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HANDBELLS AT HOME

FOR my 21st birthday, my mother and father gave me a set of handbells. This was a gift which gave me real pleasure, for at that time all my peals had been scored on handbells, and although I was capable of a peal in the tower certain circumstances, followed immediately by the wartime ban on the traditional use of church bells, effectively prevented any attempt. In the event, my present was of no practical use, for on the great day when a man, as he thinks, achieves a degree of independence, I found myself stationed in one of the less salubrious parts of the West African coast. At the end of the war, all ringers were quite naturally anxious to get things going in the towers again, and although the handbells received some attention, with a peal or two scored upon them, they remained, whilst useful on occasion, more a treasured possession than anything else.

A reference back to a leading article of a decade or so ago, entitled *The Ringer's Wife*, will show that it concluded by remarking that the ultimate sacrifice a ringer's wife was expected to make was that of her good name. 'Old So-and-so's not ringing much these days,' it ran, or words to that effect, 'I expect it's his wife.' Like 'dat puddy tat' in the song that caught on before the present beat and what-have-you, 'Old So-and-so' happened to fit my case—extremely closely, as a matter of fact. I rang less, far less, after my marriage, the point being reached where the score in a given year stood more than once at: Children, 1; Peals, nil. Yet I still think I was well aware of what I was about; now I have three sons, and the family, my wife included, has started on the handbells in earnest.

My wife never took all that kindly to tower bell ringing, not to mention any other sort, but she managed Stedman Cinques and London, due mainly, as she would admit straight away, to the encouragement of an excellent band. Perhaps the highlight of her career as a ringer came during a Central Council meeting at Exeter one year, when the well-known Wilfred W—, in what we have always been sure was a case of mistaken identity, invited her to stand in a peal of Bristol, which she naturally declined as gracefully as possible in the circumstances! Handbells were another matter, and she never made much progress with them; but now the situation has changed. My two older boys have lately been accompanying me to my local tower, and they have known of the existence of the handbells in the house for years, since we have always found it most appropriate to bring them out at Christmas time.

At this point I must make the firm statement that I have recently developed a tremendous respect for Bob Minimus. There's nothing like it for teaching beginners. We practise daily. My wife, taking the tenors, was terribly afraid of two bells at first; previously one had always seemed more than enough, and being somewhat temperamental as well, she had to be guided with extreme care—not the least bit of pushing, which puts off so many learners. Gradually she learned how to make seconds over the treble and dodge with another bell at the same time; to ring the parted lead; to dodge together behind. Surprisingly, we ran into a great difficulty there, for it was a week before she could run into rounds with a confident flourish. We solved that one by practising Bastow Little Court Bob Minimus, where the tenors start off with a dodge. An excellent method, Bastow. We have grown so fond of it now that we ring Spliced Plain and Bastow on four, with bobs and singles—the lot, in fact. Repetition of changes doesn't worry us. My eldest son is tackling Minimus lead by lead, and for myself I can honestly declare that at last I'm grasping what *really* happens, better than I ever did years ago when I was carried along by more experienced ringers. Therefore I recommend this method of teaching to those ringers who are blessed with wives who shy at the suggestion that they should try a pair.

Many really competent ringers are sometimes heard to confess that they can't ring handbells. Have they ever tried—right from the very bottom of the ladder? You can take a horse to the water, says the proverb, and I reckon mine's taking a little sip now. However, I must be careful, she won't like that analogy, and it might be safer to quote the Spaniards, who have a proverb for every situation, when they remark: *Poco a poco se va lejos*, or Little by little one goes far. We're not expecting to emulate the Gofstons, but at any rate a family peal of Bob Major or even Royal 'in hand' one day begins to move within the realm of possibility.

One of the best-struck handbell peals in which I've taken part had in the band that perspicacious gentleman who reports so delightfully upon his visits to Professor Dodge. I wonder if he might consider it worth while to take up this matter with the sage? In case I put pen to paper or, speaking more correctly, tap the alphabet's false teeth again on some future occasion, please take note that my pseudonym, in ringing circles at any rate, shall be

EL PROFESOR.

TEN BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5040 ULVERSCROFT SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. . 6
*ERNEST MORRIS .. . 2	ROBERT J. WARRILOW .. . 7
KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. . 3	A. JAMES POYNOR .. . 8
†GORDON H. LANE .. . 4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. . 9
RICHARD J. WARRILOW .. . 5	JOHN M. JELLEY .. . Tenor

Composed by SHIRLEY BURTON. Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

* 300th peal on the bells. † First touch of Surprise Royal. The treble ringer has now 'circled the campanile.' The quickest peal of Royal on tower bells.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Feb. 5, 1961, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL

In four methods, comprising 1,320 Cambridge, 1,320 Yorkshire, 1,200 London (No. 3) and 1,200 Lincolnshire; with 77 changes of method.

Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb. in D.

EDWARD JENKINS .. Treble	A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. . 6
F. JOHN NELSON .. . 2	TREVOR TAYLOR .. . 7
RONALD J. JOHNSTON .. . 3	DEREK TAYLOR .. . 8
NEIL BENNETT .. . 4	DEREK OGDEN .. . 9
FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. . 5	FREDERICK W. GROCOTT .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.

First peal in four Surprise Royal methods for all the band, and for the Association.

ULVERSCROFT SURPRISE ROYAL

—30—14—50—16—70—18—14—50, 78.36.78

H.L. 90. L.H. 12. G.P.B. F.C.E.'s 32465, 43265.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

NORTHFLEET, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST BOTOLPH.

A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. Treble	GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. . 5
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. . 2	IAN H. ORAM .. . 6
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. . 3	RALPH BIRD .. . 7
*TREVOR A. CROSS .. . 4	FRANK E. DARBY .. . Tenor

Composed by HAROLD G. CASHMORE (C.C.C. 24).
Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

* First peal in the method. 100th peal on the bells.

SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1961, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In six methods, being 1,600 London, 1,440 Rutland, 640 Cambridge, 480 Bristol, Superlative and Yorkshire; with 129 changes of method.

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

ANTHONY AGER .. Treble	BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY .. . 5
JOHN McDONALD .. . 2	NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. . 6
JOHN PINFOLD .. . 3	GEORGE E. FEARN .. . 7
DAVID J. PURNELL .. . 4	PETER BORDER .. . Tenor

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

WEST MALLING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in G.

*ERNEST J. LADD .. Treble	†MONTY W. GILBERT .. . 5
THOMAS E. SONE .. . 2	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. . 6
*OLIVE D. COUCHMAN .. . 3	†COLIN A. TESTER .. . 7
†MARTIN L. HOWE .. . 4	TREVOR A. CROSS .. . Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* 25th peal together. † First in the method.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Jan. 22, 1961, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In ten methods, comprising 1,120 London, 1,120 Rutland, 640 Bristol and 320 each of Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire, Pudsey, Lincolnshire, Wembley and Eastcote; with 125 changes of method.

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

NEIL BENNETT .. Treble	*F. JOHN NELSON .. . 5
A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. . 2	JOHN H. FIELDEN .. . 6
FREDERICK W. GROCOTT .. . 3	DEREK OGDEN .. . 7
FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. . 4	DEREK TAYLOR .. . Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise.

DONINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Jan. 23, 1961, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND THE HOLY ROOD,

A PEAL OF 5056 RUNNYMEDE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

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

Composed by S. H. WOODS.

Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.

First peal in the method by all.

In memoriam John A. Freeman, Master of the Guild.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Jan. 25, 1961, in 3 Hours and 3½ Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

*CHRISTINE MACNAIR .. Treble	JOHN ROBINSON .. . 5
SHIRLEY HARRIS .. . 2	PETER LAFLIN .. . 6
EILEEN M. FEARN .. . 3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. . 7
CAROL FERNLEY .. . 4	ROBERT B. SMITH .. . Tenor

Composed by THOS. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

* First peal of Surprise.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Jan. 26, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's No. 1 variation. Tenor 15½ cwt.

*DEXTER D. TAYLOR .. Treble	BURLEY P. MORRIS .. . 5
*MICHAEL H. PAULSON .. . 2	GEORGE H. PAULSON .. . 6
RONALD H. BULLEN .. . 3	HERBERT E. TAYLOR .. . 7
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD .. . 4	ERNEST PAULSON .. . Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT E. TAYLOR.

* First peal in the method.

MORPETH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Jan. 26, 1961, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE WATCH TOWER.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Brian D. Price's Twelve-Part. Tenor 10 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

*M. ELAINE MURCOTT .. Treble	GEORGE S. DEAS .. . 5
*ALAN R. PATTERSON .. . 2	KENNETH W. CHEESEMAN .. . 6
NICHOLAS I. WRIGHT .. . 3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. . 7
†JOHN E. ANDERSON .. . 4	ERIC N. HARRISON .. . Tenor

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

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

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Jan. 26, 1961, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In ten methods, being 768 of London, 704 Bristol, 576 each of Ealing, Rutland and Watford, 384 each of Cambridge, Superlative, Wembley and Yorkshire, and 288 of Lincolnshire; with 136 changes of method.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER .. Treble	ALICK CUTLER .. . 5
JOAN BERESFORD .. . 2	ALFRED J. HOUSE .. . 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. . 3	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. . 7
THOMAS J. LOCK .. . 4	JOHN R. MAYNE .. . Tenor

Composed by EDWIN A. BARNETT.

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

Rung in memory of Frederick W. Brinklow.

ADLINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Preston Branch.)

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1961, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5088 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOHN H. GARTSIDE .. Treble	*LAWRENCE WALMSLEY .. . 5
*STANLEY WALMSLEY .. . 2	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE .. . 6
†THOMAS BARKER .. . 3	†DONALD LAWSON .. . 7
†MAYRL R. CROSSTHWAITE .. . 4	*FRANK STEAD .. . Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.

* First peal in the method. † 150th peal. ‡ First 'true' peal of Surprise.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1961, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt.

LEONARD STILWELL .. Treble	ERNEST TREGUS .. . 5
*JEAN HORION .. . 2	J. RICHARD WILSON .. . 6
ALBERT W. BOND .. . 3	HENRY C. WEAVER .. . 7
RICHARD G. BLACKMAN .. . 4	RAYMOND P. WOOD .. . Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS.

Conducted by RAYMOND P. WOOD.

* First peal of Major 'inside.'

BACKWELL, SOMERSET.
 THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 28, 1961, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.

DOREEN COX Treble	REGINALD G. HOOPER .. 5
*MICHAEL J. AUSTIN .. 2	*JOHN BRAIN 6
HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. 3	ANTHONY E. COX 7
BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
 * First peal of Yorkshire, and on the bells. The conductor's 825th peal (conducted 422).

BIRSTALL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
 THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREATER.
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 10 cwt. 13 lb. in A flat.

MARTIN C. FAULKES .. Treble	WILLIAM J. ROOT 5
BRIAN G. WARWICK 2	A. MAXWELL LINDSEY .. 6
*DEREK M. SAWYER 3	ALAN E. JACQUES 7
GEOFFREY M. BREWIN .. 4	B. STEDMAN PAYNE Tenor

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER (No. B.71).
 Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
 * First peal in the method. First of Major on the bells.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
 THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 28, 1961, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.
A PEAL OF 5056 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
 Tenor 21½ cwt.

WALTER W. MILLER .. Treble	RAYMOND F. TAYLOR .. 5
HARRY D. LISTER 2	WALTER RUFFLES 6
*ROBERT E. LESTER 3	†WILLIAM J. BUTTON .. 7
*ALAN R. BRIDGES 4	LESLIE G. BRETT Tenor

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN. Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.
 * 100th peal together. † 250th peal.
 This peal has 56 courses and 56 calls.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
 THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 28, 1961, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
 AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
 Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

*DAVID A. HUGHES .. Treble	FREDERICK OLDROYD .. 5
WILLIAM T. BEESON 2	GEOFFREY TOWNEND .. 6
STANLEY G. PONTING .. 3	KENNETH PARK 7
DAVID J. TUBBS 4	HAROLD A. MAY Tenor

Composed by W. AYRE. Conducted by HAROLD A. MAY.
 * First peal at first attempt.
 Arranged for the ringers of the sixth and seventh, who hail from Wakefield Cathedral.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.
 THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 28, 1961, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in D.

AVRIL IVIN Treble	JAMES H. PAILING 5
JEAN M. ADDICOTT 2	*ROBERT R. CHURCHILL .. 6
STEPHEN IVIN 3	ALFRED E. RUSHTON .. 7
RONALD J. SHARP 4	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES .. Tenor

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY. Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.
 * First Surprise peal.
 The composition is a transposition of C.C.C. No. 11.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.
 THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5040 KIRBY-LE-SOKEN BOB MAJOR
 Tenor 9½ cwt.

