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CALLING EXTENTS OF MINOR

YOUNG conductors who for Sunday service ringing are calling extents of Kent and Oxford Minor may be interested to hear of the large variety of callings available. The standard system of 9 bobs called with any one bell in and out of the slow excepting when a certain other bell is present has 20 variations, i.e., 6 without 5, etc., to 2 without 3.

Having worked through the above 20 extents, the next step is the 12 bob extent and the calling is similar to the standard system, but in addition a bob is called when two other bells are together in or out of the slow. For instance, if the conducting is being done from the tenor with the 5th as sub-observation bell, the usual nine bobs will be called and three additional bobs are called when the 2nd and 5th are together in or out of the slow; extents can also be obtained by using 3 and 5 or 4 and 5. If, however, 2 and 4, 2 and 3 or 3 and 4 are used the bells will come round at 504. Here are the figures for the six callings:—

6 without 5, 5 & 4.....	720
6 without 5 & 3.....	720
6 without 5 & 2.....	720
6 without 4 & 3.....	504
6 without 4 & 2.....	504
6 without 3 & 2.....	504

It will be seen that if the sub-observation bell, the 5th in this case, is coupled with another bell for the extra three bobs, a 720 will be the result. Thus using the 6 without 5 calling, three 720's can be obtained, and by going through the standard callings, 6wo5, 6wo4, 6wo3, etc., sixty different extents can be rung.

In the Collection of Doubles and Minor Methods 3rd Edition, on page 63 there are given six 12 bob extents which are 2wo4 with 5&4, 4wo3 with 5&3, 3wo2 with 2&5, 3wo4 with 4&6, 2wo3 with 3&6, 4wo2 with 2&6. So much for the 12 bob extent which is not too difficult to call if observation bells are used.

The 15 bob extent is not complicated for the standard system to which reference has been made is still used, i.e., 6 without 5 and one other bell must be watched; the calling now being 6 without 5 and 5 without 4, meaning that a bob must be called when 6 is in and out of the slow excepting when 5 is present and also when 5 is in and out of the slow unless 4 is present: this may appear rather involved, but it can be likened to calling a standard extent from two bells. There are 60 extents using this system of calling, six of which are given herewith:—

6wo5 and 5wo4,
6wo5 and 5wo3,
6wo5 and 5wo2,
6wo4 and 4wo5,
6wo4 and 4wo3,
6wo4 and 4wo2, etc., etc.

On page 64 of the book previously mentioned, six extents are given:—

3wo4 and 4wo2, 4wo2 and 2wo3, 2wo3 and 3wo4,
2wo4 and 4wo3, 3wo2 and 2wo4, 4wo3 and 3wo2.

The conductor has now 140 different extents of Oxford or Kent at his command and the systems can be applied to Duke of York, College Pleasure and Tanners Pleasure. Plain Bob can also be rung with the calling being made when the bells concerned are in 5-6 when the treble leads. On page 44 of the Collection there are two 12 bob half extents which are:— 4wo2 and 2with6, 3wo2 and 2with5, also two 15 bob half extents:— 6wo 5 and 5wo3, 2wo3 and 3wo4; these will, of course, require a single and the calling repeated to make the full extent.

The greater proportion of the extents will not have 5-6 the right way, but in the cartwheeling towers this is a minor detail. The method of conducting by using observation and sub-observation bells may be new to many ringers and can be used for calling touches in addition to extents; it may be found that a closer watch can be kept on the position of the bells.

Other methods will respond to these systems including Cambridge Surprise, but methods which bring up rounds with three successive bobs appear to work out correctly.

N. F. MOXON.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Nov. 4, 1957, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 25 cwt.

*NORMAN V. HARDING .. Treble	ARTHUR G. MASON 7
G. STEDMAN MORRIS 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER 8
PHYLLIS POOLE 3	JOHN A. ACRES 9
*RICHARD F. D. SPEED .. 4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. 10
JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 5	†WILLIAM J. ROOT 11
SHIRLEY BURTON 6	JOHN FREEMAN Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD F. D. SPEED.

* First peal of Surprise Maximus. † 100th peal in this tower.

TEN BELL PEALS

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 2, 1957, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 8 cwt, 23 lb. in G.

HARRY D. LISTER .. Treble	GILBERT R. GOODSHIP .. 6
*†RODERICK W. PIPE .. 2	GEORGE A. FLEMING .. 7
†DAVID H. BUXTON .. 3	CECIL W. PIPE 8
GEORGE E. SYMONDS .. 4	ERNEST V. BLAKE 9
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY .. 5	*ALAN CLARKE Tenor

Composed by F. N. GOLDEN.

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † 50th peal. ‡ First peal in the method.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 9, 1957, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D flat.

W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON Treble	LEONARD STILWELL 6
ALBERT W. BOND 2	WILLIAM ROGERS 7
RUTH M. K. HOW 3	*E. KEITH JORDAN 8
*BERNARD V. COLLISON .. 4	WILLIAM T. BEESON .. 9
E. WINIFRED KEYS 5	FREDERICK W. BURNETT Tenor

Composed by H. W. HALEY.

Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. Specially rung as a 76th birthday compliment to Arthur W. Gravett.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 9, 1957, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL AND ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 23 cwt, 2 qr, 11 lb.

BERTIE A. CORNELL .. Treble	*MICHAEL D. FROST 6
ARTHUR DAY 2	ERIC EDMONSON 7
DONALD G. CLIFT 3	HAROLD V. FROST 8
PATRICIA DOORN 4	WILLIAM J. ARNOLD .. 9
GEOFFREY DODDS 5	GERALD PENNEY Tenor

Composed by HENRY W. HALEY.

Conducted by WILLIAM J. ARNOLD.

* First peal in the method 'inside.' Rung for Remembrancetide.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

HARLINGTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIO. GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 26, 1957, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 7½ cwt.

*DEREK FOWLES .. Treble	*H. MICHAEL WILLIAMSON 5
ALAN F. THIRST 2	*R. JAMES COOK 6
*DENNIS R. RANDALL .. 3	*GEORGE E. RUCK 7
FREDERICK A. FINCH .. 4	WILLIAM T. COOK Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN H. WOOD.

Conducted by WILLIAM T. COOK.

* First peal in the method.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Oct. 30, 1957, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Taylor's Six-part.

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

MILDRED M. JONES .. Treble	DAVID YOUNG 5
*ROGER MAHER 2	PETER CROOK, SEN. 6
NORMAN TOMPKINS 3	JOSEPH THORNLEY 7
JAMES FIELDING 4	JOHN F. WOOD Tenor

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.

* First peal of Grandsire 'inside.' Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to the Rev. and Mrs. W. Martin, Vicar of St. Luke's, Weaste, Salford; and first grandchild of Mr. Vincent Martin, head ringer at this church, and Mrs. Martin.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 2, 1957, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (second observation).

Tenor 21½ cwt.

DOROTHY R. FLETCHER .. Treble	JESSE HARRISON 5
HARRY WINGROVE 2	†DAVID LAMB 6
*ANN SHIELS 3	ALBERT BRIDGES 7
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER .. 4	MICHAEL BROADLEY Tenor

Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples 'inside.' † First peal in the method. Rung by the local band for the Patronal Festival of the Church.

MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 2, 1957, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL AND COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN

MARY, ST. GEORGE AND ST. DENYS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Thurstans' Five-part.

Tenor 27½ cwt. in D.

LESTER GRAY Treble	JOSEPH THORNLEY 5
MARY WALSHAW 2	PETER CROOK, SEN. 6
GWEN HOWLETT 3	EDWIN C. BIRKETT 7
HUGH REYNOLDS 4	JOHN F. WOOD Tenor

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.

Rung as a farewell to the Rt. Rev. Frank Woods and Mrs. Woods on their departure for Melbourne, Australia, where Bishop Woods is to be Archbishop.

SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Sat., Nov. 2, 1957, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt, 1 qr, 17 lb. in E flat.

MURIEL REAY Treble	NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 5
RUTH M. JACKSON 2	JOHN PINFOLD 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3	GEORGE E. FEARN 7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 4	PETER BORDER Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by PETER BORDER. Rung as a birthday compliment to the daughter and the granddaughter of Mr. John Pinfold.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Mon., Nov. 4, 1957, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL OF ST. CHAD.

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

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

ARTHUR F. BURLEY .. Treble	NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 5
DIANA J. PERRINS 2	JOHN PINFOLD 6
RUTH M. JACKSON 3	HENRY H. FEARN 7
PETER BORDER 4	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

LODDON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Nov. 6, 1957, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COUNTY BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

ARTHUR G. BASON .. Treble	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 5
NOLAN GOLDEN 2	STANLEY W. COPLING .. 6
WILLIAM LOVE 3	GEORGE SAYER 7
F. CHARLES GOODMAN .. 4	BERT GOGLE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN. A diamond wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. George Reeve, parishioners for 48 years.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 7, 1957, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19½ cwt.

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

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY (No. 50). Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.
* First touch of Superlative.

ASPENDON, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 9, 1957, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. Treble	*BERNARD L. MARKS .. 5
FRANCES M. WELCH 2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 6
JACK S. DEAR 3	DAVID SUTCLIFFE 7
RICHARD J. CASTLEDINE .. 4	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. Tenor

Composed by G. LEWIS. Conducted by COLIN A. S. HARWOOD.
* First peal of Major 'inside.' First peal as conductor.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 9, 1957, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 16 cwt.

Parker's Twelve-part.		
D. WALFORD DAVIES .. Treble	GWYN I. LEWIS 5	
ALFRED HANNINGTON .. 2	ALBERT J. PITMAN .. 6	
FRANK ROWSELL 3	*WILLIAM T. PETTY .. 7	
THOMAS YEOMANS 4	HAROLD PREECE Tenor	

Conducted by ALBERT J. PITMAN.

* 50th peal.

Rung for the new Archbishop-elect of Wales.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 9, 1957, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

PERCY STONE Treble	JAMES DRAYCOTT 5
FRANK REYNOLDS 2	JAMES L. GARNER-HAYWARD 6
DAVID A. CARPENTER .. 3	JAMES F. CLARKE 7
DOROTHY E. BEAMISH .. 4	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON .. Tenor

Composed by ROGER LEIGH. Conducted by FRANK REYNOLDS.
Rung to mark the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. L. Thompson.

