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## RECRUITS

### Professor Dodge Discusses the Problem

I CALLED once more on the Professor, and found him immersed, as usual, in his tables and figures. He pushed the ones he was studying among the piles of papers that littered his desk; such is his filing system. We discussed various subjects and he asked me: 'How are you progressing with your recruits?'

'Slowly,' I said. 'It is difficult starting from scratch.'

'You've done it before.'

'Yes, but I had more time and patience 30 years ago!'

'And less competition.'

He rummaged about on his desk and eventually produced a typewritten sheet:

#### RECRUITS

Reasons for loss of above:

- 1 Lack of Interest,
- 2 Lack of Application,
- 3 Lack of Progress,
- 4 Schooling (homework and night school),
- 5 Courting,
- 6 Marriage,
- 7 Illness,
- 8 Death,
- 9 Leaving District,
- 10 Television (and similar useless pastimes),
- 11 Youth Clubs (which include Boy Scouts and Girl Guides),
- 12 Church Activities (e.g., choir, servers, G.F.S.),
- 13 Sport (a watching, b participating).

'A pretty formidable list,' I commented, 'and then, I imagine, not fully comprehensive. It is surprising that we manage to produce any ringers at all.'

'Yes, the wastage is shocking.'

'It is no good,' I countered, 'producing a list like that unless you are prepared to make some constructive suggestion. What can one do to overcome the wastage, and combat the counter-attractions?'

'There have been, and still are, some great minds at work on the problem; although none, of course, so great as mine!' he added modestly.

'It must be recognised,' he continued, 'that a certain amount of wastage is inevitable, although I feel sure it could be reduced. Most ringers now realise that to wait until the old hands begin to disappear is courting disaster. Preparations should be made beforehand by ensuring that the belfry is liberally supplied with recruits. The selfsame activities which deplete their numbers can sometimes be turned to our advantage, and choirboys whose voices have broken, members of the G.F.S., Boy Scouts and Girl Guides encouraged, especially if, as happens in many cases, the captain or leader is a member of the church.'

'All this,' I remarked dryly, 'is not exactly unknown!'

'No, but ringers need reminding occasionally that they owe a debt to posterity.'

'Factors such as courting, marriage, illness and death must, I suppose,' he said scanning his list, 'be regarded as inevitable, but

the first two are mixed blessings as I dare say they have done as much to bring recruits into the belfry as to take 'em out. It seems a pretty drastic process though, whichever way you look at it!' (Mr. Dodge is, ofcourse, a bachelor.)

'Which of the items on your list do you consider most damaging?'

'Lack of progress,' declaimed the Professor. 'Give me a recruit who is constantly moving forward and I can almost guarantee to keep him—or her. To this end recruits should be encouraged to attend district meetings and visit other towers, and to join in other ringers' practices.'

'That's all very well,' I pointed out, 'seeing that when they reach the stage when they can participate in such things most of their (and your) teething troubles are over. It is those belfries where there is a complete vacuum that worries me; where perhaps there is no instructor and either the bells are silent or there are but one or two ringers who pull the bells about on Sundays, and sometimes on weekdays too, without any knowledge of ringing whatsoever.'

He nodded.

'Yes, that's the real problem. Fortunately many Societies are giving the matter some thought and various suggestions have been put forward as to what to do in such cases. There has been some suggestion that Societies should provide instructors who can be sent to various silent or semi-silent towers in their areas.'

'That seems a good idea.'

'It is better than nothing, but it seems to me that the best results could be obtained by tackling the problem locally, by adjacent individual towers or ringers. Each tower where there is a reasonably good band of ringers must look **outwards** towards less fortunate towers. If the tower is silent the Vicar should be approached, a team recruited if possible, instruction offered and practices arranged. If there is the nucleus of a team the captain should be consulted and a **pow-wow** held. I think that more can be achieved by **pushing** the boundaries of learning outwards than by pouncing on isolated black spots, although any method which offers the slightest chance of success must be tried.'

'It must not be forgotten,' he said, 'that the progress of a learner is dependent on the equation:

$$P = \sqrt[3]{\frac{N^{10} (i)^2 \sqrt{T}}{I B^2}} + F$$

Where P=Progress.

N=Number of Qualified Ringers in attendance.

i=Intelligence of Pupil.

I=Intelligence of Instructor(s).

T=Time (in hours) available per week for practice.

B=Condition of Bells (see Dodge's Table No. 34).

F=Factor of Provincial Relativity (see Dodge's Table

No. 101).

'The learner's speed of Progress will therefore depend to a great extent upon the number of Qualified Ringers with whom he is constantly in contact.'

'I will remember that,' I said.

I forgot to ask him what he meant by a 'Qualified Ringer.'

## CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

MEETING AT GREAT YARMOUTH,  
WHITSUN, 1963

A Civic tea is being arranged for members and friends after the meeting. Will those wishing to attend please apply to me by NOT LATER THAN MAY 20th. Tickets (limited to two per member) will be sent with the meeting papers to those who have applied.

