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## BRIEF ENCOUNTER

IT was odd; Holsworthy Square is generally full of familiar faces, but to-day it seemed full of faces which were familiar with a difference, not Holsworthy faces, but faces from the past. I'd just said, 'Good morning' to Mrs. Harris when I found one of them in front of me, and I said, 'Hello, I know you. Who are you?' 'Well, John,' came the reply, 'we was just wandering if you'd found your bottle of beer yet.'

Now this bottle of beer was one which I took to drink with my lunch on a Home Guard 'battle' on Peek Hill in 1943. Somewhere on the way up Peek Hill it disappeared . . . and the rest of the Buckland platoon had no idea how it could have fallen out of my haversack, but, of course, that's what must have happened. But ever since then, if I meet a Buckland man, he is almost certain to ask fondly after that bottle of beer. The fact that it vanished 16 years ago makes no odds. At Buckland they believe, very sensibly, that a good joke's a good joke always, and I have no doubt that if I don't see Roy again till I'm eighty and he's ninety-odd he will still ask whether I've found my bottle of beer.

'What are you doing here, then?' 'Ringers' outing.' 'What, Buckland?' I asked. 'Yes, they'm all in the cafe over across.' 'Well, what are we standing about for?' I said, and over across we went.

And there they all were—the Buckland ringers whose kind and patient teaching in call-change ringing had results which made my Oxford instructress' hair stand on end when I came back for my second term of ringing. Jim, the carpenter, whose shop I can remember since I could hardly see over the top of the bench, and Dick, who was once told by a Ministry of Agriculture inspector that his bull's head was too big, and replied, 'He's not the only one about here with the same complaint.' Will Northmore, of Torr, with his straight back and his smiling, shining face, and Jim Northam, who keeps Buckland churchyard the best in Devon, and Cecil and Horace; and Treble-man Bray, who made Buckland ringing what it is more than any other man, and taught me so much about striking.

Most of the clientele of the 'Manor' had come along as well for the ride, and quite a few from the 'Who'd Have Thought It.' Indeed, how many men were left in Buckland and Milton Combe that Saturday is quite a problem; not many, anyway.

Before long it was time to move to the tower; the bells are just Buckland's weight, except that the tenor's a little slower to get away, and apart from the tenor's getting under for a few pulls there was a nice rise in peal, Mr. Bray, as always, turning to the wall to listen to the bells without distraction. And then they asked me to take a rope, and we had a peal of changes with the bells running 'suantly' and the striking beautifully even but with that liveliness that is better than clockwork, and Mr. Bray listening, listening always to every blow, never letting a clip or a hesitation go unnoticed or, if not corrected next round, unmentioned. Mr. Bray is a perfectionist; with an ear trained by years of seeking for perfect striking he is unsparing in criticising his own work and the band's; he speaks his criticism without fear or favour, and those who ring with him accept it gladly because they know that he is as unfailingly critical of himself as he is of his fellows. If the most exalted 'top ringer' in the Exercise should have the honour of a ring with Mr. Bray, he'd get some good advice at the end of it, and he'd be wise to accept it.

While they had another peal of changes, I had to go shopping, with an ear cocked all the time for the changes tapping out over the rooftops of the Square, and then as the bells began to come down and I knew Mr. Bray was turning to the wall again in almost ecstatic concentration, I came back to the tower and listened to the lower. Like many Croydon bells, Holsworthy's give their best half-way down in a good lower, and the Buckland men made them sing.

The lower brought the non-ringers strolling in from the town, the ringers came out, hitching on their jackets, into the June sunshine, and the coach filled up with its load of good friends. And I set off home, thinking what a tolerant crowd they are, these Buckland ringers; there aren't many who would suffer as gladly as they did the airy superiority of a very novice 'scientific' ringer, and greet that same ringer ten years later as warmly as did they. Long live Buckland! Long live the memory of John's bottle of beer!

J. G. M. S.



**EIGHT BELL PEALS**

COLE-ORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Friday, April 17, 1959, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,  
**A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

R. BENISTON ... .. Treble	ERNEST W. RAWSON ... 5
MRS. G. A. HALLS ... 2	PETER J. STANFORTH ... 6
*D. K. WALKLATE ... 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON ... 7
FRANCIS R. LOWE ... 4	DEREK P. JONES ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by D. P. JONES

\* First peal of London Surprise Major.

PENKRIDGE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat. May 17, 1959, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

**A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR**

In six methods being 1600 London, 1280 Rutland, 640 each of Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative, and 320 Yorkshire with 110 changes of method.

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

D. MARY WARD ... Treble	*ANTHONY AGER ... 5
ERIC E. SPEAKE ... 2	*PETER BERESFORD ... 6
*MICHAEL ELSON ... 3	*EDMUND MALIN ... 7
J. DENNIS HOLDEN ... 4	DENNIS BERESFORD Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by D. BERESFORD

\*First peal of Spliced Surprise Major in six methods.

KENWYN, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 18, 1959, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUBY.

**A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F.

PETER ROWE ... Treble	REVD. A. S. ROBERTS ... 5
V. MARY MATTHEWS ... 2	WILLIAM T. COOK ... 6
CYRIL A. WRATTEN ... 3	C. KEITH BREWER ... 7
ARTHUR F. BURLEY ... 4	R. A. SOUTHWOOD Tenor

Composed by David J. Marshall.