COGGESHALL, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 9, 1957, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AD-VINCULA,

A PEAL OF 5024 COGGESHALL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt.

ROBERT J. LINDSELL .. Treble	TERRY EARLE 5
ALAN R. SYDER 2	HILDA G. SNOWDEN 6
LEWIS W. WIFFEN 3	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD .. 7
ALLEN W. CANSDALE .. 4	HARRY J. MILLATT Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by HARRY J. MILLATT.
The first peal to be rung in this method, which is 2nds place variation of Colchester Surprise. The first peal of Surprise in this tower since restoration of the church after war damage.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 9, 1957, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

GEORGE MARRINER .. Treble	TREVOR A. CROSS .. 5
ALFRED H. WINCH 2	EDWARD G. L. COWARD .. 6
*PATRICIA SMEE 3	†FRANK OAKSHOTT 7
ARTHUR H. SMITH .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' † First peal of Surprise, and first attempt. The conductor's 50th peal of Cambridge Major, rung in 50 different towers.

Rung as a 'bon voyage' peal for Mr. F. Oakshott, who is leaving for a four-months' holiday in Australia.

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIO. GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 9, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 19 lb. in G.

PHYLLIS M. MAYNE .. Treble	*RICHARD G. OUSTON .. 5
*B. CLARE WEBSTER .. 2	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 6
†WILLIAM WENBAN .. 3	HAROLD E. CLAYTON .. 7
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON .. 4	JOHN R. MAYNE Tenor

Composed by JAMES S. WILDE. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major. † 150th peal of Major.

Rung on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the first peal on these bells.

AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Nov. 11, 1957, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's No. 2 variation.		Tenor 14 cwt.
JAMES MARSH Treble	EDWARD ASHCROFT 5	
RONALD KENRICK 2	ROBERT LARKEY 6	
JOSEPH RIDYARD 3	HARRY POYNER 7	
JOHN LUNHAM 4	J. HENRY MOORCROFT .. Tenor	

Conducted by HARRY POYNER.

Rung half-muffled in memory of the fallen.

*BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Mon., Nov. 11, 1957, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

RUTH M. JACKSON .. Treble	JOHN PINFOLD 5
DIANA J. PERRINS .. 2	H. DAVID HOLLAND .. 6
NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 3	JOHN R. JOYNER 7
GEORGE E. FEARN .. 4	PETER BORDER Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

SIX BELL PEALS

BARMING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 26, 1957, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.		Tenor 10 cwt.
*EVELYN RAY Treble	REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. 4	
ERNEST J. LADD 2	ROBERT T. LAMBERT .. 5	
BERNARD V. COLLISON .. 3	COLIN A. TESTER Tenor	

* First peal.

Conducted by COLIN A. TESTER.



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DISLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 26, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In nine methods: (1) and (2) Norbury, College Exercise, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley Treble Bob; (3) and (4) Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Sandal and Capel Treble Bob; (5), (6) and (7) Plain Bob.

*BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. Treble	BERNARD GROVES .. 4
†WILLIAM H. DOWSE .. 2	*FRANK OSBALDISTON .. 5
‡JOHN R. KENNETT .. 3	ROBERT B. SMITH .. Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD GROVES.

* 25th peal together. † First peal in nine methods 'inside.' ‡ First peal of Minor and in nine methods. First peal as conductor. Brian J. Woodruffe has now 'circled the tower.' Average age 15.5 years.

BRANSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 26, 1957, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents, viz.: Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Single Court, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

RONALD RUSSELL .. Treble	*G. LEONARD THOMPSON .. 4
PERCY BALDOCK .. 2	JAMES H. MUSSON .. 5
AMOS INGALL .. 3	LOUIS WILLDERS .. Tenor

Conducted by LOUIS WILLDERS.

* 25th peal. The conductor's 25th peal in this tower. Rung within the octave of the Feast of All Saints.

WEST BUCKLAND, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 26, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 17 cwt.

BARBARA J. STEVENS .. Treble	SIDNEY W. WHITE .. 4
PAMELA M. STEVENS .. 2	CYRIL J. STEVENS .. 5
RAYMOND P. SELWAY .. 3	WILLIAM E. TURNER .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.

First peal of Minor on the bells since rehangng.

SAPCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 1, 1957, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in A flat.

RITA M. STRATFORD .. Treble	*ERNEST W. RAWSON .. 4
LEONARD TREVOR .. 2	*JOHN B. BENNETT .. 5
GRAHAM T. BALL .. 3	MICHAEL E. BROWN .. Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL E. BROWN.

* First peal of Minor in the method. Rung for All Saints' Day.

ASHWICK, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 extents of Plain Bob and 30 extents of Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt.

*FRANCES M. MASSEY (10) Treble	W. JOHN PHIPPEN .. 4
†GRAHAM C. GRANT .. 2	DAVID T. ROBERTSON .. 5
ERNEST E. BRAY .. 3	PERCY BRAY .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST E. BRAY.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

EYAM, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. in A.

WILLIAM H. DOWSE .. Treble	†JOHN H. ALLEN .. 4
FRANK OSBALDISTON .. 2	ROBERT B. SMITH .. 5
*BERNARD GROVES .. 3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

* 50th peal. † First peal of Surprise.

PRISTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Rev. E. Bankes James' arrangement. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

ROBIN S. M. STUBBS .. Treble	GEORGE J. HAWKINS .. 4
WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT .. 2	ERIC NAYLOR .. 5
*S. ARTHUR READ .. 3	†TERRENCE T. JONES .. Tenor

Conducted by ERIC NAYLOR.

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

CRANFORD, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Nov. 3, 1957, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B., and one extent of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

DAVID PERKINS .. Treble	BRIAN AUSTIN .. 4
RAY IDLE .. 2	DAVID W. JAMES .. 5
SHELAGH COLLINS .. 3	BRYAN S. COPE .. Tenor

Conducted by BRYAN S. COPE.

Rung on the 50th anniversary of the installation of the bells.

TOLLESBURY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Nov. 3, 1957, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and two 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

ROBERT W. LEAVETT .. Treble	WILLIAM J. BRUNT .. 4
ERNEST W. BRIGHT .. 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN .. 5
SYDNEY C. EASTER .. 3	BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

Rung for the harvest of the sea service.

DEEPISTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Nov. 4, 1957, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 6½ cwt.

STANLEY E. BENNETT .. Treble	MAURICE BENNETT .. 4
MRS. J. R. SMITH .. 2	JOHN R. SMITH .. 5
FRANK TAYLOR .. 3	RONALD C. NOON .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. SMITH.

BRENTFORD, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIO. GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 7, 1957, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Cambridge, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in G.

BARWELL B. DIBBEN .. Treble	JOHN L. MORRIS .. 4
JOAN M. PHILLIPS .. 2	ROBIN G. LEALE .. 5
GERALD M. ROUSE .. 3	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

ACLE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 9, 1957, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

HERBERT W. LIDBETTER .. Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN .. 4
H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 2	GEORGE SAYER .. 5
DORIS E. LIDBETTER .. 3	ARTHUR G. BASON .. Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Rung in honour of Mr. Herbert W. Lidbetter's 85th birthday.

BOBBING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 9, 1957, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt. in A flat.

*LAWRENCE MITCHELL .. Treble	EDWARD C. BARTON 4
*HAZEL V. DADSON 2	GEORGE KENWARD 5
†KATHLEEN M. WALSH .. 3	GEORGE A. NAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.

* First peal in seven methods. † First peal of Minor.

Rung with the bells open, in thankful remembrance of all who gave their lives in the two world wars.

DUXFORD, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 9, 1957, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 11 methods, viz.: (1) Hull, (2) Annable's London, (3) London and Wells, (4) Beverley and Surfleet, (5) York and Durham, (6) Ipswich and Cambridge, (7) Norwich. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

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

Conducted by MANSFIELD GINN.

The first peal in 11 Surprise methods by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

EAST HENDRED, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 9, 1957, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 22 cwt.

GORDON HEDGES .. Treble	REGINALD F. CROOK 4
GILBERT J. TOWNSEND .. 2	ROBIN G. LEALE 5
ARTHUR SAYERS 3	GEOFFREY K. DODD Tenor

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

First peal of Plain Bob Minor on the bells.

LLANELLY, CARMARTHENSHIRE.
THE ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 9, 1957, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELLI,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being six 240's and 30 six-scores. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb.

J. ALCOCK .. Treble	R. SCUDAMORE 4
DERIK ASTRIDGE 2	E. SAGE 5
J. T. WILLIAMS 3	E. THOMAS Tenor

Conducted by J. T. WILLIAMS.

Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

Derik Astridge hails from Surrey.

SWANMORE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Nov. 10, 1957, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 8½ cwt.

FREDERICK W. BURNETT Treble	ERNEST TREAGUS 4
*ADRIAN J. TUMBER 2	S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT .. 5
E. WINIFRED KEYS 3	E. KEITH JORDAN Tenor

Conducted by S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT.

* First peal of Bob Minor. First peal as conductor.

Rung for Remembrance Sunday.

YAXHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Nov. 10, 1957, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

SYDNEY MARSHALL .. Treble	GEORGE ADAMS 4
NOLAN GOLDEN 2	WILLIAM BARRETT 5
ARTHUR BASON 3	BERT GOGLE Tenor

Conducted by BERT GOGLE.

First peal ever rung at this tower.

The bells have just been returned and rehung by John Taylor and Co. and a new treble added, the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Gogle as a memorial to their parents.

APPLEFORD, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Tues., Nov. 12, 1957, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise and two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

JOHN G. PUSEY .. Treble	DAPHNE R. CLOKE 4
RICHARD A. JACKSON .. 2	JAMES H. PAILING 5
*GLYN F. JENKINS 3	ROBIN N. PITTMAN Tenor

Conducted by ROBIN N. PITTMAN.

* 25th peal.

NEW MILLS, DERBYSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Nov. 12, 1957, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. in G sharp.

*CAROL FERNLEY .. Treble	†JAMES FERNLEY 4
†SHIRLEY HARRIS 2	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE 5
BASIL JONES 3	BRIAN HARRIS Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN G. WOODRUFFE.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor.

HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Nov. 13, 1957, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Cambridge, Oxford and Kent, and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

DOROTHY K. SAUNDERS .. Treble	GEORGE FRANCIS 4
LEONARD STILWELL 2	HENRY C. WEAVER 5
RICHARD WILSON 3	RAYMOND P. WOOD Tenor

Conducted by RAYMOND P. WOOD.

Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of Frank Bennett.

HANDBELL PEALS

SCOTHERN, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 1, 1957, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
 AT GLENGARIFF,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

NORAH M. BIBBY 1—2	GEORGE E. FEIRN 5—6
JACK L. MILLHOUSE 3—4	*GEORGE H. RANGLES 7—8

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

* First peal of Little Bob 'in hand.'

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Nov. 5, 1957, in 2 Hours and 3 Minutes,
 IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents of St. Martin's Bob, 22 extents of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and 18 extents of Plain Bob. Tenor size 18 in G.

*BERNARD GROVES 1—2	†BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 3—4
†JOHN H. ALLEN 5—6	

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

Umpires: FRANK OSBALDISTON and WILLIAM H. DOWSE.

* First peal of Doubles in three methods on handbells. † First peal of Doubles on handbells. ‡ First peal on handbells and in three methods 'inside.'

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wed., Nov. 6, 1957, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,
 AT CAMPANA, 54, ROLLESTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being ten 120's and 16 240's (different callings).

ALAN G. FOSTER 1—2	BARNABAS G. KEY 3—4
E. MARION KEY 5—6	

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

Rung to welcome Peter Key home from hospital, and a birthday compliment to Pamela Key.

QUARTER PEALS

MARSTON, OXON.—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury, Bob Doubles and Grandsire: P. May 1, B. Machon 2, Miss C. M. Woodward 3, C. Holloway (cond.) 4, A. Gammon 5. Rung for the institution and induction of the Rev. Leslie V. Wright.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mary Powell 1, B. Willgress 2, M. Horseman (cond.) 3, L. Derrick 4, H. Hardwidge (first 'inside') 5, Mrs. D. Strong 6.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Foster (first quarter) 1, C. Watson 2, R. Franklin 3, W. Welling 4, A. Cross 5, R. Wawman 6, A. H. Bates (cond.) 7, G. Coussins 8. For morning service.

OXENDEN, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Barton (first quarter) 1, W. Cropley 2, Miss M. Wilford 3, C. Swan 4, D. Griffin (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday on the occasion of Clipston and District British Legion visiting the church.

REIGATE, SURREY.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. B. Cracknell 1, G. Olliver 2, F. T. Hoad 3, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 4, A. Streeter 5, F. E. Roberts 6, E. G. L. Coward 7, B. Cracknell 8. For the induction service of the new Vicar (the Rev. G. A. Baker).

SAMPFORD ARUNDEL, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Taylor 1, D. Salter 2, C. Webber 3, G. Walford (cond.) 4, R. Trickey 5.

SANDHURST, BERKS.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. E. Parker (first quarter, aged 13) 1, W. J. H. Parker (cond.) 2, L. W. Paice 3, J. E. Wightman 4, C. W. Barlow 5, W. Collins 6.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 10th, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: W. Leeson 1, R. Cann 2, C. Dale 3, T. W. Warner 4, V. W. Rigg 5, E. C. Shepherd (comp. and cond.) 6, H. Bragg 7, J. Bragg 8, C. Bragg 9, T. Hayward 10. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

SOUTHGATE, N.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Ann Aldridge 1, Pam Miller 2, S. G. Peck 3, M. Stanyon 4, J. Wallman 5, C. Aldridge (cond.) 6. For the Parish Communion on Remembrance Sunday.

SOMERBY, LEICS.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (480 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 480 Plain Bob, 300 Grandsire: C. E. Cooper 1, Miss R. Tyler 2, H. T. Bonshor 3, J. Webb 4, G. A. Bowcutt (cond.) 5. A welcome to the Bishop of Leicester, preacher at Festal Evensong.

SPALDING, LINCS.—On Nov. 9th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. G. Ames 1, Miss F. Oldershaw 2, F. Taylor 3, A. Bennett 4, M. Bennett 5, A. D. Mills 6, R. C. Noon (cond.) 7, S. E. Bennett 8. In honour of the wedding of Miss Cynthia Mary Mason to Mr. Peter Moore, which took place this day at Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Leics.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—At St. Thomas' Church, on Nov. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. R. Smith 1, R. J. Chance 2, F. V. Nicholls 3, D. H. Watson 4, R. Smith (cond.) 5, A. L. Dunn 6, P. W. Webb 7, W—H. Cooper 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

STREATHAM, S.W.—On Nov. 10th, at St. Leonard's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Crowe 1, Mrs. R. Sanders 2, B. W. Story 3, J. W. Chapman (cond.) 4, J. W. Rea 5, C. D. Nichols 6, R. Sanders 7, T. W. Welbourne 8. For the Remembrance.

THURNBY, LEICS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (360 St. Simon's, 480 Plain Bob 420 Grandsire): Miss N. Wykes 1, P. F. Pawley 2, G. K. Rands 3, H. L. Wykes 4, J. J. Pawley (cond.) 5, J. R. Cadwallader 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Richard Paynter (aged 15), a ringer of this church, also Frank Heathcote, 40 years organist.

TWICKENHAM, MIDDLEX.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jill E. Bowan (first in method) 1, Ann Muir (first in method) 2, A. J. Muir first in method) 3, W. A. Lewis 4, J. B. Thorp (first in method) 5, D. Hill (first in method as cond.) 6. For the patronal festival.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Oct. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Patmore 1, D. Hewitt 2, F. C. Maynard 3, W. Dowler 4, B. Downes (cond.) 5, A. Boyack 6, R. Chapman 7, M. Hayes 8. Also on Nov. 9th, 1,440 Yorkshire Surprise Royal: Miss B. Thompson 1, D. N. Layton (cond.) 2, D. Jackson 3, R. Keeley 4, J. L. Morris 5, P. P. Brown 6, J. Armstrong 7, J. Leeming 8, A. F. Thirst 9, R. E. Price 10.

WARMLEY, GLOS.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. B. King 1, Miss G. Newton (first quarter) 2, G. Sprules (cond.) 3, A. Gibbs 4, J. Sprules 5, P. King 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. V. Burge, for many years a ringer at this church.

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKS.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Green 1, S. Wright 2, C. Ashton 3, F. Brunt 4, B. Heppenstall (first as cond.) 5, T. Cutts 6. A 22nd birthday compliment to the conductor.

WHATTON, NOTTS.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Minor (720 Single Oxford and 540 Plain Bob): B. Buswell (cond.) 1, Pamela Clarke 2, T. Goodwin 3, T. O. Greasley 4, J. D. Clarke 5, R. Baldwin 6. Rung as a farewell to the Vicar on his departure for a world tour.

WHISTON, YORKS.—On Nov. 5th, 1,320 Kent Treble Bob Minor: C. Ashton 1, C. Rusby 2, F. Fisher 3, P. Longley 4, I. M. Holland (cond.) 5, G. Cutts 6. An 81st birthday compliment to Mr. F. Raddis, local ringer and verger for many years.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Tomsett 1, Anne Garnett 2, J. Euston (cond.) 3, Susan Jacobs 4, M. Sinden 5, A. Bishop 6, M. P. Moreton 7, E. Jacobs 8. For Remembrance Sunday.

WOODBURY, DEVON.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): Mrs. F. Loman 1, T. Gooding 2, A. G. Betts (cond.) 3, H. Miller 4, J. H. Briggs 5, J. Gooding 6, L. K. Dawe 7, J. Selick 7. Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Mrs. J. L. S. Glanvill, whose funeral took place earlier in the day. The widower is Deanery ringing master and, until recently, captain at this tower.

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Since his 80th birthday in 1952, Mr. Herbert Lidbetter, of Acle, has insisted on ringing peals on that day. On Saturday week, the eve of his 85th birthday, he completed yet another peal. He has long had the distinction of being the oldest ringer in Norfolk to take part in peals. A feature of every occasion has been the bountiful hospitality offered at Hollycroft to his fellow ringers and their wives.

Cambridge, of all methods, would not go at Leiston on November 9th. This was the 50th anniversary of Mr. James M. Bailey's first peal. Better luck, Jim, on your 60th!

The band who rang the peal at Barming, Kent, appreciate the way Miss Evelyn Ray stood in at short notice and gave a very good performance for her first peal.

The quality of the practices at Bethersden, Kent, is beginning to surpass the standard of practice nights at Willesborough, but the latter band still maintain their supremacy at service ringing, a supremacy which would indeed be hard to challenge.

It was a disappointment to two young lady ringers from Guildford that they were unable to conclude their cycling tour of Kent by ringing a peal at Warehorne, but they enjoyed the supper kindly prepared in anticipation by Mesdames K. A. and J. T. Hillis, in whose honour the peal was to have been rung.

Mr. Terry M. Haines, who conducted the peal of Doubles at Newnham (page 669), has written denying the statement of Mr. Allan R. Jones that the peal in question is false. Any dispute about authenticity should be referred to the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, or to Mr. Walter Ayre, The Old School House, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead, who is the convener of the Peals Analysis Committee.

BELFRY GOSSIP

After the peal of Cambridge at Christ Church, Epsom, the band were kindly entertained to tea by Mr. Frank Oakshott, local captain. Mr. Oakshott left on November 15th for a four-months' holiday in Australia to visit his relations, and the band wish him a safe return.

Anglers at Lake Burwain, a large reservoir near St. Michael and All Angels' Church, Foulridge, Lancs, complain that the bells frighten the fish away. Ringers have replied: 'If you were good Christians you'd be in church when the bells ring instead of fishing.'

Northern Ireland will be represented in the Christmas Day broadcast by the bells of St. Mark's, Dundela, Belfast—a new ring of ten (tenor 12½ cwt.). The tower won this year the Cunningham cup for good striking, and the band have only been ringing just over two years.

The band which scored their first quarter of Double Norwich Court Bob Major at Blewbury on November 6th did so after many attempts at various towers in the North Berks and South Oxon area. Perhaps it was fitting that success should come at the home tower of the conductor, Bob Blond.