Members are reminded of tours being arranged for the Sunday and Monday. Details were published in 'The Ringing World' of March 15th, 1963.

Would those secretaries who have not yet done so please forward names and addresses of their representatives for the 1963-66 session.

The following affiliation fees have not yet been paid: Australia and New Zealand Association, Devon Guild, St. Martin's Guild, University of Bristol Society, Universities Association.

E. A. BARNETT,  
Honorary Secretary.

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## PENN RINGERS HONOUR THEIR CAPTAIN

Some 44 ringers and friends attended a presentation dinner to honour Mr. E. G. (Ted) Bowyer's 50 years' ringing service (1913-1963).

The dinner and presentation was organised under the chairmanship of the vice-captain, Mr. John A. Roden, who, after the loyal toast, paid tribute to his captain for his untiring and unselfish work in the belfry, and said that had it not been for Ted's devotion the belfry would not be in the healthy state it is at present.

Before the presentation of a silver tankard, Mr. C. Griffiths related some memorable and jovial occasions which happened during his 35 years' association with the captain.

Miss E. Twentymen presented the tankard and paid tribute to Mr. Bowyer and his ringers, and recalled the many happy times the whole of her family had with them.

In his reply after the presentation, Ted said what a surprise it was and thanked all those connected with the organising of the dinner and choosing such a lovely gift. Ringing, he reminded the company, was very much a team effort and comradeship and should be done for pleasure and devotion to duty. A team should have a leader and this he had tried to be, but this could not be achieved without the loyal support of the other members.

The captain had a further surprise. Mr. C. Griffiths and Mrs. C. Eyre presented him with eight woollen mats for the ringing chamber, which had been given by the respective ladies and their husbands to commemorate their 25 years of happy marriage. These mats were designed by Mr. H. Howoll (a member of St. Bartholomew's) and made by the respective families.

Other ringing friends, Messrs. F. C. Bennett, E. Drew, A. Pearson and H. Griffiths, paid tribute to Ted's cordial welcome to tower visitors, and his inspiration which instilled into his ringers the necessity for devotion to duty, regular worship and a good standard of ringing.

The Vicar (the Rev. A. R. Gaskell) concluded the evening by an appropriate reference to the captain's work and thanked the ringers for their loyal service.

The ringing mats were dedicated at Evenson on April 7th, when again the Vicar paid tribute to the captain and his ringers.

C. J. W. E.

## UP AND COMING YOUNGSTERS—No. 7



MISS SANDRA E. CHESTERTON,  
Leicester Diocesan Guild.

The Leicester Guild has for many years been one of the leading Guilds in the Exorcise, and is continually growing. This is largely due to the recruitment of and good training given to youngsters, many of whom have already reached the heights. Heading for the heights today is Sandra E. Chesterton.

## BELLS, BELLS—and more BELLS!

That was the impression gained by the bell-ringers and their friends, from St. Mary's, Westham, Sussex, on April 6th, when a visit was paid to the bell foundry of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, at Whitechapel. The party was welcomed by Mr. Hughes, who took them on a tour of the foundry.

Among many objects of interest seen was a ring of bells ready for shipment to America, to be hung in the Cathedral at Washington, and another ring for South Africa. A great number of handbells were also on view, in all stages of making.

Leaving the foundry, the party made their way to St. Dunstan's, Stepney, and spent some time ringing, and also looking at the many interesting features in the church, one of which was the complete church registers from the year 1568. The burials from 1644-1666 included the names of 6,533 people who died in the plague. Afterwards at West Ham some members joined the ringers of the Essex Association in Grandsire Caters, Plain Bob Royal and rounds.

The return journey was made by way of the Woolwich Ferry into Kent, calling at Penshurst Church at 7.30 p.m. for the last ring with the Kent Association.

We wish to convey our thanks to our hosts during the day, also warm thanks to D. Roy Fuller for arranging the day's programme and acting as guide and driver.

V. J. M.

Sandra was born on March 15th, 1945, at the Fosse Nursing Home in Leicester. She was educated at Sir Jonathan North Secondary School for Girls, attended the Leicester College of Art and Technology in the School of Commerce for a year, and is now working as a shorthand typist for a wholesale electrical firm in Leicester.

Sandra started to ring at the age of 13, at St. Andrew's Church, Aylestone, under the watchful eye of Mr. Russell S. Morris, and it was not long before she became a member of the regular Sunday service band.

A year later, at the age of 14, Sandra rang her first peal. This took place at Claybrooke, Leics. on December 24th, 1959, when she rang the treble to Yorkshire Surprise Major, conducted by Brian G. Warwick. A large amount of credit for such rapid progress by this brilliant young ringer is surely due to her tutor and the high standard of ringing maintained throughout the Guild.

Sandra now has some 35 peals to her credit including Plain Bob Minor, London Surprise Major, Plain Bob Royal, Lincolnshire Surprise Royal, Grandsire Caters and the treble to Durham Surprise Maximus at Leicester Cathedral.