Conducted by C. A. Wratten

Rung as a compliment to Alan Carveth, President of the Truro Diocesan Guild, and Mary Cork, who were married at this church earlier in the day.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 13, 1959, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

Washbrook's variation.	Tenor 16½ cwt.
FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... Treble	GEOFFREY PEARSON ... 5
ARTHUR G. MASON ... 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 6
*REV. J. SHEPHERD-WALYN ... 3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... 7
OLIVE D. COUCHMAN ... 4	PETER F. BORER ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.

\* First peal in the method. The tenor ringer has now 'circled the tower.'

WHITWORTH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Rochdale Branch.)

On Sat., June 13, 1959, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. BARTHOLOMEW AND GEORGE,

**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in F.

PETER SCHOLFIELD ... Treble	ALLAN SMITH, JNR. ... 5
EILEEN HUDSON ... 2	PHILIP J. H. HUDSON ... 6
*BARBARA FOSTER ... 3	MICHAEL D. FISHWICK ... 7
*DAVID HODGSON ... 4	DEREK BUTTERWORTH Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by DEREK BUTTERWORTH.

\* First peal 'inside.'

THATCHAM, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 13, 1959, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*JOHN W. T. HIBBERT ... Treble	MRS. DOROTHY R. PEARCE ... 5
MRS. MARJORIE C. HIBBERT ... 2	*WILLIAM J. IRVING ... 6
STELLA DAVIS ... 3	CYRIL J. HIBBERT ... 7
REGINALD W. REX ... 4	ARTHUR W. G. SAYERS Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by REGINALD W. REX.

\* First peal of Major.

SUNBURY-ON-THAMES, MIDDLESEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., June 13, 1959, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF 5088 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

BARWELL B. DIBBEN ... Treble	FREDERICK R. SCOTT ... 5
BRIAN BLADON ... 2	JOHN D. ROCK ... 6
DAVID A. S. HAWKINS ... 3	ROBIN G. LEALE ... 7
WILLIAM S. DEASON ... 4	JOHN R. MAYNE Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

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

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., June 13, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Holt's Original.	Tenor 14½ cwt.
*ROGER K. WHITTELL ... Treble	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 5
KEITH WHITTELL ... 2	JAMES BENNETT ... 6
*R. JOHN MUNNINGS ... 3	*ERNEST V. BLAKE ... 7
*HERBERT G. JILLINGS ... 4	*ERNEST G. PEARCE Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

\* First peal of Grandsire Triples.

**SIX BELL PEALS**

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 25, 1959, in 2 Hours 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being two extents each of Oxford T. B., Kent T. B. and Plain Bob and one extent of St. Clement's Bob

Tenor 8 cwt.

DAVID E. CULHAM ... Treble	URBAN W. WILDNEY ... 4
A. EDWARD LEGGETT ... 2	DONALD L. MILLS ... 5
*BARRY E. GIBBONS ... 3	ROY DUESBURY Tenor

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY

\*First peal in four methods.

LAXFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., June 13, 1959, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in F.

EDWIN T. CHAPMAN ... Treble	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... 4
JOHN W. BLYTHE ... 2	*RALPH BICKERS ... 5
CHARLES BAILEY ... 3	TREVOR N. J. BAILEY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

\* First peal of Minor.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 13, 1959, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob, one of St. Clement's and two of Plain Bob.

Tenor 15 cwt.

*ALAN GRUNDY ... Treble	JOHN POTTS ... 4
KENNETH B. SISSONS ... 2	*RONALD R. WARFORD ... 5
MRS. J. RENDER ... 3	ALAN SHEPPARD Tenor

Conducted by ALAN SHEPPARD.

\* First peal in four methods.

**HANDBELL PEAL**

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., June 11, 1959, in 2 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT 66, MELTON ROAD,

**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

DEREK M. SAWYER ... 1-2	JOHN A. ACRES ... 5-6
ERNEST MORRIS ... 3-4	B. STEDMAN PAYNE ... 7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS.

Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.

## RINGERS' OUTINGS

### NEWARK

The first stop on the Newark Parish Church Society's outing on June 20th was at Huntingdon, where St. Mary's Church bells were rung to Standard methods with rounds and call changes for the many learners. At Cambridge the beautiful bells of the R. C. Church of Our Lady and English Martyrs were soon rolling out to Stedman and Grandsire Triples. Another fine ring was at St. Andrew's, Old Chesterton, and the final visit was to St. Mary's Eaton Socon.

W. L. E.

### ST. MARY'S PORTSEA

Because of the long draught the bells of St. Swithins, East Grinstead, proved difficult for some members of St. Mary's Portsea tower on their outing on June 13th. Methods rung were Grandsire, Stedman, Cambridge, Plain Bob, with some Rounds for the less experienced. Then on to St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells for Rounds, Grandsire, Stedman, London and Sup-erlative.

The journey continued with stops at All Saints, Maidstone, and S.S. Peter and Paul, Headcorn.

L. D. D.

### TAMWORTH

A Cotswold tour formed the outing of the bellringers of St. Edith's Church, Tamworth. The journey took in Bourton-on-the-Water, where the party lunched and enjoyed some good ringing; Northleach; Cirencester, where younger members took part in Stedman, Grandsire and Bob Royal; and Tewkesbury Abbey, where a pleasant hour was spent on the 12 bells.