Will those ringers intending to fly to Dublin from London Airport early on Whit Saturday morning please communicate with Mr. C. W. Pipe, Grundisburgh, Woodbridge, Suffolk, as parties of 15 and over can travel at a cheap rate. S.A.E.'s, please. See also letter re travel from Bristol (page 759).

Mrs. Steeples will be unable to carry on managing the sales section of the Central Council's library after December 31st. Miss Elizabeth Sharpe, daughter of the president of the Council, has kindly offered to do this work from January until Whitsun. Mrs. Steeples' honorary work for the library over many years is, we are sure, deeply appreciated by the Exercise.

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WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL DINNER

THE 20th annual dinner of the Worcestershire and Districts Association was held at the Guildhall, Worcester, on October 5th, when there was a record gathering for the function of 188. The Lord Bishop of Worcester presided, and he was supported by Mr. W. B. Cartwright (Master) and Mrs. Cartwright, the Rt. Rev. Bishop C. E. Stuart and Mrs. Stuart, the Rev. L. J. Birch (chaplain) and Mrs. Birch, the Rev. A. Webb (vice-president) and Mrs. Webb, the Rev. H. L. Davies (Cradley), Mr. J. R. Newman (vice-president), Mr. J. D. Johnson (general secretary) and Mrs. Johnson.

After the loyal toast had been honoured, on the call of the chairman, Mr. C. Rouse (Gloucester and Bristol Association) proposed the toast of 'The Worcestershire Association.' They were, he said, this year celebrating the 75th anniversary of their foundation, and in that time they had gone from strength to strength. But the necessity of looking to the future should never be forgotten. It was the duty of each member to attempt to persuade young people of today to take up bellringing. 'We must try to guide them to this following, of which we are all part,' he said, and concluding: 'May your next 75 years be as successful as have been the past 75.'

CHIEF PUBLICITY AGENT

Replying, the Rev. A. Webb referred to the presence of the Bishop of Worcester and Bishop Stuart, and said this was greatly appreciated by the Association, as it was felt some incumbents did not show sufficient interest in the Exercise. All incumbents should be interested in this very strong organisation, as after all, it was the churches' chief publicity agent. One of the Association's great assets was the tolerance it showed to learners, and a praiseworthy feature of life in the belfry was the lack of jealousy, and everyone gave every encouragement to one of their number who showed promise of becoming a leader of the future.

Proposing the toast of 'Kindred Associations and Visitors,' Mr. A. D. Cook said it was always difficult to know what to say to this more than 'Welcome.' On behalf of the Association, this he most sincerely did. In that large gathering they had visitors from Cheltenham, Bristol, Reading, Oxford, Northampton, Bridgwater, Claverley and Birmingham. He went on to speak of the universal friendship which existed between the guilds and associations.

Mr. R. D. Short (Bath and Wells Association) replied on behalf of the visitors, and thanked Worcestershire for the warmth and sincerity of its welcome and for an enjoyable afternoon and evening. Until that evening, he was afraid his own experience of such functions was rather limited to local ringers' suppers, and he could not return an invitation on behalf of his own Association, as the Bath and Wells did not hold an annual dinner.

Proposing the health of 'The Chairman,' Mr. W. B. Cartwright said it was the first time they had had the Lord Bishop of the Diocese to preside, and trusted it would not be the last.

The chairman replied in humorous vein.

A full and varied musical programme was provided by handbell tunes by Miss S. Jackson, R. G. Morris and D. Beacham; songs by Miss J. MacLaren and Mr. P. Mills; entertainer, G. Atkins, and a course of Stedman Caters 'in hand' by J. D. Johnson 1-2, Mrs. J. Thomas 3-4, J. Thomas 5-6, D. J. Marshall 7-8 and Miss V. Barnes 9-10. Mr. D. Beacham was M.C. and Mr. L. Bedfordham accompanist.

31 YEARS AFTER



To members of the Ladies' Guild this picture taken at the dinner to mark the 45th anniversary of the formation of the Guild, held on October 19th, is of special interest. The Guild has only rung one peal of Caters—Stedman—at St. Clement Danes' on Jan. 30th, 1926. Eight of the ten ringers were present at the dinner and appear in the photograph. Standing (left to right): Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Sanders and Mrs. Fardon. Seated: Mrs. Deal, Mrs. Fletcher (who conducted the peal), Mrs. Hairs, Miss Steel and Mrs. Davis. [Photo: R. A. Deal, 118, Sarsfeld Road, S.W.12.]

Leicester's Poser

After the usual handbell practice at The Wayside, Leicester, Stedman Doubles was rung on ten bells—one set on the front five and another on the back five. The ringers took identical bells in each set: treble, 6th; 2nd, 7th; 3rd, 8th; etc.

A course or two were successfully rung, and then the question arose if a peal was rung like this, could each ringer claim two peals of Stedman Doubles? This argument is advanced because the Central Council has relaxed its ruling so that it is not necessary to ring two bells each in a handbell peal.

OPEN UNIVERSITIES' MEETING AT READING

The open Universities' meeting, arranged by the Reading University Society, on October 26th at Reading was attended by representatives of Cambridge, Oxford and Southampton Universities, together with other visitors and friends; in all, there were about 50 people present. There was ringing at St. Mary's (8) and St. Giles' (8) in the afternoon, and at St. Peter's, Caversham (8), and St. Laurence's (12) in the evening. Fortunately, St. Laurence's bells had just been declared ringable again after tower repairs. The Rev. T. B. Randolph conducted the service at St. Mary's, which was followed by tea in the Church House.

Reading University Society would like to thank all those who attended for their support, the Rev. T. B. Randolph for officiating at the service, the organist—himself a member of St. Mary's band, the incumbents for the use of the bells, and Mr. and Mrs. A. Diserens for their help.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD DECIDE ON PEAL LEVY

The Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild held a special general meeting at Southampton on November 2nd to discuss the publication of Guild reports, and if so how to finance them. The Master (Mr. F. W. Rogers) presided, supported by the general secretary (Mr. J. A. S. King) and the general treasurer (Mr. R. A. Reed).

The Guild executive had recommended that the subscription for ringing members be reduced to 2s. 6d. and that the reports be not published. To this there were four amendments: (a) that reports be published in full and a charge made for them; (b) that subscriptions be fixed year by year to take effect from the following January 1st (c) that the subscription of honorary and ringing members be increased; (d) that a fee of 6d. be charged every ringer who rang a peal for the Guild, and that a report be published in full every third meeting.

After a full discussion, a large majority voted for (d), the peal levy amendment, and this was carried by the meeting nem. con.

This means that from January 1st next conductors are to collect 6d. from each ringer in a peal and forward this with the report of the peal to the Recorder of Peals (Mr. J. M. N. Lakin, 19, Bar End Road, Winchester). The Guild subscription will be unchanged and the report published every third year—the next in 1960.

The meeting concluded with Mr. A. York-Bramble thanking the Guild for their financial support to the appeal to augment Portsmouth Cathedral bells to ten, and asking individual ringers to continue their support.

The bells of St. Michael's were available before the service in that church, conducted by the Vicar (Rev. K. W. H. Felstead). Thanks were accorded by the Master to those responsible for local arrangements.

THE PASSING OF MR. FRANK BENNETT

A DISTINGUISHED RINGING CAREER OF 70 YEARS

THE death of Mr. Frank Bennett within two months of his 89th birthday has deprived the Exercise of one of its oldest and most distinguished members. His active ringing career spread over more than 70 years, during which he took part in more than 1,600 peals, conducting no fewer than 933 of them. The first, Grandsire Triples, at St. Nicolas', Guildford, was on March 2nd, 1889, and the last, Cambridge Major, which he conducted, on June 21st, 1953. Strangely, several later attempts which he made were unsuccessful.

Born at Basingstoke, Hants, on January 28th, 1869, he first visited the belfry there on St. Nicolas' Eve, 1885, and became a pupil of the late Mr. Henry White (whose daughter, Alice, was the first lady to ring a tower-bell peal). When just able to ring Grandsire Triples, Mr. Bennett moved to Guildford, where he joined the band at St. Nicolas' Church. His first peal was conducted by George Williams, with whom he was later to be associated in the famous band at St. Peter's, Brighton. Three months later he conducted his first peal, and on October 3rd, 1885, called the first local peal at St. Nicolas'.

SOME NOTABLE PEALS

In 1895 Mr. Bennett moved to Brighton and during the 12 years he spent there took part in 409 peals—good going, even to-day. The most notable were the first peal of London Surprise in the City of London, the first of Norfolk Surprise, in 1898, which was conducted by his old friend, George Baker, and on March 22nd, 1901, the first peal of Bristol Surprise. Mr. Baker, now 90 years of age, but still managing the firm of undertakers who carried out the funeral arrangements, is now the last survivor of these bands.

At the time, the St. Peter's Society used to hold annual 'ringing weeks,' starting for a peal each evening at different towers, and in one of these Mr. Bennett took part in seven Surprise peals in seven different methods, in eight attempts, a remarkable performance in the days when Surprise ringing was in its comparative infancy.

When he went to live at New Cross, London, in 1907, he built up a Surprise band which achieved a high standard and rang many peals in a great variety of methods in London, among them the first peals of Forward, Duffield, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Royal for the Kent County Association, all of which he conducted at St. Clement Danes', and in April, 1913, he took part in the first peal of Cambridge Maximus by the Middlesex County Association, the first in that method by nine of the band, of whom Mr. Reuben Sanders is, happily, still an active ringer, although the rest of the band, of whom no fewer than eight were to ring more than 1,000 peals, have now passed on. For some years he was a member of the band at St. Alfrege's, Greenwich, and called a number of peals, including one of London, by the local company.

SECRETARY OF THE CUMBERLANDS

At the time of his arrival in London the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, of which he had been a member since 1889, was in very low water. He was quickly elected secretary, holding the post for seven years until

returning to Brighton, in 1914, and played a considerable part in reviving the Society's fortunes. He represented the Society on the Central Council from 1909 to 1914, having represented the Sussex Association from 1906 to 1908, and subsequently from 1951 to 1953. For ten years he was peals secretary of that Association.