For the past two years Sandra has been exploring the field of conducting, and conducted her first, which was Plain Bob Minor at Aylestone, for her 16th birthday. The composition was one of Mr. Ernest Morris', who took part in the peal. Her ambition is to conduct a peal of Surprise Major.

On January 12th this year Sandra was appointed secretary of the Midland District of the Ladies' Guild. A noteworthy performance by an 'up and coming youngster'.

NORVING.

## FIRE TRAGEDY AT EASTWOOD

'The Belfry News,' the newspaper of the Derbyshire bellringers, devotes its front page story to the disastrous fire at St. Mary's Church, Eastwood, Derbys (see page 171).

Complimenting the firemen for saving the church from being completely destroyed, the report states that the damage was most severe at the east end, where the organ was completely destroyed, but the east window survived the inferno.

The firemen are also to be complimented on their courage in fighting the fire near the tower; an attempt to get in via the clock-face was unsuccessful, so with breathing apparatus and floodlights they went in through the church door and fought the blaze from the inside.

As slates and masonry were falling most of the time this was not one of the easiest of jobs to do, but the attempt was successful in preventing extensive damage to the tower.

The floor of the bellringing chamber and the clock floor have been badly damaged, and will need replacing. The panelling round the ringing chamber has been completely consumed by the fire, as has also the door and small wooden window frame.

The present church, which was completed in 1852, is well insured, but it will be some little time before it is opened for worship and its bells ringing again.

Two young boys have been found guilty of causing the fire and sent to an approved school. In the meantime work is going on in stripping the roof of its burned timber prior to rebuilding the side walls. It has been suggested that complete rebuilding of the body of the church may be required.

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## HERTS RINGERS GIVE SERVICE TOUCH AT KENT ANNUAL

A PERSONAL tribute was paid to the Bishop of Rochester (the Rt. Rev. David Say), when he attended the 83rd annual meeting of the Kent County Association on Easter Monday at Tonbridge Parish Church. Ringers from his former church, Hatfield, rang the service touch, to be listened to by the 200 ringers present. This new idea of a personal link with the principal visitor is to be followed, when possible, at future annual meetings, announced the chairman, Mr. J. Willis.

Ringers and their families filled the nave for the Easter service, conducted by Canon T. F. C. Bewes. The lesson was read by Mr. Willis.

It was the Easter theme the Bishop took for his address. 'The Resurrection,' he said, 'was the message the apostles took wherever they went, and wherever they founded a church. And it is rather hard for us to believe that the Resurrection was the basis of the belief on which our church is founded.'

'The first day of the Christian calendar is not Christmas or Good Friday, but Easter Day, so every Sunday is a little Easter, a miniature observance of the Resurrection, and all through the centuries where men have built churches to the glory of God they have done so to proclaim His Resurrection and to provide a meeting place for those who are witnesses of that truth.'

It was the faith in the Resurrection that gave to them all, however frustrating it might be at times, a new life and a new perspective because they knew that death was no; the end, and good would triumph over evil, and their lives would pass from crucifixion to resurrection. Therefore let their bells continue to ring and proclaim to all the world that Jesus Christ was risen. Alleluia.

### HUMBLING A MAN

Welcoming the guests at the luncheon, the chairman, in a reference to the Bishop of Rochester, said he had no doubt as time went on the Bishop would have a lot to tell the people in his diocese, especially the ringers, about their shortcomings. He was told by the Bishop that he had never attempted to ring a bell, and Mr. Willis added that he hoped his lordship would remedy this defect in his make up. Nothing rendered a man more humble and understanding than in trying to do something of which he knew nothing or very little. That would also be a good thing for many of the clergy. He hoped the Bishop would tell the clergy that the bells and ringers were part of the Church.

Mr. Willis also welcomed Mr. C. L. Watts (chairman of Tonbridge U.D.C.), Canon T. F. C. Bewes and Mrs. Bewes, Messrs. Adams and Bazant (churchwardens), Mr. T. W. White, Mr. T. J. Lock (secretary of the Middlesex Association), Mrs. Lock (vice-president and former president of the Ladies' Guild) and Rev. P. Lee (Vicar of Seal).

The Bishop congratulated the Association on the success of the meeting. When he was Vicar of Hatfield he went into the belfry with a certain amount of risk because they had certain discipline there, and the clergy were only let in on sufferance. When he was about to learn to ring a fellow named Hitler stepped in.

The chairman of Tonbridge U.D.C. spoke of the pleasure it gave her in attending the Association's service. She was certain that something would be missing from their lives if they did not hear the bells—it was a most frightening thought to think that they would not ring.

The annual meeting followed, at which Mr. John Willis presided, supported by Mr. P. A. Corby (honorary secretary) and Mr. B. W. May (honorary treasurer).

### LOSSES BY DEATH

The annual report, presented by the honorary secretary, gave the following losses by death, which were specially remembered at the service. These were: Practising members: A. Hewitt (Frindsbury), H. Huntley (Chiddingstone), V.