RACHEL J. R. NEWSTEAD .. Treble	URBAN W. WILDNEY 5
BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD .. 2	ROY DUESBURY 6
FRANK B. LUFKIN 3	EDWARD E. DAVEY 7
ARTHUR G. BUTTON 4	GEORGE N. ORMAN Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
 The ringer of the seventh has now 'circled the tower' six times.
 First peal in the method, which is C.C. Collection No. 265.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
 THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,
 AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

JOHN M. JELLEY Treble	RICHARD J. WARRILOW .. 5
GORDON H. LANE 2	ROBERT J. WARRILOW .. 6
A. JAMES POYNOR 3	RUSSELL S. MORRIS 7
KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 4	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

SHALFORD, SURREY.
 THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
 Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb.

Parker's Twelve-Part.	R. IAN VAUGHAN 5
LESLIE C. W. HUNTER .. Treble	†ALLAN C. A. HUNTER .. 6
JILL M. LANE 2	DOUGLAS A. R. MAY .. 7
JOHN W. EUSTON 3	ARTHUR E. HUNTER .. Tenor
*PETER C. SAUNDERS .. 4	

Conducted by DOUGLAS A. R. MAY.
 * First peal 'inside.' † First peal. First of Triples as conductor.

STALYBRIDGE, CHESHIRE.
 THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 18 cwt. 24 lb. in E.

EDWARD JENKINS Treble	BASIL JONES 5
*JOHN ROBINSON 2	A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. 6
EILEEN M. FEARN 3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY 7
CAROL FERNLEY 4	ROBERT B. SMITH Tenor

Composed by G. LEWIS. Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.
 * First peal in the method.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.
 THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 28, 1961, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
 AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND THOMAS OF CANTERBURY,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

WILLIAM CLOVER Treble	THOMAS E. SPIGHT 5
ARTHUR G. BASON 2	REV. GILES C. GALLEY .. 6
GEORGE SAYER 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 7
F. NOLAN GOLDEN 4	BERT GOGLE Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by WILLIAM CLOVER.
 Rung as a compliment to the conductor on the 50th anniversary of his first peal.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
 THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Jan. 30, 1961, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.
A PEAL OF 5152 BERKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.


CAROL FERNLEY Treble	RONALD J. JOHNSTON .. 5
JOHN GILDEN 2	BRIAN HARRIS 6
EILEEN M. FEARN 3	†EDWARD JENKINS 7
*BASIL JONES 4	†ROBERT B. SMITH Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by BASIL JONES.
 * 100th peal on the bells. † First in the method.

PAKEFIELD, SUFFOLK.
 THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Jan. 30, 1961, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS AND ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
 Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in G.

DOUGLAS MITCHELL .. Treble	GEORGE A. KINDRED .. 5
*MARION COOK 2	RICHARD C. L. BROWN .. 6
MICHAEL SOLLEY 3	MICHAEL J. PARKER 7
MICHAEL UTTON 4	PETER KINDRED Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by PETER KINDRED.
 * First peal, first attempt.
 Rung for the rededication festival and to mark the completion of the interior restoration of the tower.

<p>CHURCH CLOCKS</p> <p>NEW ELECTRIC OR HAND-WOUND INSTALLATIONS—ALL TYPES OF REPAIRS</p>	<p>EXISTING HAND-WOUND CLOCKS CONVERTED TO ELECTRIC DRIVE</p> <p>Inspections & Estimates Free</p>	 <p>JOHN SMITH & SONS - DERBY</p>
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BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE. THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. On Thurs., Feb. 2, 1961, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR Middleton's. Tenor 13 cwt. JOHN E. ROOTES ... Treble REGINALD ROWLEY ... 5

Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of Frederick W. Brinklow.

ERITH, KENT. THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. On Fri., Feb. 3, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR Tenor 15 cwt. in G. IAN H. ORAM ... Treble BERNARD F. L. GROVES ... 5

CONISBROUGH, YORKSHIRE. THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. On Sat., Feb. 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR In four methods, being 1,312 Bristol and 1,280 each of London, Cambridge and Superlative, with 112 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE. THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD. On Sat., Feb. 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR In five methods, being 1,056 Cambridge, 1,024 each of Yorkshire, Lincolnshire and Pudsey, and 960 Superlative; with all the work of each method for each bell, and 126 changes of method.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE. THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. On Sat., Feb. 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 FORDCOMBE SURPRISE MAJOR Tenor 11 cwt. 16 lb. in G sharp. RAYMOND W. SELBY ... Treble WILLIAM J. NEWMAN ... 5

EWELL, SURREY. THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. On Sat., Feb. 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F sharp. EDWARD G. L. COWARD ... Treble STANLEY G. PONTING ... 5

LEYTON, ESSEX. THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY. On Sat., Feb. 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in A flat. E. JANE LANGTON ... Treble PAUL CATTERMOLE ... 5

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

KETTERINGHAM, NORFOLK. THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. On Sat., Jan. 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR Tenor 10 cwt. WILLIAM CLOVER ... Treble THOMAS E. SPIGHT ... 4

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE. THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. On Sat., Jan. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR In four methods, being one extent of Double Oxford Bob and two each of Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob.

STISED, ESSEX. THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION. On Thurs., Jan. 26, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPICED SURPRISE MINOR Being seven extents in 31 methods: (1) Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Rossendale, Stamford, Netherseale and Annable's London; (2) Chester, Munden, Alnwick and Newcastle; (3) Beverley, Surfleet, Berwick, Hexham, York and Durham; (4) Lincoln, Coldstream and Redbourne; (5) London, Wells and Cuneastre; (6) Cambridge, Ipswich, Primrose, Norfolk, Bourne and Hull; (7) Westminster, Allendale and Fryerning Surprise; 103 changes of method.

DANBURY, ESSEX. THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION. On Sat., Jan. 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DANBURY DELIGHT MINOR Being one 2,160 and four extents. Tenor 12 cwt. PATRICK W. SALTMARSH ... Treble DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS ... 4

EARLS CROOME, WORCESTERSHIRE. THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. On Sat., Jan. 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 14 lb. EDWARD MAUND ... Treble CHARLES HAYLINGS ... 4

FRAMPTON, LINCOLNSHIRE. THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. On Sat., Jan. 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR Being one extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 1/2 cwt. LESLIE H. TAYLOR ... Treble ALBERT E. FLAATERS ... 4

MIDDLE LITTLETON, WORCESTERSHIRE. THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. On Sat., Jan. 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 NETHERSEALE SURPRISE MINOR Being seven 720's. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb. in G. MICHAEL J. BULLER ... Treble WILLIAM B. POMEROY ... 4

SOUTH CERNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt.
*ANN LEGG Treble | †MICHAEL J. COOK 4
†ROLAND T. WAKEFIELD 2 | †RONALD J. SMITH 5
†ANN STEPHENS 3 | WILLIAM A. GODWIN Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. GODWIN.

* First peal. † First of Plain Bob Minor.

STRETTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven 720's in five methods: (1) Double Oxford, (2) St. Clement's, (3) Plain Bob, (4 and 5) Oxford Treble Bob, (6 and 7) Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

ROY FOSTER Treble | JOHN RYDER 4
HENRY PARKER 2 | HAROLD WORRALL 5
HARRY W. HOWARD 3 | DENIS MADDOCK Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD WORRALL.

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's St. Clement's, one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B., and two 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt.

FRANK COOKE Treble | DENNIS A. SMEDLEY 4
GEORGE CHALLANS 2 | HERBERT T. ROOKE 5
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD 3 | RICHARD E. PRICE Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD E. PRICE.

WENTWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of York, London and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 12 lb. in G.

GORDON K. CHADDOCK Treble | W. ERIC CRITCHLEY 4
HOWARD SCOTT 2 | IAN M. HOLLAND 5
JOHN S. SEAGER 3 | RICHARD E. PRICE Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD E. PRICE.

WEST HANNEY, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1961, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,

A PEAL OF 5280 DOUBLES

Comprising five extents of Reverse St. Bartholomew, Grandsire and April Day, six of Kennington, five of Plain Bob, six of Southrepps, five of Clifford and seven of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob. Tenor 17 cwt. in E.

*†SIDNEY D. EDWARDS Treble | †JOHN S. WALKER 4
†NOEL D. DEAM 2 | ALEC GAMMON 5
ROY H. JONES 3 | †EDWARD R. VENN Tenor

Conducted by ROY H. JONES.

* First peal for 24 years. † First in eight methods.

WOOD GREEN, LONDON.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt.
*CLIVE SIMPSON Treble | ALAN E. BAGWORTH 4
JOHN H. CRAMPION 2 | ALAN J. FROST 5
DIANA M. LAWLESS 3 | MICHAEL P. MORETON Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL P. MORETON.

* First attempt for a peal.

PASTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Jan. 29, 1961, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Norwich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in G.

WILLIAM CLOVER Treble | PETER ADCOCK 4
DAVID CUBITT 2 | GILBERT E. LARTER 5
THOMAS E. SPIGHT 3 | H. WILLIAM BARRETT Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM CLOVER.

SPROUGHTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sun., Jan. 29, 1961, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

*DAVID WILSON Treble | KEITH WHITTLE 4
*NEVILLE WHITTLE 2 | MAX P. PAGE 5
ROGER WHITTLE 3 | RONALD STEWARD Tenor

Conducted by MAX P. PAGE.

* First peal and first attempt.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., Jan. 30, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in G.

HENRY IVINGS Treble | HUBERT A. MITSON 4
*MRS. H. IVINGS 2 | ROBERT E. LESTER 5
RAYMOND F. TAYLOR 3 | JOHN E. IVINGS Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT E. LESTER.

* First peal of Minor 'inside.'
A birthday peal for Canon S. H. De la Bere (Rector), Mr. Joseph Prentice (former sexton) and Mrs. R. E. Lester.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Mon., Jan. 30, 1961, in 1 Hour and 53 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods, viz.: (1) Single Oxford Bob, (2) Double Oxford Bob, (3) Oxford Treble Bob, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) St. Clement's Bob, (6) Kent Treble Bob and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 2 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

RUSSELL S. MORRIS Treble | JOHN M. JELLEY 4
ERNEST MORRIS 2 | JOSEPH W. COTTON 5
RICHARD J. CLIFTON 3 | G. RONALD EDWARDS Tenor

Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

WENHASTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tues., Jan. 31, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 6 lb.
*WILLIAM E. RIGGS Treble | H. WILLIAM BARRETT 4
PETER S. BEDFORD 2 | C. JACK GIBSON 5
JACK PILGRIM 3 | JOHN W. BLYTHE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

* First peal. Mr. Peter Bedford has now 'circled' this tower twice. A silver wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Pipe.

COSBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Feb. 3, 1961, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 lb. in G.
JOHN B. BENNETT Treble | DAVID LEE 4
*JILL PICKERING 2 | †KENNETH E. NEEDHAM 5
†RONALD O. NEEDHAM 3 | ERIC ROBERTS Tenor

Conducted by JOHN B. BENNETT.

* First peal. † First of Kent.

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BARTON-IN-FABIS, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Sat., Feb. 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Cambridge Surprise, one of Oxford Treble Bob and two each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.
DAVID J. OALEGGE Treble | ROBERT E. DAY 4
DEBORAH HOPKINS 2 | DAVID W. FRIEND 5
MARTIN D. BISHOP 3 | KENNETH W. PRICE Tenor

Conducted by KENNETH W. PRICE.

First peal as conductor.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 6¼ cwt.

*J. MARTIN THORLEY .. Treble | FRANK TAYLOR 4
JOSEPH W. BAILY 2 | *ALAN G. PAYNE 5
JOHN G. AMES 3 | WILLIAM E. CLARKE .. Tenor

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

*25th peal together.

SHALSTONE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Feb. 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD-THE-CONFESSOR,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Comprising 720 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Simon's, St. Martin's and Plain Bob, 600 of Grandsire, 480 of Stedman, 360 each of St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place and Reverse St. Bartholomew.

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

RAYMOND A. VICKERS .. Treble | GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. 3
WILLIAM A. YATES 2 | FREDERICK VICKERS 4
ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

The second peal on the bells, and the first in nine Doubles methods by all the band except the conductor.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. G. Mather, instituted to this benefice prior to the peal.

HANDBELL PEALS

DERBY.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Jan. 4, 1961, in 1 Hour and 38 Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten extents Antelope and 32 Grandsire. Tenor size 8 in C.
ALAN H. BRIDGES 1-2 | DAVID K. WALKLATE .. 3-4
GEOFFREY BRIDGES 5-6

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.

DERBY.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Jan. 6, 1961, in 1 Hour and 25 Minutes,
IN THE EAST WING, ST. ANDREW'S VICARAGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten extents Antelope and 32 Grandsire. Tenor size 7 in D.
ALAN H. BRIDGES 1-2 | DAVID K. WALKLATE .. 3-4
GEOFFREY BRIDGES 5-6

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.

Rung for the Feast of the Epiphany.

DERBY.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Jan. 11, 1961, in 1 Hour and 15 Minutes,
IN THE EAST WING, ST. ANDREW'S VICARAGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 ANTELOPE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor size 10 in A.
ALAN H. BRIDGES 1-2 | DAVID K. WALKLATE .. 3-4
GEOFFREY BRIDGES 5-6

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.