Mr. Bennett took part in many peal-ringing tours, and as one result he rang peals in all the counties in England, seven in Wales and six in Ireland. While touring in Ireland he took part in the first peals of Treble Bob Maximus and Stedman Cinques at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, which were the first 12-bell peals rung outside England. Another of his achievements was to have rung a peal in every tower in both Sussex and Kent having eight bells or more (at the time, five years or so ago), except one in Kent, at which no peal has been rung. Of the many other peals of which he had good reason to be proud, it would perhaps be most fitting to mention one of Bob Major at St. John's, Deptford, by a band of octogenarians, which he conducted in April, 1952. Altogether he rang peals in some 550 different towers.

Just before the last war the then Editor of 'The Ringing World' ran a series of articles on 'Leading Conductors.' Mr. Bennett was the third to be featured, and his conducting prowess, to which many ringers can bear witness, was summed up in the following words: 'Over a period of nearly fifty years, Mr. Frank Bennett, of Brighton, has been in the forefront of the Exercise as a conductor: indeed, there are very few men with his all-round ability in this sphere. All methods come alike to him and he is one of those endowed with an almost uncanny capacity for correcting mistakes. Moreover, his conducting is always done from one of the working bells, for "tenor" ringing has never been one of the things he has aspired to.'

THE FUNERAL

The funeral took place at Brighton Cemetery on November 15th, preceded by a service in St. Nicolas' Church. A beautifully-struck half-muffled touch of Stedman Triples, of which Mr. Bennett had rung getting on for 300 peals, was in progress as the cortege arrived at the church, those taking part being: A. W. Bond (Brighton), A. H. Pulling (Guildford), Mrs. R. Percy (Eastbourne), F. Crutenden (Henfield), W. A. Riddington (Brighton), S. E. Armstrong (Brighton), W. Stalham (Brighton, one of the band who rang in the octogenarians' peal) and L. Stilwell (Worthing). Another touch of Grandsire Triples was rung as the funeral party left the church by: H. Stalham (conductor), A. H. Pulling, Mrs. R. W. R. Percy, E. R. Rapley, R. V. Johnson, S. E. Armstrong, W. A. Riddington and L. Stilwell.

Among those present at the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Hairs (son-in-law and daughter), Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Bennett (son and daughter-in-law), Mrs. E. A. Barnett (granddaughter), Mrs. O. Hill (niece) and Mrs. L. H. Humphrey, together with Messrs. E. A. Barnett (representing the Central Council and the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths), F. Barnett, R. V. Johnson (Master), Mrs. R.

Percy (representing Mr. R. Percy, secretary), Mr. S. E. Armstrong (late Master, Sussex County Association), Mr. T. E. Sone (representing the Kent County Association) and Mrs. Sone.

Others present were: Mr. George Baker (Brighton), Mr. Len Stilwell (Worthing), Mr. A. H. Pulling and Mr. A. C. Hazelden (Guildford), Mr. G. Pullinger (Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild), Mr. H. Stalham (Custodian, St. Nicolas', Brighton bells), Miss Baddeley (St. Nicolas', Brighton), Mr. A. W. Gravett (Leader, St. Peter's, Brighton), Mr. H. Brown and Mr. S. Brown (St. Leonard's, Hove), Mr. W. J. Webb and Mr. F. Lewis (The Good Shepherd, Brighton), Mr. and Mrs. G. Elphick (Southover), Mr. and Mrs. F. Crutenden (Henfield), Miss Challen and Mr. T. Drinkwater (Shoreham-by-Sea), Miss F. Wyman (Crawley), Mr. E. R. Rapley (Horsham), Mr. G. Sturt (Burgess Hill), Mr. W. C. Hart, Mr. W. A. Riddington, Mr. A. W. Bond, Mr. and Mrs. F. Page and Mr. A. Hobden (St. Peter's Society, Brighton).

Unable to attend owing to indisposition: Mr. A. D. Stone (one-time general secretary, Sussex County Association) and Mr. J. Dearlove (late peal secretary, Sussex County Association).

At the graveside a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells was rung by Mrs. E. A. Barnett, Mrs. F. I. Hairs, F. I. Hairs and E. A. Barnett.

Among the floral tributes were wreaths from the Sussex County Association; Society of Royal Cumberland Youths; Ringers of St. Nicolas', St. Peter's and The Good Shepherd, Brighton; the Aldrington Ringers; and the Shoreham Ringers.

Mr. Bennett's list of peals is as follows:—

TOWER BELLS

(conducted shown in brackets)

Minor.—Seven methods 4, Cambridge 1 (1), Triples.—Grandsire 70 (45), Stedman 276 (184), Plain Bob 6 (3), Union 1 (1), Oxford Bob 1 (1).

Major.—Plain Bob 94 (66), Canterbury 1 (1), Double Norwich 218 (136), Double Oxford 2 (1), Waterloo Reverse 1 (1), Little Bob 1, Kent Treble Bob 87 (59), Oxford 2 (1), Cambridge Surprise 179 (105), New Cambridge 10 (6), Superlative 213 (113), London 56 (5), Bristol 27 (12), Brighton 1 (1), Gloucester 3, Lincolnshire 1, New Cumberland 11 (6), Norfolk 17 (13), Oxford 3, Westminster 23 (14).

Caters.—Grandsire 38 (28), Stedman 110 (69), Double Norwich 1.

Royal.—Plain Bob 12 (9), Double Norwich 4 (3), Duffield 1 (1), Forward 3 (3), Kent Treble Bob 31 (14), Oxford 1 (1), Cambridge Surprise 30 (10), London (Brighton version) 1.

Cinques.—Grandsire 1, Stedman 19 (5), Maximus.—Plain Bob 2, Kent Treble Bob 6 (1), Cambridge 1.

Total tower bell peals.—1,573 (919).

HANDBELLS

Triples.—Grandsire 3 (1), Stedman 1 (1).

Major.—Plain Bob 10 (7), Kent 1.

Caters.—Grandsire 4 (1), Stedman 1.

Royal.—Plain Bob 5 (3), Kent 1.

Maximus.—Plain Bob 1 (1).

Total handbell peals.—27 (14).

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CHANGE-ROW RELATIONSHIP

Dear Sir,—In response to Mr. Brian Price's 'appeal' for naming of fundamentals of row-relationship, the following may be of some interest.

In 'Technology of Method Structure,' on which I have worked for more years than I care to remember and which is as yet incomplete, attention is drawn, early on, to the need for adoption of clear-cut, single-meaning terms for use in ringing theory, as opposed to ringing practice where the time-honoured ambiguities may still suffice! And I have quoted authorities no less than Shipway and Snowdon on this very point; the latter particularly as to the use of the word 'change,' which is one of the chief offenders in this respect. For some of the possible meanings of this word I have used the following distinguishing terms. (Again, the necessity for only their theoretic use is emphasised.)

- (1) For the sounds of given orders of the bells as heard—the word 'changes.'
- (2) For the symbols of given orders of the bells as read or written—the word 'change-rows.'
- (3) For the exchange movement of a pair of adjacent bells, as all, in turn, make their transition from leading to lying, and vice-versa—a 'transit.'
- (4) For the relationship of two rows which Mr. Price instances as '(a) position interchange,' and which the Exercise recognises as a 'transposition'—'T-C.'

Before coming to Mr. Brian Price's second relationship noted under his '(b) figures changing places, etc.', I would explain that 'T-C' stands for 'Transposition Code,' and refers to a single row of letters, which can, alone, clearly indicate a transposition. These letters run, quite simply, in their row-order as transposed from the alphabetical order.

For example, take Mr. Price's first pair of exemplary rows—'(c) to (d),' and above row (c) write in letters in alphabetical order. Then below row (d) write in the letters which correspond to the figures in the top row, thus:—

a b c d e f g h The bottom row of letters
(c) 4 8 6 2 1 7 3 5 is the transposition code, or
(d) 1 7 4 8 2 3 5 6 T-C, for this particular pair.
e f a b d g h c And if Mr. Price's second pair of rows, (a) to (b), is treated similarly the same code—efabdghe—results. In other words, what Mr. Price calls 'position interchange' and the Exercise recognises as a transposition, may be simply and clearly expressed by a generally applicable code of just one row of letters. These codes vary, of course, according to the nature of the row-comparison. They are found particularly useful in the mechanics of composition.

Coming now to Mr. Price's second concept—'Transfigure.' In this he says, of his given examples, that as (b) is to (a), so (e) is to (c). It may not be readily apparent to some readers what this relationship is. But, putting it into other words, the two rows may be regarded as composed of pairs of figures fixed together vertically, so that in comparing such rows the two figures of any such pair always appear in the same vertical relationship. Quoting his examples:—

	d h f b a g c e	
(a)	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	4 8 6 2 1 7 3 5 (c)
(b)	5 6 1 2 4 7 8 3	2 3 7 6 5 8 1 4 (e)
	b c g f e h a d	

Here he asks the reader to note 'which figures change places irrespective of the positions concerned.' With respect, I would alter this to read: 'which figures adhere to their relative positions irrespective of their changed places.'

For example, here 4, in the lower row, adheres to its position under 5 in each upper row; or again, 5, in the lower row, adheres to its position under 1 in each upper row; and so on for all figures, considered in vertical pairs, in both sets of rows.

(5) This I have called . . . 'Transfix.' Because, although the upper figures undergo Transposition, the lower figures remain fix-ed to them, respectively. Here also a code, the 'Tf-C' (Transfix-code), may be derived as in the previous consideration (4).

For the Tf-C we simply write in the letters over the upper row alphabetically, according to the numerical order (as I have done above Mr. Price's row (c) above), and then write in the letters correspondingly with the figures below, as I have done below Mr. Price's row (e). The actual code-row can now be written straight down by taking in order from the lower row the letters that appear under those in alphabetical order in the upper row. Here, this becomes efabdghe. Translated, this code means:

'The Transfix for these rows is: 5 (or e) under 1; 6 (or f) under 2; 1 (or a) under 3; 2 (or b) under 4; etc.

Mr. Price goes on to say: '. . . the two ideas are complementary . . . with identical transfixures . . . etc.' An indication of this fact may be seen in the identity, for such 'complementary' sets of rows, of the 'T-C' and the 'Tf-C,' or transposition and transfix codes, that I have introduced above ('efabdghe' in these two cases).—Yours very truly,

A. YORK-BRAMBLE.

Southsea.