Lincoln (Aylesford), W. J. Lancefield (Willesborough), T. Warner (Mereworth), A. Wenban (Seal Chart), H. S. Wickens (Ashford); non-resident life members: R. F. Deal (East Ham), W. Welling (Old Windsor), C. Wiltshire (Canada, formerly Birchington and Sittingbourne), J. M. Bailey (Leiston), E. Morris (Leicester), W. C. Hart (Brighton), T. A. Blow (Croydon), R. W. Stannard (London), F. W. Burnett (Portsmouth), H. E. C. Good-enough (St. Albans), W. H. B. Wilkins (Oxford).

The report gave the membership of the different Districts as follows: Ashford, 225 resident, 31 honorary; Canterbury, 330, 44; Lewisham, 205, 5; Maidstone, 199; Rochester, 262, 15; Tonbridge, 151. This gave a total resident membership of 1,372 and 100 honorary. Towers in union were 168, and out of union 47. Fifteen new non-resident life members had been elected.

### RESTORATION WORK

Ringling had resumed at St. Margaret's, Rochester, after a lapse of many years. It was hoped that restoration of the frame would be possible at some future date. A first class rehanging job had been completed by Taylors at Sandhurst; the bells had been retuned and a new fifth added in place of the mediæval bell, which was cracked and now rested on the church floor.

There was hope of bell work at Mersham, Pluckley and a new ring at Smeeth. A new frame for the eight at Sevenoaks was contemplated at some future date. It was also hoped that ringling at Upchurch, stopped some three years ago, could be restarted before long. A restoration fund had been started at Ash-by-Wrotham.

Advice had been received from Mr. F. Sharpe, regarding sound control at Kildown.

The report concluded: Our main purpose is to see, as far as we are able, that the church bells of this beloved county of Kent and that part of London formerly in Kent are rung regularly, Sunday by Sunday, in the good old English style. There are still many towers not in union with the Association and, alas, all too many in union where we have fewer members than the number of bells. Let us endeavour to remedy these deficiencies and at the same time strive by the competence of our change ringling performances to keep this great Association in its well deserved place, as one of the leading ringling societies.

### THE ACCOUNTS

The income and expenditure account showed a balance carried forward of £167, against £142 brought forward. The principal item under payments was £109 for printing the annual reports. The balance of the Benevolent Fund had risen from £230 to £236, and the Belfry Repair Fund balance was £306, against £270.

Moving the adoption of the report, Mr. B. W. May said 100 more members paid their subscriptions this year, compared with last year, and of those 54 were juniors.

Mr. A. S. Richards, the honorary auditor, reported that the accounts seemed very satisfactory; every account had an increased balance.

### MORE PEALS

Mr. Ian H. Oram, as peal secretary, reported that 169 peals had been rung by the Association in 1962, six more than last year. St. John's, Erith, headed the list of towers with 19 peals. There were five handbell peals. Twenty-three members were congratulated on ringling their first peals.

There were 35 conductors, one more than last year, and four of these were conducting their first peal. Bernard F. L. Groves headed the list of conductors with 51, followed by the peal secretary with 23, Philip A. Corby 16, George J. Butcher and Crawford T. Hillis 10 each.

First performances were St. Clement's College Bob Caters, Hinton and Lincoln Surprise Major, Splined Surprise Major in 14 and 15 methods, and Surprise Minor peals in 31, 14 and 41 methods. The 41 method peal comprised 8,640 changes and was rung at East Sutton; it was the longest length by all

the band. The peal at Minster-in-Thames was the first on the bells.

Moving the adoption of the report, Mr. Oram said that for the first time a complete selection of new compositions, which he hoped would be very useful to conductors, had been published.

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Proposing the re-election of Mr. P. A. Corby as honorary secretary, the chairman said: 'I want to tell you from the inside how very pleased we are at the way he has tackled this somewhat difficult job. The amount of work he has put in is enormous.' Seconding, Mr. Geo. E. Spice added: 'He absolutely tops the bill.' Carried.

Other officers elected, with thanks for their past services, were: Mr. Ian H. Oram, peal secretary; Mr. B. W. May, honorary treasurer; Mr. A. S. Richards, honorary auditor. A ballot for Central Council representatives resulted in the election of Messrs. Ian H. Oram 98 votes, Mr. P. A. Corby 94, Mr. T. Cullingworth 92 and Mr. J. R. Cooper 91, Mr. Trevor M. Cross was unsuccessful.

The annual dinner of the Association was fixed for September 28th at the National Maritime Museum, Greenwich.

### REVISION OF RULES

This subject was introduced by the honorary secretary, who said about two years ago a proposal was made to increase the annual subscription, and to introduce a peal booking fee. When that was brought to the General Committee in November, 1961, the thought was expressed that there was little point in trying to increase income unless they had a reasonably clear idea of how much was wanted and what they were going to do with it when they got it. A finance sub-committee was appointed to investigate, and they met five or six times. It became clear that there was no immediate crisis in the Association's financial affairs. If it was found that the expenses of the Association continued to rise this increase of subscriptions might be done with an alteration of rules.

Mr. Corby said the Rochester District felt it would be advisable to allow more time for considering the alteration of rules. As far as the Association was concerned, they had far more things to worry about than money or rules. Their job was to ring the bells of Kent every Sunday and not worry about rules.