### HURST, BERKS

When the ringers of St. Nicholas Church, Hurst, set out on their outing on June 13th they made firstly for Baldock, Herts; on to St. Neots for lunch, but unfortunately no ringing at the parish church. However, a walk brought the party to St. Mary's Eynsbury to enjoy some Doubles and Minor on the anti-clockwise six. At St. Mary's Huntingdon, the bells were not found in the best of condition.

The next stop was at Wellingborough, where, after tea, ringing took place on the grand eight of All Hallows' Church. The final tower visited was that of Woburn, Beds., where the Rev. C. E. Wigg, Master of the Oxford Guild, was amongst those to join the party in Stedman Triples. B.C.C.

### MAIDSTONE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS

Twenty-six members and friends of the Maidstone Grammar Schools' Society had a coach tour in East Kent on June 13th. Towers visited were Smarden, Brookland (where calls were made by signalling with a handkerchief), Lydinge, Chilham and Little Chart.

### BARNSELY SOCIETY

Two coaches took Barnsley District members to Loughborough Bell Foundry for the annual outing on July 4th. Mr. J. Fidler and Mr. Marcon conducted the party round the foundry and to the bell chamber.

After lunch at Loughborough, Copt Oak, Grantham and Tuxford were visited. Thanks are due to Mr. Noel F. Moxon who organised the outing.

### ASHSTEAD, SURREY

Ashstead ringers and a few more experienced ringers from neighbouring towers spent a successful day in Berkshire and Oxfordshire on June 6th.

Ringling on the anti-clockwise eight at Benson-on-Thames played havoc with at least one ringer's idea of Stedman Triples. The bells at East Hagbourne were also enjoyed before lunch at Harwell. After ringling there the party proceeded to Blewbury, another fine eight, and Goring-on-Thames a light eight.

The last stop, and probably the best ringling, was at Sonning-on-Thames.

### GUILDFORD

Towers in East Surrey, East and West Sussex were chosen for the outing of Holy Trinity (Guildford) Society on June 27th. A party of 28 ringers, wives and children set out for Godstone; Maresfield, where a ground floor ring was sampled; Southover, for a pleasant ring of ten bells including some excellent courses of Stedman Caters; Ditchling, where there are two or three inside bells lighter than the treble, the sixth being lightest of all; Henfield for tea and Mr. Frank Cruttenden's hand bells; Arundel; Petworth; and so home.

After the first tower, the coach driver accompanied the party at each stop.—A recruit?

### NORTH WEALD, ESSEX

Four car loads from North Weald, Essex, had an enjoyable outing on June 27th. First stop was the heavy-going six at Watton-at-Stone followed by the very light ring at Tewen. After tea at Hertingfordbury the five at St. Mary's Church were sampled. Here the noise was terrific. Essendon were voted the best bells of the day. Ringling finished at Widford.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP

The collection at the communion service at the central council meeting amounted to £7 18s. This sum the vicar of Christ Church, Southport, has given to the Rev. R. D. St. John Smith, president of the Lancashire Association, for some bell or tower restoration in Lancashire. The president has given this to the Tower Restoration Fund of the Church of All Souls', Bolton and has received a grateful letter and receipt from the Church Treasurer.

Mr. E. F. Gibbard of Winslow, has retired after 29 years as honorary secretary and treasurer of the Central Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. Ringing members have increased from 35 to 150 during that period. In appreciation of his services, he was elected first vice-president of the branch. Mr. D. G. Wheeler is the new honorary secretary and treasurer.

Almost equal numbers of Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire ringers attended a northern district meeting of the Herts County Association at Pilton on July 4th. Gravenhurst and Meppershall towers were visited in the evening.

Work is in hand to provide two new trebles for St. Mary's, Hendon, to complete the octave. The band, under the leadership of Miss Ruth Foreman, have in the past two years collected something like £450 for the work.

Mr. E. T. Chapman has resigned his appointment as Eastern Branch Ringing Master of the Norwich Diocesan Association on leaving the district. Miss Doris Lidbetter is the new master.

Thirty ringers attended the Chertsey District meeting at Thames Ditton on June 27th, when three new members for the Guildford Diocesan Guild were elected.

Todmorden ringers who recently visited Mossley, Roughtown, published as an unringable six, found that the only trouble was that the tenor ran dry every 200 changes. On being stood for five minutes another 200 changes were possible. The steel six at Stainland, also visited, were in a poor condition, but rounds were rung. A new wooden staircase impeded the ringing of the treble and fifth. The tenor wheel was very insecure. One bell was completely corroded through at one point, but the fittings on the headstock and bearings appeared to be in good order.

The original ring of five at St. Peter's Church, Alton, Staffs, have been recast and augmented to eight by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. at a cost of £4,000. Of this sum, Alton ringers have raised £2,700. An open day will be held here on August 22nd.

A visitor from Groton, U.S.A. attended the Oxford Guild Festival on July 4th. On the top table were a couple of "youngsters"—Mr. W. H. B. Wilkins (88) and Mr. T. Trollope (98) both vice-presidents of the Guild. It was an excellent day.

Mr. Roger Savory of 32 Thornbury Avenue, Southampton, is the new General Secretary of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild. Central Council representatives are Miss M. Beamish, the Rev. K.W.H. Felstead, Messrs F. W. Rogers and R. A. Reed.

The annual dinner of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths has been fixed for Feb. 6th, 1960.

Mr. Caleb Fenn inquires which bells were first used to broadcast a service and what was the time allowed for the ringing.