Believed to be the first peal in the method.

DERBY.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Jan. 15, 1961, in 1 Hour and 15 Minutes,
IN THE EAST WING, ST. ANDREW'S VICARAGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor size 5 in F.
*ALAN H. BRIDGES 1-2 | DAVID K. WALKLATE .. 3-4
*GEOFFREY BRIDGES 5-6

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.

* First peal in the method.

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LOUGHBOROUGH

The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

QUARTER PEALS

ASTON, WARWICKS.—On Jan. 29th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: P. Cason 1, A. S. Burbidge (cond.) 2, A. Short 3, D. Ingram 4, M. Ingram 5, D. T. Finmore 6, R. C. Ingram 7, E. Franklin 8. First of Major for 1, 2, 5 and 6. A birthday compliment to Mr. D. Hatherley, and a get-well compliment to Mr. B. Best, both members of the local band.

AXMINSTER, DEVON.—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Preb. E. V. Cox 1, B. Jean Stevens 2, C. J. Stevens (cond.) 3, W. Stevens 4, Pamela M. Stevens 5, H. V. Young 6, M. Stone 7, L. Morrell 8. A compliment to Preb. E. V. Cox on completing 60 years as a bellringer, by friends from Taunton, Bridgwater, Dunster and East Devon deaneirs.

BALDERTON, NOTTS.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss G. Pritchett (first quarter) 1, Mrs. C. Pritchett 2, B. E. White 3, Mrs. C. W. Reed (cond.) 4, C. W. Reed 5, C. Pritchett 6.

BARKBY, LEICS.—On Jan. 31st, 1,560 Doubles (960 Plain Bob, 600 Canterbury): A. Holling 1, Amy Warnes (first 'inside') 2, M. R. A. Kirk (cond.) 3, B. Brant 4, R. D. Flowers 5, R. Kirby 6. A birthday compliment to Mrs. G. Brant, mother of 4th ringer.

BARTON-IN-FABIS, NOTTS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Barbara Dickens 1, H. Harrison 2, G. Fisher (cond.) 3, D. Oliver 4, S. Adams 5, L. Harrison 6.

BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. Pryke (first quarter of Doubles) 1, Miss L. Doone 2, Miss M. Witney 3, Miss J. Wood 4, Miss B. Fisher (cond.) 5. For Matins by the Sunday service band. Believed to be the first all-ladies quarter peal at this tower.

BICKER, Lincs.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. H. Bennett 1, G. R. Dawson 2, P. H. Reynolds 3, S. E. Bennett 4, B. Brown (first quarter of Stedman) 5, N. B. Fovague 6, W. B. Dawson (cond.) 7, C. Stubley 8.

BLACKBURN, LANCS.—At the Cathedral, on Jan. 23rd, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: K. A. Earnshaw 1, A. Tomlinson 2, F. Longworth 3, J. Skeats 4, G. Wignall 5, F. Heyes 6, J. Halliwell (cond.) 7, G. Atkinson 8. Rung half-muffled as a last tribute to Thomas Wilson, for many years captain of the Cathedral band, until his enforced retirement in 1957 through ill-health.

BRIDGERULE, DEVON.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Vinnicombe 1, C. Cholwill 2, R. Pearce (cond.) 3, W. Cholwill 4, J. Bowden 5, W. Bond 6. Rung by the Sunday service band for the Patronal Festival.

CAVERSHAM, READING.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Padley (first away from tenor) 1, Mrs. S. Betts (first 'inside') 2, M. Baughan 3, T. Lanaghan (cond.) 4, J. S. Taylor 5, S. Osborne 6, H. Osborne 7, L. Taylor 8. Rung for Evensong, and 80th anniversary of Oxford Diocesan Guild.

CLYST HONITON, DEVON.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Salway 1, A. Tapley 2, Mrs. G. E. Retter 3, W. Reeks 4, E. E. Retter 5, A. G. Holway 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, E. R. Retter 8. For Evensong.

CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Marjorie E. Pearson (first quarter) 1, J. Vickery 2, M. Armstrong (first 'inside') 3, W. Tyson 4, N. Errington (first as cond.) 5, R. Oliver 6.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On Feb. 5th, at the Parish Church of St. John the Baptist, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: R. Stevens (first of Major) 1, Mrs. F. E. Collins 2, Miss H. Talbot 3, E. Razzell 4, G. H. Humphries 5, R. G. Abbott 6, N. G. Steere 7, F. E. Collins (cond.) 8.

DANEHILL, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Humphrey (age 12, first quarter) 1, Miss B. Butler (first 'inside') 2, A. J. Carter 3, Miss J. Carter (cond.) 4, A. J. Butcher 5, W. J. Sale 6. The treble ringer is the first Cumnor House boy to ring a quarter peal. For family service.

EALING, MIDDX.—On Feb. 5th, at St. Mary's, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. D. Bishop 1, H. J. Eldred 2, A. M. Stacey 3, S. Croft 4, M. Gathercole 5, H. W. Rogers 6, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 7, F. Ranson 8. For morning service. Also at Christ the Saviour, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. M. Tomsett (first quarter) 1, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 2, J. Tomsett 3, J. E. L. Cockey 4, H. J. Eldred 5, M. T. Sprackling 6, S. Croft 7, Mrs. J. Andrews 8. For evening service.

EARL'S CROOME, WORCS.—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse St. Bartholomew, Plain Bob and Grandsire): E. Maund 1, F. Lawrence 2, C. Haylings 3, D. Price (cond.) 4, A. A. Jopp 5.

ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 5th, 1,440 Minor (St. Clement's, Oxford, Kent and Plain Bob): J. Yorke-Parker 1, Mrs. H. Ivings 2, Mrs. D. Reeve 3, J. E. Ivings 4, H. Ivings 5, J. Paul (cond.) 6. For morning service.

EWELL, SURREY.—On Feb. 5th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: P. Munday (first in method) 1, H. E. Good 2, Gladys Anderson 3, Janet Besant 4, P. Ford (first in method) 5, R. C. Spittle 6, J. E. Beams 7, D. Carpenter (cond.) 8. For Confirmation service.

FINCHLEY, MIDDX.—On Feb. 5th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss F. Campbell 1, A. Richardson 2, F. Barker 3, B. Watson 4, A. Warren 5, S. Wallace 6, B. Willis (cond.) 7, L. Tubb 8. For Evensong.

FORDINGBRIDGE, HANTS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Miles (first quarter) 1, Rosemary K. Hayward 2, J. Baverstock 3, J. Mussell 4, R. N. Marlow (cond.) 5, J. Coleman 6.

FRAMPTON, Lincs.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Hunt (first quarter) 1, J. Green 2, B. Hunt 3, A. E. Flatters (cond.) 4, J. R. Kemp 5, R. Bamber 6.

GLOUCESTER.—At the Cathedral Church of the Holy and Indivisible Trinity, on Feb. 1st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor, with the tenor behind: P. Clarkson 1, I. Goulter 2, W. Jones 3, T. Boreham 4, G. Green (cond.) 5, A. L. Barry 6, P. H. Allen 7. In memoriam Bishop A. J. Hodson, first Bishop of Tewkesbury, died January 28th, 1961. Also at the Cathedral Church, on Feb. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Clarkson 1, I. Whiting 2, Nadine Price 3, L. Barry (cond.) 4, G. Green 5, F. Beaumont 6, P. Allen 7, J. Whiting 8. For Matins.

GORING-ON-THAMES, OXON.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Napper 1, S. Franklin 2, Miss P. Haines 3, H. Tull 4, L. Haines 5, N. Tull 6, W. Irving (cond.) 7, J. Tibbits 8. For the Oxford Guild's 80th anniversary.

HEAVITREE, EXETER.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: R. Truman 1, A. Truman 2, F. Willis 3, N. Mallett (cond.) 4, C. Yates 5, F. Wreford 6, G. Skinner 7, F. Mack 8. For Evensong.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (All Saints', Plain Bob): P. Friend 1, C. E. Hill 2, J. J. Wallett (first quarter) 3, W. T. Hill (cond.) 4, R. G. Jones 5. A wedding compliment to Mr. Bryan E. Shedd, a ringing member, and Miss Janet Teele.

LAUNTON, OXON.—On Jan. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Jeacock 1, H. Massey 2, J. Marriott 3, G. Penn 4, F. Sharpe (cond.) 5, G. Gregory 6. First quarter 1 and 4. For the Oxford Guild's 80th anniversary.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS.—On Jan. 25th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. Clapp 1, Margaret Charleson (first quarter) 2, H. B. Whitney 3, W. Inley 4, R. Woodruff 5, J. M. Stephens (cond.) 6.

MERTON, SURREY.—On Jan. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Westminster II, Blackburn P.B., New, Huntspill, St. Nicholas', Winchendon P.B., St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob): Rita Gasson 1, Joan Spreadbury 2, N. J. Davies 3, A. Spreadbury 4, P. Cattermole (cond.) 5. Rung after a peal failure (broken rope). First in 11 methods by all.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob Minor: Daphne Hyams 1, Ann Hancock 2, Wendy Bowak 3, R. Bridges 4, J. McPhail 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6. Before family service, as a birthday compliment to Ann Hancock.

OLD WHITTINGTON, DERBYS.—On Feb. 1st, 720 Kent T.B., 360 Killmarsh T.B., 240 Oxford T.B.: A. Else 1, G. J. Newman 2, G. G. Lawrence 3, L. Gascoyne 4, D. A. Culling 5, S. C. Lawrence (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Rev. C. R. Miller, Rector, 1959-61.

ORSETT, ESSEX.—On Jan. 15th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss E. Mason 1, Mrs. F. W. Blatch 2, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 3, T. E. G. Taylor 4, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 5, H. G. Goddard 6.

PAINSWICK, GLOS.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Green 1, P. Clarkson 2, G. Goulding 3, W. Jones 4, L. Edwards 5, L. Barry (cond.) 6, P. Allen 7, R. Watts 8. For Evensong.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—On Jan. 29th, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. J. Marks (first on eight) 1, Miss Y. C. Porter 2, W. G. Lavers 3, D. F. Wheeler 4, T. G. Myers 5, D. R. Bould (first on eight as cond.) 6, H. F. Myers 7, W. H. Marks 8.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. M. Midge (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Weekes 2, A. Clayton 3, Miss C. Carpenter 4, B. Coatsworth 5, J. Perrett (cond.) 6. For Patronal Festival Evensong.

QUEDGELEY, CLOS.—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. G. Brown 1, H. Taysom 2, Myra J. Wilkins 3, W. Richings 4, E. Cooksley 5, A. L. Barry (cond.) 6, A. W. Gibbs 7, B. K. Lewis 8. An 80th birthday compliment to Mr. J. G. Jefferies, of Mangotsfield.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Jan. 8th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: W. Ward 1, M. Hallett 2, Miss V. Hester 3, F. May 4, G. Sandwell 5, R. Tomlin 6, M. Hatch 7, A. House (cond.) 8. Rung for Evensong.

ROMSEY, HANTS.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. Pointer (first in the method) 1, Audrey J. Knight 2, J. Hartless 3, C. Herbert 4, D. Greenlaw 5, H. J. Page 6, A. W. Fry (cond.) K. J. Jacobs 8. For Evensong.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: A. Holroyd 1, W. Donovan 2, S. Armeson 3, Mrs. N. Chaddock 4, Mrs. M. Burns 5, Susan Chaddock 6, R. Woodward 7, P. Walker 8, J. N. D. Chaddock 9, N. Chaddock (cond.) 10. Rung for the Thanksgiving service for the repair of the tower, and as a welcome to the Archbishop of York.

ST. PETER'S-IN-TANET, KENT.—On Dec. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (with 6, 8 covering): Ann Postlethwaite (first quarter) 1, Pauline Fennell 2, Mary S. Taylor 3, Sonia K. Davies 4, Mrs. N. Bridges (cond.) 5, B. Marshall 6, J. Baxter 7, E. Fowles (first quarter) 8. A farewell to Mr. Fairbeard. Also on Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Minor (Kent T.B. and Plain Bob) with 7, 8 covering: Ann Postlethwaite 1, Mary S. Taylor 2, Sonia K. Davies 3, Pauline Fennell 4, J. Baxter 5, P. Newing (cond.) 6, Christine Cobbold 7, E. Fowles 8. For Evensong.

SALISBURY, WILTS.—On Jan. 29th, at the Church of St. Thomas, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Margaret R. Page 1, Wendy Bird 2, I. Ann Abrahams 3, H. H. Abrahams 4, E. Haines 5, E. C. Read 6, Rev. R. Keeley (cond.) 7, L. A. Page 8. For Evensong.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.—On Feb. 5th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: A. F. Bareham 1, Jean R. Simmonds (first quarter) 2, J. G. Brett (first quarter) 3, Mrs. C. Bartlett 4, S. Dace 5, D. E. Tupper 6, J. H. Brett 7, E. W. Brown 8. First quarter for many years by a resident service band. Rung for Confirmation service.