Mr. Terry Barton said there was no doubt the Finance Committee had made a very good job. The only thing that he had any doubt about was the tower affiliation fee.

### CRITICISM

Mr. Bernard Collison was critical of the report. He wanted to know why it was proposed to delete the names of trustees from the rules. The tower affiliation fee would take up a tremendous amount of time and he could not see more than 50 per cent of the towers paying it. If every tower paid it would only produce £24 towards the £100 required for printing the reports. He also regarded the committee as unwieldy, and questioned the right to transfer any sum from a specified fund.

The honorary treasurer said trustees were powerless without a trust deed.

The chairman said the committee felt that sufficient time had not been given to the many points in the report and it would be better for it to go to the Districts for their consideration. Any proposals should be presented to the secretary, between the end of August and the November committee meeting. Their report would then go back to the Districts and next Easter be presented at the annual meeting.

To test the meeting resolutions to increase the subscription were presented by Mr. F. Macey and Mr. Duncan, and were heavily defeated. The report was then referred back to the committee.

The meeting decided to send a letter of sympathy to Mrs. Mitchell, who was in hospital, and good wishes to Mr. E. S. Ruck, the only surviving founder member, who was also in hospital.

Mr. May proposed an omnibus vote of thanks, and this included Mr. and Mrs. Walter Dobbie, the Vicar, the organist, the chairman, the caterers and the general secretary.

A retiring collection for Melbourn Cathedral bells raised £4 10s.

## HARPENDEN RINGER FOR 50 YEARS

TO mark an achievement, not often attained, of ringing at the same church for a period of 50 years, the ringers of Harpenden, Herts, held an informal gathering in the Rector's Room on March 27th, to honour Mr. Arthur Day.

Mr. Day started his ringing career in December, 1911, when he rang handbells in and around the village at Christmas-time. In the following January he began to learn to handle a rope, and with it the intricacies of change ringing, and in September, 1912, Mr. Day rang his first quarter peal. Having been elected a member of the Harpenden band in the early part of 1913, he was, in March, elected a ringing member of the Hertford County Association. In November, 1913, the first and only all-local peal was rung, Mr. Day being the only member of that band who is still ringing. His musical ear was a great help, and he was able to master the art of conducting. The majority of quarter peals that have been rung in Harpenden during the past 25 years have been called by him.

Mr. Day was secretary of the band for 25 years, and during the very trying war-time years did all that was possible to hold the band together until the ban on the ringing of church bells was lifted.

Apart from the local band, who were all present at this happy gathering, friends came from St. Albans (the Cathedral and St. Peter's), Hemel Hempstead and Luton, where Mr. Day has done a considerable amount of ringing over the years.

As Mr. and Mrs. Day entered the room, handbells were rung in welcome. After mingling with the assembled company and having refreshments, the focal point of the evening was reached.

Mr. L. G. Coburn read a résumé of Mr. Day's ringing career, and then asked Mr. R. Newson, who has rung with and known Mr. Day longer than anyone else in the tower, to make a presentation on behalf of the Harpenden band. The gift took the form of an oak tea tray, with a silver bell inlaid and suitably inscribed. Miss Nina Thomas then presented



Mr. Arthur Day receiving the tray from Mr. R. Newson.

Mrs. Day with a bouquet of white and gold freesias. Mr. F. C. Jacklin, captain, proposed a toast to Mr. and Mrs. Day, after which Mr. Day cut an iced cake decorated with eight silver bells.

Mr. H. V. Frost, president of the Hertford County Association, and Mr. A. Rushton, president of the Bedfordshire Association, spoke of the good work which Mr. Day has done over the years. Mr. R. M. Williamson, churchwarden, thanked Mr. Day on behalf of the parishioners of Harpenden, coupling Mr. H. A. Taylor, who was also present, with his remarks. Several other delightful compliments were paid by past presidents of the Association, and by the present captain of the Luton band, who has himself rung for over 50 years.

After the speeches were over Mr. Day expressed his thanks for his gift, and for all the nice things that had been said, and also to his fellow ringers for the pleasant evening. Mr. Day then joined in ringing handbells.

The wish expressed by one speaker is echoed by all Mr. Day's friends, that he will be blessed with good health and be able to enjoy many more years of active ringing.

M. A. C.

### ODE ON MISSING A SALLY

Is this a sally, which I see before me,  
The woolly bulge toward my hand? Come, let  
me clutch thee:—

I have thee not, and yet I know thou art flying  
around somewhere.

Art thou not, striped vision, sensible  
Or feeling as to sight? or art thou but  
A sally of the mind: a false creation  
Proceeding from floor to ceiling with velocity?  
I see thee yet, in form as palpable (and  
moth-eaten)

As this hair which now I tear out.  
Thou marsal'st me all over the place to catch  
thee,

And such an instrument I needs must use.  
My person is made a fool of the other ringers,  
Or else worse than all the rest: I see thee still;  
And on my thumbs and fingers, gouts of  
blisters,

Which was not so before. Sally? There's no  
such thing;

It is that imbecilic instructor which informs  
Thus to mine eyes.