TRANSPPOSITIONS AND TRANSFIGURES

Dear Sir,—With regard to the letter by Mr. B. D. Price on page 723. I would like to make the following observations.

I do not agree that transpositions and transfixures are both fundamentals, as there is, as Mr. Price points out, a basic relation between the two. This relation may be expressed in the following way.

Every transposition A to B is the same as some transposition C to D, where C—12345678. To define a transposition it is therefore only necessary to specify D, C being understood to be 12345678. Thus in the following, a letter may be used as a transposition, or a permutation. Further, the sign of 'x' may be used to denote the operation of transposition. For example, suppose

$$A = 34187652 \text{ and } B = 23165487$$

$$\text{then } A \times B = 41367825 \text{ and } B \times A = 16278453.$$

In the former A is used as a permutation, and in the latter it is used as a transposition.

Similarly, we may define a transfigure with one symbol, and use the sign '+' to denote the operation of 'transfiguration.' Using the same A and B as above, we have

$$A + B = 16278453 \text{ and } B + A = 41367825.$$

From the above examples the basic relation may be seen. It is:—

$$A + B = B \times A.$$

This is a way (rather lengthy, I'm afraid) of showing that 'transfiguration' is the same thing as pre-transposition. The word 'transfigure,' although an excellent analogy to transposition, is, I suggest, unnecessary in our vocabulary.—Yours faithfully,

D. J. MARSHALL.

Cheltenham.

[Letters from F. E. Corfield and other ringers on this subject are also acknowledged.—Ed.]

TWO FUNDAMENTALS

Dear Sir,—It appears to me that Mr. B. D. Price's point with regard to transposition and what he terms (very aptly) transfiguration is mainly academic.

Composers do not carry out such operations mechanically but think of the significance of what they are doing and thus there is no confusion between the operations.

As definitions, I think his suggestions are very acceptable.

It strikes me that Mr. Price has something deeper in mind, and it would be interesting to know what it is.—Yours, etc.,

D. R. CARLISLE.

Derby.

CENTRAL COUNCIL, DUBLIN, 1958

Dear Sir,—It is possible to fly from Bristol to Dublin. The whole journey from city centre to city centre takes about 3½ hours. The return fare is £10 6s. 6d.

If ten or more people travel together there is a 5 per cent. discount on the fare and for 14 or more a 10 per cent. discount. It occurs to me that quite a few Council members might find this route a very convenient one and would like to take advantage of the cheaper fares if possible. I have been advised that because Whit-sun is involved, bookings should be made early in the New Year. If anyone interested in this would like to write to me, letting me know on which days they wish to travel over and back, I will undertake to make the party booking if there are enough.—Yours, etc.,

PHILIP GRAY.

Orana, Eastmead Lane,
Bristol. 9.

EVESHAM BELLS

Dear Sir,—May I through your columns make the request that all future applications for Evesham bells be made in writing to the Vicar, the Rev. Canon T. Charles Jones, The Vicarage, Evesham, Worcs, or to me. To avoid misunderstanding, no other form of application will be considered.—Yours faithfully,

G. J. HEMMING, Ringing Master.

36, Peewit Road,
Great Hampton,
Evesham.

GRATITUDE SHOULD BE EXPRESSED BY OPEN BELLS

Dear Sir,—A recent peal was rung, according to the footnote, 'with the bells half-muffled in gratitude for the life of —.'

I would suggest that bells are rung muffled, or half-muffled, to express grief or sorrow, and that if gratitude is the chief sentiment intended, the bells should be rung open.—Yours faithfully,

G. A. PECK.

Rugby.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION Maidstone District Annual

Owing to the bells of All Saints', Maidstone, being at Loughborough for recasting, the annual meeting of the Maidstone District on October 12th was held at West Malling. Mr. P. Carter, the local captain, and his band expressed appreciation of this decision by decorating the belfry with flowers and displaying a large 'Welcome' token.

Ringling for all standards preceded the service, which was attended by 35 ringers and was conducted by the Vicar. Tea was served at the Bear Hotel, where the 'Carter Touch' was again obvious.

There was an attendance of 46 for the business meeting, with Mr. A. Waddington in the chair. Mr. R. Sills, the District secretary, in his report announced a slight increase in membership and an average attendance of 40 at meetings. Five new members were elected to West Malling and another five for St. Michael's, Maidstone.

The re-election of the standing officers, Mr. R. Sills (District secretary), Mr. A. Waddington and Mr. W. Manser (District representatives), reflected the appreciation of their work during the past year. Mr. P. Town again agreed to carry on as 'R.W.' representative.

The programme for the coming year was provisionally agreed as follows: January 11th, Staplehurst; February 8th, Wateringbury; March 8th, Headcorn; May 17th, Yalding; July 12th, Harrietsham; July 19th, coach tour (Surrey); September 13th, Boughton Monchelsea; October 11th, A.G.M., Maidstone; November 8th, Charing.

Closing the meeting the chairman thanked Mr. Carter for his great welcome and congratulated him on his painting and decoration of the belfry.

During the evening ringing a course of Crayford College was successfully brought round—the special method of the day. P. M. T.

Ashford District

It was a raw, cold day when the 3.15 bus from Ashford deposited eight ringers outside the church of the beautiful old village of Woodchurch, but the warm welcome given to the visitors more than made up for the inclemency of the weather.

The service at 4.30 was conducted by the rector (Rev. V. B. Wynburne), and his address, appropriate to Remembrance Day, was worthy of a larger congregation. Mr. Barnes was at the organ.

The small but friendly gathering enjoyed an excellent tea, generously provided and served by the local band in the Methodist Hall. No business was transacted, but Mr. T. Cullingworth voiced the sentiments of the meeting when he thanked the rector and Mr. Barnes for their kind services, and the Woodchurch band for their generous hospitality. Mrs. D. J. Russell, secretary of the Woodchurch ringers, had made all the local arrangements.

After Grandsire Triples on the well-polished handbells, a small influx from Bethersden raised the standard of ringing in the tower to Cambridge and London Surprise Minor, under the direction of Mr. J. R. Cooper (Ringing Master). The local band, who are among the most loyal and keenest supporters of the Association, rang some very good call-changes, and an all-ladies' touch on this rather heavy six was particularly admired by the gentlemen.

The bleak wind was still blowing from Romney Marsh when the visitors left at 9 o'clock with happy memories of kind hosts and enjoyable ringing. C. T. H.

Wishful Thinking ?

'Two Hopeful Northants Ringers' write:—

'You will gather from this that we don't want to "stay" "single" for long.

"Bob" is rather "plain," but "Clifford's pleasure" is to take us "places," like "Canterbury" and "Reading."

'But others seem to "dodge" us, and then "surprise" us by "leading" us up the garden path, then leaving us "behind."

'We are hoping there will be a "union" soon, so that when we're "set up" we can hope for "doubles" or "triples," or to the "extent" of'

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD Stratton Branch

Between 50 and 60 ringers attended the annual meeting of the Stratton Branch at Poughill on October 26th. Representatives of the Guild present were Mr. A. Carveth (president), Mr. Burnett (Ringing Master) and the Rev. W. H. R. Trehwella (hon. secretary). The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. S. W. Drewer) and the address given by the Rev. L. Dodd (Vicar of Stratton). The collection for Branch funds amounted to £2. A grand tea was supplied by the ringers' wives of Poughill.

The annual meeting followed and the Rev. L. Dodd was elected chairman for 1958, and R. J. Hicks and A. Bissatt re-elected as secretary and treasurer. The treasurer reported a credit balance in Branch funds of £6 13s. 4d. Next year's festival will be held at Stratton. Ringing included Grandsire, call-changes and rounds.

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ACTIVITIES IN WESTERN CANADA

In Victoria, B.C., the bells of Christ Church Cathedral were rung on October 12th to announce the arrival of H.M. Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip in Canada. At this time a quarter peal of Grandsire was rung and followed by touches of Stedman and Bob Major, including the firing of the bells. The tenor bell is named King George V and weighs 3,295 pounds.

Those taking part in the ringing were: Margaret Horne 1, Mrs. Guthrie 2, Mary Emmerton 3, Margaret Izard 4, M. V. Donaldson 5, Arthur Izard 6, E. W. Izard 7, B. Guthrie 8. The ringing of the Victoria bells was also broadcast by television on the local broadcasting station.

BENEDICTINE MONASTERY BELLS

The ring of ten bells (tenor 2,350 lb. in E flat), supplied by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, have now been installed in the 150ft. tower of the new Benedictine Monastery, Westminster Abbey, which is situated on the north side of the Fraser River Valley, approximately 55 miles east of the city of Vancouver, B.C. The installation of the bells was superintended by Mr. E. W. Izard, of Victoria.

On the invitation of the Abbot (Rt. Rev. Eugene Medved) and the Father Prior, ten of the ringers from Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria, travelled by air, making the trip over the Gulf Islands to the Vancouver airport and then by car to Mission, arriving in time for lunch at the Abbey. After lunch, they rang until 4.30 p.m., attended vespers, and rang again after supper until 7 p.m., when they left to return to Victoria. On arrival at the Vancouver airport at 9.30 p.m., they were informed that all flights to Victoria were cancelled due to fog. Fortunately the fog cleared later, and Trans Canada Airlines put on a special plane so that the ringers returned home about midnight.

The Abbey bells are a beautiful ring of ten and sound very well indeed, and owing to the height of the tower and the location can be heard for quite a long distance up the Fraser River Valley. The ringing consisted of two touches of Stedman Triples with the tenors 9, 8, 10, one touch of Grandsire 504 with the tenors in the same order, and Bob Major with tenors 9, 10. The striking was remarkably good considering the ropes were spring and visitors were moving around in the ringing chamber.

Those taking part in the ringing were: Margaret Horne, Mary Emmerton, Mrs. Guthrie, Margaret Izard, M. V. Donaldson, Arthur Izard, E. W. Izard, Dr. Longridge, T. Arkell and B. Guthrie.

The ringers spent a very enjoyable time at the Monastery, and much appreciated the kindness and enthusiasm of the Benedictines.