# THE WHITECHAPEL BELL FOUNDRY

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# DEATH OF MR. ALFRED H. PULLING

With deep regret we record the passing on July 6th. of Mr. Alfred Henry Pulling, of 144, Woodside Road, Guildford, aged 78 years. Mr. Pulling was taken ill the previous Friday and was attended to by Mrs. Pulling until his peaceful passing. They were married on Sept. 26th. 1904, at Warboys, Huntingdonshire, and had a happy married life of nearly 55 years. Mr. Pulling conducted his last touch, of Stedman Triples at Holy Trinity Cathedral Church on Sunday, June 28th, a tower he had served with great faithfulness for 67 years.

Alfred Pulling will go down in history as one of the great ringers of this age. Not only did he amass a large total of 1492 peals, but by his ability as a leader and conductor will be remembered by ringers in all parts of the country. He had rung handbells in the Market Square at Dunkirk, at Menin Gate, and was one of the pair of handbell ringers at the Tomb of the Unknown Warrior at Westminster Abbey in the early 1920's.

## FIRM DISCIPLINARIAN

Born at Petworth, Sussex, Mr. Pulling came to Guildford when he was very young and treasured in his home was a gold medal awarded to him for having attended Holy Trinity School for ten consecutive years during which time he was neither absent nor late. This character-forming habit influenced him in after life, for Alfred throughout life was a firm disciplinarian, both personally and among those he had in charge. This was, in particular, exemplified at the Royal Grammar School, Guildford, where he was caretaker for 41 years, in the belfry of Holy Trinity Church and when he was conducting a peal. When ringing either in practice or in a peal only one voice was allowed in the belfry—that of the conductor. But afterwards there was extreme friendliness and sharp words were forgotten. Memories of the writer go back to the hour spent between Sunday service ringing at the Grammar School, either on the lawn or in the common room.

When Alfred Pulling started to ring at 13, Holy Trinity was a stoney tower. Change ringing was not introduced until 1899 with Mr. Ben. Chorley, as the conductor of the band. Ringing with Mr. Pulling as a boy was Mr. A. Henry Hutton and these two have had a life-long connection with the church and in peal ringing activities. Mr. Hutton rang in the peals for his wedding and for his silver wedding and also in a quarter for his golden wedding. Infirmary to his arms prevents him now from ringing.

## SOME OF HIS PEALS

Perhaps of his peals the most conspicuous was 19,738 Stedman Caters in hand rung on August 31st., 1912, at Guildford, in 9 hours 32 minutes which he conducted and was his 300th. peal. This record length was the culmination of a series of long peals in hand of Stedman Caters of 7028, 7777 and 14031. Later in 1948 he rang 9999 changes in the same method.

Of his long lengths on tower bells there were 10,025 Stedman Caters at Haslemere in 6 hours 32 minutes on February 28th., 1931; 10,432 Treble Bob Major at Warnham, on April 29th., 1933; 7392 Double Norwich Court Bob Major at Chiddingfold on February 2nd., 1907 and 9600 Double Dublin at Guildford on April 6th., 1931. Perhaps the peal he treasured most was that of Cambridge Surprise Major at St. Olave's Hart Street on February 15th., 1936, in which each member of the band had rung 1000 peals. In that band were James George 1, George R. Pye 2, W. H. Fussell 3, John H. Cheesman 4, Frank Bennett 5, James E. Davis 6, George Williams (conductor) 7, A. H. Pulling 8. His first peal was rung on October 14th., 1899, at Hawley, Hants; his first as conductor on Oct. 1st., 1902 at Guildford; his 1000th. at Warnham on June 7th., 1930; and his last Lyme Surprise, at Guildford, on November 22nd., 1954.

Mr. Pulling's first Guild was the Winchester, when Surrey was one of the Districts, and he represented this Guild, on the Central Council from 1914—27. With the formation of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, of which he was a vice-president, he was elected to the Central Council in 1928 and was one of their representatives until 1956. He was then elected an honorary member of the Council. Mr. Pulling took his work for the Council very seriously and was a member of the Standing Committee. His last public speech was at the Southport Council meeting when he pointed out that "The Ringing World" could only be produced as a hobby.

Mr. Pulling was a member of many ringing associations and was a staunch member of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

## THE FUNERAL

The funeral service at Holy Trinity Cathedral Church on July 10th. was conducted by the Precentor (the Rev. Paul Fauch). Touches of Stedman Triples were rung with the bells half-muffled previous to the service and afterwards the whole pull and stand for 78 times. Cremation was at Woking and after the service a plain course of Grandsire Triples was rung by Mrs. F. I. Hairs 1—2, Mrs. P. J. Staniforth 3—4, Mr. Walter Ayre 5—6, Mr. F. I. Hairs 7—8.

There was a large attendance of ringers at the service. These included Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Barnett (representing the Central Council), Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Hairs, Mr. W. Ayre, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Hawthorne and A. W. J. Butler (representing the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths), Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Kippin and Mr. R. L. Kippin (Southampton), Mr. and Mrs. A. Harman, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Hutton, Mr. and Mrs. F. Bowden (Haslemere).