(Apologies to Shakespeare, and to the  
instructor.)

ANN CARDEN.

St. Albans.

### MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

Combined practices are being held between St. Martin's, Bradley, and St. Leonard's, Bilston, Staffs. The first was on Friday, April 19th, at Bilston and the next is at St. Martin's, Bradley, on April 26th. Visitors are especially welcome.

When Twyford ringers had an outing on Easter Monday all the towers visited except one had the same dedication as their own church—St. Mary. The exception had the dedication of the church at Twyford—St. James. It was quite accidental.

In honour of the Diocesan Youth pilgrimage to the shrine of St. Alban on Easter Monday, five ringers, from 14 to 16 years, rang a quarter peal of Plain Bob Doubles on the back five at St. Stephen's Church. The ringers were Ann Woodhouse 1, V. Rix 2, Audrey R. Alexander 3, A. C. D. Mayes 4, D. R. Sanderson (cond.) 5.

A clock has been presented by the bell-ringers of St. Andrew's Church, North Weald, to Miss Wendy Bowak on leaving the village for Burnham-on-Crouch, where she will be a welcome addition to their company. The presentation was made by the Vicar (the Rev. T. C. Thorpe) during the family service on Palm Sunday.

### 'William Underhill or William Dawe'?

Dear Sir.—Reference the article by Mr. T. A. Bevis (page 245). Either Mr. Bevis has got his facts wrong about the founder's stamp marked 'D,' or all the information about it given to me over the past 30-40 years by such pronounced authorities as Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Mr. Cyril Johnston, Mr. Ernest Morris, and Mr. J. Armiger Trollope is inaccurate: I can hardly believe four such men and firms of research would all be wrong, and only Mr. Bevis right!

This stamp, depicting as it does, the words William ffounder, fecit, encircling a tree branch with two birds (dawes), has, by all four above authorities, been ascribed to **William Dawe**, whose existence as a bell founder (according to all four in letters I have) was from 1385 to 1418.

William Underhill may have been another founder who succeeded Dawe; just as in later years William Chamberlayne is said to have followed Henry Jordon—the latter 1442-1470, and the former 1470-1498, according to Ernest Morris, in his manuscript of British bell founders, which he gave to me just before he died. There is a single bell of 8 cwt. (approx.) at Hardwick, near Wellingborough, showing the other stamps given by T. A. Bevis, **but not the 'D' stamp**, but if information given to myself, the late Rev. E. S. Powell and others, by a past long serving Rector (Rev. Mr. Richards) that it was cast in 1395 (though no date is inscribed) is correct, it is hardly possible that even this was a product of 'William Underhill.'

Some of these same stamps can be seen upon the four ancient bells at Fawsley, Northants—said to be products of Henry Jordon; they were also used by William Chamberlayne—the fourth at Old, near Walgrave, in this county, is another example, as is also one at Bainton of four bells there.

I would also like to correct information about a bell at East Farndon, Northants, to the effect that 'it is believed to be the first bell cast by Thomas Eayre, the 3rd of that ring of five.' About four years ago I took a rubbing of its inscription and sent it on to Messrs. John Taylor and Co., who agreed with me that it is a bell by **Thomas Clay**, that the inscription is T.C., not T.E. The late Rev. Thomas Merriman (East Farndon's last resident Rector) gave its date of installation as late 1710; Clay, according to Ernest Morris, was a Leicester bell founder from early 1711 to 1715.

One of his last bells must be the tenor of three at Great Harrowden, near Wellingborough, bearing the date 1715.—Yours, etc.,  
P. AMOS.

Weston Favell.

### Underhill not a Founder

Dear Sir.—T. A. Bevis has spoiled his interesting paper on William ffounder by stating that 'it is generally accepted that "Underhill" was the founder's surname.'

The shield with a chevron between three trefoils slipped is also the arms of Rufford and Fitz-Lewes. There is not a scrap of evidence that an Underhill was a founder.

He has apparently taken T. North as his authority, ignoring greater men such as J. C. Stahlschmidt, A. D. Tyssen and H. B. Walters.—Yours sincerely,

GEORGE P. ELPHICK.

Lewes.

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# Letters to the Editor

## Naming of Surprise Methods

Dear Sir,—The letter from Mr. Belcham ('R.W.' April 11th) serves to emphasise the pressing need for the publication by the Central Council of a complete list of the regular Surprise methods, on eight or more bells, that have been rung in peals. The Council has issued handbooks in virtually every other field of the Exercise, but has never published a collection of Surprise Major methods. I estimate that 638 regular Surprise methods have been rung and published up to April 11th, 1963 (including spliced peals and 'Little' methods): 497 Major, 100 Royal and 41 Maximus.

In view of the lack of consolidated information on Surprise methods, it is not unexpected that methods should occasionally be rung under incorrect names. In fact it is due largely to the care taken by most Surprise peal bands that the number of duplications is very small. Unfortunately, once an incorrect method name appears in a peal report it is impossible to undo the harm caused, no matter how quickly a correction is published. Many columns of your valuable space have already been wasted by inquiries on this subject over the years.

