Here, then, was a good place for a ringing festival, and it was a good festival that the Tamar Valley Guild of Ringers held there. Bands came from both sides of the Tamar—from Launcells, Week St. Mary, Poughill, Marhamchurch, North Tamerton and Kilkhampton; from Clawton, Pyworthy, Hartland, Bridgerule and (new to the Guild) Clovelly. They comfortably filled the nave of St. Peter-ad-Vincula's Church, sang lustily the Guild's own unique selection of hymns, and did ample justice to a notable tea in the Parish Hall afterwards. At the usual brief meeting in the churchyard after the service, they agreed to double the Guild's subscription with probably less trouble than such a motion has ever involved. The Guild's funds are used almost entirely to help affiliated towers with repairs and restorations to their bells, and the income was hardly enough to make the sort of grants we'd like to make, but that was hardly surprising seeing that the subscription has remained the same since the Guild's foundation in 1889—6d. per head per annum.

In these parts we like to ring with our own bands, though visitors who come singly are gladly welcomed. So after tea it is the custom for all towers in the Guild to be open and for bands to go roving about. This year, however, we were on the extreme south-eastern edge of the Guild's area, so that many of us went to remind foreign towers of the joys of belonging to our company. The tower that received most attention was Halwill, where the local ringers will have no excuse for forgetting for some years; this little six was kept going for much of the day.

At Northlew, so they say, the Devil died with the cold. (They buried him at Shebbear, but that's another story.) It was perhaps in celebration of this that the people of Northlew built their very splendid church, with a screen

and roof which are worth going a long way to see. There are no ringers here—at least none that ring—and we hope that a visit from some of the Guild bands may start something going, for Northlew is a live village, and ought to have a good band.

Bratton Clovelly, on the other hand, is a lost village, not on the way to anywhere nor near anywhere; none of our party had been there before, nor was anything known about the bells. We were met by Mr. Palmer, the very kindly captain of the ringers, who showed us into a most lovely church and made us welcome in a well-kept belfry. We took hold and 'pitched' the bells up, to be astonished with a flood of really glorious music from this old six. They were cast by the Penningtons in 1767, all of them, with a tenor of 14 cwt., and though their tone is old-fashioned it is rich and smooth. In a good oak frame by Harry Stokes, they go as well as you can expect from plain bearings—they don't ring themselves, but they don't go hard and they don't go awkward, and if you give them the chance they settle down to a fine natural rhythm. We liked this six so much that we came back and spent the evening with them five days later.

The last stop for ringing was at Broadwoodwider. (Some people seem to find that name funny; round here, we just call it 'Brad'ood,' and find it fairly normal.) Broadwood sits, as it were, on the stairs: its head is in the windy heights of Broadbury Down, its toes dabble in the sheltered waters of the Wolf, and the village climbs up the hill between. The church is at the top end, and if the inn and the church were together, as they usually were, this must have had much to commend it, for it's fair enough to get a thirst on the way to the pub, but it's a whist job if you raise one on the way home from it. Outside the church stands a very fine tree, which had us all quite mystified: the bark and shape were those of a fine big beech, but the leaves were slender and pointed, their sides deeply toothed. (Later we learnt that it is a 'ferned-leaved beech': whatever it is, it's a lovely tree.) Broadwood is another village which progress is leaving behind, and there are no ringers here now—strange that the great rivals of the song should now have no successors. This is a very handy little six, or would be with a little more maintenance, and they sound tunable enough; it's a pity to think that they hadn't been rung since harvest festival.

Nine o'clock, and the light getting dimpsy; and from towers all over our 12-mile area ringers come out buttoning their coats, and head for the last call of the day. It's been a good day, but then we think that, with its oddities (in some ways it's unique), its achievements, its past of which we are proud and its future of which we are hopeful, ours is a good Guild.

J. G. M. S.

CLERICAL RINGERS IN EAST ANGLIA

THE annual ringing week of the Guild of Clerical Ringers took place this year in the easternmost part of England, based on Great Yarmouth. It is really incorrect to describe this pleasant gathering as a tour because, according to the dictionary, this is a prolonged journey from place to place, particularly for pleasure. The Guild always has a firm base of operations from which to make its daily excursions and the choice of Great Yarmouth was a very good one, providing excellent hotel accommodation and a good variety of churches and towers in the area.

Our gathering was inevitably overshadowed by our loss by death since last year of Preb. E. V. Cox and Preb. G. F. Benson. 'E.V.'—as he was always known—was in reality the founder of the Guild, with his cousin our president. Tribute has been paid to him in 'The Ringing World' for all his work for ringing, but it was natural that in the Clerical Guild his loss was most keenly felt. Preb. Benson was one of our most enthusiastic members and there was a sad irony in the fact that last year we chose Church Stretton as our alternative centre to Great Yarmouth because he would have been able to help organise the tour. These losses depleted our ringing strength considerably and in addition R. D. St. John Smith had to ration his ringing time severely. On the other hand we were strengthened by having with us for part of the time both A. G. G. Thurlow and his sometime curate, G. C. Galley.

We found East Anglia abounding in churches, almost all with west end towers. The maintenance of some of these enormous buildings in tiny parishes must be a severe strain on parochial funds. We were in the midst of the Norfolk Broads and so from our coach we saw sailing boats gliding along, apparently through green fields and marvelled again at the clarity of the air which gives widespread views from every church tower. Our week was superbly organised and so was free from incident—which are meat and drink to the reporter! At one tower, which shall be nameless, we found the church locked, but, encouraged by some choirboys, we banged on all the doors at once, so attracting the attention of the organist who was practising the next Sunday's voluntary. It takes a good deal to keep the Clerical Guild from a tower!

On our first day we had no less than three five-bell towers. There was speculation whether Stedman Doubles would fire out even with a good band. It did! We enjoyed some excellent six- and eight-bell towers and two 10's. At one of these, the detached tower at Beccles, we were interviewed by 'the Press.' Our worthy president, on shopping bent, had to listen to a long complaint from a local shopkeeper about the noise the bells were making. He revealed the identity of the culprits and—no doubt in belated respect to the cloth—was told that 'we weren't doing too bad.' This was, so far as we know, the only comment on our efforts throughout the tour. At Aylsham, our other 10-bell tower, Grandire and Stedman Caters were successfully brought round.

We rang at two 12's, one very new and one very old. The former was, of course, at Great Yarmouth itself. The church has been magnificently restored and the bells match the building. We, who have to hook wires or pull levers to take off the chimes, were greatly impressed by the complicated way it is done at Yarmouth. We found the bells easy to ring, but that did nothing to aid our attempt at Grandire Cinques. The appropriate clerical comment would be 'We have erred and strayed like lost sheep.' On the other hand an excellent course of Cambridge was rung on the bottom eight—a most satisfactory noise. Our annual peal attempt, of Bob Major this year, was made on the middle eight at this tower. It was conducted by G. C. Galley and unfortunately failed after 2½ hours. The other 12 at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, was memorable. Apart from the majesty of the bells there is the atmosphere of ringing history which fills the belfry. The peal board recording Garthorn's first peal of Triples has been suitably restored and this is only one of the indications of the signifi-

cance of this great tower. With the assistance of two local ringers some splendid Grandire Caters was rung.

At the annual meeting of the Guild business was transacted with commendable efficiency under our president, who defies the passing of the years, and was re-elected with acclamation. Our roll of vice-presidents was increased to four—the names of R. D. St. John Smith and A. G. G. Thurlow being added to those of Canon Wilkinson and Canon Sheppard. Preb. Andrews was re-elected secretary, and I. J. Richards was made a member of the committee. We agreed that next year's gathering should be in the Church Stretton/Shrewsbury area, with Exeter as alternative.

We were received with warm welcome at all the towers we visited and record our thanks to incumbents and ringers who met us—and often had the bells up in readiness for us. We are particularly grateful to the Vicar of Aldeby, who augmented our packed lunch in his home with generous hospitality and to the ringers of Norwich who prepared a delightful dinner for us prior to our ring at Mancroft. One final word of gratitude goes to Gilbert Thurlow for organising our visit so well and allowing us to have our Corporate Communion on SS. Philip and James' Day at his church.

Parsons are naturally interested in church buildings as well as church bells. Among the many fine churches we visited many will remain in our memories. Among them were Ranworth's, with its 14th century screen and beautiful Sarum antiphoner, and Salle's huge church of magnificent proportions with a huge font cover, operated by what must be the most primitive crane in existence. Admiration of the glorious abbey church at Wymondham gave us energy to climb the 92 steps to the belfry for an enjoyable ring. Often the last day of the week is something of an anticlimax. This year we rang at three churches in Suffolk on our way home. They proved a fitting ending to a successful week. Southwold is a grand church, with a noteworthy screen and fine 15th century pulpit, while Blythburgh is one of the best examples of a country church in the Eastern Counties, with much fine 15th century woodwork. As we left the village we stopped to hear the music of the bells ringing out across the marshes, while in the gorse nearby a nightingale sang mightily to match. So, appropriately, we said farewell to East Anglia. F. A. S.

50 Years Ago

'R.W.' May 31st, 1912.—

A really wonderful record for a one-armed ringer has been made by Mr. George Hughes, of Wednesbury, who, with the peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus at Wolverhampton, recorded in another column, completed his century. Mr. Hughes had the misfortune to lose an arm many years ago, but that has in no way prevented him taking part in ringing, and his record shows that he has rung peals on all numbers from six bells to 12, and conducted peals on most of them. His peals, also, cover a great variety of methods, including Surprise....

RECTOR REMOVED WHEELS OF BELLS

A peal was rung at Weston Favell, as a farewell to the Rev. Douglass Hopkins, who has been Rector for 16 years and is leaving in June to become Rector of Ketton, Rutland.

Regarding the six bells at Ketton, Mr. P. Amos writes, in 1897 Messrs. John Taylor and Co. rehung the bells and they were rung for a little over 30 years.

In 1933 the late Canon Donaldson became Rector. Owing to some differences with his ringers he had all the wheels taken off, stays and sliders removed (but not the bearings) and a chiming apparatus installed, using as an excuse—'the steeple would not stand the bells.' This has since been proved to be but an excuse.

The new incumbent to be, who likes bells, it is hoped will restore them to ringing order—at least he has been told beforehand all about them! The tenor is 10 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

HENDON RINGERS GIVE HOLY WEEK BELL MESSAGE

ST. MARY'S, Hendon (captain, Miss Ruth M. Foreman), provided for the Central Office of Information a four-minute film of ringing which was shown in Holy Week in South American countries, Canada, Australia and New Zealand.

After Miss Foreman had had a preliminary meeting with the producer, filming started on the Sunday morning, showing the Vicar and congregation arriving and the ringers leaving the church and at their homes. On the following practice night the church was invaded with a camera crew, cameramen, lighting effects man, sound effects man and one other. They spent nearly two hours for a four-minute film—filming close-ups and then farther away. 'It was slightly unnerving ringing with a camera about six inches from your nose,' writes our correspondent.

Later was seen at the C.O.I. offices the finished product—a commentary for each country, i.e. in Canadian English for Canada and in Spanish for South America.

There was a brief preliminary from the girl commentator and then the film showed four of the ringers leaving their homes, giving their names and occupations. The ringers were seen arriving outside the church and standing in a group, talking and looking at 'The Ringing World.'

Inside the belfry shots were of taking off coats and pulling up the bells. There were close-ups of various people ringing and a boy learner watching. A panoramic view of the ceiling showed the sallies going up and down, and also a short piece of sound track of the bells ringing rounds and Queens. A shot was also given of bells ringing, but they weren't Hendon's, but a piece of film from the library.

Two comments Miss Foreman found amusing. One was when the commentator said that the Ringing Master in a tower was usually the one with the most experience, and perhaps it was a sign of the times that, at Hendon, the Ringing Master is a woman! At the beginning of the century there were practically no women ringers at all.

The other came at the end of the film, with the bells silent and the commentator standing outside the church. She said that church bells were so much a part of English life that they weren't really noticed until they were silent, as they were in Holy Week, until Easter Day, when, with bells all over the world, they would join in celebration.

The C.O.I. made a good job of the film and they didn't make the mistakes that non-ringers usually make when talking about bells and bellringing.

NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY

The Master, Mr. D. W. Friend, reported to the A.G.M. of the Nottingham University Society held on May 9th that progress had been maintained during the year. The general standard of ringing had improved and Sunday ringing at All Saints' Church, Nottingham, had been regular, despite the fact that the bells need rehanging, and it is difficult to train learners on them. This year five peals had been rung for the Society.

The following officers were elected for 1962-63: Honorary president, Mr. P. L. Taylor; honorary vice-presidents, Mr. F. Salter, Mr. W. Nichols, Canon A. Inglis, Rev. J. N. D. Perkins, Canon Teaver; chaplain, Rev. J. N. D. Perkins; Master, Roy R. Tiffin; secretary, David J. Orledge; treasurer, John Hallett; committee members, Kenneth W. Price and Deborah Hopkins.

A discussion followed over the question of life membership of the Society, and it was decided to form a Society for past members of the University.

The Master was thanked for his work during the past year.

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL

At the annual general meeting of the University of Bristol Society of Change Ringers the following officers were elected for the session 1962-63:

Master, Anthony R. Kench; secretary, Derek M. Sawyer; treasurer, Martin Foster; tower secretary, Christopher Tyndale-Biscoe.

SALISBURY GUILD'S 80th ANNIVERSARY

THE Salisbury Diocesan Guild celebrates the 80th anniversary of its foundation this year and the annual festival and general meeting was therefore held in Salisbury, when the Guild was honoured by the presence of the Lord Bishop of the Diocese (the Rt. Rev. W. L. Anderson) and the Deputy Mayor and Mayoress of the city. The presidents of the Guild also welcomed Chancellor J. S. Maples, representing the Dean.

The Deputy Mayor (Councillor W. J. Rothwell) brought a message from the Mayor, who expressed his regret at not being present and said it gave him great pleasure to welcome the Guild to the city. Campanology was an ancient art and gave great pleasure to many, and he instanced the bells of St. Thomas', to which parish he belonged.

Chancellor Maples also welcomed parties, such as ringers, who worked Sunday by Sunday all over the Diocese and used the Cathedral for divine worship after deliberations of business were concluded.

The business meeting then followed, the president (Canon C. C. Cox) taking the chair, supported by the Master (Rev. R. N. Longridge), the general secretary (Mr. W. C. West), the assistant secretary (Mr. F. Slatford) and Mr. L. A. Wilson (vice-president). The honorary secretary reported an increase in membership, which now stands at over 1,100, the highest ever: he heartily congratulated the Branch officers who had made this possible. (Honorary members had increased to 24, and 43 life ringing members had been elected during the year; these, however, are not included in the number given above.)

AUGMENTATIONS AND RESTORATIONS

At Charminster the ring of six had been augmented to eight, a new treble had been added to the five at Long Bredy making a ring of six. Pewsey and Thorncombe had been reopened after restoration work. The bells at Poole were being rung regularly again on Sundays; Ludgershall and Chitterne had joined the Guild; the bells at the latter were being restored.

The president had produced a summary of the Guild's activities to continue from 1932 when a former publication had been made by the late Rev. F. L. Edwards; the thanks of the members were expressed to the president for this work.

The balance sheet was stated to be satisfactory with a balance in the current account of £109. The treasurer said this would be used up by the end of the year, the expenses of the annual report having to be met. Grants were made to the following towers from the 'Edwards Memorial Fund': Thorncombe, Bradford-on-Avon Holy Trinity, Chitterne and Senley.

PRESIDENT'S 80th ANNIVERSARY, TOO

The Master referred to this year, seeing it was not only the 80th anniversary of the Guild but also of its president. He expressed appreciation of all concerned—Ringing Masters, instructors, captains of towers—who work steadily week by week to maintain and improve ringing. He made the suggestion that Parochial Church Councils with rings of bells might care to send a corporate subscription to the funds of the Guild.

The retiring officers of the Guild were all re-elected with the addition of Messrs. Young (Wareham), N. Bush and C. Haines (Salisbury) and J. T. Barrett (Beaminster) as belfry inspectors. Mr. Alan Macdonald was elected a vice-president.

From the meeting the whole company of 200 went to the Cathedral for the festival service. This was conducted by Canon J. S. Maples, the president reading the lesson, after which a course of Grandsire Triples was rung by members of the Devizes Branch.

The Lord Bishop, in his address, instanced how bellringing was connected with all the events of their lives—not only for their personal joys and sorrows but the bells rang for national and local occasions—the Queen's birthday, the Mayor's election, the Bishop's enthronement or the consecration of a new cathedral.

'Today,' he said, 'we are commemorating the 80th anniversary of our Guild, a day which marks the faithful work over the years of men and women, who often work out of sight and are content to do so. I am, therefore, glad as your Bishop to have this opportunity of thanking you collectively for your service to the Church—though I always try, when visiting a parish, to thank individually the ringers for their part in the service.'

'Bells are often rung to mark a victory, and at this Easter season we are commemorating the greatest of victories. We are naturally proud of the triumphs of men; they have harnessed the lightning and split the atom, and generated space: they have discovered the Poles and climbed the world's highest mountains. But these triumphs serve only to accentuate the irony, for at the end of man's brief span the grave-digger's spade closes his career. It does not, however, for at this season we are celebrating the greatest victory, the conquest of death, and not only has the fear of death been stripped away, it is the mystery of death that has been solved....'

STILL THE SAME CHURCH

'Those who have passed beyond our sight—we commemorate them just now—are in another world, but not in another Church. We of the Church militant raise the hymn, "Christ the Lord is risen again," and as we sing our ears hear the strain of greater, nobler music: it is the Church triumphant singing, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain." Our worship is shared with the great multitude no man can number.'

'Always think, then, of the worship and its purpose to which your bells are summoning you, as well as others, and as you go home ponder the words of John Bunyan, and pray that when our work is done we may pass, as did Mr. Valiant-for-Truth. "I am going to my Father, and though with great difficulty I have got hither, yet do I not repent me of all the trouble I have been at to arrive home. My sword I give to him that shall succeed me in my pilgrimage, and my courage and strength to him that can get it. My marks and scars I carry with me to be a witness for me that I have fought His battle, and He will now be my reward." When the day that he must go hence had come, many accompanied him to the river side, into which as he went he said, "Death, where is thy sting?" and as he went down deeper he said, "Grave, where is thy victory?" So he passed over, and all the trumpets sounded for him on the other side. And in such a company as this, dare I add, "And all the bells rang, too..."'

Afterwards tea was served in the Churchill Room of the Red Lion Hotel, previously used for the meeting, the Bishop with the Deputy Mayor and Mayoress being special guests. After tea thanks were offered to those responsible for the success of the meeting and service. The assembly was then entertained by a team of handbell ringers (youths) under Mr. A. T. Palmer, of the Marlborough Branch.

CENTRAL COUNCIL AT CARDIFF

Additional service ringing on Whit Sunday:
Ebbw Vale (8) 10 a.m., 5 p.m.
Abergavenny (10) 10.15 a.m., 5.45 p.m.
Peterstone-super-Ely (6) 10 a.m., 5.30 p.m.
Llantrisant (8) 11 a.m., 6 p.m.
St. Mellons (6) 10 a.m., 5.30 p.m.

SUFFOLK GUILD HAVE AVERAGE YEAR

WHEN the affairs of the Suffolk Guild were reviewed at the annual general meeting at Bury St. Edmunds, on April 28th, the words of the Ringing Master, Mr. Leslie G. Brett, summed up the year 1961—'An average year with 101 peals.' Membership, however, was up at 515.

Over 60 members and visitors were present and ringing took place during the afternoon and evening at the Cathedral, St. Mary's, Horringer, Fornham St. Martin and Rougham. The service in the Cathedral was conducted by Canon D. Duval, who also gave the address. Local ladies of the church, in conjunction with Mr. Leslie Wright, provided an excellent tea at St. Mary's House, when the guests of honour were the Mayor (Councillor Cyril Grainger), the Archdeacon of Sudbury (Ven. H. R. Norton), Canons Duval and Godfrey (Vicar of St. Mary's).

Mr. C. W. Pipe (vice-president) presided at the meeting, supported by two other vice-presidents (Messrs. C. J. Sedgley and G. E. Symonds), Mr. Brett (Ringing Master) and Mr. J. W. Blythe (general secretary). The Mayor extended a warm welcome to Bury to the company and this was acknowledged by the chairman.

STEDMAN MISSING

The Ringing Master analysed the local peals, in his report, as follows: Maximus 3 (two Cambridge), Royal 8 (six Surprise), Caters 3, Major 39 (24 Surprise), Triples 1, Minor 46 (one 14 methods) and Doubles 1. 'Yet again Cinques are missing from our records, as also is that most musical method, Stedman. Whilst it appears that Suffolk ringers still prefer "tenor in" I still maintain that a peal of Stedman on all numbers is an achievement by any band. Do let us revive this interesting method.'

The general secretary in his report appealed to every competent ringer to examine his conscience and ask himself whether he was doing all he could in finding and teaching recruits.

Restorations and augmentations had taken place at Aldeburgh and Eye, and the latter would be rededicated on June 9th. Many places were actively engaged in training recruits, but there was room for more of this if Sunday service ringing was to be improved. The accounts had held their own. The technical adviser (Mr. Randal W. M. Clouston) had continued his work of inspecting all the towers in the Diocese—a programme involving several years' work.

The officers were re-elected and thanked for their services. An appeal had been received from Mr. George Pipe on behalf of Melbourn Cathedral restoration scheme of £150,000, of which £7,000 would be to put the bell in order. The Guild agreed to donate £5 5s. to the fund.

Thanks were accorded the clergy, Mr. and Mrs. Wright and the ladies, the organist and verger for their contributions towards the success of the meeting. A collection was taken at the service in aid of the fund to provide a service bell for the Cathedral.

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A CANOPY OF BELL ROPES



WHEN two of their ringers—Miss Margery Burton and Mr. Brian Moore—were married at their church, St. Nicholas', Linton, Kent, fellow ringers staged this effective canopy of bell ropes. Later a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung with two trebles in front.

Margery has been a keen member of the Linton band for four years. Brian often helps, but he prefers to be at the organ.

In the presence of a large congregation, the service was conducted by the Rev. P. M. Townend, assisted by the Rev. E. N. Bath. Mr. H. A. Bennett, of Rochester, was the organist. *[Photo: Sloman and Pettet, Maidstone.]*

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD

A MEMBERSHIP 20 honorary and 119 ringing members was reported at the annual meeting of the Midland Counties Guild, held at St. Paul's, Burton, on May 12th. The meeting followed a service in St. Paul's Church, conducted by the Rev. W. B. Woolley, and a good tea in the Church Institute. Mr. G. H. Lane presided at the A.G.M., and the company stood in silence in remembrance of Messrs. S. Scattergood, Herbert Carter and Ernest Morris, who had died since the last meeting.

Mr. J. H. Brittain presented the treasurer's report which showed that the balance in hand had increased by £4 to £92.

Mr. J. W. Cotton, the secretary, in his report, said that peal ringing in 1961 had been very satisfactory: 38 peals, one more than the previous year having been rung. Major methods were by far the most popular and it was surprising that only three odd bell methods appeared in the list. First for the Guild included Grandsire Cinques, Ulverscroft Surprise Royal, Warwickshire, Rugby, Painswick and Stratford Surprise Major; Oxford Treble Bob Royal; College Bob IV Peveril and Leasowe Delight Minor. The last three were the first peals ever rung in the method.

Personal milestones for 1961 were: Mr. Cotton 800 peals (397 for M.C.G., far more than any other member), Mr. D. P. Jones and Mr. F. E. Wilshaw 100th peal for the Guild. Mr. D. P. Jones was the leading conductor (11 peals) and Mr. Cotton the leading peal ringer (31 peals).

The officers, in the main, were re-elected: Mr. B. Worthington, a generous supporter, president; Rev. W. V. G. Griffiths, vice-president; Messrs. R. A. Welton, chairman; J. H. Brittain, treasurer; T. Pryce, auditor; J. W. Cotton, secretary and Central Council representative. Mr. Lane retired from the office of Ringing Master and Mr. J. K. Smith was elected. The committee elected were Messrs. S. H. Jones, G. H. Lane, P. K. Stretton and P. Marriott.

The meeting decided to send a donation of three guineas towards the cost of rehanging Hoar Cross tenor (28 cwt.). Mr. Curzon congratulated the young Stretton ringers on their progress.