SLAUGHAM, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 4th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: D. R. Mitchell 1, Mrs. J. H. Mitchell 2, Mrs. W. Oatway 3, J. H. Gardner 4, E. H. Knapp 5, A. E. Laker 6, W. Oatway 7, R. Overy (cond.) 8. Rung for the wedding of Mr. T. Baldwin and Miss M. Hobden.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Jan. 31st, 1,344 Gainsborough Surprise Major: A. D. Rivers 1, D. P. Hilling 2, Pamela M. Jervis 3, J. K. Ward (cond.) 4, W. D. Ward 5, H. Oglesby 6, W. Birmingham 7, F. R. Scott 8. First in the method for all, except 7 and 8. Rung half-muffled by the Slough band (assisted by H. Oglesby, of Hitcham), as a tribute to their former colleague, Frank V. H. Sinkins, died this day, aged 96 years.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On Jan. 8th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: N. May (first quarter) 1, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 2, Mrs. B. G. Warwick 3, J. H. Hale 4, M. G. Wood 5, D. W. Stenson 6. For Evensong, to welcome the Rev. A. H. Silverwood, C.E.C.S.

STEVENTON, BERKS.—On Jan. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. Beale (first quarter) 1, D. Jordan (cond.) 2, D. Bosley 3, D. R. Bennett 4, J. Jarvis 5, J. Hobson (first quarter) 6. For the Oxford Guild's 80th birthday.

STOCKLAND, DEVON.—On Jan. 13th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: W. Webb (Honion) 1, Preb. E. V. Cox (Axminster) 2, C. J. Turner (Otery St. Mary) 3, G. H. Cross (cond., Chardstock) 4, B. Pidgeon (Awliscombe) 6. Rung to celebrate Preb. Cox's 60th anniversary as a ringer.

TETSWORTH, OXON.—On Jan. 5th, 1,360 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Grandsire and Plain Bob): Margaret Cozier (longest length) 1, J. S. Walker 2, R. H. Jones (cond.) 3, E. R. Venn 4, J. Pladdys 5, P. J. Heritage (first quarter) 6. Rung for Epiphany.

TWYNING, GLOS.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Hawkes 1, F. Hawkes (cond.) 2, Christine Halling 3, W. Williams 4, K. Brookes 5, D. Williams 6. Rung before Evensong, as a compliment to Mr. George Boulton, on his 84th birthday.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Feb. 5th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: G. Avent (first of Major) 1, W. G. Paul (cond.) 2, Jennifer M. Bunyan 3, A. J. Hickson 4, B. B. Hullah 5, R. D. Bell 6, R. G. Smith 7, G. W. Seaman 8. For Evensong.

WEST HOATHLY, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Tanner 1, J. A. Howard (cond.) 2, D. Martindale 3, J. Leppard 4, D. Slater 5, A. Dawes 6. Rung for 1st birthday of daughter of D. Slater.

WOODFORD, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 4th, 1,296 Plain Bob Minimus (with 5, 6 covering): V. Headland 1, J. Groom (cond.) 2, Miss D. C. H. Gibson 3, J. Coulson 4, Miss K. Brown 5, R. Murdin 6. First quarter for 5 and 6. A wedding compliment,

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The peal rung at Twyford on February 4th, to mark the Oxford Guild's 80th birthday, particularly recalled the work of Frederick Dentry, captain of the tower 1913-1944 and secretary of the Sonning Deanery Branch 1918-1928 and member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild from 1888 to 1960. This tower has only had four captains since the bells were installed in 1913. The present captain, Mr. H. Smith, and Mr. W. Hunt, another captain, took part in the peal, and it was listened to by Mr. F. Wigmore, tower captain 1944-1948, who is the only member of the original band alive.

We regret to learn that Mr. A. C. Hazelden is in St. Luke's Hospital, Guildford, suffering from an attack of hæmorrhage.

'The Irish Bell News' starts Volume IV with an attractive new cover. It has passed its ninth birthday and maintains its original subscription of 2s. 6d. per annum.

Another young ringer of the Sherburn-in-Elmet band has joined his friends as a peal ringer. They extend their congratulations to 13-year-old Peter Copley, who rang his first peal at Huntington on February 4th.

Mr. William Pratt, who has been president of the Irish Association since 1947, has signified his intention of not letting his name go forward for re-election in 1961. 'The Irish Bell News,' in a tribute, writes of the unselfish manner in which he has conducted the affairs of the Association. Mr. Pratt is 77.

That great stalwart of Wymondham ringing, Mr. William Clover, rang a peal on the Abbey bells on January 28th to commemorate the 50th anniversary of his first peal. The band included Mr. George Sayer, who made a welcome return to peal ringing after a 15 month lay off owing to illness.

The Great Glenn Handbell Ringers collected £86 at Christmas by ringing selections around the village. This money has been distributed as follows: Dr. Barnardos' Homes £25. Wireless for the Blind £20. Leicester Spastics £10. Cancer Research £10. Great Glenn Evergreen £5. League of Friends £5. Leicester Boys' Home £5.

BELFRY GOSSIP

With the peal of Ulverscroft Surprise Royal, Mr. Ernest Morris completed 300 peals at the bell foundry tower, Loughborough, which is a record for peals in one tower by any individual ringer. These include all the standard and a large number of, Surprise methods from Doubles to Royal. Mr. Morris has conducted peals here from a level 5,000 Forward Major to 13,440 Bob Major, and also a number of other long lengths, viz., twice 7,008; 9,760 (400 Singles) Bob Major, 6,720 Little Bob, 9,120 Ilkeston (extent); and rung in 9,600 Worcester (extent tenors together) and the tenor to 10,976 Bristol Surprise.

Putney practice night has not been changed. It is still Mondays, 7.30 to 9 p.m.

A sign of the times! At the annual meeting of the Northern Division of the Sussex Association 42 new members were elected. Is this a District record?

In an attempt to ring the fastest peal ever rung, a peal was brought round on handbells at Derby in 59 minutes. Although the attempt was umpired and well rung, the band are not counting it because at that speed every change sounded the same.

A word of congratulation is due to Messrs. W. E. Critchley, S. Burton, W. Butler, and others, who are embarking on the much needed task of publishing a classified collection of Surprise Major methods, together with impositions.

Many of our readers have enjoyed the article in 'The Times' of February 4th, 'Beginner in a Bell Tower.' The writer and his wife apparently ring in a West Country 10 bell tower. Articles from his pen would, we are sure, be appreciated by 'Ringing World' readers. Few beginners have such a descriptive flair.

For the enthronement of Dr. Say as Bishop of Rochester, on February 1st, the Cathedral band rang two touches of Grandsire Caters. Those taking part were: Dr. Norris 1, R. A. Cochrane (Hatfield) 2, W. A. J. Knight (cond.) 3, J. W. Coleman 4, E. G. Wharton 5, T. Beaumont 6, C. J. Gould 7, R. E. Norris 8, C. E. J. Norris 9, K. S. Ryan 10.

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(a) The greatest ringing event during past 50 years. (Not more than 20 lines.)

(b) The finest ring of bells cast during that period and reasons. (Not more than 10 lines.)

(c) The best contribution to the advancement of ringing during the period. (Not more than 20 lines.)

(d) A sonnet on ringing.

Please write on one side of a sheet of paper and do not mix your contribution with other editorial matter.

We feel certain that our jubilee issue will make a wide appeal to ringers who are not regular readers. To enable the Editor to assess the print order, will secretaries of towers and ringing organisations notify their requirements as soon as possible.

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE & NORTH LEICESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The A.G.M. of the South Derbyshire and North Leicestershire Association was held at Shardlow on January 14th. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. and continued until 4.30 when a short service, conducted by the Rev. R. Bagnall and the Rev. D. Rice, was held in the church. Following the service, tea, provided by the good ladies of Shardlow, was taken in the Legion Hall.

The Association president, the Rev. D. Rice, was in the chair for the election of officers for 1961. Those elected were: Chairman, Mr. F. Hinds; honorary secretary, Mr. R. Barker; honorary treasurer, Mr. E. Willows; Ringing Master, Mr. B. R. Manning; committee, Miss B. Manning, Messrs. M. Fern, J. Foster, J. S. Knighton, E. Thomas and A. Whiting; auditors, Miss J. Copeland and Mr. L. Jones.

Reporting on the financial status of the Association the honorary treasurer said there had been an increase in funds for the fifth successive year. Altogether fifty ringers were present representing 14 towers, including visitors from Chesterfield, Derby Cathedral, Duffield, Matlock, Liverpool and one visitor from far off Cumberland.

ANNUAL DINNER

Five incumbents from towers within the South Derbyshire and North Leicestershire Association were guests at the Association's first annual dinner held at the Dog and Duck Inn, Shardlow. They were the Revs. R. Bagnall (Shardlow and Elvaston), W. G. Cook (Aston-on-Trent), D. V. Jones (Alvaston), A. T. Hammond (Lockington) and the Association's president, the Rev. D. E. Rice (Chellaston).

Forty members and guests sat down to enjoy a hearty meal, ably supervised by mine host, Mr. Leslie Walmsley. Following the dinner the president, during his speech proposing the toast of 'The Association,' decried the use of 'artificial bell music,' that is the replacing of bells by playing records. He said everyone knew what a typical parson was but asked 'What is a typical bellringer?' commenting on the 'galaxy of beauty' present at the dinner.

Mr. J. S. Knighton welcomed the visitors on behalf of the Association, thanking, in particular, the Vicars of the towers in the Association for the use of the bells during the past year. The chairman, Mr. F. Hinds, then thanked the Rev. W. G. Cook (Vicar of Aston-on-Trent) for the use of his Vicarage room for committee meetings and Miss Bernice Manning presented him with a pipe, smoker's companion and tobacco from the committee members for his kindness. After dinner all took part in games organised by Mr. F. Hinds to conclude an extremely enjoyable evening.

PERSONALITIES OF THE EXERCISE - 7



MR. AUBREY L. BENNETT,
Devon Guild.

All of those many ringers who have had the pleasure of taking part in peal ringing tours in Devonshire have been very grateful to Mr. Aubrey L. Bennett, of Buckfastleigh, for making the necessary arrangements to ensure a happy week. He has not had the opportunity for ringing many peals—his total to date is 53, but he has been happiest in helping others to enjoy their ringing. He never spares any pains when organising ringing for others, and he has the happy knack of being able to get permission at 'difficult' towers. When he does take part in any ringing, his striking is everything to be desired.

Aubrey was born at Buckfastleigh on November 30th, 1895, where he has lived for most of his life, and was educated at the local council schools. He learnt to ring there in 1911, starting with the usual well-struck

call changes, and learnt half-pull ringing at Wilton, Taunton, Somerset, between 1916 and 1919. This band was later to build up the best band in the West Country, for they scored a local peal of Bristol about 1925.

His first peal was at Netherton, Worcs, on May 1st, 1920, being Stedman Triples. This was rung while he was working for a short time at Dudley. He is one of two survivors of the band who rang in the first resident peals of Double Norwich and Oxford Treble Bob Major for the Devon Guild in 1937. Both of these were conducted by the indefatigable Charles R. Lilley. He is very proud of a peal of Stedman Caters he took part in at Christ Church, Swindon, in 1932.

He has served the Devon Guild very well indeed, being secretary of the Mid-Devon Branch from 1935-1958, and was general treasurer of the Guild from 1948-1956. He was also a representative on the Central Council from 1945-1953, and again from 1957-1959.

From 1922 until February, 1935, and from July, 1947, until his retirement in November, 1960, he was employed on the outdoor staff of the Buckfastleigh Post Office, and from February, 1935, to July, 1947, he was rent collector and general clerk, and later rating and valuation officer to the Buckfastleigh U.D.C.

He is keenly interested in the affairs of the church and is captain at Dean Prior tower, Buckfastleigh, which contains a fine ring of six, and where Robert Herrick was once Vicar. He is a sidesman, a member of the Church Council, and a representative on the Totnes Ruridecanal Conference.

Among his other interests are life auditor of the Buckfastleigh Rugby Club, and chairman of the Rugby Supporters' Club. He is also local secretary of a well known friendly society, and is very keen on cricket.

Altogether the picture of Aubrey Bennett is of a very kindly, unassuming man, well respected by all who know him, who really enjoys serving others. Those who have enjoyed their ringing in glorious Devon will always be thankful for his willing help and advice, and hope he will continue in good health to continue his unselfish work.

APACE.

MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

Writing in his parish magazine the Vicar of Cheritsey, the Rev. G. S. Archibald, states: 'Church bell ringing is an art which requires enormous concentration as well as some physical ability and must be taken very seriously. At the same time I can honestly say that the ringers I have met in various parts of the country are, without exception, the nicest and most friendly people one could wish to meet.'

Miss Marion Cook, who rang in her first peal at Pakefield on January 30th, was taught to ring at Leiston by Mr. James Bailey and advanced as far as being able to ring 720 Bob Minor before going to a Teachers' Training College in London. On completion of her studies she took a teaching appointment in London for a further 3 years, and did not touch a bell until coming to Pakefield School, just a year ago. Her longest length at Pakefield, previous to the peal, was about two courses. The band agreed after the peal that she rang remarkably well.