Messrs C. Denyer (Master Guildford Diocesan Guild), S. E. Russell (Secretary Guildford Diocesan Guild), F. E. Collins (Master, Surrey Association) E. Bragg, (Master Farnham District Ringers), G. Pullinger (Winchester and Portsmouth Guild of Ringers), H. N. Pitstow, G. Gilbert (Burnham), L. Stilwell (Worthing), J. Brackley (Old Woking), S. Petter (Worplesdon), F. Cherryman (Pirbright), R. Overy (Haywards Heath), H. V. Young, A. H. Winch, G. Marriner (Leatherhead), F. Oakshott (Epsom), E. G. L. Coward (Dorking), J. Cooper (Ashford, Kent), J. Calder, G. L. Grover, F. Ledger,

Mesdames Russell, Newbrook, Rosevear, Hazelden, (representing Mr. A. C. Hazelden), Hurst, Robinson, Staniforth (Leicester), and Collins (representing S. Nicolas, Guildford Ringers).

The Misses Avenell (Worplesdon), B. Jupp. The Holy Trinity Society, Guildford was represented by Messrs. C. A. Hopper, T. Mark White, T. W. White, E. R. Warner and Supt. R. J. C. Hagley.

There were also present representatives of the Grammar School and Old Boys.

Wreaths were sent from the Central Council of Church Bell-ringers, the Guildford Diocesan Guild, the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, Holy Trinity Cathedral, Guildford Society of Change Ringers and the Old Guildfordians Association. There were also a number of personal tributes.

## BARNSELY DISTRICT SOCIETY

Seven towers were represented when the Society held its first meeting at Bradfield, Nr. Sheffield on July 11th. Anthony Stables (Cawthorne), Dianna Staniffe and Catherine Robinson (Tankersley) were elected as members.

The next meeting will be held at Ackworth, Nr. Pontefract. Early reminiscences of Bradfield were given by Mr. John Bearley. Canon A. King, who presided, was elected a life member of the Society.

## OBITUARY

### MR. D. GARDINER

We regret to announce the death on June 15th of Mr. Douglas Gardiner, aged 41. 'Doug' as he was known to all, was once a very popular figure in the Margotsfield Branch. He started ringing in 1934 and was elected Secretary of the Bristol Rural Branch in 1945, a position he held for two years. He gave up ringing in 1950. The funeral service was at Margotsfield Church, conducted by the vicar, the Rev. W.F. Beard, and followed by cremation. A Quarter Peal of Grandsire Triples was rung half muffled, conducted by F. Skidmore, Master of Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

### MR. V. JONES

The death occurred suddenly on June 13th, at the age of 84, Mr. V. Jones, of Coleshill, Berkshire. He was a keen ringer until the 1939-45 war, often ringing at Faringdon. Mr. F.H. Whipp represented the Oxford Diocesan Guild at the funeral.

On July 3rd the bells of Coleshill were rung in his memory. That day the Church was reopened after being closed for five years for major repairs.

### MR. J. LEATHERBARROW

The death of Mr. Joseph Leatherbarrow, a past vice-president of the Lancashire Association occurred on June 9th at his home in the village where he was born.

Aged 71, he had been captain and tower keeper at Newchurch Parish Church for 48 years and was instrumental in the introduction of change ringing at Newchurch when a new band was formed after the building of a new church on the site of one burnt down in 1904. Previously only call changes had been rung.

Mr. Leatherbarrow was appointed captain, and, after three-months' hard work with lashed bells, he had them ringing 720 on open bells. The band, which included his father, brother and son, became well known in the district for their method ringing and perfect striking.

He took a great pride in the tower and it was a well known fact that any visiting band would never find a broken rope, and would always find the tufts at the correct height. He rang over 100 peals, many of which he conducted, and took part in the record peal of Oxford T. B. at Heptonstall. Ill-health brought about his retirement from ringing four years ago.

A memorial peal was rung in tribute. S.L.

### MR. JOHN LEWIN

A former captain of Cranford, Northants, ringers, Mr. John Lewin (Jack) died on June 20th after a painful illness. He was aged 78. Except for a break during the 1914-18 war, he served with the choir as well as being a regular service ringer on Sundays for many years. He was a member of the Parochial Church Council, and a free life member of Peterborough Diocesan Guild of Ringers.

As a tribute to his memory, on the evening of June 25th, 720 Plain Bob half muffled was rung by the Sunday Service band. C.H.N.

## SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

At their quarterly meeting at Chipping Barnet the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths elected the following new members:- Miss Elizabeth Yardley, Birmingham; Miss Ivy Roe, Farnsfield, Notts; Messrs. C. A. Pound, Liss; C. M. Smith and A. J. Strathee, Sutton Coldfield; J. H. Allen, Wolverhampton; C. R. S. Coussmaker, Milford-on-Sea; B. J. Willis, Finchley. The next quarterly meeting will be held on Sept. 12th.



## GREAT YARMOUTH BELLS BLESSED

The largest congregation seen in Great Yarmouth for some time, estimated at 3000, assembled on June 21st when the Dean of Norwich blessed and named the new ring of 13, prior to them being taken up into the tower. This was also the civic thanksgiving for the granting of Yarmouth's first charter, 750 years ago.

Handbells were rung to Grandsire Caters as the B.B.C. commentator described the scene. The procession of Magistrates, Mayor, Corporation and Clergy, with colours carried by various units and the Mother's Union, entered the Church, and the opening hymn was sung unaccompanied.