Next meeting: Packington (with Loughborough of the Leicester Diocesan Guild), July 7th.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Midland District

The president, Mrs. P. J. Staniforth, made the presentation of a gift voucher to Miss I. B. Thompson, of Nottingham, the retiring vice-president, at a meeting of the Midland District held at Oakham, Rutland, on May 19th, and attended by 30 members and friends. Miss Thompson was elected vice-president at the inaugural meeting of the District in July, 1946, and had remained in that position until this year. The gift, explained Mrs. Staniforth, was a token of the members' appreciation. Miss Thompson, in her reply, thanked members for the kind gift and said she hoped to attend meetings whenever possible.

The Vicar, the Rev. H. V. Prytherch, was thanked for the use of the bells and taking the service, as were Mr. and Mrs. Hill for the arrangements and tea. Members were asked to support a coach running to Darlington for the A.G.M. on July 7th. The cost would be 25s., and a deposit of 5s. was required, which could be given to Mrs. Bennett, of Radcliffe, Mrs. Staniforth or Mrs. Warwick.

Forthcoming meetings: Mansfield, September 15th; Aylestone, November 17th; A.G.M. joint with Leicester Guild, February 16th; Guild dinner, London, October 27th.

KINGSLERE NOW HAS AN OCTAVE

TWO new trebles were dedicated at Kingsclere, Hants, on May 5th. They had been cast by Mears and Stainbank and bore interesting inscriptions—the treble '1962. Let your light so shine before men' (4 cwt.), and the 2nd '1962. Christian Stewardship' (4½ cwt.). The 2nd must surely be the first bell in the country to commemorate a Stewardship Campaign! The old six were originally all cast by Henry Knight II, of Reading, in 1664, but the fifth was recast by John Taylor in 1849. They have now been rehung on ball bearings by Frank White, of Appleton, and the existing frame has been strengthened and supported by steel girders let into the massive walls of the tower.

Those who knew the bells as they were will find them much improved. They go well and the new trebles sound outside the tower satisfactorily to match the other six. In the ringing chamber the new bells are almost too well heard, but this will, no doubt, be easily corrected.

At the service of dedication the captain of the ringers, Mr. John Pares, read the lesson, and prayers were conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. F. Simpson. The ringers' hymn, 'Unchanging God who lives,' preceded the dedication, which was carried out by the Rural Dean of Whitchurch, Canon F. A. Sanders. Imme-

diately the new trebles were raised and the full octave rung by the local band. Next came the carol, 'Ding, dong! Merrily on high,' sung by the Kingsclere carol party.

In his address, the Rural Dean spoke of the assured place that ringers now had in the life of the church and of the need for sustained enthusiasm in the art of ringing. The captain of the Kingsclere band had shown this quality in marked manner and it was due to this that he had succeeded in improving the ring and so strengthening this part of the parochial life. The service concluded with 'Angel voices ever singing' and the Blessing.

As the congregation, which included a good number of parishioners as well as visiting ringers, left the church a touch of Stedman Triples was rung by W. Hibbert 1, J. Hibbert 2, C. J. Hibbert 3, H. Balaam 4, C. Osler 5, F. C. White 6, A. W. Davis 7, F. White 8, the whole band being members of the College Youths.

Then followed uninterrupted ringing by the large number of visitors who came from 30 different towers in 10 counties, the furthest being from Devon and Kent. They included representatives from St. Paul's Cathedral, and also Mr. Frederick J. Sharpe, president of the Central Council. Because of their numbers, tea was served in two shifts. Altogether it was a great day for Kingsclere and reflected much credit on those responsible for the organisation.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A LESSON FROM SUNBURY

Dear Sir,—In view of the two letters extolling the virtues of 'Sunbury' and mine condemning it, which appeared together (page 317), perhaps I ought to explain why it is impossible to obtain a 720 in the method, in case someone else tries to obtain one.

Here are the first 12 rows:

a	123456	+
b	214365	—
c	124635	—
d	216453	+
e	126543	+
f	215634	—
g	251364	—
h	523146	+
i	532164	+
j	351246	1
k	531426	1
l	354162	+

On examination it will be found that all the changes (rows) with the treble in 3rds place are of the same 'course.' This precludes a 720 by Bobs alone as an in-course (+) row (521364 for example), can never occur. A similar argument holds for the treble in 4th place.

Moreover, when the treble is leading the number of in-course (+) and out-of-course (—) rows are unbalanced, i.e. out of the six rows with the treble in the lead, four are +ve and two —ve. Again a similar argument holds with the treble behind. These conditions, like the previous ones, make it impossible to obtain a 720 by Bobs alone.

At this point I feel like the young doctor who, making a report on an important personage wounded in a shooting accident, reported that although two of the shots were fatal he was pleased to state that the others were not serious. Except that in our case the other shots are just as serious!

Before we attempt to overcome these difficulties by using Singles let us have a closer look at the figures. It will be seen at once that row 'e' (126543) cannot be used as a lead-end (or lead-head); we can therefore regard it as public enemy No. 1. We may as well observe in passing that this row if used as a lead-end (or lead-head) will also produce repetition with the treble in 5-6 as well.

Further examination of the figures will show row 'j' could occur at 'g', row 'k' could occur at 'g' and the same row, 'k', could also occur at 'j'. These three substitutions produce false lead-heads 132654, 154632 and 145236. This means that if any of these three rows were used as lead-heads, rows would be produced with the treble in 3-4 that have already been used in the extract given at the beginning of this epistle, as can easily be proved by writing them out.

We have then four false lead-heads from 123456. Working backwards from the lead-end will give us another four.

Now a lead of 'Sunbury' contains 36 changes so that a 360 (with in-course lead-ends and lead-heads) gives us 10 lead-heads and 10 lead-ends—20 in all. These will produce $20 \times 4 = 80$ false lead-heads (or lead-ends), that cannot be used. But seeing that there are only 60 in-course rows available with the treble in one position (i.e. half the extent on five bells), it doesn't require much imagination to realise that duplication of rows must occur

somewhere. In fact so false is the method that if a Bob is called at any lead-end in the plain course the lead following will be false against the plain course itself, i.e. it will contain rows used somewhere during a plain course.

Turning to Mr. C. I. Rowson's 'extent' we find it is riddled with falseness. There is not one lead that does not contain rows which are used elsewhere in the 720!

In fact some of the leads offer some of their rows on permanent loan to more than one lead, as for example lead No. 7 (124653) which has rows duplicated in lead No. 3 (164523) and lead No. 5 (123564). Again it is a simple matter to prove this by writing out the leads in question.

It is worth nothing that if the treble path in 3-4 was changed to double-dodging, the '720' would still be hopelessly false.

I am sorry to have written at such length, but I hope this information will prevent future experimenters falling into similar traps.

Fritz Kreisler once said that 'a lifetime is not enough to discover all there is in a page of Beethoven.' I sometimes think that if 'a 720 of Minor' was substituted for 'a page of Beethoven,' the statement would still be true. This is not always realised by some people who are inclined to regard Minor as unworthy of their attention.—Yours sincerely, Ryhill, Wakefield. H. CHANT.

GREAT RISSINGTON BELLS

Dear Sir,—On behalf of the Stow-on-the-Wold Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, I would like to apologise to any visiting ringers who made the journey to Great Rissington on May 19th and found that the meeting had been cancelled. Unfortunately on the previous Wednesday and Thursday, the diocesan architect and Messrs. Taylor and Co. had made inspections of the bells and condemned the tower. The original wooden frame which was erected nearly 250 years ago was in bad decay, having suffered the ravages of the wood worm.

This fine ring of six, rung anti-clockwise and cast by Rudhalls, of Gloucester, in 1725, is one of the few original rings left in Gloucestershire. The Rector, the Rev. W. H. Bates, states that the bells will have to be rehung in a steel frame and, together with other repairs to the tower, the cost will be in the region of £1,000.

An extraordinary fact is that the only peal ever rung on these bells was one of Minor by the Worcestershire and Districts Association, just over a month ago. I expect that Messrs. Taylors will marvel at this accomplishment.—Yours, etc.,

L. C. DOWDESWELL,
Stow-on-the-Wold. Branch Secretary.

LADIES AND PEALS AT BRIDGEND

Dear Sir,—Although many more than a hundred peals have been rung on the bells of Bridgend, a lady had taken part in only one. Mrs. John Thomas rang the 4th to Holt's Original in 1956, which was conducted by her husband. Miss Margaret Eshelby rang the treble to her first peal of Triples on May 16th, and to her falls the credit of being the first lady of the Church in Wales to ring a peal on Bridgend bells.—Yours faithfully,

TREVOR M. RODERICK.
Porthcawl.

ST. MARGARET'S PROPOSED MEMORIAL

Dear Sir,—It is difficult, indeed, to put into words one's feelings on the passing of Ernest Morris. We, at St. Margaret's, came to know and love him not only as our Ringing Master but as a great friend. Nothing was too much trouble for him to do for any of us and his enthusiasm and interest went a long way towards keeping youngsters interested. We thank God for his life and will try to follow his example.

St. Margaret's will always be Ernest's church, and we intend to erect a memorial in the church to his memory. If any of his many friends throughout the Exercise would like to help towards the cost of this, would they please send their donations to me.—Yours sincerely, GORDON A. OLLIFFE.

43, Fernhurst Road,
Braunstone, Leicester.

WIGGENHALL ST. GERMAN

Dear Sir,—Mr. Graham Mann's letter concerning bells at Wiggshall St. German leaves me vaguely surprised. I say vaguely in the sense that Mr. Peter Bond's findings failed to elicit any comment from ringers in the King's Lynn area.

I worked on a project in St. German for four years from 1930 and was, in fact, in the choir, under the Rev. J. M. Trevor, and there were no bells—no belfry.

The bells in question are at Wiggshall St. Mary, the next village.

I knew them well, and, indeed, made some effort to train local lads.—Yours sincerely, Consett, Co. Durham. W. TYSON.

THE LATE R. S. SWORDER

Dear Sir,—Congratulations to Cyril Chambers on his persistence and success in tracing Dick Sworder. My own inquiries three years ago at East London were fruitless, and I thought nothing more of it until September, 1961.

I had then been in England a week, and attended practice at Rayleigh, Essex, where the first question from an elderly ringer was, 'Did you know Dick Sworder?' I have now forgotten the name of the ringer to whom I was speaking, but recollect he had a artificial leg. Perhaps he or Mr. House can contribute this search.—Yours, etc., J. SHEPPARD.

Brighton.

A BURTON TRIBUTE

'The Burton Daily Mail' had this contributed appreciation of Mr. Ernest Morris: 'Many of his 2,076 peals had been rung in the Burton area, and the secretary of the Midland Counties Guild, Mr. Joseph W. Cotton, of Overseal, in his friendship with Mr. Morris extending 40 years, had rung in 262 of these peals—few having rung more than this with Mr. Morris.'

'Mr. Cotton was Burton District secretary of the Old Midland Counties Association at the time Mr. Morris was general secretary. Later, in 1946, when the old Association was divided, the Burton District was re-formed into the Midland Counties Guild.'

'Mr. Morris had for many years shared the task of inscribing the Guild's membership certificates and other beautifully executed commemorative tablets, and he was always keen to join in the Guild's peals and ringing activities. He was a humble and cheerful character, who viewed his own achievements with great modesty.'

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SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

THE attendance was most encouraging at the 16th annual meeting of the Southwell Diocesan Guild, held at Sutton-on-Trent on April 28th. Ringing took place at North Muskham and on the eight bells at Sutton-on-Trent. A short service was held at the Church of All Saints, Sutton, conducted by the Vicar, Canon R. T. Keel.

The business meeting, following tea, was presided over in the unavoidable absence of the chairman (Canon R. F. Wilkinson), by the Vicar, who welcomed the ringers and commented favourably on the large attendance at the service.

A minute's silence was observed for five members who had passed away during the past year, namely: Messrs. O. Street (East Retford), S. Mason (North Wheatley), A. Dennett (Mansfield Woodhouse), and Mr. and Mrs. D. McNeil (West Retford).

Twelve new members were elected, namely: Andrew Stanley, Pat Dennett and Lesley Dennett (Warsop), Robert Marsh, Gordon Marsh and Jane Dowse (Holme Pierrepont), J. R. Howard, Mrs. L. Worwood, Miss A. Linning and Miss V. G. Brumell (West Bridgford), and H. Johnson and R. Kitching (Granby).