30 Years Ago

R.W. February 20th, 1931:—

London lost a peal of twelve bells when the ring at Christ Church, Spitalfields, was destroyed by fire on February 17th, 1836.

Oxford University Guild was founded 59 years ago.

A photograph taken in 1878 at Huntsham Court, Devon, shows G. H. Phillot, of Cheltenham, C. A. W. Troyte, of Huntsham Court, Jasper W. Snowdon, of Leeds, Rev. A. du Boulay Hill, Master of Winchester College, 'Squire' Proctor of Benington, Rev. R. H. Dyke, Acland Troyte, Mr. C. D. P. Davies (before he had taken Holy Orders) and Mr. W. P. Fulford, of Exeter.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Bolton Branch was held at St. Paul's Church, Walkden, on January 28th. For many years the annual meeting was held at Bolton Parish Church but, owing to a crack which has developed in the tower, the meeting was transferred to Walkden.

Canon Norburn, Vicar of Bolton and Rural Dean, who usually presides, sent an apology, and the chair was taken by the president of the Association, Rev. R. D. St. John Smith. Mr. Geoffrey Fothergill was re-elected Ringing Master, and he and Mr. John F. Wood were elected to serve on the Association's committee.

Congratulations were accorded to Mr. Arthur Burton, who until recently was leader of St. Paul's, upon completing 50 years as a ringer at the church. Superintendent of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, Mr. Burton has recently been promoted from serving brother to an officer of the Order. A peal is to be attempted in honour of the occasion.

Mr. Peter Crook gave an account of his visit to British Columbia and of his daughter's, as well as his own, ringing activities. Mention was made with regret to the loss to the Branch by the departure of Mr. John Froome, of Hurst, near Reading. During his three years with the Branch, Mr. Froome had been of great assistance.

A feature of the meeting was the large number of young people present. The sumptuous hot meal was enjoyed and those who had prepared it were appropriately thanked. Next monthly meeting, St. Mary's, Deane, February 25th. P. C.

COMPTON DANDQ, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 28th. 1.440 Minor (720 Cambridge, 720 Kent and Oxford): P. Bridle 1, F. C. Mogford 2, P. N. Tubbs 3, J. K. Laver 4, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 5, P. M. J. Gray 6.

CUMBERLANDS LOOK FORWARD WITH CONFIDENCE

A NOTE of confidence was struck by Mr. Dennis Beresford, the Master, in his speech at the annual dinner of the Society of Cumberland Youths, held at the Euston Tavern, London, on February 4th. A company of over 80 included visitors from Newark, Lincoln and Birmingham.

Supporting the Master and Mrs. Beresford on the top table were the Rev. Meredith Davies, of St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, the Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Evans (Walton-on-Thames), Mr. E. A., Mrs. and Miss Barnett, Mr. W. R. Winterton, Mr. M. P. Moreton (Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths), Mr. J. Hawkins and Mr. T. W. White.

The loyal toast was followed by that of 'The Church,' submitted with wit by Mr. W. R. Winterton, who gave a particularly cordial welcome to the Rev. Meredith Davies, 'in coming to this dinner on a Saturday night when he should be writing his sermon,' and also to the Rev. J. M. Evans. He expressed the company's regret that the Vicar of St. Martin's could not be with them.

As a master of anecdote, the Rev. Meredith Davies kept the company highly amused. In a more serious vein, he urged that the Church had to progress and move with the times. In the course of his work he met 4,000 Borstal boys last year, and at Wormwood Scrubs something like 39,000 prisoners passed through. Only a small minority of them had any conception of the Church, and they could only touch a fringe of them.

They talked about speed, space ships and outer space, and it was all part of this materialistic age, continued Mr. Davies, but they should all be concerned with their own spirituality because it was only on a spiritual basis that life would continue.

THE ONLY PLANE

'You bellringers at times cause discords in the minds of many people, and it is good that it should be so because the community will only advance when it realised that the spiritual plane is the only plane. Although the Church may be ancient, I am proud to express its humble bleat that the spiritual life will grow as men and women are prepared to accept this plane as a projection into the future.'

The new secretary of the Cumberlands, Mr. F. J. Matthews, proposed the toast of 'The Society,' and reminded the company that the Cumberlands were now over 200 years old. There was a time when everyone ringing at St. Martin's was white-haired, wore a blue serge suit with a watch-chain suspended from the waistcoat. Such a scene was but a memory. Today they had lady members: they were very welcome—indeed they were a part of their Society. As a Society they had a lot to be thankful for in their leader: with his keenness and enthusiasm the standards of ringing and striking were improving.

'We have a good leader; let us give him the support he needs as Master of the Cumberlands,' concluded Mr. Matthews.

A SUCCESSFUL YEAR

The Master in his reply said last year they were able to look forward perhaps a little optimistically to the year ahead, but this year he thought they could look forward confidently to what was before them.

'We have had a successful year. We rang a total of 12 peals, and what is gratifying is that 50 people took part in them. One was a peal on handbells of Grand sire Caters. We also achieved for the first time a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus and Spliced Surprise Major in four methods. Although these peals give us pleasure they also mean that we are progressing and achieving a higher standard.'

'Last Saturday at our annual meeting we had quite a number ringing on 12 bells for the first time, and it was a delight to listen to it. That is what we want in all our ringing.'

'Our main object is to provide bands to ring for services. This year we have been unfortunate as our headquarters have not been available to us. I am not certain this is a disadvantage as we have visited our old friends at Shoreditch and St. Clement Danes'. Our standard of striking has improved and we can look forward to going back to St. Martin's with a higher standard of ringing.'

200TH ANNIVERSARY PEAL INVITE

The Master mentioned that he had received a letter from the secretary of St. Paul's, Bedford, mentioning that 200 years ago this year a peal of Bob Major was rung by the Society at St. Paul's, Bedford, and inviting the Society to their tower. The Master said he would do his best to take a band to accept the invitation. He was sure they would agree with him when he said it was a very nice thought.

The Master, in a welcome to 'his friend the Master of the College Youths,' said they were looking forward to the day when they would revive the competition between the two Societies. One of the things they hoped would come out of this increasing rivalry would be increasing friendship.

The Real Ringer's Answer

'Overtones,' the publication of the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers, tells of the visit of Bill and Nancy Tufts to 'The Thatched Tavern' at Applton.

Nancy was invited to join the locals in tune ringing. Picking up a bell, she saw there was no note on the handle. She tried another bell with the same result. 'Look here,' she said, 'these bells have no notes on the handles. How do you know which is which?' Frank White, in rich Berkshire dialect, replied: 'Us uses our ears; us don't need notes on handles.'

'It is a great honour to be re-elected as Master for a second term, particularly as strong views were expressed as to the office going round. At the annual meeting we elected a new secretary in Frank Matthews, and it was remarkable that Frank's grandfather was elected Master of the Society 50 years ago and remained in office for 21 years.'

The toast of 'The Visitors' was submitted by Mr. A. J. House. Mr. Michael Moreton, the Master of the College Youths, replied, and said most of them would agree that there were many towers in London that were undermanned and had not the number of keen ringers required.

The number of young men who learnt to ring in the villages and small towns, and then moved to London and were then lost to ringing was quite large. There were also large numbers of young people in London who had nothing to do with their leisure and were very good material to fill the empty towers.

WEEK-END COURSES

The Central Council had been giving attention to week-end courses, and these courses in various parts of the country had been a success. He felt that a course in London would do more good than in other parts of the country when travelling was difficult.

Mr. Moreton said he failed to understand why that bitterness of the past should have existed. He thought that rivalry and a determination to do the best to improve the stan-

dards was to be encouraged provided it did not develop into animosity and hatred.

A course of Yorkshire Surprise Major was rung on handbells by E. A. Barnett 1-2, Miss Joan Beresford 3-4, Dennis Beresford 5-6, Peter Beresford 7-8. There was also an entertainment by Malcolm MacDonald (baritone), Joan Houghton (soprano), Sheila Lawson (comedianne) and Diane Blaber (at the piano).

THE COMPANY

In addition to the top table, there were present Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Hawthorne, Mr. and Mrs. J. Raithby, Mr. and Mrs. W. Exton, Mr. and Mrs. T. Bevan, Mr. and Mrs. F. Goodfellow, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Tester, Mr. and Mrs. G. Hart, Mr. and Mrs. P. Eves, Mr. and Mrs. P. Humphries, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Francis, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Kirkby, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Collins, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. Sarkar.

Mesdames R. Lathbury and A. Beresford. The Misses J. Warner, R. Yeld, N. Shorter, Jo Beresford, R. Foreman, C. Whitfield, M. Ponton, H. Talbot, J. Cox, S. Parsons, J. Langton, M. Ladd, D. Deverell, M. Harte, I. Lemare, M. Prockson and E. Yardley.

Messrs. D. Leach, G. Paul, M. Lewis, I. Ogilvie, D. Hart, R. Brockington, C. Rogers, T. Tall, D. Kibble, G. Drew, H. Eggleston, B. Jeffrey, N. Steere, P. Beresford, A. Cutler, D. Gibson, J. E. Warner, I. Oram, P. Bond, A. R. Ling, A. J. House, B. Baker, J. Cooper, A. Mason and W. Prockson.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

The 14th annual meeting of the Newark District was held at Newark on January 21st. Ringing took place on the six bells at Balderton, from 2.30-4.30 p.m., under the direction of the Ringing Master, Mr. P. H. White. A very enjoyable tea was prepared by the lady members of the Newark Parish Society of Ringers, and served in St. Mary's Rooms, Newark, after which the business meeting took place, presided over by the Vicar of Newark, Canon J. H. D. Grinter.

The secretary read his report for 1960, which contained many challenging remarks. Three new members were elected, one each from Elston, Balderton and Staunton-in-the-Vale.

Officers for 1961 were elected as follows: Chairman, Mr. F. W. Midwinter; honorary secretary, Mrs. C. W. Reed; Ringing Master, Mr. P. N. White; committee members, Mr. W. L. Exton and Mr. J. D. Clarke.

Mr. Midwinter expressed thanks to the retiring secretary, Mr. W. L. Exton, and said how sorry he was to see him relinquish the post, as Mr. Exton's work had always been most untiring.

North Muskham was confirmed as the place for the March meeting, and the meeting was closed with a vote of thanks to the ladies for preparing the tea, and to Canon Grinter for taking the chair and giving permission.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

The accent was on youth at the annual meeting of the North East District held at Halesworth on January 28th, when over 30 members attended. Ringing included Stedman Triples, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Major. In his welcome at the service, the Rector (the Rev. E. J. Button) expressed his pleasure that Halesworth bells were rung regularly for service by the young band which had been formed.

There was only one change in the election of officers: Miss Marion Branch, of Halesworth, is the new District secretary, replacing Mr. A. R. Bridges, who had moved from the district. One new member—John Canham, of Halesworth—was elected. Next quarterly meeting Leiston; ringing meeting Wenhamston, with Blythburgh first.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

STRUGGLING BANDS AND VISITING

Dear Sir.—Mr. Phil Corby's letter in 'The Ringing World' (January 20th), suggests that struggling bands go out visiting to improve their ringing.

I would start by saying how I appreciate the help that I have had in various towers, including Sevenoaks. I have a car at present and can often get over to Sevenoaks for a practice. I could not if I depended on public transport as there is no way of getting to Sevenoaks from Ash by public transport in under 2 hours.

If I want to go to Northfleet I cannot get home again without waiting for an hour for a bus in Gravesend—before I had the car I often bicycled and have very often walked home after the practice. That is my point of view.

The local ringers are practically all young—they are also in the choir, and belong to several other organisations which take up their spare time. They are also very shy to go visiting where they are not known, though I am always urging them to come out with me. Neither would one visit help at all—but what I would suggest is a possible compromise of 'Mohammed and the mountain,' an occasional visit of four or five really experienced ringers to boost our morale and get us really into method ringing and return visits to help out the other towers and get more practice.

There is, of course, the genuine snag with people like myself who are married and do not like to be out too often. We have our home responsibilities as well.

I am not grumbling, and I fully realise that without private transport we are just as cut off from the outside as the outside is to us. We can keep plodding on and perhaps one day we shall get further along the road of bellringing. We do manage fairly regular service ringing, and practise to the best of our ability.—Yours truly,

JOHN V. MULLER.

Ash, near Sevenoaks.

P.S.—Ash is about 8 miles from either Northfleet or Sevenoaks.—J. V. M.

'QUADRING SURPRISE MAJOR'

Dear Sir.—The method rung at Epworth, Lincs, on January 7th, 1961, under the name of 'Quadrang' is not new. The first peal of it was rung at Aldershot, Hampshire, conducted by Mr. A. R. Pink, on September 28th, 1957, when it was named Wellington, after a certain British general.