After prayers and lesson, the Dean approached the bells, which had been hung on a low scaffolding beneath the tower, and named them. The treble is named Herbert after the first Bishop of Norwich who first built Yarmouth Church; the 2nd is Walter, after a Bishop who enlarged it; the 3rd, Felix, after the first Christian missionary to East Anglia; the flat 6th, Gabriel, after him who announced the Saviour's coming. The others are named after the nine churches in Yarmouth parish—Luke, John, James, Peter, Paul, George, Andrew, Thomas and Nicholas.

The bells were sounded during the service by a specially trained group of musicians, and the remaining hymns were accompanied by them. As the processions left the Church the 'orchestra' played the Bach quarter chimes.

## WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

Members from all parts of the Guild's area were welcomed by the master (Mr. F.W. Rogers) who presided at the annual meeting held in Cathedral House, Portsmouth on July 4th. Silent tributes were paid to three members who had died—Miss Sparshott, Christchurch; Mr. H. Newham, New Alresford; Mr. S. J. Sanders, Twyford.

The reports and accounts had been previously circulated but verbal reports were given by the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead (library) and Mr. C.H. Kippen (Central Council). The new rules to come into force next January were adopted, an amendment to increase members' subscriptions to 5/- being defeated.

Officers elected were: Master, Mr. F. W. Rogers, general secretary Mr. R. Savory, 32 Thornbury Avenue, Southampton; treasurer, Miss M. Beamish; Central Council Representatives, Miss Beamish, Rev. K. W. H. Felstead; Messrs F. W. Rogers and R. A. Reed.

Whitchurch was selected for the next annual meeting to be held on the first Saturday in July.

A short service in the Cathedral, conducted by the Rev. E. Lowman followed. Afterwards at the buffet tea in the Cathedral House, the Master presented Mr. George Pullinger with a portable radio set and a cheque in appreciation of his services to the Guild which he joined in 1908. He is shortly leaving. Offices Mr. Pullinger has held have been peal recorder, assistant general secretary, general secretary (six years), master (six years), vice-president (since 1955), Central Council representative (since 1932), Southampton District Secretary (16 years). Taken by surprise Mr. Pullinger thanked the members for their gift and mentioned his early ringing days with Mr. George Williams who 'either pushed you on or pushed you out'.

## ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD ANNUAL FESTIVAL

The 13th Annual Festival of the St. David's Diocesan Guild was held at St. David's, on Saturday June 13th. The Bishop (the Rt. Rev. R. Richards) and the Dean called in at the Bell Tower and spent half an hour with the ringers before attending the service at the Cathedral. The Dean (the Very Rev. T. J. Jenkins) officiated and the address was given by the Bishop. After the service the members were entertained to tea, given by the ringers' wives and ladies of the Cathedral. This was very much enjoyed by 84 people, and a hearty vote of thanks was extended to them by the Master, Mr. Gwyn Thomas of Tenby.

The usual business meeting followed, at which the Bishop, who is president of the Guild, presided.

The meeting was opened by the Master, and a token of respect was paid to two honorary members who had died since the last meeting, Mr. David Francis of Llanelly and Mr. Williams of Llanstephan.

The following officers were elected:

Master of the Guild, Mr. Gwyn Thomas, Tenby; secretary, Mr. C.H. Hawkins, Llanelly; treasurer, Mr. W. P. E. Sage, Burry Port; ringing master, Mr. R. Scudamore, Llandilo; auditor, Mr. B. H. Rees, Burry Port; Central Council Representative, Mr. C. H. Hawkins, Llanelly.

Mr. Chris Hawkins, C.C. Representative for St. David's Guild, made a strong appeal to members to buy 'The Ringing World', to increase its circulation, which would help to keep it at its present price.

Sunday Service ringing in the Diocese was fairly good, but there was still that old stigma of ringers ringing for service and not staying to service, it was said.

The Secretary stated that he was not happy about the future of the bells in the Diocese, unless some servicing or re-hanging was done soon. After a very long discussion, the Bishop advised efforts to get the matter discussed with the Standing Committee of the Diocese, but reminded the meeting that the incumbent of the parish concerned was the right person to approach on the matter.

The treasurer presented a cheque for £10 to the Dean towards the Sound Proving Project which will be carried out in the future, and a Grant of £5 was agreed upon towards the Bishop Havard Memorial Fund.

When told that the Dr. Prosser Shield, which is used for competition in the Guild needed a new set of lapels, the Bishop readily defrayed the cost. For this kind gesture he was thanked by the Master of the Guild. The Bishop also invited the Guild to the Palace for their annual meeting in 1960, which was readily accepted.

A very hearty vote of thanks was extended to the Bishop and to the Dean of St. David's for having the Guild at St. David's.

## BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

Two new members were elected at the Beverley and District Society meeting at Rise on June 13th, which was attended by 25 members. Wives of local ringers served an excellent tea. A wide variety of Doubles methods was rung.

## HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Many ringers and friends attended the St. Albans District meeting at Wheathampstead. The meeting wished Mr. George W. Debenham a speedy recovery from his accident and hoped he would be back ringing again. The Rector was thanked for taking the service and the ladies for a splendid tea.

## MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

Peal withdrawn.—Mr. Alan R. Pink withdraws the peal of Spliced Cambridge and Superalive rung at Olney on Jan 26th., 1952.

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal at Wakefield Cathedral on June 20th. is the first in the tower since the first ever in 1822.

The parents of Miss Hilda Snowden celebrated their diamond wedding on June 27th. Hilda conducted a peal of Yorkshire in honour of the event on Halstead bells on June 27th.