CHRIST CHURCH, CALGARY

At the beginning of September the two trebles arrived to complete the ring of eight in Christ Church, Calgary, and all eight of these bells were rung together for the first time on Sunday, September 8th, before and after the morning service.

The local ringers were assisted by Miss Margaret Izard and E. W. Izard, who travelled by air from Victoria to Calgary and back—a distance of 1,500 miles: and also by Mr. Godfrey White, who came from Edmonton, 200 miles away, and Miss J. Midgley, who came from Lacombe, 100 miles. Miss Midgley has since arranged to be stationed in Calgary, and will be of very great assistance to the Christ Church ringers. These ringers are extremely keen and should have a useful band in the very near future. E. W. IZARD, Master Ringer.

JOINT MEETINGS**At Hillingdon**

The annual joint meeting of the Middlesex Association and Oxford Diocesan Guild was held on October 19th. Ringing was at St. Margaret's, Uxbridge, in the afternoon and at St. John-the-Baptist, Hillingdon, in the afternoon and evening, and ranged from Surprise Royal to rounds for learners.

At the service, the Vicar (Rev. F. C. Tyler) welcomed the ringers and gave an inspiring address. Mr. J. Ferguson (organist) and the choir also attended.

To mark the meeting being held in the 60th anniversary year of the Middlesex Association, the Hillingdon ringers and their wives provided an excellent tea for all present in the Church Hall. Mr. F. W. Goodfellow welcomed visiting members of the Oxford Guild and others, and spoke of the long and happy association which had existed between the two Societies, particularly at Hillingdon meetings.

After Mr. F. Finch had proposed the usual vote of thanks, Mr. W. H. Coles asked the company to honour especially Mrs. Goodfellow and the ringers' wives and other helpers who had for some years provided and arranged the teas at this function. He then presented a bouquet to Mrs. Goodfellow who, expressing her pleasure and surprise, suitably replied, making special reference to her helpers.

A social evening was later enjoyed, and the 'free for all' balloon match ended in a draw, Oxford winning the toss to hold the cup for next year. Mr. Derek Judd arranged many amusing entertainments, and another happy occasion concluded at about 10.30 p.m.

At Southgate

The mostly unspoilt village of Southgate was the meeting place of ringers from the Essex and the Middlesex Associations on November 9th, and judging from the numbers who gave their support, it was most successful. Well nigh 70 ringers were in attendance during the afternoon and evening, and 99 per cent. showed their keenness to partake in the ringing on these lovely bells. But it was noticeable that all were not 10-bell ringers, and as it happened that perhaps only once did a 10-bell band take control, the outcome was that the striking was not up to usual standard. However, youth was quite predominant and it is hoped that the experience of this meeting will serve them a useful purpose. Ringing, under the guidance of Mr. A. Cutler, especially catered for those who were ringing on ten for the first time, and for those who preferred plain methods.

Evensong was conducted by the Rev. G. D. J. Walsh (curate), himself a learner in the ringing chamber. Mr. P. Noble was the organist.

Following the tea, Mr. H. G. Hart welcomed all the Essex friends to Middlesex territory, and wished success to further joint meetings. Mr. C. E. Willmington replied with appreciation, and pointed out his pleasure by mentioning that his following included ringers from Brentwood, Hornchurch, Southend and Waltham Abbey. He had already made arrangements for the next year's meeting in his district.

Mr. Hart also thanked the Vicar and curate, the organist, Mr. S. G. Peck (local captain) and Mrs. Richards and lady helpers for an excellent tea. T. J. L.

A S.E. LEICESTERSHIRE TOUR

A party of ringers from towers in the Hinckley District and Harbury, Warwicks, had an outing in S.E. Leicestershire on October 19th. A half-hour was spent at the Market Harborough District meeting at Oadby. Ringing afterwards took place at Hallaton, King's Norton and Ilston-on-the-Hill. The day was concluded with joining the Syston District meeting at Billesdon.

**OLDHAM RINGER'S 80th
BIRTHDAY**

Mr. Herbert Barlow, a keen and active ringer since the age of 17, celebrated his 80th birthday in a true ringer's fashion on November 2nd. Friesland ringers, who have been associated with him for many years, rang a touch of 700 Minor on the bells of Oldham Parish Church. Some 60 ringers and friends were present during the afternoon and evening to pay their compliments to this worthy veteran.

The tea in the Burnley Street Schools, given by local ringers, was arranged by Mrs. D. Sanderson, who gave a birthday cake as a personal present to Mr. Barlow, and was also responsible for the confectionery.

The good wishes of the company for health and happiness and many more years of ringing were voiced by the Vicar (Rev. H. Kirkman), who presented Mr. Barlow with a pipe and a few ounces of tobacco as a gift from ringing friends.

A social evening followed, with tunes by the Moorside handbell ringers and a course of Grandsire Triples, in which Mr. Barlow rang 1-2. Others participating were V. Sykes, F. Pritchard and J. T. Walmsley. Before the evening concluded, Mr. Barlow thanked his many friends for their present, and the local ringers for making it possible for him to have a chat with many old ringing acquaintances.

Finally, there was an hour's ringing at the parish church, with one or two good courses of Stedman Caters, Bob Royal and Grandsire Caters, also rounds on 12 for learners.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

The monthly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at Bishop's Cannings on November 2nd, and the attendance included visitors from Bath, Bristol, Nailsea, Worcester, Shrivensham and Salisbury.

The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. S. L. R. Sharp), with Mr. A. T. Weeks as organist. Forty-two members sat down to tea in the Clubroom, the catering arrangements being made by Mrs. P. M. Hale, Miss E. F. Bailey and Miss Rachael Hale.

Ringling included the following methods: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Oxford and Kent Spliced, and Cambridge and Yorkshire Surprise. There were also rounds for the learners. Among the visitors was Mr. W. H. Trueman (Swindon), Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Association.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION**St. Albans District**

Tewin was chosen for the October meeting of the St. Albans District. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. and continued until the service, which was conducted by the Rev. C. J. Leeke, Mr. Dennis Bowen, of Barnet, was the organist.

Tea followed at the Rose and Crown Inn, at which 22 were present, and afterwards a short business meeting was held, Mr. B. C. Johnson, of St. Peter's, St. Albans, taking the chair. A collection taken for the Voluntary Bell Fund amounted to 11s. 9d.

Ringling continued during the evening until 8. Methods rung during the meeting were to suit all tastes and capabilities. It is hoped to arrange for the November meeting at St. Stephen's, St. Albans. M. A. C.

Eastern District

A meeting of the Eastern District was held on November 9th at Hertingfordbury. Ringing on the rather noisy five (tenor 9½ cwt.) took place from 2.30 till 4.15 p.m. Mr. I. Peet, a local ringer for many years, surprised everyone by ringing Grandsire and Stedman for the first time for 17 years. He has also recently started a local call-change band.

Evensong, conducted by the Rev. F. H. Cleobury, was followed by tea at the White Horse Inn. Ringing took place after tea on the light ring of eight at Bengoe. The next meeting will be a joint one with the Essex Association at Saffron Walden. C. E. H.

LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Past, present and future were represented among the 50 or so members present at the Society's meeting, held at St. Chad's, Headingley, on November 2nd. There were the veterans with upwards of 50 years' ringing service, a large group of young ringers, many from St. Chad's, others from further afield, and three small children, who were being introduced to ringing at a very early age.

The bells were raised just after 3 o'clock and continued to ring in a variety of methods ranging from rounds to Surprise Major until 9 p.m. A very enjoyable 'home-made' tea had been provided in the local schools and was much appreciated by those present. This was followed by a few words of welcome from the Vicar, who joined the Society for tea.

At the business meeting two new members were elected, and a hearty vote of thanks passed to all concerned with the arrangements for the meeting. The next meeting will be held at Osssett on November 30th.

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BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN

The quarterly meeting of the Chew Deanery Branch was held at Yatton on October 26th. Ringing preceded the Association service, which was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. G. A. Beechey). The usual 'Yatton standard' tea then followed, and the Vicar afterwards took the chair for the business meeting.

It was decided that the annual meeting should be at Long Ashton on the first Saturday in December. A recommendation is to be made to the general committee that in view of the Central Council meeting being held in Dublin next Whitsuntide, the allowances made to C.C. representatives should be reviewed in the light of the considerably extra expenditure which would be incurred.

After votes of thanks to the Vicar, the organist and those who prepared the tea, the tower was again visited for ringing in methods up to Yorkshire Major, under the direction of the Ringing Master (Mr. H. W. Knight).

CORPORATE COMMUNION

The half-yearly Corporate Communion, unavoidably a little later than usual, was held at Chew Magna on Sunday, October 27th—the morning following the quarterly meeting. Ringing commenced soon after 7 a.m. and continued until 8 a.m., when the ringers joined the parishioners in the Lady Chapel for Communion service. The celebrant was the Vicar (Rev. C. M. Luxmoore-Ball).

Breakfast, prepared by the local ringers and their wives, was afterwards enjoyed by about 18 ringers in the Church Hall, and those who were not required for duty at their own towers joined the local band for further ringing for Matins. M. J. H.

SHEFFIELD & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The monthly meeting of the Society was held at Handsworth on November 2nd, and although the attendance was somewhat smaller than usual, several visitors were present and ringing reached quite high standards at times. The local company excelled themselves in providing an extra-cheap tea, and appreciation of this was expressed in due course by various members.

At the business meeting, new members were elected from Arksey, Barnby Dun, Doncaster and Thryburgh, and in passing, Mr. G. Watson stated that the next meeting of the neighbouring Doncaster and District Society would be held at Barnby Dun. Mr. J. Slyer reminded Sheffield members of the meeting to be held at Staveley in December, and asked for a more satisfying attendance.

A return was then made to the tower, and methods ranging from Bob Minor to Yorkshire and London Surprise were rung. I. M. H.

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION

The 6-bell contest and quarterly meeting was held at Brighouse on October 26th, when five teams entered to ring a three-lead practice and 504 changes in any method as a test piece.