The annual report having been in circulation for almost a month, it was resolved to take all the reports as read, and they were confirmed without comment.

INCREASE OF PEALS

The Peal Committee reported that 54 peals had been rung during the year, an increase of five; conductors numbered 22, an increase of two; first pealers numbered 16, an increase of five. Pudsey and Painswick Surprise Major, Spliced Triples in three methods, and Snowdon Treble Bob Minor were rung for the first time for the Guild.

The general secretary, in his report, welcomed both new and returning towers and members to the Guild. Included this year are St. Wilfrid's, Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Holy Trinity, Lenton, All Saints', Nottingham, and St. Helen's, Selston, thus bringing the Guild membership to 442. Warsop once again won the Crawford Cup, and on this showing it will take a very good team to wrest the cup from them.

The honorary treasurer's report and accounts revealed a healthy state of affairs, a surplus of £11 12s. 9d. being shown on the year's working. During the year donations of £15 each, from the Bell Repair Fund, have been made to Gedling, where the old four have been rehung with the addition of two trebles, and Cuckney, where the six bells have been rehung on ball bearings. From the balance of £85 11s. 11d. carried forward it was decided on a majority vote to donate £10 towards the Kilifi Bell Appeal Fund, and £5 towards the Melbourne Restoration Fund.

PRESENTATION TO RETIRING TREASURER

The election of officers resulted as follows: Canon R. F. Wilkinson (chairman), Mr. F. W. Midwinter (vice-chairman), Mr. W. L. Exton (honorary general secretary). Mr. W. Nichols having previously intimated that he wished to retire, Mr. J. W. Rathby was elected honorary treasurer. At this point Mr. F. W. Midwinter presented Mr. Nichols with a greenhouse spray from Guild members in appreciation for his services, he having been honorary treasurer since 1948. Mr. Nichols was deeply moved and thanked members for their kind thoughts.

Messrs. C. J. Copp and B. Hough were appointed auditors, and Messrs. W. Nichols and F. W. Midwinter trustees. Mr. D. H. Rooke (peal secretary) and Mr. B. M. Buswell form the Peal Committee, and, with the addition of Mr. J. D. Clarke, were elected to serve on the Central Council for 1963-65. Mr. W. L. Exton is to stand as reserve if the membership increases so as to entitle the Guild to four representatives.

Mr. H. Denman, the honorary secretary of the North Notts District, introduced Mr. B. Street, who wished to donate a cup to the Guild in memory of his later father, Mr. O. Street, who was for many years the chairman of the North Notts District. Mr. Street

wished it to be for a ringing contest, in which Ordsall, his father's old tower, could compete, and it was finally decided to make this an open contest on six bells, to be rung for on the last Saturday in September at Ordsall.

A NEW DISTRICT

A proposal to form a new District, to serve the south-east of the Diocese, was submitted by the general secretary. He explained that the area was reasonably small and compact, and contained a large number of five-bell towers. Membership at present was very small, but ringers must exist as certain towers were heard to ring on Sundays for service.

As a proposal had already been approved on a majority vote in both the Newark and Nottingham Districts, these being the only Districts directly affected, no opposition was offered. It was proposed and agreed that the District be formed there and then, and the general secretary call an inaugural meeting at Bingham in June, when the District officers would be appointed.

The new District now formed consists of the following towers: Bingham, East Bridgford, Orston and Whatton from the Newark District, and Colston Bassett, Cotgrave, Cropwell Bishop, Granby, Hickling, Holme Pierrepont, Knoulton, Langar, Lowdham, Radcliffe-on-Trent, Shelford and Willoughby-on-the-Wolds from the Nottingham District, making 16 towers in all.

The proposal from the Nottingham District, that each tower have a bell repair fund collecting box, these to be emptied once a year, instead of the present system of a collection at each meeting was defeated. The present system is to be continued, and towers are to be approached to make a donation once a year in addition.

Mr. Foster reported that Southwell bells were now restored to the tower, and he understood that the contractors would be cleared by June 6th, and the dedication would follow some time later.

Mr. F. W. Midwinter, the vice-chairman, proposed a comprehensive vote of thanks to the Vicar, the Sutton ladies for the fine tea, the officers for all their work during the past year, and the Rev. W. N. Snow for use of North Muskham bells.

W. L. E.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Southern District

A prominent member of the Southern District, whose other interest is cricket was able, thanks to the weather, to indulge in his two loves at Whiston on May 19th. By coincidence, he was umpiring the cricket match in the field at the side of the church to the music of St. Mary's bells which were being rung for the annual meeting of the District. The rain stopped the cricket just in time for him to join his colleagues at an excellent tea, served by members of the local company, and where about 50 members, representing all corners of the District, were joined by the Rector, Rev. J. Redrobe, and his wife.

The Rector, presiding at the meeting, extended a hearty welcome to the District. Apologies for absence were received from the Ringing Master, Mr. Harold Chant, and Mr. J. Thorley. Miss Sandra Crossley (Wath-on-Deane), Mr. and Mrs. C. Ashton and Mr. D. Cuts (Whiston) were elected to Association membership. Mr. J. J. L. Gilbert was re-elected District secretary, and Mr. W. F. Moreton was re-elected to the General Committee. Messrs. J. Seager, of Sheffield Cathedral, and S. Armeson, of Rotherham Parish Church, were elected to fill two vacant seats on the District Committee. A collection for the Bell Repair Fund realised £1 10s. 2d.

It was decided that the Barnsley and District Society be approached with a view to holding a joint meeting in August, a venture which in recent years has been a great success, the suggested tower being Wragby, with one or two other towers also open for ringing.

The business meeting ended with a lively discussion on various Association matters, and afterwards St. Mary's bells were kept very busy until nine o'clock.

J. J. L. G.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

A 'Striking' Contest

The above heading appeared in an East Berkshire local newspaper recently, announcing a competition to be held between seven towers within the Sonning Deanery Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

Competitors from Binfield, Hurst, Sandhurst, Sonning, Twyford and Warfield gathered with the 'locals' at Easthampstead on a blustering and wet May 19th and, while the judges were being made comfortable in a nearby house, the draw for the order of ringing was made in the church.

So was set the stage for the Branch's third annual competition—a stage with an air of friendly conflict, rivalry with plenty of 'Good luck, Jims and Georges' thrown to opposing captains as the teams wound their separate ways up the spiral stairs to the ringing chamber, ushered with competent timing by Messrs. Parker and Smith, the Branch joint Ringing Masters.

During the afternoon the presence of our Branch chairman, the Rev. Mr. Harcourt-Trevor, added to the enjoyment of the proceedings together with the arrival of the Press.

The six bells (tenor 8-2-27) were generally rung to Grand sire by the teams in their allotted ten minutes with the exception of Hurst, who gave a high standard with Stedman to open the contest, and Sandhurst, who bravely struck Plain Bob and became the first team to ring a Minor method in the history of the competition.

When the last team had come to 'Stand' some 60 ringers and friends took tea in the local school room, and, like waiting for the dentist, with a certain amount of trepidation, tension and expectancy on the faces of the assembly Major Bragg and Mr. C. W. Denyer, the patient adjudicators, gave their findings as follows: 1 Hurst, 2 Twyford, 3 Sonning.

The standard of striking, we were told, was high throughout and a big improvement on the previous year.

Branch secretary, Mr. B. C. Castle, called an adjournment to the tower after thanking the judges for their services and the local band and helpers for an excellent tea.

S. G. S.

OBITUARY

MR. CALEB R. FENN

A well known and beloved London and Essex ringer, Mr. Caleb R. Fenn, died after a very short illness on May 17th, aged 83.

Born at Barking, he was educated at the local C. of E. School, and in his teens learned to ring; as far back as 1896 he joined the College Youths and the Essex Association. Keen on striking, he was a regular Sunday service ringer. Of his ringing achievements mention should be made that he was the last of the band who rang the first course of London Surprise Major on handbells double handed. He also took part in the first peals of Double Norwich C.B. Major and Superlative Surprise in the City of London.

For a number of years he was captain of the St. Margaret's band and steeple keeper, and for 60 years he wound the church clock. After a serious operation a few years ago, he was obliged to give up ringing, much to his regret. He had, however, two other hobbies—helping his friends and gardening.

He was laid to rest at Rippleside Cemetery, following a service at St. Margaret's Church, which was attended by many relatives and ringing friends. The Vicar gave a much appreciated address. Caleb will be missed by all who knew him. As one ringer said at the service: 'There will never be another Caleb.' May he rest in peace.

R. C. F.

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3542	—	—	2
2345	—	—	6*

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PETERSFIELD YOUTH TAKES THE SALLY

We often hear that bellringing is a declining art, and that bells are silent through the lack of ringers or are rung only on rare occasions by a handful of 'old timers.' How refreshing it was to see so many 'teenagers' amongst the Petersfield ringers on their annual outing. Of the 31 ringers, 13 were of school age and their presence gave a feeling of gay lightheartedness as we arrived at the attractive village of King's Somborne for the first ring. After touches of Grandsire Doubles, Bob Doubles and Bob Minor we collected out, partly together from the church, the shops and the hostelry across the green and travelled more or less in convoy to Lockerley, where we rang touches of Grandsire and Stedman until lunchtime.

After an excellent lunch at Romsey, where the ladies seemed to forget their diets, we were soon assembled in the spacious ringing chamber of Sherfield English. Twelve-year-old Paul Robinson rang the tenor surprisingly well to Grandsire Doubles and afterwards touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major were rung before moving on to Fordingbridge for an hour's ringing. Then came a tea of sandwiches and the sweetest, creamiest cakes one can imagine.

At Ringwood, where we were met by the local captain, Bill Cheater, and the touch of Grandsire Triples which he conducted was the best of the day. On then to our last call at Lyndhurst, and, assisted by two local ringers and a visitor from London, came further touches of Triples. The Vicar of Petersfield (Rev. J. S. Long), who had kept a discreet, fatherly eye upon us throughout the day, expressed all our feelings in a vote of thanks to Keith Sanson and Charlie Bassett for organising such an enjoyable day's ringing.

W. D.

OUTINGS

WATFORD

On May 12th Watford Parish Church ringers and friends had an excellent, if rather cold, day out. The quiet village of Appleton came first and, if the ringing on this tuneless and famous ten was not as good as it should have been, all felt that the visit was well worth while.

At Christ Church, Swindon, a wedding was in progress and a touch of Grandsire Caters saw the happy couple on their way. Bob Royal and Stedman Caters were also rung on the fine ring. After a good lunch at the Co-operative restaurant, Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Cambridge Major were rung on the pleasant bells of St. Mark's. Railway enthusiasts were interested to see the 'Evening Star Delight' peal board, to say nothing of the nearby Railway Museum.

The fine church at Fairford was much admired as were the bells and the grand six at Lechlade were put to very good use. Abingdon provided a fine ring at St. Helen's, on which Bob Royal, Grandsire Caters and Cambridge Major sounded well, and the last tower of the day was St. Nicolas', where the good light six rang down the curtain on a most successful outing.

We thank all the good people who helped with arrangements, also those who came along to make us so welcome.

R. G. B.

TORRE, TORQUAY

The ringers of St. Saviour's, Torre, Torquay, held their annual outing on May 19th in cold and showery weather, among their friends being the Rev. R. P. Rose (curate), Messrs. W. Simonds (Babbacombe), A. L. Bennett (Buckfastleigh) and W. J. Harvey and Mrs. Harvey, formerly of Torre, and now of Topsham.

During the ringing at the first tower, Chagford, the sliders of two of the bells shifted causing the bells to turn over. At Heavitree we were met by Mr. Norman Mallett, and the ringing here was much enjoyed, among this being a good course of Plain Bob Major. Further ringing was later enjoyed on the grand octave at Broadclyst, followed by ringing at Sampford Peverell. After tea at Tiverton the final call was at Silverton, where the party was met by Mr. A. G. Selley.

Great credit was due to Mr. Keith Fursdon, the captain, for making such excellent arrangements.

A. L. B.

SPALDING, Lincs

Spalding's annual outing on May 12th was to Stoke, and a company of 26 (there were some from neighbouring towers) left in a slight drizzle at 6 a.m. Traffic delays meant a late arrival at Stone, but the bells were soon up and ringing to various methods.