The composer of the peal of Bristol Surprise Major rung at Longley was Arthur Knights and not W. E. Critchley. see page 417.

The first peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Caters for the Norwich Diocesan Association was rung at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich on June 23rd.

Mr. William Beard has completed 50 years as a ringer at Ruardean, Gloucester. A peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in honour of the occasion on June 20th.

The 80th. birthday of Mr. W. J. Prescott, tower master of Bath Abbey was honoured by a quarter of Gandsire Caters on the Abbey bells on June 21st.

Mr. P. Minchin was elected "Ringing World" representative for the Swindon branch at a meeting at Bishopstone on June 13th. Miss L. J. Hawes of Stamford Hill was elected a life member of the Gloucester and Bristol Association.

The University of Bristol Society rang a peal of Grandsire Cinques at St. Laurence Church, Reading on June 27th. A peal of Stedman Cinques, conducted by Frank B. Lufkin was rung at High Wycombe on July 4th.

An Ashstead all ladies band, five of whom are still at school, rang a course of Grandsire Triples on June 18th.—and this in a tower where the probability of work on bells and frame has restricted ringing to Thursday practice and Sunday Service.

The Northern District of the Surrey Association held their striking competition in summer instead of autumn this year. For the second successive year St. John's Croydon had least faults for their touch of 252 Grandsire Triples and second were St. Mary's, Beddington, who rang Stedman Triples. Mr. C. H. Kippin was the judge, with Mrs. Parrott acting as marker.

Cambridge University Guild had an outing on June 9th. in the Bedford area: six cars and two motor-cycles conveyed the party. A gremlin was busy attacking the secretary's motor-cycle, the president's car and also the aged Austin seven. Ringing took place at Goldington, Willington, Felmersham and Kempston. Jim Taylor is to be congratulated on his faultless organisation.

## BEDFORDSHIRE RINGERS' WHIT MONDAY

Parts of Leicestershire and Staffordshire were visited on Whit Monday by a party of Bedfordshire ringers, the outing being arranged by Keith Flemming.

After ringing at Lutterworth and Burbage, lunch was taken in Tamworth, followed by ringing at St. Editha's. When Rugely was reached, 30 minutes late, due to Whit Monday celebrations at Lichfield, the Vicar's wife said she knew nothing about the belfry key, so this tower was missed. The good eight at St. Modwen's, Burton-on-Trent, was a compensation. Wigston Magna and Bosworth tower were visited after tea. Ringing during the day was of a good standard and a variety of methods was rung.

WINTERBOURNE, GLOS.—On June 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Anstey 1, J. Ferris 2, D. Elliott 3, T. J. Jefferies 4, H. T. Ferris (cond.) 5, F. Lewis 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Susan Walters, baby daughter of Mr. T. T. Walters (tower captain) and Mrs. Walters.



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## BIRTHS

ARTHUR.—On Sunday, July 5, 1959, at the General Hospital, Newcastle upon Tyne, to Margaret, wife of Kenneth Arthur, a son, Adrian Kenneth. 4648

SEMMENS.—On July 17, 1959, at 52, Belle Vue Grove, Middlesbrough, to Barbara, (nee Knee) and Peter Semmens, a daughter. 4658

## ENGAGEMENT

HOBBS—WATERFIELD.—The engagement is announced between Richard, younger son of Mr and Mrs. E. C. Hobbs, of Retford, Notts., and Valerie Anita, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Waterfield, of Retford, Notts. 4658

## RETURN THANKS

Mrs. A. H. Pulling, of 144, Woodside Road, Guildford, returns sincere thanks for the many letters of sympathy and the beautiful flowers sent in her recent bereavement 4662

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## MEETINGS

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting, Burwell, Saturday, Aug. 1. Bells (8) 3.45 p.m., tea 5 p.m.—D. F. Murfet, Dis. Sec. 4664

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District). — LADIES GUILD (Southern District). — Meeting at Chobham, Saturday August 1st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. R. Collins, The Mount Cottage, Mimbidge, Chobham. 4615

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Shipbourne on Saturday, August 1st. Bells (6), 3 p.m., service 4.30 p.m., tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday July 29th to Mr. J. Beach, 3, New Cottages, Shipbourne, Nr. Tonbridge. 4613

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting at Accrington, Aug. 1. Ringing 3 p.m. Tea 5. Cups of tea provided. Meeting to follow.—Charles Blakey, branch secretary. 4670

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Evening meeting, Saturday, Aug. 1, Corsley, Bells (6) 5.30 p.m., service 6 p.m.—E. J. Hitchins, 136, Bradley Road, Trowbridge, Wilts. 4675

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Carlton-juxta-Snaith on Saturday, August 1st. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please provide own food, cups of tea only available.—L. M. Woodhead, hon. sec. 9668

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Meeting Ixworth (6), Aug. 1. Names for tea to L. Wright, Dis. Sec.