As Shelley and Elland secretaries had notified the Association secretary that their teams would be unable to compete before tea, the committee waived Rule 12 as regards penalties. Mr. George Perrin was the judge and the result was: 1 Liversedge, 49 faults; 2 Friezland, 51; 3 Meltham, 69; 4 Shelley, 123; 5 Elland, 172.

At the commencement of the quarterly meeting, at the request of the president, the company stood in silence to the memory of Mr. Harry Haig, of New Mill, who died shortly after the annual meeting in August.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar, churchwardens and ladies for providing an excellent tea, and to Mr. H. Renshaw for the splendid local arrangements.

LATE NEWS

We are pleased to report that a new long length in Minor was established at Stisted, Essex, last Saturday. The 25 extents (18,000 changes) were rung in 9 hours 35 minutes. The band consisted of Brian J. Howard, Joe E. G. Roast, Howard W. Egglestone, Walter Arnold, Frank B. Lufkin (conductor) and Terry Earle.

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Round at 4

To replace the false 'quarter' which accompanied the article about the above peal, Mr. Birmingham has sent us another in the hope that anyone wishing to see how the peal concludes may find it worth while calling. He regrets publicising figures before checking them, and hopes that these will be acceptable.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Previous to the Melton District meeting at Asfordby on November 9th, a quarter peal of Minor (720 Oxford Bob and 540 Plain Bob) was rung as an 84th birthday compliment to Mr. Evander Littlewood, who had been ringing at Asfordby for 68 years. Mr. Littlewood rang the treble faultlessly, and others taking part were A. E. Hinman 2, Roland H. Cook (15, conductor) 3, B. Bowns 4, J. H. Cook 5, G. A. Bowcutt 6.

The rector (Rev. S. A. Jackson) conducted the service, and the tea was served by ringers' wives and friends. At the business meeting Mr. J. H. Cook (chairman) paid tribute to Mr. Littlewood's long service. The Melton District dinner will be held at the Harborough Hotel, Melton Mowbray, on December 7th.

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MEETINGS

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at St. Paul's, Stalybridge, on Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. For tea, please advise Mr. A. Hodgson, 9, Stocks Lane, Stalybridge.—C. K. Lewis. 1335

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Practice meeting at Great Bromley, Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Bells (6) 2.30 to 9 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea. Everybody welcome.—J. H. Gould, Dis. Sec. 1281

ESSEX ASSOCIATION (N.W. District), **HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION** (Eastern District), **ELY DIOCESAN GUILD** and **CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.**—A joint meeting will be held at Saffron Walden (12) on Saturday, Nov. 23rd, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea at 5.15 p.m. Names, please, to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex 1287

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Aldershot (8) on Saturday, Nov. 23rd, from 7 p.m.—C. J. Beadle. 1340

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Joint meeting with the Derbyshire Association at St. Peter's, Derby, Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Everybody welcome. 1333

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—Combined practice at Dorchester on Saturday, Nov. 23rd, at 3 p.m. All welcome.—H. Badger, 23, Stanway Road, Headington, Oxford. 1322

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Penn, Nov. 23rd, 3.15 p.m.—W. Butler, 17, Forest Road, Windsor (Windsor 1484). 1337

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Nov. 23rd, Willington. Frequent buses eight minutes from Eastbourne Station. London Minor again. Tea names.—H. Reynolds, Sec., 10, Eastern Avenue, Polegate. 1323

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—The sixth annual dinner will be held at the Westgate Lodge Hotel, Winchester, on Saturday, Nov. 23rd, at 6.30 p.m. Service 5.15 at St. Lawrence's Church. Bar open at 6 p.m. Tickets available, 12s. each, from P. Nash, 10, Portal Road, Winchester.—R. F. Brewer, Dis. Sec. 1331

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Branch.—Annual meeting at Curry Rivel, Saturday, Nov. 30th. Please notify for tea to J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec., School Street, Drayton. 1362

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Meeting at Burbage, Buxton, Saturday, Nov. 30th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea only. All welcome.—H. E. Taylor, Dis. Sec. 1355

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Annual meeting, St. David's, Exeter, Saturday, Nov. 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to F. Wreford, 24, Normandy Road, Exeter. 1324

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Barnby Dun, Saturday, Nov. 30th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Lunn, 133, Doncaster Road, Kirk Sandall, near Doncaster. Next meeting, annual general meeting, St. George's Parish Church, Doncaster, Saturday, Jan. 25th (provisional).—George Watson, Sec. 1354

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at St. Andrew's, Netherton, on Saturday, Nov. 30th (St. Andrew's Day). Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea for those who send names to R. A. Peakman, Les Cloches, Court Crescent, Kingswinford. 1367

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Annual meeting, Beckford (6), Saturday, Nov. 30th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Business 5.30 p.m.—G. H. Burrows, Branch, Sec., 24, Lansdown Place, Cheltenham. 1350

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting for nomination of District officers at Ewell on Saturday, Nov. 30th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea by Nov. 27th to J. E. Beams, 4, Cottage Road, West Ewell. 1328

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Nomination meeting will be held at Bramley (6) on Saturday, Nov. 30th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Jolly Farmer at 5.15 p.m. Notifications for tea by previous Wednesday to Miss M. Collins, 3, Hawthorne Way, Burpham, Guildford. 1276

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Combined practice, Cleobury Mortimer, Saturday, Nov. 30th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Teas.—G. Randle, Ashford, Ludlow. 1359

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Quarterly meeting, Bodenham, Nov. 30th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please, to A. T. Wingate, Huntington House, Hereford. 1373

LADIES' GUILD—Beds and Northants Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 30th, at Felmersham. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Nov. 27th, to Mr. C. Payne, 4, Council Houses, Felmersham, Beds.—Anne E. Amor. 1346

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Quarterly meeting on Saturday, Nov. 30th. Ringing at St. Mary's, Hampton, 3 to 4.30 p.m., followed by service. Tea and business meeting at St. Mary's, Twickenham. Evening ringing at Twickenham from 6 p.m. Gentlemen cordially invited. 1356

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Deane on Saturday, Nov. 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Business 6 p.m. Cups of tea provided. This ancient church welcomes all.—Thornley, Sec. 1348

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Ossett, Saturday, Nov. 30th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Names, please, to Fred Bennett, Carlton House, Dale Street, Ossett.—J. F. Hodson. 1364

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Joint meeting with Ladies' Guild, Saturday, Nov. 30th, Caerleon. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Ladies' Guild meeting 4 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and Branch business meeting. Names for tea, please, by Nov. 25th.—J. S. King. 1325

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Nov. 30th, at North Creake. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by the business meeting. Names for tea not later than Thursday, 28th, to R. Alcock, Church Street, North Creake, Fakenham. 1313

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting at Stony Stratford on Saturday, Nov. 30th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Please notify for tea by Nov. 25th. R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 1330

SALISBURY GUILD—Dorchester Branch.—Charminster, Saturday, Nov. 30th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea. No business meeting. Names by Nov. 27th to Miss T. Barnett, 9, West Hill, Charminster, Dorset.—Hayne, Sec. 1352

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Practice meeting, Saturday, Nov. 30th, at East Knoyle (6, anti-clockwise). Bells from 2.30 p.m. and after tea. Service 4 p.m. Tea specially arranged by ringers' wives, so numbers by 26th essential, to Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 1316

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Meeting, Wollaton (6), Saturday, Nov. 30th, 3 p.m. Tea for anyone who writes to Mr. R. Preston, Kenilworth, Wollaton, Nottingham. 1353

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at Freckenham (5), Saturday, Nov. 30th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Mildenhall bells from 6 p.m.—E. M. Peachey, Dis. Sec. 1336

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Ripple, on Saturday, Nov. 30th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Tuesday, Nov. 26th, to E. F. Cubberley, Park Cottages, Kempsey, near Worcester. 1357

PENN.—St. Bartholomew's Church ringers' service, Advent Sunday, Dec. 1st, at 6.30 p.m. Bells (8) at 5.30 p.m., also after service until approximately 8.30 p.m. Preacher, the Rev. C. H. Barker. All welcome. 1342

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Combined practice on Wednesday, Dec. 4th, at St. Martin-in-the-Fields. Bells (12), 6.30 to 8 p.m. All very welcome.—P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec. 1361

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch.—Annual meeting at Lymptone, Saturday, Dec. 7th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Dec. 4th to R. T. Perry, Redcliff, Lymptone. 1351

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Dec. 7th, Watermoor (8), 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and business 5 p.m. Names by Dec. 3rd essential. Cirencester (12), 6 p.m.—Ralph Wenban, 21, Aldsworth Road, Bibury, Cirencester. 1347

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Stevenage, Saturday, Dec. 7th, 3 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. at the Elite Cafe. Special method, Rutland Surprise.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 1343

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting, Acle, Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Dec. 4th, certain, please, to Mr. H. W. Lidbetter, Hollycroft, South Walsham Road, Acle, Norfolk.—P. G. W. Newstead, Branch Sec. 1349

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS AND MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, Saturday, Dec. 7th, at St. Martin-in-the-Fields. Bells (12) available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in canteen. St. Giles-in-the-Fields (Tottenham Court Road underground three minutes) bells (8) available after tea. Names for tea by Tuesday, Dec. 3rd, please, to Mr. P. N. Bond, Gaywood, 30, Stocks Green Road, Hildenborough, Tonbridge, Kent. All very welcome!—P. N. Bond, T. J. Lock, Hon. Secs. 1360

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting at Radcliffe-on-Trent (8) on Saturday, Dec. 7th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea available—bring own food.—C. W. Towers. 1365

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Sudbury District.—Meeting at St. Gregory's, Sudbury, Saturday, Dec. 7th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Chantry's. Names for tea to Mr. A. Fitch, 7, Croft Road, Sudbury. Ringing after meeting at All Saints'. 1374

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Southern District.—Annual meeting, Sketty, on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea. Names please.—J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Swansea. 1344

WYKE REGIS, DORSET.—On Nov. 3rd, 1.260 Grandsire Triples: R. J. Vardy (first of Triples) 1. Jack W. Rose 2. F. Symonds 3. G. J. Abbot 4. F. Crudge 5. J. W. Rose (cond.) 6. F. Stedman 7. J. Hart 8. Ring for the festival of All Saints, and for the 502nd anniversary of the rebuilding of the church.

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