This is the second recent instance of duplicated methods, of which there are numerous earlier examples. Unfortunately, no subsequent correction can ever change the original erroneous publication, and future queries on the names Quadrang, Newmarket, and the like, are bound to occur.

Although a number of ringers have made their own collections of the methods scattered through the pages of 'The Ringing World,' it is not high time that the Central Council published a complete collection of those surprise methods rung to date?

Publication of the long-awaited collection prepared by Mr. Trollope was finally discarded ten years ago, for financial reasons, but a very much simpler collection, on the lines of the now out-of-date booklets of the late Mr. Andrew Corrigan, would meet today's needs, admirably. It should be restricted to those methods which have been rung and named, and could be kept up-to-date by regular supplements, to be published as necessary.—Yours sincerely,

GEORGE W. MASSEY.

Frome, Somerset.

THE CHRISTMAS BROADCAST

Dear Sir.—There has been a happy absence of what I would term 'nasty' letters in 'The Ringing World' over the past few months, but Mr. Robin Leale has again excelled himself in a tone which does him little credit.

I have had the pleasure of knowing Claude Rush for many years, and may I say that few people, in East Anglia at any rate, have done more for bells and ringing since the war than he. I am sure that his observations on the Christmas Day broadcast emanated from an intense interest and love of bells and ringers, and were certainly not intended to be taken as a yardstick for future broadcasts or to offer advice to such knowledgeable people as Mr. Leale.

We in Australia are unable to tune in to the Christmas bells, but read with great interest any news published about them. I hope my fellow ringers here won't look upon Mr. Leale as a typical example of the fraternity in Britain.—Yours, etc.,

Melbourne.

G. W. PIPE.

PRESENTATION CERTIFICATE

Dear Sir.—Some time ago I arranged and rang in a peal for the last service of a visiting Australian parson at our church. A sheet from my wife's 'Record Book' was purloined, filled in and handed to the parson and his wife after the service. The thanks we got for this was a little overwhelming, and it was promised pride of place in a glass frame on the wall back home in Australia.

I have often thought of this; we ring a peal—for us it's another tick in the book, another page filled in, another method—but if it's rung for a complete outsider, a loved vicar, a birth, a bride and groom, etc., what have they to show for it!

I think there is a need in the C.C. publications of a certificate on the lines of a diploma that can be filled in by the conductor for a peal, or quarter even, and handed to the person or persons for whom it was rung.

The skyline block on the front page of 'The Ringing World' could be a heading for such a form.

Well there's the idea, perhaps other ringers would care to comment on it.—Yours sincerely,

WILFRID S. PALIN.

Faversham

GRANDSIRE CATERS WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir.—I wish to withdraw the peal of Grandsire Caters rung at Grundisburgh on November 2nd, 1957, the composition being false, and I apologise to all those concerned.—Yours faithfully,

RODERICK W. PIPE.

King's Norton, Birmingham.

RECORD LENGTH ATTEMPT OF GRANDSIRE CATERS

Dear Sir.—I give notice to the Exercise that, by kind permission of the Rector of Grundisburgh (Rev. R. W. Schofield), an attempt to ring 23,111 of Grandsire Caters will be made on Saturday, March 4th, 1961, at Grundisburgh, starting at 8 a.m. I enclose the composition.—Yours truly,

FRANK B. LUFKIN.

Holland-on-Sea.

For composition see back page (120).

SOME EXTENSION THOUGHTS

Dear Sir.—Mr. J. S. Barnes, in your issue of January 27th, asks why we 'illogically tolerate the names St. Simon's Doubles and St. Clement's Minor for what is the same method on different numbers of bells.' During all the discussion and argument about method extension there was very little, if any, mention of extension from an odd number of bells to an even, or from an even number to an odd: from Doubles to Minor or from Minor to Triples, for instance.

The particular case of extension from Minor to Triples is explained in the preface to the C.C. 'Collection of Triples Methods' (1934): 'Every Minor Method on the Plain Principle can be turned into a Seven-bell Method by adding a Bell-in-the-Hunt. The seven-bell variation will bear exactly the same relation towards the six-bell Method that Grandsire Triples does towards Bob Minor.' The committee which produced this Collection did not include the attached method, presumably because it does not have triple changes throughout but a double change at the treble's lead. (Plain Bob is omitted too.)

1 2 3 4 5 6 7
2 1 4 3 6 5 7
2 4 1 6 3 7 5
4 2 6 1 7 3 5
2 4 6 7 1 5 3
4 2 7 6 5 1 3
2 4 7 5 6 3 1
4 2 5 7 3 6 1
2 4 5 3 7 1 6
4 2 3 5 1 7 6
2 4 3 1 5 6 7
4 2 1 3 6 5 7
4 1 2 6 3 7 5
1 4 6 2 7 3 5

1 4 2 6 3 7 5

Now if St. Simon's Doubles is the contraction of St. Clement's Minor, then this attached method must be the extension to Triples. But the extension to Triples in the Triples Collection has a bell-in-the-hunt (besides the treble), three lots of thirds under the treble and a triple dodge in 1-2, just as in the Minor. Working on the same principle from St. Clement's Minor, by adding a bell-in-the-hunt, the following Doubles method is produced:—

1 2 3 4 5
2 1 3 5 4
2 3 1 4 5
3 2 1 4 5
3 4 2 5 1
4 3 5 2 1
3 4 5 1 2
4 3 1 5 2
4 1 3 2 5
1 4 2 3 5
1 2 4 5 3

This will be recognised as Double Grandsire. In the same way it will be seen that Colledge Minor contracted to Doubles with a bell-in-the-hunt becomes Reverse Grandsire.

There are, of course, a number of anomalies in Minor-Major names. Double Oxford and Hereward seem obviously related to each other, but London Bob Minor becomes Pershore Bob Major, Double Court becomes Double Norwich. Edinburgh Delight Minor and Major are not 'related,' I think. The Minor was rung first, by the way, in Cheshire, at least in 1935. And one of the new St. Clement's Major variations (Schofield, I think) rung in the recent 29 Major method peal seems like an extension of one of these new Minor methods with four places made at once (Fairfield is it?).—Yours sincerely,

WILFRID F. MORETON.

Wakefield.

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UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY DINNER

THE University of Bristol Society held its annual dinner on January 28th in the Senior Common Room of the University, where once again all attendance records were broken, over 130 people being present. Throughout the day ringing had taken place in many enthusiastically-crowded Bristol towers, where London, Oxford, Bristol, Stedman Cinques and Cambridge Royal were some of the methods rung. Members from the Reading, London, Oxford and Southampton societies arrived in the course of the day and were warmly welcomed, especially as they much increased the general standard of method ringing.

The dinner took place after a short, delightful service at St. Michael's, held by the Rev. Vivyan Jones. The various courses of the dinner proved as good as anticipation had imagined them (thanks go to John Baldwin for choosing the menu so expertly—it was not 'bangers and mash' as ominous rumour had threatened!).

After the toast 'The Queen', Professor Brocklehurst, president of the Society, rose to welcome all those present, especially the large number of old members who had come back in honour of the occasion. The secretary, Mr. Ian Maycock, said how very delightful it was that Mr. Frederick Sharpe, the Dean of Bristol and the Rector of St. Michael's, had been able to attend; he also welcomed the Masters of Oxford, London, Reading and Southampton Universities and read out apologies from Cambridge and Manchester.

The speaker for the occasion was Mr. Frederick Sharpe—and, of course, his witty stories kept everyone in peals of laughter. In between the jokes he imparted some very sound advice and said how encouraging it was to see the art of bell ringing kept alive; this enthusiasm among young people at Universities and elsewhere was something which had hardly existed ten years ago; it showed a growing interest in all matters connected with the church and the importance of this interest at such times as these could not be sufficiently stressed.

'The Ringing World,' however, had had a very hard time and he begged everyone to do more for the paper; the interest was there as had been shown by the success of the 'Beginner's Handbook,' which was going through another edition.

The Master of London University, Mr. Jeff Pratt, then rose and, after an amusing introduc-

tion, congratulated the U.B.S.C.R. on its success last term when all of nine quarter peal attempts had been won. Finally Mr. John Baldwin, Master of the Bristol Society, welcomed all those present, and gave a brief summary of the year's events. It had been a year of consolidation, he said, rather than of outstanding progress. There had been the usual doubts about the new session, but the Society had gained five new members, three of whom were experienced ringers.

Much enthusiasm had been shown towards ringing practices and outings: the standard on six bells was quite passable, but much was to be desired on eight. Last term eight-bell practices had either been thwarted or those held had been poor. However, attendance at city practices had continued the good relations with the town ringers.

Outings this year had been very successful: apart from cycle outings there had coach trips to Tewkesbury and Wells, the summer tour, Michael Sprackling's Kent tour, and a combined tour with Southampton Universities to the Isle of Wight, on which Bristol immediately blotted their copy book by arriving too late to catch the ferry. Relations, however, between the Universities were now back to normal!

The Master regretted that that afternoon the Society had lost what would have been its seventy-fifth peal. However, during the year five attempts had been successful and Albert Tyler was thanked for his invaluable help to the Society. In conclusion he quoted from 'The Ringing World' of last November:

'It is the ability of a ringer by his handling, striking and dependability in the method being rung that counts in the belfry and by that yardstick he is judged in the eyes of his fellows. Because of this guiding principle there is a responsibility placed on the Universities to produce worthy practitioners in the Exercise.'

Bristol, he said, was fulfilling this responsibility.

Afterwards the guests adjourned to the lounge, where the more energetic gave a short handbell exhibition. However, someone else was also feeling energetic, for at twelve midnight 'the tenor king,' repeating his pre-war success in a certain London tea shop, performed 20 'press-ups,' while demonstrating to many onlookers that he is still in his prime. And this memorable event brought another very enjoyable annual dinner to its close.

M. B.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD

Basingstoke District

In spite of the wretched weather, there was a good attendance at the annual meeting of the Basingstoke District held at Basingstoke on January 28th. The service was conducted by Canon F. A. Sanders, Rector of Overton, who spoke on the true Christian Fellowship to be found in ringing.

After an excellent tea, provided by the Basingstoke ringers, Canon Sanders presided at the business meeting. It was reported that membership had fallen to 71, but there were signs that it was again increasing. As only three teams had taken part in the competition for the Alliston Cup, it was agreed, with the donor's consent, that the future of the cup be left in the hands of the Executive Committee of the Guild. A suggestion that an annual report might be produced for the District received no support. The meeting was in favour of a donation being sent from the Guild to the A. H. Pulling Memorial Fund.

Provided the necessary arrangements can be made meetings will be held during the year at Yateley, Kingsclere and Overton.

Apart from visitors—they were welcomed from as far afield as Hillingdon and Wareham, Reading and Southampton—the absence of experienced ringers was very noticeable. It is all too clear that ringers in the District face an uphill struggle.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Northern Divisional Annual

Growing interest in the Northern Division was evidenced at its annual meeting at Horsham on February 4th. Ringing commenced at 2.30 p.m., and by service time the spacious tower was full to capacity.

The Vicar, the Rev. Peter Gillingham, who took the service, congratulated the secretary on the singing of her members. He also presided at tea (at which 64 sat down), but owing to another engagement was unable to stay to the meeting.

Mr. R. Johnson (Master of the Association) took the chair at the business meeting, at which Mrs. E. L. Hairs was unanimously re-elected honorary secretary, Messrs. G. Francis and D. Mitchell committee, A. J. Butcher auditor, and G. Francis Ringing Master.

The balance sheet was passed with great satisfaction, showing a balance of £37 odd. Affiliation fees were also good—£38 11s. as against £12. Another encouraging sign was the election of no less than 42 new members!

In proposing a vote of thanks to the Vicar and the organist, the Master said they could not overlook the good work done by the officers of the Division, especially the wonderful way in which the honorary secretary (Mrs. E. L. Hairs) had pulled the Division up again from a very low ebb.

Ringing continued until 8 p.m. and ranged from rounds to Bristol Surprise, and the standard of striking also showed a gratifying improvement.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

South-Western District

St. John's, Leytonstone, proved an attractive setting for the A.G.M. of the South Western District on January 14th. The overflow gallery was needed to accommodate 100 members, plus another 20 ringers who were just 'passing through.' A welcome return was made by 91-year-old Dick Stannard, who once again, after an absence of 5 years, was able to take his stand in a touch of Stedman.

The Rev. G. Earl, of St. Mary's, Leyton, conducted the service. His interest in bells had been shown previously when he composed, for the service, an extra verse to the hymn 'We love the place, O God' as follows:

We love the peal of bells;
Whose music never cloy;
Which of Thy sweetness tells;
And speaks of Heaven's joys.

At the business meeting officers re-elected were: Mr. J. H. Crampion, Master, Mr. C. E. Wilkington, secretary, and Mr. J. Sitch (Brentwood) and Mr. M. Hallett (Rayleigh), committee members.

The secretary reported that membership had continued to rise and now stood at 315, plus 21 life members. Honorary members numbered 75. He drew attention to the time and effort given by tower masters in their training of young people and supplying a steady stream of new members. Twenty peals had been rung and 160 quarter peals for Sunday service. Eight young members had rung their first peal and three their first as conductor. The monthly 10 bell District practice at Walthamstow had been well attended and very successful: 12 new members were elected.