GUILDFORD GUILD (Leatherhead District) SURREY ASSOCIATION (Northern District).—Joint meeting Leatherhead, Monday, Aug. 3. Bells from 3, service 4.30 tea in Church Hall 5.15. Notifications to G. Marriener, 7, Poplar Avenue, Leatherhead. More ringing after tea. 4667

BARNESLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Ackworth, nr. Pontefract, Saturday, August 8th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Please bring your own food.—J. W. Buxton. 4581

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Monthly meeting, Sandy, Saturday, Aug. 8. Bells (6) 3 p.m., tea 5 p.m. Special methods: Double Court, Bedford Delight. A good meeting called for.—A. Smith, District Secretary. 4669

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Bridlington, Sat., Aug. 8. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Please bring own food, cups of tea only available. 4679

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Redbourn, Saturday, August 8th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, August 4th to Mr. J. Hobbs, 84, High Street, Redbourn.—J. Good, dis. sec. 4657

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Balcombe, August 8th. 'Tea at the 'The Half Moon.' Names early please.—C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst, Sussex. 4666

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Sudbury District.—Meeting at Acton (5) on Saturday, August 8th, Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.45. Names for tea to Miss R. Seabrook, Clare. 4663

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. Gillsborough Branch.—Meeting Oxendon with East Farndon, Saturday, August 8th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to E. M. Thresher, Watson Road, Long Buckley. 4683

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Meeting at St. Andrew's, Enfield not Walthamstow, Saturday, August 8th. Ringing 3.45 p.m., service 4.30, tea 5 and evening ringing until 7.30 p.m. Tea only provided for those notifying by August 8th D. E. Towers, 52, Brodie Road, Enfield, Middlesex.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Saturday, August 15th, by kind permission of Lincoln Guild, evening meeting Claypole. Bells (5) 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. All welcome.—W. L. Exton, hon. sec. 4645

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Practice meeting at Old Coudsdon (5) on Saturday, August 15th, Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by August 12th to Miss R. Naylor, 6, Hartley Way, Purley. 4684

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern District). DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint Meeting, Tickhill, August 15th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea in Public Library 5 p.m., 2/6 per head. Names for tea to Mr. J. Cannings, 15, Northgate, Tickhill, Doncaster, by 13th. All welcome.—J. J. L. Gilbert and G. Watson. 4678

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Evening practice meeting, Barkby, Saturday, August 22nd Ringing 6-8.30 p.m. Learners particularly invited. 4674

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ringers' service at St. Mary-within-the-Walls, Chester, on Sunday, September 6th, at 6.30 p.m. Bells (8) from 4.30 until service time and after service. All welcome. Buffet tea.—J. W. Clarke (Master), Henry O. Baker (Gen. Secretary). 4660

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Dinner at Bolland's, Chester, on Saturday, October 10th. Meet 5.30 p.m. Tickets 14/6 each. Accommodation limited.—Henry O. Baker, gen. sec., 63, Parkgate Road, Chester. 4661

## BURGHILL, HEREFORDSHIRE

An enjoyable day in the Cotswolds was spent by Burghill ringers and a few friends on June 27th. Ringing took place on the recently rehung bells at Quedgeley, Wolton-under-Edge, Dursley, Tetbury, where the bells have frequently been broadcast, Stroud and St. Mary de Crypt, Gloucester. Special thanks are due to Mr. Leslie Barry for arranging the tour.

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**RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.**—On June 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original): Miss E. Hatch 1, W. Ward 2, F. May 3, F. Ely 4, J. Blower 5, R. D. Tomlin 6, A. House 7, M. Hallett 8.

**ROTHERHAM, YORKS.**—On June 14th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: R. Woodward 1, Miss M. Mills 2, Miss E. A. Wardill 3, Mrs. N. Chaddock 4, I. Tilling 5, Miss S. Chaddock 6, J. N. D. Chaddock 7, D. French 8, N. Chaddock (cond.) 9, P. Walker 10. For Evensong. Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to John Abbott, 76 years a chorister at this church, who was interred the previous day.

**SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKS.**—On May 7th, 1,440 Minor (720 Plain Bob, 720 Kent Treble Bob): R. Pawson 1, A. Sheppard 2, Mrs. J. Render 3, J. Potts 4, H. Sandham 5, K. B. Sissons (cond.) 6. For Ascension Day. Also on June 7th, 1,260 Doubles (720 St. Clement's, 540 Plain Bob): H. Paul 1, A. Sheppard 2, Mrs. J. Render 3, J. Potts 4, H. Sandham 5, K. B. Sissons (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

**STAGSDEN, BEDS.**—On June 9th, 1,320 Minor (720 Single Oxford, 600 Plain Bob): K. Wakefield 1, Deborah Hopkins (first of Minor 'inside') 2, J. Long 3, R. L. Piron 4, J. H. Edwards 5, R. G. Corby (cond.) 6. A compliment to Miss Evelyn Steel, president of the Bedfordshire Association, on the eve of her 80th birthday.

**WENHASTON, SUFFOLK.**—On June 8th, 1,440 Minor (Kent and Plain Bob): C. J. Gibson 1, E. T. Chapman 2, W. B. Duncan 3, A. W. Bird 4, L. E. Etheridge 5, J. W. Blythe (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Canon R. N. Pyke, former Vicar of Southwold, and Rural Dean.

**WESTONING, BEDS.**—On June 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. Sharpe 1, G. M. Payne 2, T. Harris 3, K. C. Fleming 4, D. Brazier (cond.) 5, C. Mann 6. Rung as an engagement compliment to the tenor ringer and Miss Mary Tysoe, of Bromham, Beds.

**WILLINGHAM, CAMBS.**—On May 29th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: M. Turner 1, G. Turner 2, D. Murfet 3, C. W. Cook 4, G. A. Lucas 5, D. E. R. Knights (cond.) 6.

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