Mr. J. G. Burton, who had made most of the arrangements, met them at Stoke and guided them through a maze of traffic to the Parish Church, and then to Wolstanton, three-quarters of an hour being spent at each tower. Lunch was at the Sneyd Arms, Tunstall, where a band of enthusiastic youngsters had raised the bells. A keen-eyed member spotted the faded notice board outside Longton Church. Then followed a cross country ride to the beautiful R.C. Church at Cheadle, with a grand ring of bells. Tea had been arranged at the Ideal Cafe, Alton, and the whole hour spent on the glorious bells at Alton went far too quickly.

On the homeward journey there was a stop for ringing on the fine octave at Uttroter and for the refreshments at Sandiacre. Spalding was reached at 12.45 a.m. Special thanks are extended to Mr. J. G. Burton and to Mr. E. T. Chapman, the untiring secretary.

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The peal at St. Andrew's, Holborn, recorded this week, is of historic interest as it is the first on the new bells. This church has been rebuilt three times—firstly in the 15th century, then by Christopher Wren and finally after its almost complete destruction during the war. This last restoration was done during the incumbency of Canon Hunter-Hopkins, a kind and helpful friend of ringers. The peal was also a farewell to the Canon. The refreshments he provided after the peal were very welcome.

We do not know if the leading bell ringers are included, but 'Who's Who in Music, 1962' with 6,000 biographies has just been published at 45s. per copy?

Inst. Lt.-Cdr. A. S. Watt, R.N., is expected back shortly in this country from Malta. He is being posted to the Royal Naval College, Dartmouth.

Miss Ann M. Cox would like to thank Mr. Arthur H. Reed for kindly offering her his rope in the peal of Yorkshire, rung at Tiverton, Devon, on May 19th, a gesture which she much appreciated.

Due to lack of support, the West Midland District of the Ladies' Guild has ceased to exist. Members from that area would be most welcome at Midland District meetings: it is hoped to arrange a meeting in the Warwickshire district.

Warfield' Sunday service band are proud of the quarter of Grandsire Doubles rung on May 20th, the first by the local band for several years. There were two first quarters and three firsts in the method, and also a first as conductor. We are looking forward to continuation of the good work.

National publicity has been given to a dispute at Halwell, near Totnes, Devon, between the Vicar and the ringers. Main causes of complaint is that the Vicar wanted the band, who ring on Sunday evenings, to ring on Sunday mornings. This, states the captain, is impossible, as most of the team cannot get away from their farm work.

BELFRY GOSSIP

'The Church Times' tells the story of the recent visit of the Bishop of Kensington (the Right Rev. E. J. K. Roberts) to Twickenham parish to address a Mothers' Union service. He looked into the belfry and saw that the ringers—four women and a boy—might like to ring Minor instead of Doubles. The Bishop took one of the vacant ropes. When in the Bristol Diocese—he was Bishop of Malmesbury—he had been known to ring at St. Mary Redcliffe, and earlier still as Archdeacon of Portsmouth he had surprised many a churchwarden by going to the belfry and raising the tenor bell.

The new ring of 12 bells at Southwell Cathedral will be dedicated during Evensong on Saturday, June 9th. The ring is by John Taylor and Co.

The Ecclesiastical Insurance Company is celebrating its 75th birthday. In the past year the amount paid back by the company to the general funds of the Church was £100,000 and during the 75 years it has reached a total of £2,066,400.

Through their own initiative Feckenham (Worcestershire) ringers have collected, in ten months, £1,000 to have the ring of eight bells in their parish church restored. The bells were recently dedicated by the Bishop of Worcester.

The eight bells of St. Mary's, Battle, Sussex, are being rehung on ball bearings, and are, at present, at Whitechapel for retuning. Consequently there will be no ringing until August, at the earliest. Meanwhile, Salehurst ringers are holding their practice on Tuesday evenings.

A peal attempt was lost at Weston Favell on May 19th after three six-scores, when a woman churchworker 'barged-in' (climbing over a lawn mower, buckets and brooms put at the entry to the belfry as a barrage) to ask if anyone had a knife to lend her? Mr. Amos reports: 'Stand was called and the woman given "a straight lesson" on the dangers to herself and the inconvenience to ringers.' On the second attempt the peal was successful.

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BIRMINGHAM.

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On Thurs., May 3, 1962, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

MURIEL REAY Treble	W. BERTRAM KYNASTON .. 7
JOHN McDONALD 2	DAVID J. PURNELL 8
GEORGE E. FEARN 3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 9
CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. 4	FRANK E. HAYNES 10
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. 5	PETER BORDER 11
RODERICK J. LEES 6	JOHN A. ANDERSON Tenor

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 12, 1962, in 4 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST AND THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 49 cwt. 2 qr. in B.

BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. Treble	DAVID J. PURNELL 7
NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 2	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. 8
CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. 3	CECIL PIPE 9
GEORGE E. FEARN 4	JOHN McDONALD 10
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 5	JOHN A. ANDERSON 11
FREDERICK ROSS 6	PETER BORDER Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

LONDON, E.C.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., May 19, 1962, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES, CRIPPLEGATE.

A PEAL OF 5000 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 34½ cwt. in C sharp.

DAVID E. PARSONS Treble	JOHN PHILLIPS 7
WILLIAM HIBBERT 2	CYRIL E. LEWINGTON .. 8
WILLIAM T. COOK 3	BRIAN HARRIS 9
ALAN ROGERS 4	PHILIP A. F. CHALK .. 10
MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT .. 5	JOHN CHILCOTT 11
BRIAN DOWNES 6	JAMES PHILLIPS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CHILCOTT.

Rung in honour of the birth of a son, Mark David, to Michael and Kathleen Chilcott.

TEN BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 7, 1962, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5129 GRANDSIRE CATERS

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

*BRIAN G. WARWICK .. Treble	†JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 6
R. KINGSLEY MASON .. 2	\$W. DAVID WARD .. 7
*†RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. 3	A. JAMES POYNOR 8
†MALCOLM D. BARSBY .. 4	B. STEDMAN PAYNE 9
A. MAXWELL LINDSEY .. 5	MICHAEL W. BROWN .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* 100th peal together. † 150th peal together. ‡ First of Caters.

\$ First of Grandsire Caters. || First on ten bells.

A birthday compliment to Mrs. B. G. Warwick.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., May 19, 1962, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 24 cwt. 18 lb.

*PAMELA E. KEY Treble	JAMES S. EASTWOOD .. 6
BARNABAS G. KEY 2	†JOHN F. ASTBURY .. 7
HOWARD HOWELL 3	†DAVID S. CADWALLADER 8
E. MARION KEY 4	MAURICE G. TURNER .. 9
*IAN FRIEND 5	JOSEPH HINGLEY Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

* First peal on ten bells. † First attempt for a peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

DERBY.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Jan. 31, 1962, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. in F sharp.

*GEOFFREY BRIDGES .. Treble	DEREK G. ASTRIDGE .. 5
DOREEN MURFIN 2	MICHAEL WILLIS 6
*ALAN BRIDGES 3	DAVID WALKLATE 7
DAVID PARKIN 4	SAM WALKLATE Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by DAVID WALKLATE.

* First peal on eight bells.

SWAFFHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., April 29, 1962, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Pritchard's Four-Part.

Tenor 15 cwt. in E.

SAMUEL H. WATERFIELD .. Treble	PETER ADCOCK 5
EDWARD HOWES 2	HENRY TOOKE 6
GILBERT E. LARTER 3	TONY OWEN 7
THOMAS E. SPIGHT 4	NORMAN V. HARDING .. Tenor

Conducted by HENRY TOOKE.

BICESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 12, 1962, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURG.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Washbrook's Six Singles.

Tenor 15 cwt. 7 lb.

WILLIAM HIBBERT .. Treble	WALTER F. JUDGE .. 5
*JANE THURMOTT 2	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS .. 6
†AVRIL IVIN 3	EDGAR J. SMITH 7
MAURICE J. THURMOTT .. 4	STEPHEN J. IVIN Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

* First peal. † First of Stedman Triples.

CONISBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Sat., May 12, 1962, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In eight methods, being 960 London, 928 Watford, 768 Bristol, 672 Cambridge, 512 Dorchester, 448 each Pudsey and Superlative and 416 Lincoln; with 117 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

HOWARD SCOTT Treble	B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD .. 5
JEANNE E. BOTTOMLEY .. 2	S. BARRY SCHOFIELD .. 6
RITA M. JOWETT 3	ROGER J. LUMLEY 7
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY 4	VERNON BOTTOMLEY Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 14, 1962, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

RONALD C. NOON .. Treble	GEORGE W. MASSEY .. 5
JOHN E. ALLEN 2	*FRANK TAYLOR 6
STANLEY E. BENNETT .. 3	ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. 7
*HARVEY E. BURRELL .. 4	J. MARTIN THORLEY .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.

* First peal in the method.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., May 15, 1962, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

*KATHLEEN PILSBURY .. Treble	GILES B. THOMPSON .. 5
EDWARD JENKINS 2	EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH .. 6
EILEEN FEARN 3	BASIL JONES 7
CAROL FEARNLEY 4	WILLIAM H. DOWSE .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. DOWSE.

* First peal of Surprise.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 16, 1962, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part.

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F sharp.

*MARGARET ESHELBY .. Treble	TREVOR M. RODERICK .. 5
HARRY BOYCE 2	WM. T. PETTY 6
ALFRED HANINGTON .. 3	GWYN I. LEWIS 7
†MICHAEL LARCHER 4	D. WALFORD DAVIES .. Tenor

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.

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

WORPLESDON, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 16, 1962, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in E flat.

JILL M. MAY .. Treble	E. JOHN WELLS 5
*SUSAN J. RAWLINGS .. 2	*KENNETH NEWMAN .. 6
WILLIAM T. BEESON .. 3	HAROLD A. MAY 7
STANLEY G. PONTING .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal of Surprise. The conductor's 675th tower for a peal.

First of Major on the bells, augmented in 1948.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. J. A. P. Hoskyns, who was inducted

to this living on May 14th.

BROUGHTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., May 17, 1962, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

ELIZABETH ROBERTS .. Treble	ALBERT H. LAWTON 5
HAROLD ROBERTS 2	E. RICHARD MORRIS 6
*PETER MORRIS 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST .. 7
E. MARION KEY 4	BARNABAS G. KEY Tenor

Composed by G. HUGHES.

*First peal of Major 'inside.'

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

CITY OF LONDON.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., May 17, 1962, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE GUILD CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, HOLBORN CIRCUS, E.C.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

JOHN W. EUSTON .. Treble	JOHN C. EISEL 5
ANDREW N. STUBBS 2	ROBERT J. CHAPMAN 6
JOHN ARMSTRONG 3	LIONEL S. WOODS 7
NICHOLAS J. DAVIES 4	PAUL CATTERMOLE Tenor

Composed by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE. Conducted by PAUL CATTERMOLE.
First peal on the bells, recently hung to replace those destroyed during World War II.

Rung to commemorate the restoration of this church; also as a farewell to the Guild Vicar, Canon Hunter Hopkins, during whose incumbency the church was restored and reopened.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., May 17, 1962, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

ERNEST R. WARNER .. Treble	†PAMELA R. GOUGH 5
*CAROLYN WHITE 2	DAVID J. TUBBS 6
DUDLEY P. ELSMORE 3	†HAROLD A. MAY 7
†STANLEY G. PONTING 4	*CLIVE S. SCOTT Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER.

*First peal at first attempt. †25th peal together. ‡First 'inside.'
Rung to commemorate the first anniversary of the consecration of the Cathedral of The Holy Spirit, Guildford, on May 17th, 1961, in the presence of H.M. the Queen.

SAWLEY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., May 17, 1962, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

CYNTHIA WEBB .. Treble	HAROLD TAYLOR 5
JOHN F. MURFIN 2	DEREK ASTRIDGE 6
DAVID FRIEND 3	GORDON A. HALLS 7
DAVID PARKIN 4	DAVID J. MARSHALL Tenor

Composed by G. A. HALLS and D. R. CARLISLE.

Conducted by GORDON A. HALLS.

FRINDSBURY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., May 18, 1962, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. Treble	THOMAS E. SONE 5
BERNARD F. L. GROVES 2	*MARTIN L. HOWE 6
*CYRIL S. JARRETT 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT 7
TREVOR A. CROSS 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.