The following list of offending names may help to dispel some of the confusion which prevails. First I give the methods which had been rung to peals under a different name.

Incorrect Name	Rung at	Date	Correct Name
Wicken	Anstey	6/4/35	Huntingdon
Burton	W. Wyc'be	5/9/36	Brighton
Framsden	Helmingham	5/12/38	Loughboro'
Northchurch	Northchurch	11/2/39	Lessness
Warfield	Warfield	20/5/39	Cassiobury
Airedale	Northwysam	5/8/39	Chiltern
Hale	Framsden	30/10/48	Belvedere
Nettleham	Lincoln	23/6/51	Withyham
Moorside	Birmingham	14/10/54	Quinton
Netherton	Netherton	30/10/54	Oxfordshire
Stechford	Birmingham	19/1/56	Zetland
Newmarket	Long Sutton	5/12/60	Stanton
Quadrang	Epworth	7/1/61	Wellington
Marden	Marden	22/8/59	Northtrepps
Little S			Major

Loughborough, in the above list, had previously been rung only in a spliced peal, and the peal at Helmingham was, in fact, the first in the method, but it was decided to retain the earlier name. Northtrepps is not a Surprise method. Of the incorrect names in this list, only the following three names have been used again:

Wicken, at Wicken, 12/7/53;  
 Nettleham, at Lincoln, 26/12/60;  
 Quadrang, at Donington, 11/2/63.  
 (Incidentally, my Spalding friends do not recommend the new Quadrang to any band looking for a 'Q' to add to its alphabet, because of its poor musical qualities.)

Mistakes in reporting account for two more errors. The names Acton and Chester had both been used for earlier peals when the following were printed:

Published Name	Rung at	Date	Correct Name
Chester	Frodsham	27/1/48	Cheshire
Acton	Willesden	12/7/56	Ripon

The names of a number of methods have been changed after their original publication in the peal columns. The following four have been renamed by the bands concerned after Central Council decisions that the methods are not acceptable extensions of the Major methods of the same names:

- Rutland S. Maximus rung at Leicester, 3/7/50, renamed Belvoir;
- Gainsborough S. Royal rung at Lichfield, 29/12/56, renamed Boston;
- Whitwick S. Royal rung at Loughborough, 19/10/59, renamed Gracedieu;
- Lyme S. Royal rung at Loughborough, 9/11/59, renamed Charmouth.

A method named 'Lindoff's London' Surprise Major, rung in several spliced peals, was renamed Elford when the first peal in the method was rung at Drighlington on 2/10/54. Another method, rung as Superlative Surprise Major (Rochester Variation) was rung at Southgate on 28/11/07, and the name was changed in 1948 to 'Southgate' to avoid confusion with the other Superlative.

A full reply to your correspondent clearly cannot be given in your columns, but must be made privately. The following comments are, however, relevant.

The methods of which he gives the notation are, in the order printed, Wellington, Ripon, Acton, Nettleham, Withyham. The notation of Ripon is incorrect; the final section should be 14—14. 58.

The name Saxlingham appears not to have been given to a Surprise method, but a peal of Saxlingham Imperial Major (C.C.C. 202) was rung in 1952, and is presumably the method intended.

Some of the methods requested have been published very recently, and Mr. Belcham does not seem to have tried very hard to find the methods before seeking help.—Yours sincerely,

GEORGE W. MASSEY.

Frome, Somerset.

## Publication Wanted

Dear Sir,—In view of Mr. Belcham's letter in a recent 'R.W.' and the difficulty I and others have in obtaining a complete record of Surprise Major methods, which have been pealed, perhaps there might be a need for the notations of these methods to be published. Of course, a number of people, including Mr. J. Mayne, have a complete list of the some 500 methods in question and perhaps he could be persuaded to set them out and yourself to print them in, say, blocks of 50 (which wouldn't take up much more space than the letter in question) and would settle the Stanton/Newmarket, Wellington/Quadrang and Folkestone queries which have appeared (and which I have been concerned in) in the past months.—Yours faithfully,

EDWIN T. CHAPMAN.

Spalding, Lincs.

Note.—The publication of 500 methods would take approximately four pages.—Ed.

## Surprise Major Methods

Dear Sir,—This is in reply to the letter from Mr. Belcham, appearing in your issue of April 11th, page 244. He raises several queries.

1 Quadrang. The previous peal to which he alludes was rung at Epworth, Lincs, 7/1/61. This peal was actually a peal of Wellington (the figures of which Mr. Belcham gives), and the error was pointed out in correspondence to the 'R.W.' 10/2/61, page 99, and 17/2/61, page 115. Therefore, the name Quadrang again became available for a Surprise Major method, and the band who rang the new method at Donington on 11/2/63 were perfectly entitled to use it. There is no need to change the name to prevent 'misunderstandings,' as Mr. Belcham suggests. Such a further change of name would only create more misunderstandings.