Full support was given to a proposal to hold a District outing in June, the venue being Oxfordshire.

Sincere thanks was extended to the Leytonstone ladies for the excellent manner in which they had catered for one and all. The next meeting will be held at Epping on April 8th.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Dorchester Branch

At the annual meeting of the Dorchester Branch at Dorchester on January 21st, the honorary secretary (Mr. R. H. Duke), in his annual report, said it was hoped that repairs to the tower of St. Peter's, Dorchester, would begin during the present year.

The bells of Charminster were now in the hands of Messrs. Taylors, at Loughborough, and it was hoped that they would be ready for ringing, after augmentation to eight, in the spring. Frampton bells were ringing after repairs to the tower. The tenor of Abbotsbury was cracked and estimates had been received for work to be done on these bells. Efforts were being made to reform the band at Litton Cheney, after a lapse of several years. Membership now stood at 156—138 ringing, 13 associate, 5 honorary.

The following officers were elected: Chairman, Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth (Rector of Castistock); vice-chairman, Rev. E. B. Brooks (Vicar of Fordington); honorary secretary and treasurer, Mr. R. H. Duke (St. Peter's, Dorchester); Ringing Master, Mr. J. W. Rose (Wyke Regis); Deputy Ringing Masters, Mr. J. Slade (Presion) and Mr. E. Amey (Charminster).

Eight new ringing members were elected, viz.: Miss M. Smith, Miss E. Kingman, Mr. F. Burt, Mr. M. Bryan, Miss A. Shakesford, Mr. K. Adams, Mr. G. Franklin, and Mr. A. Day. Mr. F. Stedman was elected a life member, and the Rev. K. W. Meiklejohn an honorary member.

It was suggested that meetings during the year should be held at Frampton, Wyke Regis and Charminster. Branch practices were arranged for, subject to confirmation, as follows: Preston, St. Peter's, Dorchester, Bere Regis, Piddlehinton, Wyke Regis (April 8th) and Wool (April 15th), otherwise at fortnightly intervals, commencing on February 4th.

The Guild service at St. Peter's Church was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. K. W. Meiklejohn) who, in his address, spoke of the unity and team work among ringers and appealed for the same unity of purpose among Christian Churches.

THE LATE MR. FREDK. W. BRINKLOW

As previously reported, Fred Brinklow died suddenly at his home at Oxhey on January 19th. His death came as a grievous shock to his many friends, and great sympathy will be felt for his widow. For, up to the time of his death, he had been a very fit and active man in spite of his 75 years, and young in mind and spirit.

Fred learned to ring at Oxhey just over 60 years ago. He was one of the original band trained by George N. Price, who died only recently. Price's ability and drive, together with the excellent material he had to hand, led to the formation of one of the best local bands of that or any other time. The Oxhey Society flourished from 1900 to about 1927, but after the Great War Price moved and virtually gave up ringing. Their heyday was in the dozen years or so up to 1914. By 1908 they had rung many purely local peals of Grandsire, Stedman, Double Norwich and the three (then) standard Surprise methods, Superlative, Cambridge and London. Bristol was added in 1910. They also practised Eryri, a form of Bristol in which the treble has a double-dodging hunt, but no composition was available in this method until Harold Cashmore obtained one, by parting the tenors, in 1935.

Fred's first peal, Grandsire Triples, was rung on August 10th, 1901. This was also the first for the brothers William and Henry Hodgetts who, with Fred, rang their first handbell peal in July, 1902, when Price called the same composition, Holt's Original. These four, with Hubert Eden and others, later rang a number of handbell peals: Stedman Triples (a number of different compositions, including Carter's Odd-bob), Caters and Cinques, also Double Norwich and, in 1909-10, three peals of Superlative, being only the third band to ring peals of Surprise 'in hand.' George Price, himself an able conductor, encouraged others to do so, and many of his ringers called peals both in the tower and on handbells.

Fred became a good back-ender, and from 1908 onwards rang the tenor to many of his peals. By December, 1913, when he rang his last peal until after the war, he had rung 131 peals. Those who may think this a moderate number for 12 years' active ringing must remember that in those days the railway was about the only means of public transport: for the ordinary ringer nearly all journeys had to be made by pedal cycle or on foot.

In 1927 Fred called a peal of Superlative 'in hand.' In this Ronald W. R. Picton (1-2) rang his first peal and Harold G. Cashmore (3-4), who had learned at Oxhey in the post-war years, his first 'in hand.' Henry Hodgetts rang 5-6.

ALPHABET IN SURPRISE

In the 1930's a Surprise band, under Harold Cashmore as conductor, rang many peals, a great number being in new methods and rung without previous practice. Fred was a regular member of this band. One of his ambitions, to ring Surprise methods right through the alphabet, was not realised until December, 1955, when, at the age of over 70, he learned and rang a peal of Xavier Surprise.

As a ringer Fred was absolutely first-class, both in handling and striking; the latter surprisingly, since he suffered from deafness which increased so that at one time, until he acquired a hearing aid, it threatened to cut him off from ordinary conversation. Yet however little he could hear, he always knew exactly what was going on 'up top' (a source of amazement to some of those he taught!) and his striking was always faultless.

As a conductor he had few ambitions, but he achieved that of becoming the first to call the four standard Surprise methods on both tower and handbells. He always called from the observation bell, and was safe. He never sorted out muddles, for one of the main tenets of the old Oxhey school was that this was not part of the conductor's job—it was for the ringers

themselves to avoid making mistakes. This may well account for their success and explain why Stedman Triples was for them a stock method, both in the tower and 'in hand.'

In 1932 I was fortunate in coming to Bushey, and took part subsequently with Fred in many peals in the tower and something over 50 peals on handbells, some 45 of which were in Surprise methods. Harold Cashmore conducted nearly all these peals and all the spliced. Henry Hodgetts rang up to and after the war, his place being taken during the war by Edwin Jennings, later by my wife, and finally by the late Ernest C. S. Turner, who rang in the war-time series. The latter called Fred's last handbell peal, Stedman Triples, on July 29th, 1953. Before the war we rang Cambridge, London, spliced Surprise from two to six methods and Bristol. In the war another series was rung up to 6-spliced. Afterwards peals of Superlative, Yorkshire, two new methods, Jersey and Felstead, and spliced in various numbers of methods up to 16, the latter being rung in October, 1952, when Fred was 67. Cambridge and London, strictly silent and non-conducted, followed.

Fred rang his bells as a pair, learning his methods by studying the combined diagram, not by construction; consequently he could only ring leads he had previously studied. While it is easy to translate a single 'blue line' into words and learn it by heart, this cannot be done with two. Visual memory and practice are needed, so Fred was always rather slower than the rest to learn; but once he had got a grip he made few mistakes. All but about three of his handbell peals (two Stedman and one Bob Major) were rung on the tenors. If it had been required he would undoubtedly have gone far on an 'inside' pair, but this would have wasted his extraordinary talent as a tenor man. He was a wonderful judge of speed, nearly all his handbell peals on eight taking from ten to 20 minutes over two hours. His rhythm was very near the ideal 'strict time' or metrical beat, so after a few courses the bells would be going as if being rung by a machine.

Fred's last peal was rung at Northchurch—Cambridge Surprise, July 2nd, 1960. He rang as well as ever. Altogether he rang 460 peals—every one of them, I believe, good ones.

No appreciation of Fred as a ringer would be complete without some reference to him as a man. His cheerful, friendly nature and humour, and his obvious enjoyment of life, endeared him to all. Of late, especially, he had become an institution whose presence in a peal band or on an outing would add greatly to the enjoyment of those taking part. We shall miss him very much. C. W. W.

MR. BRINKLOW'S PEALS

The late Mr. F. W. Brinklow rang 460 peals, of which he conducted 28. He had completed the alphabet in Surprise methods. Of his peals 'in hand'—109 (conducted 9)—he rang in peals in 8, 9, 12, 14 and 16 Spliced Surprise methods.

His tower bell peals included three peals of London Surprise Major rung in three different counties in one day (April 24th, 1905) and also the first peal of London Surprise Royal (No. 1 version). He was the first man to call peals in the four standard Surprise methods on both tower- and handbells. He rang in two Frederick peals—Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob Royal. Details:—

TOWER

Doubles.—Grandsire 1 (conducted 1), Stedman 1. Minor, 3 methods, 1, 7 methods 5, Surprise Minor 5 (including 17 methods spliced).

Triples.—Grandsire 4, Stedman 57 (8), Erin 1, Erin and Stedman Spliced 1.

Major.—Plain Bob 1 (1), Double Norwich 19, P.B. and D.N. Spliced 1, Duffield 1 (1), Original 1, New Cumberland 1.

Surprise Major.—Superlative 44 (1), Cambridge 25 (3), New Cambridge 5, London 38 (2), Bristol 26 (2), Yorkshire 21, Rutland 2, Pudsey 2, other methods 42, Spliced Surprise up to six methods, 23. Eryri Major (an extension of Bristol in which the treble has a double dodging hunt) 1.

Caters.—Grandsire 3, Stedman 4, Erin 1.

Royal.—Plain Bob 1, Kent T.B. 2, Cambridge Surprise 5, New Cambridge 1, London 1.

Cinques.—Stedman 3.

Maximus.—Cambridge Surprise 1.

Total 351 (19).

'IN HAND'

Triples.—Grandsire 4, Stedman 16 (2).

Major.—Plain Bob 5 (1), Double Norwich 4, Avalon Court 1, Cambridge Court 1, Richmond Bob 1, Kent T.B. 1, Oxford T.B. 1.

Surprise Major.—Superlative 6 (1), Cambridge 6 (1), New Cambridge 1, London 13 (2), Bristol 6 (1), Yorkshire 4, Jersey 2, Felstead 1, Spliced Surprise, 23 (including 12, 14 and 16 methods).


Caters.—Stedman 9 (1).

Royal.—Plain Bob 1.

Cinques.—Stedman 3.

Total 109 (9).

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At St. Dunstan's Church, on Feb. 3rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. E. Philpott 1, A. Butler 2, Mrs. G. W. Stockbridge 3, J. Stockbridge 4, D. Chatfield (cond.) 5, T. C. Phillimore 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Hilda L. Hills, wife of churchwarden and sister to ringer of 3.



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DEATH

BLYTH—On February 9th, 1961, suddenly at 31, Grange Road, Cambridge, the Rev. Arthur Cecil Blyth, M.A., M.C., fellow of Selwyn College, and for 26 years president of the Cambridge University Guild of Change Ringers. 7708

RETURN THANKS

MRS. WICKENS and Stella wish to thank all ringing friends for letters and sympathy in their recent bereavement. 7712

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PERSONAL

In expressing sympathy with the relatives of the late Mr. F. Merrick, Mr. R. Bethell states that he and other members of the Bredenbury band did not hear of the death of their great friend until it was too late to be represented at the funeral. 7684

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual committee meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church House, Reading, at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday, March 11th. Names for tea by Wednesday, March 8th, to Mr. A. Diserens, 18, Manchester Road, Reading.—M. R. Cross.

RAMBLING RINGERS.—Ringing tour, July 29th to August 19th, in the Glos/Somerset area. Members and those wishing to join the tour should contact me ref. provisional tour list.—W. A. Lacey, 99, Hollow Road, Anstey, Leics.

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MEETINGS

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Skelton, on Saturday, February 18th at 3 p.m.—P. W. B. Semmens, Hon. Sec. 7696

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Brampton (5), Saturday, February 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 7666

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Wisbech St. Mary, Saturday, February 18th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Monken Hadley (8), February 18th. 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please make own tea arrangements. Special method: Oxford Treble Bob.—M. A. Coburn, Dis. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Annual general meeting at St. Peter's, Derby, on February 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Derby Cathedral bells available from 6 o'clock until 7.30 p.m. Everyone welcome. 7634

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Meeting at Ealing, on February 18th. Ringing at St. Stephen's 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Own tea arrangements. Ringing at St. Mary's 6.15 p.m.—F. T. Blagrove, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7655

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Snaith, Saturday, February 18th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please provide own food, cups of tea only available.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 7695

SUFFOLK GUILD.—S.W. District.—Practice meeting, Redgrave (6), Saturday, February 18th. Bells 6.30 p.m.—H. Mitson, Dis. Sec.