*First peal in the method. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

CREWKERNE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 19, 1962, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

*DAVID TARGETT .. Treble	ERIC NAYLOR 5
†REV. C. J. B. MARSHALL 2	ANTHONY W. T. CLEAVER .. 6
ERIC WADMAN 3	RONALD G. BECK 7
VICTOR SAVAGE 4	EDWARD J. CHIVERS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

*First peal of Surprise Major. †First of Cambridge Major. First of Major as conductor.

GODSTONE, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 19, 1962, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

JEANETTE M. WINCHESTER Treble	ERNEST J. LADD 5
*JEAN L. LAVENDER 2	*ROBIN J. LEE 6
*OLIVE D. TESTER 3	*ROBERT W. HINDE 7
*RAYMOND E. FINCH 4	COLIN A. TESTER Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (C.C.C. 28).

Conducted by COLIN A. TESTER.

*First peal in the method. First of Surprise as conductor.

A birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

KNEBWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 19, 1962, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND THOMAS-A-BECKET,
A PEAL OF 5056 LANGLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. Treble	CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 5
ERIC EDMONDSON 2	PETER J. COLES 6
ALICK CUTLER 3	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 7
GEORGE A. SPENCER 4	JACK S. DEAR Tenor

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE. Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

First peal in the method by all except the ringer of the third.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 19, 1962, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF 5184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In six methods, comprising 1,728 Bristol, 1,344 London, 960 Rutland and 384 each of Cambridge, Superlative and Yorkshire; with 143 changes of method.

DELIA E. SMITH .. Treble	GEORGE H. RANGLES 5
JACK L. MILLHOUSE 2	GEOFFREY R. PARKER 6
NORAH M. RANGLES 3	JOHN WALDEN 7
A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL .. 4	GEOFFREY PAUL Tenor

Composed by D. W. BEARD.

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 19, 1962, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

*JOHN PEGLAR .. Treble	*RONALD K. RUSS 5
†MARK W. SAYERS 2	CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE .. 6
†ANTHONY K. FORTIN 3	MICHAEL W. COLEMAN 7
BARRY J. DAVIES 4	EDGAR S. HITCHCOX Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE.

Conducted by MICHAEL W. COLEMAN.

*First peal of Plain Bob Triples. †First of Triples. First of Triples as conductor.
Rung to welcome the birth on May 12th, 1962, of a son to Betty and Edmund Pearson.

SHOREHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 19, 1962, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5056 WARWICKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

ROBERT T. LAMBERT .. Treble	*CYRIL S. JARRETT 5
REGINALD E. LAMBERT 2	*ANDREW M. MACVE 6
*ALEC W. FRY 3	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 7
THOMAS E. SONE 4	*MARTIN L. HOWE Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.

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

SKIPTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 19, 1962, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5088 DORCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR

PITSTOW'S.	Tenor 25 cwt.
J. NEVILLE PARKIN .. Treble	BARRY SULLIVAN 5
FRANCES FAIRBANK 2	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY 6
GEOFFREY F. BRYANT 3	GORDON BENFIELD 7
JOHN F. BRYANT 4	J. HENRY FIELDEN Tenor

Conducted by J. HENRY FIELDEN.

THATCHAM, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 19, 1962, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

REGINALD W. REX .. Treble	*RONALD C. CHRISTOPHER .. 5
JENNIFER M. DAVIES 2	DAVID J. FORDER 6
JOHN MANLEY 3	TOM CHAPMAN 7
ALAN R. PINK 4	WILLIAM BUTLER Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.

*First peal of Major.
Rung on the tercentenary of the Book of Common Prayer.

TITCHMARSH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 19, 1962, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

MURIEL REAY .. Treble	JOHN A. ANDERSON 5
DIANA M. LAWLLESS 2	GEORGE E. FEARN 6
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN 3	ALAN J. FROST 7
JOHN McDONALD 4	PETER BORDER Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

TIVERTON, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., May 19, 1962, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in D.

ANN M. COX Treble	PHILIP N. TUBBS 5
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 2	JOHN HARLESS 6
DOROTHY T. GARDINER .. 3	FRANK L. HARRIS 7
GWILYM G. SALMON 4	A. PATRICK CANNON Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

WELFORD, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 19, 1962, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THÉ-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in F sharp.

MURIEL REAY Treble	JOHN McDONALD 5
DIANA M. LAWLESS 2	JOHN A. ANDERSON 6
ALAN J. FROST 3	PETER BORDER 7
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN 4	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by JOHN McDONALD.

WOTTON-UNDER-EDGE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
NON-ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 19, 1962, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THÉ-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt.

HENRY TAYSON Treble	RICHARD J. BOWDEN 5
*PETER BRIDLE 2	D. JOHN HUNT 6
*CLIFFORD J. RICHARDS .. 3	DON C. EXELL 7
BRIAN J. WYLDE 4	JAMES R. TAYLOR Tenor

Composed by NORMAN SMITH.

Conducted by DON C. EXELL.

* First peal in the method. First of Surprise as conductor.

SHEPshed, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY OF RAMBLING RINGERS.

On Sun., May 20, 1962,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH.

A PEAL OF 5152 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Being six methods, as follows: 1,440 Rutland, 1,600 London, 640 Cambridge and 480 each of Bristol, Superlative and Yorkshire.

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb.

R. KINGSLEY MASON .. Treble	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. 5
DENIS A. FRITH 2	*GEOFFREY M. BREWIN .. 6
A. MAXWELL LINDSEY .. 3	FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 7
MARTIN C. FAULKS 4	JOHN E. COOK Tenor

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY.

Conducted by JOHN E. COOK.

* 100th peal.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., May 23, 1962, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS.

A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

RAYMOND G. LOFTY .. Treble	GEORGE H. MOORE 5
DAVID CUBITT 2	THOMAS E. SPIGHT 6
NOLAN GOLDEN 3	GEORGE SAYER 7
*ROY W. WILES 4	CHARLES H. MOORE Tenor

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major.

Rung to mark the restoration of the church, which included repairs to the tower.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

ETWALL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 17, 1962, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Being seven extents.	Tenor 8½ cwt.
*WILLIAM ALLSOPP Treble	BRIAN DAWSON 4
DOREEN MURFIN 2	ALAN BRIDGES 5
DAVID WALKLATE 3	DEREK G. ASTRIDGE Tenor

Conducted by DAVID WALKLATE.

* First peal of Minor.

COSBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
On Tues., May 1, 1962, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in five methods: Three of Grandsire, and one each of Kent T.B., Plain Bob, Rev. Canterbury and St. Clement's.

Tenor 12 cwt.

BRIAN C. LAW Treble	ERIC ROBERTS 4
DAVID LEE 2	MICHAEL W. BROWN 5
MAURICE R. A. KIRK .. 3	A. JAMES POYNOR Tenor

Conducted by A. JAMES POYNOR.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Ernest Morris.

BLABY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 5, 1962, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 40 methods: Two each of Plain Bob and Ryton, and one of April Day, Kennington, Besthorpe, Old Bob, Seighford, St. Simon, Eynsham, St. Albans, Shropham, Cassington, Elford, St. Martin, St. Leonard, St. Paul, Mileham, St. Peter, Austrey, Southrepps, Rev. Canterbury, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, Costessy, St. Columb, St. Giles, St. Andrew, St. Nicholas, Norwich, St. Thomas, Sharnhall, St. Miles, St. John, St. Luke, Walsingham, Winchendon Place, Grandsire, All Saints', Rev. St. Bartholomew and Stedman. Tenor 10 cwt.

J. HEDLEY WALE Treble	KEITH H. MILDRED 3
BRIAN C. LAW 2	MAURICE R. A. KIRK .. 4

A. JAMES POYNOR Tenor

Conducted by A. JAMES POYNOR.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Ernest Morris.

The second ringer has now 'circled the tower' to peals.

GREAT NESS, SALOP.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 12, 1962, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's each of Kent T.B. and Oxford T.B., and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.

J. BARRIE JONES Treble	*MICHAEL R. WYCHERLEY .. 4
ROGER W. POWELL 2	HECTOR BENNETT 5
BARNABAS G. KEY 3	ROGER B. MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

* First peal of Minor 'inside'.

THURLOXTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., May 15, 1962, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four extents of Stedman, four of Reverse Canterbury, six of April Day, eight of Plain Bob and 20 of Grandsire. Tenor 6 cwt.

WILLIAM H. TARR Treble	ARTHUR H. REED 3
EDWARD H. LANGLEY .. 2	JAMES BREWER 4

NIGEL J. MAGGS Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR H. REED.

Rung to mark the christening of twin grandsons to the ringer of the second.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 16, 1962, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 CANTERBURY DELIGHT MINOR

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

PHYLLIS M. MAYNE Treble	DAVID J. TAYLOR 4
MIKAELA ERIK 2	JOHN HILL 5
JOHN R. MAYNE 3	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

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

BRENTFORD, MIDDLESEX.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., May 18, 1962, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in G.

CHRISTOPHER F. MEW .. Treble	MICHAEL J. UPHILL 4
*CAROLINE V. CARPENTER .. 2	ALAN R. MILLIDGE 5
ALISON M. MANN 3	NOEL R. WAITE Tenor

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER F. MEW.

* First peal.

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HINXWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 18, 1962, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents (six callings).

KEVIN BARNES Treble	ALEX SIMPSON 4
MARTIN PRESS 2	RAYMOND J. FULLER 5
ANTHONY H. SMITH 3	MARTIN MAJOR Tenor

Conducted by MARTIN MAJOR.

First peal in the method as conductor.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., May 18, 1962, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Denys,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

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

JAMES A. MUSSON Treble	WILLIAM R. PARKER 4
MARGARET A. PARKER 2	GEOFFREY R. PARKER 5
AMOS INGALL 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE Tenor

Composed by REV. E. BANKES-JAMES.

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. White.

CHATTERIS, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 19, 1962, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

At the Church of SS. PETER and PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

MICHAEL J. DYER Treble	DONALD F. MURFET 4
*ALAN BARBER 2	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS 5
CHRIS. L. BELL 3	GEORGE E. THODAY Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. THODAY.

* First peal of Surprise.

DAVENHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 19, 1962, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Wilfred,

A PEAL OF 5040 ST. CLEMENT'S BOB MINOR

Consisting of seven extents.

Tenor 15 cwt.

ERNEST PIMLOTT Treble	MICHAEL THOMSON 4
JOHN RYDER 2	CHRISTOPHER JONES 5
HAROLD WORRALL 3	HARRY W. HOWARD Tenor

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

First peal of St. Clement's Bob Minor by all the band. First of St. Clement's Bob Minor on the bells.

DUNKERTON, BATH, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(Bath Branch.)

On Sat., May 19, 1962, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 20 extents of Plain Bob and 20 extents and one of 240 (Morris') Grandsire.

Tenor 5 cwt. 18 lb. in C.

*JOHN W. ISAACS Treble	*DAVID A. BURT 4
ALAN F. LEE 2	‡PATRICIA A. BURT 5
†LESLIE J. COX 3	ALBERT F. BUTI Tenor

Conducted by ALAN F. LEE.

* First peal. † First on six and 'inside.' ‡ First of Doubles 'inside.'

MIDDLETON CHENEY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 19, 1962, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Carlisle, York, London, Wells, Surfleet, Beverley and Cambridge.

Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in D.

WILLIAM J. CHESTER .. Treble	JAMES LINNELL 4
BARRY E. SAUNDERS 2	GEORGE W. HOLLAND 5
CHARLES E. TRUMAN 3	WILLIAM A. YATES Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. YATES.

First peal in seven Surprise methods on the bells.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 19, 1962, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF 5040 ST. DUNSTAN'S DOUBLES

Monk's 1,766 variation, comprising 42 extents, different callings.

Tenor 9 cwt. in A minor.

GLADYS A. ASHBY .. Treble	JACQUELINE A. DOWNING .. 3
PERCY AMOS 2	GRAHAM C. PAUL 4
	GEORGE F. ROOME Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. ROOME.

First peal of St. Dunstan's Doubles for all the band, and for the Guild.

Rung on the Festival of St. Dunstan as a farewell to the Rector, the Rev. Douglass Hopkins, M.A., leaving to become Rector of Ketton, Rutland.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 19, 1962, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Single Oxford and Oxford T.B.,

two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.

*YVONNE HUGHES .. Treble	FRANK R. MORTON 4
IVOR R. NICHOLS 2	R. ANTHONY TRICKETT .. 5
GEORGE A. PACKER 3	JOHN E. BROUGH Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. BROUGH.

* First peal.

ALFORD, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., May 20, 1962, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Wilfred,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, being 2,160 Oxford Bob and one extent each of St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. Treble	IVOR J. SMITH 4
*DAVID MAULTBY 2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE 5
MARGARET A. PARKER 3	GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal on an 'inside' bell.

ULCEBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., May 22, 1962, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of London, Bourne and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford and St. Clement's.

Tenor 9 cwt.

MARTIN WALKER Treble	C. AUBREY HARRISON .. 4
JACK BRAY 2	GEORGE W. MOODY 5
RONALD CHAFER 3	PHILIP BARNES Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

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CORRIGENDA

(Add) page 17 Blo-Norton, Norfolk, S. Andrew, 6, 8 cwt. in A-sharp.

(Delete) page 18 Bolton, Lancs. S. Bartholomew (church demolished).

(Add) page 92 Rodmell, Sussex, S. Peter, 6, 7 cwt.

(Add) page 125 Bangor, Carnarvon, S. David, Glenadda, 8 13-1-21 in F-sharp.—Thurs.

Page 138 Lahore, for India read Pakistan.

ADDENDA

The following alterations have taken place since going to press:

CITY OF LONDON

S. Andrew, Holborn, ring of 8 now completed, tenor 18-1-21.

METROPOLITAN BOROUGH

Greenwich, S. Nicholas, Old Deptford, bells 3 to 7 sold, treble and tenor only remain.

ENGLAND—THE PROVINCES

Brampton, Hunts, being increased to 6 at the present time.

Brightstone, I.W., now 6 bells.

Chester, Ches, S. Michael, 5 bells sold, only one remains.

Dorney, Bucks, S. James, 6 bells, tenor 7-2-13.

North Elmham, Norfolk, old 8, tenor 20 cwt., recast, tenor now 14½ cwt.

Filton, Glos, now 6 bells.

Grimsby, Great, Lincs, S. Andrew, bells removed to foundry on demolition of church.

Grimsby, Great, Lincs, S. James, now being increased to 10 bells.

Hemington, Somerset, now 6 bells, tenor 16-2-27 in F.

Hempstead, Essex, now 6 bells, tenor 12-3-8.

Houghton Regis, Beds, bells now in ringing order.

Kingsclere, Hants, now 8 bells.

Long Bredy, Dorset, S. Peter, 5 bells, tenor 8-2-9 in G-sharp.

Pewsey, Wilts, bells now in ringing order.

Queniborough, Leics, now 6 bells.

Scalby, N. Yorks, ring of 6 completed, tenor 9-2-1.

Scaldwell, Northants, ring of 5 completed, tenor 10-0-7.

Scarliffe, Derbys, St. Leonard, 5 bells, tenor 10-3-3 in G.

Siddington, Glos, bells have been rehung.

Thurlow, Great, Suffolk, now 6 bells.

Upton, Lincs, now 6 bells.

WALES

Sully, Glam, now 6 bells.

AFRICA

Salisbury, Rhodesia, ring of 10 now installed.

HALF PEAL

ROWLEY REGIS, STAFFS.—On May 12th, 2,520 Grandsire Triples (Grove's Variation called round): K. Chatwin 1, Yvonne Edwards 2, W. Butler 3, H. J. Shuck 4, F. Willets 5, M. J. Fellows 6, M. D. Fellows (cond.) 7, H. Roberts 8. Longest length 1, 5, 8.

ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—At St. Peter's Cathedral, on May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Kaye W. Lynas (first quarter) 1, H. Greenhalgh 2, B. R. Cox 3, Enid Roberts 4, W. B. Pitcher (cond.) 5, J. O. Goulter 6. Also on May 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. O. Goulter 1, H. Greenhalgh 2, D. J. Bleby (first quarter 'inside') 3, Enid Roberts 4, B. R. Cox 5, W. B. Pitcher (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

ALTON, HANTS.—On May 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: V. Lawton 1, Miss A. Biddlecombe 2, H. Moody 3, G. Noakes 4, C. Smith 5, L. Noakes 6, R. Corke (cond.) 7, A. Bone 8. Rung to welcome the Bishop Winchester, who preached at the nurses' rededication service.

AYLESTONE, LEICS.—On May 3rd, 1,280 Stedman Triples: R. S. Morris 1, Patricia Morris 2, S. Marie Davenport 3, Sandra Chesterton 4, W. J. Kinchin 5, D. Staples 6, A. J. Poyner (cond.) 7, T. I. Roper 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Ernest Morris.

BABWORTH, NOTTS.—On May 12th, 1,260 Old Bob Doubles: Maureen P. Green 1, Thelma E. Staples 2, E. A. Harrison 3, J. A. Harrison 4, M. J. Kirk (cond.) 5. First in the method by all. Rung by Kirkby-in-Ashfield ringers during an evening tour.

BRADDEN, NORTHANTS.—On May 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. W. Mansfield 1, Margaret Wilson 2, Mrs. G. Sheppard 3, Betty M. Mansfield 4, R. Somerton (first as cond.) 5. For Evensong.

BRAMHAM, W. YORKS.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. E. Stamp 1, Pauline Hardwick (first of Doubles) 2, F. Mack (first quarter) 3, C. B. Dove (cond.) 4, G. D. Armitage (first 'inside') 5. A wedding compliment to Beryl Abbott and John Baldwin.

BRISTOL.—At the Cathedral, on April 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Harris 1, M. J. Hobbs 2, P. Bridle 3, K. Ryder 4, F. Carter 5, D. C. Exell 6, Mrs. K. M. Exell (cond.) 7, D. C. J. Padfield 8.

BRISTOL.—On May 13th, at Christ Church with St. Ewen, 1,260 Triples: Dorothy M. Stafford 1, Christine Collett 2, J. M. Stallard 3, I. C. Maycock 4, A. C. Tyndale-Biscoe 5, E. G. Mould 6, A. R. Kench (first in method as cond.) 7, D. A. Evans 8. First in method for 2, 5 and 6. For Evensong by U.B.S.C.R.

CHALFONT ST. PETER, BUCKS.—On April 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Stewart (first quarter) 1, Mrs. E. G. Swift 2, E. G. Swift 3, P. G. Badcock 4, C. J. Shepherd (cond.) 5, E. Bosher 6. On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Patricia Moss (first quarter) 1, Mrs. E. G. Swift 2, E. G. Swift 3, M. Damerell 4, C. J. Shepherd (cond.) 5, E. J. Briden 6.

CHURCHDOWN, GLOS.—On May 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Dale 1, R. Daniels 2, C. Clark 3, Miss D. Clark (first quarter) 4, C. Rouse (cond.) 5, S. W. Harreaves (first quarter) 6. For the wedding this day of Mr. J. F. Ravenhill and Miss M. Dowler.

CLAINES, WORCS.—On May 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Wilson 1, H. Homans 2, Cathleen S. Heaney 3, Gillian P. Blackwell 4, A. Morgan 5, J. E. Whittall 6, R. Woodyatt (cond.) 7, Lynda J. Rofe 8. Rung by members of the Sunday service band to mark the birth of Simon David, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Peter Chippendale.

CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.—On May 13th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: M. Armstrong 1, H. Aitchison 2, J. Vickery 3, W. Tyson 4, N. Errington 5, R. Oliver (cond.) 6, R. B. Skelton cover bell. For Evensong.

COWBRIDGE, GLAM.—On May 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): G. Morgan 1, Elizabeth Thomas 2, Alana Thomas 3, G. Jones (cond.) 4, E. Thomas (first 'inside') 5, I. McMillan 6, P. Evans 7, D. Robinson 8. For Matins, by the Cowbridge School's band. A 14th birthday compliment to ringer of third.

EARL'S CROOME, WORCS.—On May 11th, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods): C. Haylings 1, Anne M. Broxton 2, M. Hawkes (cond.) 3, E. Maund 4, E. W. Penn 5, P. Bennett 6.

ELSTOW, BEDS.—On May 17th, 1,260 Minor (Plain Bob and Single Oxford): Miss F. Prole 1, Miss K. Rivett 2, Miss M. Pettitt 3, Miss M. Clarke 4, C. E. Jeffries 5, R. F. Law (cond.) 6.

FRAMPTON, Lincs.—On April 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Holland (first quarter) 1, R. Hunt (first 'inside') 2, E. Flintham 3, J. Green 4, J. Kemp 5, A. E. Flatters (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

GREAT STAUGHTON, HUNTS.—On May 14th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): M. J. Dyer 1, A. J. Davey 2, E. J. Whiting 3, R. F. Baker 4, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 5, F. Reeve 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Lack, on their golden wedding.

QUARTER PEALS

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On April 15th, 720 Ipswich and Cambridge (Spliced), 720 Norwich Surprise Minor: M. J. Dyer 1, C. L. Bell 2, F. R. Nicholls 3, H. S. Peacock 4, D. F. Murfet 5, G. E. Thoday (cond.) 6. For morning service. Also on May 6th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: D. F. Murfet 1, G. E. Thoday 2, F. R. Nicholls 3, A. J. Davey 4, M. J. Dyer 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service. Also on Easter Sunday, 720 Cambridge Surprise, 540 Plain Bob Minor: H. Levens 1, M. J. Dyer 2, F. R. Nicholls 3, D. F. Murfet 4, H. S. Peacock 5, G. E. Thoday (cond.) 6. For morning service.

HOLYWELL, HUNTS.—On March 31st, 1,440 St. Clement's Bob Minor: M. J. Dyer 1, C. L. Bell 2, G. E. Crisp 3, H. S. Peacock 4, R. F. Baker 5, D. E. R. Knights (cond.) 6. Rung for the christening of Yvonne Mary, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Levens.

KENTISEARE, DEVON.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. C. Woodley (cond.) 1, F. J. Summers 2, C. M. Summers 3, E. J. Summers 4, R. C. Summers 5, B. F. Coles 6.

LINTON, KENT.—On April 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (two trebles in front): 1, Russell 1, Kristin Smith 2, Joy Mattingley 3, J. Houghton 4, J. Mattingley 5, R. Maylam 6, N. Mattingley 7, P. Town 8. For the wedding of Miss M. Burton and Mr. Brian Moore.

LITTLE HORKESLEY, ESSEX.—On May 8th, 1,260 Doubles (360 Stedman, 360 St. Simon's, 360 Plain Bob, 180 Grandsire): D. Culham 1, Evelyn R. Cansdale 2, A. E. Leggett 3, A. W. Cansdale 4, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 5. Rung after the institution by the Bishop of Colchester of the Rev. H. P. P. Hollingworth as Vicar.

MARCH, CAMBS.—On May 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Lilley 1, A. Turnbull 2, R. Lee 3, D. Feck 4, W. Moore 5, T. A. Bevis (cond.) 6. For morning prayer.

NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS, LANCs.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Mawdsley sen. 1, Miss M. Bennett (first quarter) 2, K. Edwards 3, G. Lloyd 4, D. Burgess (cond.) 5, R. Lloyd 6.

OLD MARSTON, OXON.—On May 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. A. Porter (first quarter) 1, R. H. Jones 2, Julia A. Chandler 3, N. D. Deam 4, Elizabeth A. Miller (cond.) 5.

ORMSKIRK, LANCs.—On May 14th, at SS. Peter and Paul's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Brown 1, E. Garner 2, James Dilworth 3, John Dilworth 4, W. G. Ellison 5, C. Byard (cond.) 6, D. Vokes 7, H. Robinson 8. Rung for the visitation of the Archdeacon of Liverpool.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—At St. John's Church, on May 13th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. Goakes 1, B. Harris 2, G. Bush 3, C. Calton 4, J. Bird 5, F. Boyall 6, R. Daw 7, J. H. Bluff (cond.) 8. For evening service, also in memory of Ernest Morris.

READING, BERKS.—At St. Laurence's Church, on May 13th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: T. Felicity Webber 1, M. Jane Foster 2, Frances Secker 3, Janet Secker 4, A. B. Shingler 5, Jennifer M. Davies 6, J. Manley 7, P. M. Wilkinson 8, N. J. Diserens (cond.) 9, V. T. Cherrill 10.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On May 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Lindsay 1, J. Bruce 2, N. Donovan 3, D. Nichols 4, N. Chaddock 5, S. Armeson (first as cond.) 6. Rung by members of Kimberworth Secondary School Ringers Society.