BATH AND WELS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—Practice meeting, Winscombe, Saturday, February 25th. Bells (8) 5 n.m.—David H. White. 7685

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Meeting, Houghton Regis, Saturday, February 25th (note date). Bells (6) 3 p.m. Short service 4.30. Tea 5 n.m. Names must be sent to Mr. P. Pratt, Holfdene, Cumberland Street, Houghton Regis, Dunstable, Beds. by 23rd.—K. G. Snavins, Dis. Sec. 7699

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Adwick-le-Street, Saturday, February 25th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 n.m. Names for tea, please, by 22nd. to the Rev. J. M. Jones, the Rector, Adwick-le-Street, near Doncaster.—R. J. Sanderson. 7689

GLoucester & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Rural Branch.—Monthly ringing practice service and tea, Winterbourne (6), February 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Notify for tea.—F. Hussey, 39, Gordon Avenue, Whitehall, Bristol 5. 7687

GLoucester & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Management Committee meeting, Gloucester, February 25th. Pre-

liminary notice of annual general meeting, which will be at Moreton-in-Marsh, on April 8th, at 2.15 p.m. All towers in the Stow Branch will be open for ringing 10 to 1.30 p.m. Names for tea to G. H. Harper, High Street, Moreton-in-Marsh, Glos. Election of Master: Nominations for Master must be received by me by Friday, March 10th, together with names of proposer and seconder.—Charles Rouse, Brookfield Road, Churchdown, Glos. 7673

GLoucester & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Monthly meeting at Lacock (6), on Saturday, February 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by further ringing. Names for tea by Wednesday, February 22nd, to J. Iason, 30, Dallas Road, Chippenham, Wilts. 7700

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth District.—Quarterly practice, Quatt, Saturday, February 25th. 6 till 8.30 p.m. Minor methods.—H. Edge, Dis. Sec. 7701

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Smarden, Saturday, February 25th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Thursday, to Mr. P. Reeves, 5, The Oaks, Smarden.—C. T. H. 7686

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting, Deane, Saturday, February 25th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Business follows tea. Delightful ancient church, modern excellent tea. All welcome.—Thornley, Hon. Sec. 7715

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Birstall, near Leeds, Saturday, February 25th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. D. North, 1,094 Bradford Road, Birstall, near Leeds. 7678

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—14th annual dinner and social, St. Mary's Hall, Hinckley, Saturday, February 25th. Bells (8) available 4.30 p.m. Dinner 6.30 prompt. Tickets 9s. each. Please notify by Wednesday, February 22nd, Mr. F. K. Measures, 58, Lychgate Lane, Burbage, near Hinckley, Leicestershire. Phone Burbage 516. 7705

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton Mowbray District.—Meeting at Wymondham, Saturday, February 25th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Village Hall 5.15 p.m. Names for tea (please) by Wednesday, February 22nd, to Mr. J. T. Stimson, The Old Rectory, Wymondham, near Melton Mowbray, Leics. 7703

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Annual meeting, Boston, February 25th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, Memorial Hall, at 5 p.m. Names for tea to me by Monday, February 20th.—W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 7647

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A.G.M., February 25th. 2.30-4 n.m., St. John's, Waterloo Road. 2.30-4.30 St. Clement Danes'. 4.45 Service. 5.30 p.m. The George, Fleet Street, for tea, business meeting and handbell competition, followed by social evening. Names for tea, please. Everyone welcome.—Rogers, 53, The Grove, Isleworth, ISU 3921.

NORTHERN UNIVERSITIES.—Joint meeting at Sheffield, February 25th. Bells: Ranmoor (10) 2.30 p.m., St. Marie's (8) 4.5.15. Tea at nearby cafe. Cathedral (12) 6.30-8 n.m. All University ringers welcome.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Margaret's, King's Lynn, Saturday, February 25th. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 n.m. Names for tea by Thursday, February 23rd, to C. Tovell, 18, New Road, Gaywood, King's Lynn. 7671

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Meeting at Chalfont St. Peter, Saturday, February 25th. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by 21st—Miss Hague. 6, Stomms Road, Holyport. 7680

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Ten bell practice at St. Giles', February 25th. 6-7.30 p.m. social to follow at Race-course Pavilion. Tickets from committee members or myself, price 2s.—T. M. Haines, 10, Northampton Lane North, Northants. 7711

SALISBURY GUILD—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting, Whitechurch Canonorum, February 25th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea, please, by 21st.—Barrett, 120, Gerrards Green, Beaminster. 7710

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Evening meeting at Newport (8), on February 25th. Ringing from 6.30 until 8.30 p.m.—Mrs. M. Poyner. Sec. 7713

SOUTHEAST AND DISTRICT GUILD—Saturday, February 25th, South Benfleet. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Cups of tea 5 p.m. All visitors welcome.—R. D. Tomlin. Hon. Sec.

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Annual meeting, St. Mary's, Eastbourne, on February 25th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify for tea to R. W. Pankhurst, 11, Salehurst Road, Eastbourne.—F. Beeney, Sec.

WATFORD GRAMMAR SCHOOLS' SOCIETY.—Meeting, Oxhey, February 25th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by further ringing. Names for tea to Caroline Evans, 12 Cedar Road, Oxhey, Watford 7702

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Littleham, S. Devon, Saturday, March 4th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to R. T. Perry, Redcliff, Lympstone. 7697

ESSEX ASSOCIATION—S.E. Division.—Meeting at Widford, Saturday, March 4th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury. 7660

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Halling, Saturday, March 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea definitely not later than previous Wednesday, please, to T. Barton, 30, West Ridge, Sittingbourne. 7693

LEEDS UNIVERSITY CAMPANOLOGICAL SOCIETY.—Annual dinner on Saturday, March 4th, at the Griffin Hotel, at 8 p.m. Ringing at St. Chad's, Far Headingley, 5-7 p.m. All welcome. Tickets (18s.) from Michael G. Swift, University Union, Leeds 2, not later than February 27th. 7682

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—The 73rd annual Henry Johnson commemoration dinner will be held on March 4th, at the White Horse Hotel, Congreve Street, at 6 o'clock. Chairman, Frank W. Perrens, Esq. Early application for tickets (20s. each) is desirable, as the number is limited to 60.—G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec., 92, Etwell Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Phone SPRINGfield 1025. 7582

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SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Saturday, March 4th, at Wollaton. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Names for tea by March 1st, to Mr. M. Popleston, 25, Hambleton Drive, Wollaton Road, Wollaton, Nottingham.—S. Adams. 7714

SUFFOLK GUILD—S.W. District.—Meeting at Preston St. Mary (6). Saturday, March 4th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Monksleigh bells (6) available 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. Hunt, Manor Cottage, Preston St. Mary, Sudbury. 7681

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting at Godstone (8). March 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by March 2nd, to Mr. A. K. Wood, 45, Warren Lane, Oxted. 7677

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Swansea, March 4th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting.—I. T. Williams. Dis. Sec. 7709

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Meeting, Welland, Saturday, March 4th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Practice method: St. Clement's Bob Minor. Names for tea by Tuesday, February 28th, to F. Hyde, 6, Winchester Avenue, St. John's, Worcester. 7698

ESSEX ASSOCIATION—S.E. Division.—Annual supper and social, Saturday, March 18th, at 6.45 p.m., in the Village Hall, Danbury. Tickets, 5s. 6d., from P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury, before Wednesday, March 15th. 7661

OBITUARY

MR. ADOLPHUS ROBERTS

An outstanding personality in the old Warwickshire Guild and afterwards the Coventry Diocesan Guild died suddenly on January 30th at the age of 90. He was one of the oldest members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, having joined on September 24th, 1889, and rang his first peal for the Society on December 27th, 1889.

'Bob,' as he was known to a very wide circle, and who learnt to handle a bell at the age of 10, started his ringing career with St. Michael's Junior Society on September 9th, 1887, being a founder member. He rang his first peal (Bob Minor) on May 25th, 1889, at St. Mary-de-Lode's, Gloucester.

He moved to Birmingham in 1891, and rang his first peals of Grandsire and Stedman Caters at Aston. The same year, with a band of College Youths, he rang in the first peal of Stedman Triples in Wales at Llandaff Cathedral. His first peals of Cambridge, Superlative and London Surprise came in 1891.

About 1896 he moved to Stourbridge, and helped to teach a band at Old Swinford. During this time there was a crack band at St. Mary's, Kidderminster, and Bob was soon invited to take part in their peals. He rang over 60 peals with them before he moved to Wolverhampton and joined the St. Peter's band. He later moved to Beeston, Notts, to work for the Humber Motor Co. After about four years the company moved to Coventry, and took Bob with them.

On his first morning in Coventry he met up with Ned Johnson, who invited him to join Stoke St. Michael's band. Here he met J. F. Smallwood, who was at that time the kingpin at Stoke. This was in 1908. The Warwickshire Guild had only been formed a year and, to use Bob's own words, was a very rickety child, scarcely able to walk. He met with hostility on all sides, but this soon levelled out, and in his first year in Coventry he took part in four peals. About this time Canon C. C. Cox was making his presence felt in the Guild. Bob rang in the first peal of Cinques (Stedman) for the Guild at St. Peter's, Wolverhampton.

I met Bob about two weeks before he died, when he was very alert and appeared to be quite fit. He reminisced about the peal of Stedman Triples which was rung for his silver wedding in May, 1918. After serving in Palestine in the first World War he returned to Coventry, and Stoke St. Michael's. He rang over 250 peals—100 of these were for the Warwickshire Guild—and conducted about 35 of them. His last peal was of Stedman Triples at Stoke on his 84th birthday.

He met with an accident about three years ago which left him with his right arm practically useless; this ended his ringing, but did not prevent him from calling in at Stoke on practice nights. He would not tolerate bad striking at any time, and was always ready to help others. His last sincere hope was that the Coventry Diocesan Guild would be controlled by efficient officers, and his regret was that no provision had been made in the plans of the new Cathedral, Coventry, to build a tower to house the lovely 12 bells still in the old Cathedral tower. His last attendance at a Guild meeting was at Whitnash in October, 1960, when the Guild paid tribute to its veterans, of which Bob was one.

Officers and members of the Guild were present at his funeral at Stoke St. Michael's on February 2nd. Before the cortege left the church, members rang a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells. The bells are not ringable at the moment as the tower is being overhauled, so there will not be a peal to bid Bob farewell. He will be missed by all who knew him. J. L. G. H.

Mr. Russell S. Morris, of Leicester, rang in 73 peals during 1960, all on tower bells. He conducted three.

GOLDINGTON, BEDS.—On Jan. 28th, 1.260 Grandsire Doubles; Mrs. R. G. Corby 1, Mrs. M. Marshall 2, J. H. Edwards 3, L. E. Duffield 4, R. G. Corby (cond.) 5, A. Lumbis 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Tom Wildman, former people's warden.

MR. FREDERICK PARR

With deep regret we record the passing of Mr. Frederick Parr, of Killamarsh, on January 25th, aged 83 years.

Mr. Parr was the last surviving member of the Killamarsh team, which rose to great heights in change-ringing under the leadership of the late Mr. Charles Severn in the early years of the present century. He rang his first peal on April 22nd, 1911.

A keen churchman, he was a member of the Parochial Church Council and a churchwarden until sickness overtook him.

He was a most conscientious Sunday service ringer, and looked upon this as a duty as well as a service. Very rarely absent, he placed this above all his other activities. He prided himself that he never once let his team down. His guidance will be greatly missed.

After the funeral on January 28th the bells were rung half-muffled by the local band. E. E. M.

MR. SIDNEY 'GUNBOAT' SMITH

Nettlebed, Oxfordshire, has lost a village worthy who was a keen sportsman by the death on January 30th of Mr. Sidney 'Gunboat' Smith. A ringer at Nettlebed since the 1920's, he was the brother of the late Mr. J. Smith, captain of the tower.

In spite of heart trouble in the last few years he would always make the band up whenever asked, and during the writer's eight years as captain he never let the tower down. Climbing the belfry ladder was no doubt against doctor's orders, but nevertheless he still came and to make his work as light as possible was generally placed on the treble, although he would have taken any bell in the tower. He was a good Doubles ringer, a good striker and neat handler.

For some years it had been customary for the ringers to have a drink with Sid at his home on each Christmas morning. Last Christmas the band was welcomed in by Mrs. Smith to find that he had had a nasty attack during the night. Although he was his cheerful self, alas it was the last time most of the band saw him.

The funeral service and cremation was on February 3rd, and in the evening a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung with the bells half-muffled by B. Sadler 1, J. Pinchin 2, R. Hope 3, R. Cummins 4, N. Belson (conductor) 5, R. Smith 6. N. B.

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Essex Association

The annual meeting of the Northern District was held on January 28th at Coggeshall, when 79 members and visitors attended.

The Rev. F. N. Brown, Vicar, conducted the service, and Mr. Gunn was the organist. Tea was served in the Lecture Hall by St. Peter's Women's Guild.

During the business meeting Mr. H. A. Pratt was again elected Master and Mrs. M. E. Moore secretary. Two new committee members were elected, Mr. Alan Syder and Mr. Peter Wood.

The last year had been very successful: increased membership; more peals and quarter peals; better average attendance at meetings; and a new tower affiliated to the Association.

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EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 15th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Evelyn M. Hicks 1, M. P. Howard 2, June M. Mitchell 3, E. R. Rapley 4, D. R. Mitchell 5, F. J. Roberts 6, J. A. Howard 7, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 8. First in method by 1, 2, 5, 6 and 7. Sunday service band except 4th. For Evensong.

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