ST. KEA, CORNWALL.—On May 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 4, 6, 8 covering): G. Dunstan 1, Helen Hobbins 2, G. D. Carter 3, A. Locke 4, Rev. A. S. Roberts (cond.) 5, D. Dunstan 6, A. J. Davidson 7, C. W. Jose 8. To mark the 80th birthday of Heber Harris, one time captain of the Kea band.

SALFORD, LANCs.—At Sacred Trinity, on May 13th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Jean A. Allen 1, Mary Browne 2, D. J. Baker 3, Margaret Ross 4, E. F. P. Bryant 5, D. W. James (cond.) 6. First of Kent for 1, 2, 3, 5. Rung for Evensong. Also on May 20th, 1,280 St. Clement's Bob Major: D. J. Baker 1, Edna M. Poulter 2, Jean A. Allen 3, Mary Browne 4, Janet Warwick 5, Margaret Ross 6, E. F. P. Bryant (cond.) 7, D. W. James 8. First in method by all the band. Rung to mark the 327th anniversary of the church's dedication, and also for Evensong. Both quarters rung by Manchester University Guild.

SCORTON, LANCs.—On May 9th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Maryl R. Cross-thwaite (cond.) 1, W. Gardner (first quarter) 2, P. Cross-thwaite 3, Mrs. M. Cross-thwaite 4, S. Anderton 5, C. Cross-thwaite 6.

SHENSTONE, STAFFS.—On May 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Ann S. Tyrie (first quarter) 1, Rosemary Cartwright (first quarter) 2, Lucy Allen 3, A. P. Sheldon 4, C. M. Smith (cond.) 5. For Evensong, also with the good wishes to the ringers of 1 and 2, who are going to an Oxford hospital for training as nurses, for four years.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On May 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Elizabeth T. Birmingham 1, D. P. Hilling (cond.) 2, Linda J. Kew 3, A. D. Rivers 4, W. D. Ward 5, D. K. Walters 6, W. Birmingham 7, D. Livingston 8. For Sung Eucharist, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Mary Adamson 1, F. R. Scott 2, J. F. Bowler 3, D. P. Hilling 4, Janet M. Livingston 5, E. L. A. Hudson 6, J. K. Ward (cond.) 7, D. Livingstone 8. For Evensong. Rung for the installation the previous day of the Rev. E. W. Perkins, Rector, as Honorary Canon of Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford.

SOUTHGATE, LONDON.—At Christ Church, on May 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mary Powell 1, Pam Miller 2, Diana Belcham 3, S. G. Peck 4, W. C. G. Wainwright 5, R. J. Lee 6, D. E. Belcham (cond.) 7, L. G. Gates 8. To mark the commencement of a teaching mission in the parish.

SPONDON, DERBYS.—On May 19th, 1,440 Minor (720 Plain Bob, 720 Kent T.B.): R. Wallis 1, Miss R. Buli 2, J. Bailey (cond.) 3, W. Steen 4, E. Johnson 5, A. Mould 6. Rung following the wedding of M. Willis and Miss J. Coxon.

STAFFORD.—On May 5th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: A. Harvey 1, F. R. Wiggins 2, Miss C. Bibby 3, R. J. Warriow 4, D. Murcott 5, B. J. Wyde (cond.) 6, R. K. Mowforth 7, A. E. Garbett 8, Robt. J. Warriow 9, R. Stanley 10. First on ten for 1, 5 and 10. For morning service, and as a farewell compliment to B. J. Wyde, leaving Stafford for Bridgwater.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—On May 1st, at 14, Poplar Road, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. D. Fellows 1—2, P. L. Bill 3—4, M. J. Fellows 5—6. Non-conducted. Witness: F. V. Nicholls.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On May 13th, 1,380 Doubles (three methods): Miss T. Johnson (first quarter, age 13) 1, Miss P. Lansley 2, Mrs. R. Drewett 3, R. Drewett 4, A. R. Peake (cond.) 5, V. Griffin 6.

SUNBURY-ON-THAMES, MIDDx.—On May 12th, 1,440 Plain Bob Major: M. B. Tyers 1, Miss J. Bailey 2, A. Johnson 3, D. W. Struckett 4, D. Brock 5, R. Wiggins 6, D. Boniface 7, A. G. Tyers (first as cond.) 8. Rung in memoriam Dr. P. Cheal, and in remembrance of the life and work of Ernest Morris.

TANWORTH-IN-ARDEN, WARWICKS.—On April 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (6, 8 covering): J. H. Jones 1, J. W. Jones 3, J. Corbett (cond.) 4, J. K. Foot 5, A. J. Collins 6, G. E. Fearn 7, T. E. Hughes 8. For Evensong, also a 50th birthday compliment to J. W. Jones.

THETFORD, NORFOLK.—On May 14th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: N. Watson 1, E. A. Negus 2, D. M. Reeve 3, R. Rose 4, R. A. Reeves 5, M. Rose 6, J. Paul 7, H. Fuller (cond.) 8. A farewell to the ringer of 5th who is leaving the district.

THORNER, W. YORKS.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. E. Stamp 1, Pauline Hardwick 2, F. Mack 3, G. D. Armitage 4, G. B. Dove (cond.) 5. A wedding compliment to Beryl Abbott and John Baldwin.

UPPER CLAPTON, LONDON.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on March 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (with tenor covering): Mrs. C. F. Neal 1, J. M. Stee 2, J. A. Hales 3, R. K. C. Wilkings 4, D. W. Gray 5, D. Neal (cond.) 6, C. F. Neal 7. Also on April 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. C. F. Neal 1, Mrs. R. K. C. Wilkings 2, C. A. Gray 3, R. K. C. Wilkings 4, J. M. Stee 5, D. W. Gray 6, D. Neal (cond.) 7, C. F. Neal 8.

WEMBDON, SOMERSET.—On May 14th, 1,260 St. Simon's Doubles: M. Warren (first in the method) 1, B. Wyde 2, D. Miller 3, C. Clarke (cond.) 4, M. Stone 5, F. Sweet 6. A wedding compliment to Mr. Anthony Jenkins and Miss Pamela Stevens, married at West Buckland on May 9th.

WESTHAM, SUSSEX.—On May 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Susan Fuller 1, Christine Fuller 2, Valerie Mephram 3, A. Baldock 4, J. Smith (cond.) 5, D. R. Fuller 6. First of Plain Bob Doubles for all except 3rd. Also on May 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jill M. Lenham (first quarter) 1, A. R. Baldock (cond.) 2, T. M. Barlow (first 'inside') 3, Valerie Mephram 4, I. V. J. Smith 5, L. F. Tapp 6.

WESTMINSTER, LONDON.—At the Abbey, on May 14th, 1,263 Stedman Triples: G. W. Cecil 1, H. N. Pistow (cond.) 2, W. J. Rawlings 3, R. B. Meadows 4, M. P. Moreton 5, J. H. Crampin 6, J. Phillips 7, J. A. Waugh 8. Rung half-muffled for the funeral of Dr. J. T. Perkins, late minor canon and sacrist, and superintendent of the belfry.

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REDEDICATION

POTTERNE, WILTS

The bells of St. Mary's Church, Potterne, were ringing again after a lapse of four months on May 17th, when the Vicar, Rev. J. T. Davies, held a service of rededication, to which a large number of ringers from the Devizes Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild attended. Miss E. M. Wright was the organist.

Ringling during the evening consisted of rounds, Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob and continued till 9 p.m.

The Vicar visited the tower during the evening to welcome all visitors, and so did the churchwardens.

While Arundel ringers had their first outing on May 5th, Mr. J. B. Daughtry, the captain, while clearing out the Vicarage, found in an old record book that eight ringers from Arundel crossed the South Downs on December 26th, 1885, and rang at Fittleworth and Petworth.

A peal attempt arranged to mark the opening of the remodelled St. James' Junior School, Barrow-in-Furness, came to an untimely end just after the half-way mark, when one of the ropes caught the arm of a bench in the belfry. The bench was lifted off the floor and the rope pulled from the grasp of the ringer.

Quarter Peals

BUCKINGHAM.—On May 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Hancock (first quarter of Triples) 1, J. Linnell 2, G. W. Holland 3, C. Gough 4, R. A. Vickers 5, F. Pateman 6, W. A. Yates (cond.) 7, W. H. Yates 8

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—On May 20th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: E. Piper 1, H. Webb 2, H. J. Millatt 3, B. Webb 4, K. Smith 5, E. P. Duffield (cond.) 6, A. T. Beckwith 7, E. E. Davey 8. First in method for 1, 2, 4 and 5. For Evensongs.

DEDDINGTON, OXON.—On May 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: B. J. Sykes 1, E. E. Pearson 2, E. W. Honour 3, A. W. Ivings 4, W. H. Minnear 5, W. Ivings 6, C. C. Clarke (cond.) 7, R. M. Gardner 8. Ring as a compliment to Edmund and Betty Pearson on the birth of a son.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—On May 20th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: B. Howard 1, L. Ainger 2, Miss E. R. Millham 3, J. L. Clark 4, Dr. P. T. Spencer-Phillips 5, J. P. Brandon (first as cond.) 6, H. Carter 7, R. C. Clark 8. A 90th birthday compliment to George Green.

HAMPTON, MIDDY.—At Hampton Grammar School, on May 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles ('in hand'): M. B. Tyers (first as cond.) 1-2, A. G. Tyers 3-4, P. Felton 5-6. First for all the band 'in hand' and for the Hampton Grammar School Society.

HAYES, KENT.—On May 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. J. Randall (first quarter) 1, Miss H. Oakshett 2, M. F. Oakshett 3, J. W. Smith 4, D. M. Randall 5, P. Smith (first as cond.) 6. For Confirmation service.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' Church, on Easter Sunday, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: A. T. Howes 1, D. F. Murfet 2, A. J. Davey 3, C. L. Bell 4, G. E. Thoday 5, H. S. Peacock 6. For morning service.

WHITSUN IS NEXT WEEK

Like most of you, our composing staff have a holiday on Saturday and Whit Monday.

Will those advertising meetings send copy by FRIDAY JUNE 8th, latest.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on May 13th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: C. A. Hughes 1, Mrs. F. Low 2, Miss M. Lewis 3, C. Low 4, G. M. Harvey 5, N. Bagworth 6, R. Cademy 7, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 8, J. Marks (covering) 10. For Matins, and to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the formation of the Royal Flying Corps.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.—At St. Michael's Church, on May 20th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: G. Henshaw 1, J. Morlidge 2, H. C. Lonyon (cond.) 3, M. M. Mottershead 4, G. Owen 5, J. Taylor 6, V. J. Norbury 7, F. Yates 8. First in method for all except ringers of 1, 3, 8. Rung to mark the closing of the Macclesfield Charter Year celebrations, and as a farewell to the retiring Charter Year Mayor, Mrs. L. Davenport.

MALDON, ESSEX.—On May 13th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: A. Hubble 1, I. V. Foster 2, J. H. Clarke 3, F. White 4, Miss P. A. Edwards 5, I. R. Panton 6, G. M. Rouse 7, J. L. Towler (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

UXBRIDGE, MIDDY.—On May 13th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. E. R. Gotham 1, Rosalind Hicks 2, Jennifer Reeve 3, P. Phillips 4, D. G. Rowlands 5, E. R. Gotham 6, F. H. Corke (cond.) 7, C. J. Aldridge 8. First of Major 1, 2 and 4. First quarter of Major on the bells since recasting in 1949. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Barker, on the birth of a son (Michael John).

WANLIP, LEICS.—On May 13th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): H. Thomas 1, R. A. Clarke 2, J. C. Scott 3, J. Morley 4, D. Moore (cond.) 5, J. Higginson (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On May 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. W. Young 1, Judith A. Harding 2, C. M. Heawood 3, R. G. W. Robertson 4, C. A. Bull (first as cond.) 5, G. W. Elmes 6. For Evensong.

WARFIELD, BERKS.—On May 20th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: A. Chaney (first quarter) 1, Mrs. S. Sergeant (first in method) 2, Mrs. R. W. Murrell (first 'inside' in method) 3, W. Dyer 4, G. C. J. Murrell (first in method as cond.) 5, G. Shepherd (first quarter) 6. First quarter by local band for several years.

WARMLEY, GLOS.—On May 13th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Elizabeth Webb 1, Myra J. Wilkins 2, B. W. Metcalfe (first in three methods 'inside') 3, A. W. Gibbs (cond.) 4, I. G. Smith 5, W. Lampard 6.

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