2 Acton is as follows:  
 38-58. 4. 58-58. 16-12-5. 16-16. 7. L.E. 12  
 Corrigan No. 2.  
 and was first rung at Willesden 17/1/52.

3 Ripon is as follows:  
 38-58. 4-12-16-14-3. 14-14. 5. L.E. 12

Corrigan No. 262, and not as Mr. Belcham gives it, for he gives the last section as 16-16 in error. Ripon was first rung at Willesden 12/7/56, and by mistake was published as a peal of Acton. But the name actually given to this method was Ripon, just as it appears in Corrigan, and this is made quite clear in Belfry Gossip of the issue of 17/8/56, page 520.

4 Nettleham. The peal rung at Lincoln, 23/6/51, under this name was actually a peal of Withyham. This error is corrected in Belfry Gossip of the issue of 20/7/51, page 456. Again, the name Nettleham became available and was used for a new method rung at Lincoln, 26/12/60.

If Mr. Belcham has difficulty in finding a method, he may write to me, if he wishes, enclosing a S.A.E., and I will give him the information he wants.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN R. MAYNE.

17, Headstone Lane,  
 Harrow, Middlesex.

## Odd-Struck Bells

Dear Sir.—There is nothing better than the leather washer, as E. Barnett suggests, for the odd-struck bell. Some time ago I offered a little advice on packing on one side to get the clapper in the centre. Why not use the washer? If the washer is not worn very much, take it off and soften it; also hammer the edges down. See that you get the clapper dead centre, then tighten up the washer. Do not ring the bell until next day or so, so as to let the washer get hard again.

There are not many rings of bells sent out and fixed odd-struck but can be rung true with very little trouble. Always see that the clappers are light; if they get loose the leather washer will not go back in its proper place. If the clapper is loose for long, the washer will wear and come off.—Yours faithfully,

E. C. GOBEY.

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## DEDICATION OF A NEW SIX AT GOSFIELD

THE dedication of the new ring of six at Gosfield, Essex, on April 6th, was the climax of two years of enthusiastic local effort under the tireless and inspiring leadership of Miss Hilda G. Snowden. For many years three bell ropes have hung near the font at the west end of the church, from which it was assumed that the tower possessed three bells. An inspection about two years ago showed that the frame had originally housed a fourth bell, and further investigation showed that the tower was capable of carrying a ring of six. The three existing bells, which form the third, fifth and tenor of the ring (the tenor being a pre-Reformation bell), were taken to the Loughborough foundry last October for retuning and new fittings, and for the addition of three new bells—an augmentation which has been extremely well carried out, the blend of tone of new and old bells and the 'go' of all being excellent. Ringing still takes place on the ground floor around the font, and the ropes have been skillfully arranged so as not to obscure the fine stained glass west window, a memorial to George Courtauld. Inscriptions on the bells read:

### Treble:

Cast by John Taylor of Loughborough 1962, and inscribed

THE GIFT OF THE PARISHIONERS  
OF GOSFIELD 1962  
GLORY BE TO GOD

### Second:

Cast by John Taylor of Loughborough 1962, and inscribed

IN MEMORY OF AUGUSTINE  
COURTAULD 1904-1959  
DO GOOD

### Third:

Cast by Henry Pleasant of Sudbury 1704, and inscribed

THOMAS MILLINGTON HAD ME CAST  
HP 1704

### Fourth:

Cast by John Taylor of Loughborough 1962, and inscribed

THE BARRON BELL TRUST ASSISTED  
WITH THE WORK OF RESTORING  
THESE BELLS 1962

### Fifth:

Cast by Miles Graye of Colchester 1637, and inscribed

MILES GRAYE MADE ME M 1637

### Tenor (9 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.):

Cast by Thomas Potter of Norwich c 1420, and inscribed

TRIPLEX PERSONA TRINITAS  
NUNC GAUDIA DONA

The church was packed to capacity for the dedication service. Amongst those present were (Mrs. R. A. Butler, Captain Pennell (Barron Bell Trust), Mr. Paul Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Collins, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Lock, Mr. R. Clouston, Mr. R. C. Heazel (Master, Essex Association), Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Crampton and others representing the Essex Association. Flowers surmounted the font.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. E. A. Burdon), and the lesson was read by Mr. R. C. Heazel. The hymns were 'All glory, laud and honour', 'Ring forth, holy bell' and 'Praise the Lord! ye heavens adore Him.' and Psalm 122. Miss J. Howard was the organist. The procession to the west end was led by David Arnold (one of the focal ringers), carrying the processional cross, and followed by choir and clergy. Here the dedication was carried out by the Bishop of Colchester, assisted by the Rural Dean, Rev. A. W. Swallow (Vicar of Halstead).

### VICAR'S DAUGHTER RINGS

Rounds were then rung on the new bells by six local ringers—Irene Finemore 1, Eve Ruggles 2, Susan Burdon (the Vicar's daughter, aged 11) 3, Kathleen Poole 4, Dorothy Lewin 5, Stuart Pountney 6. None of these had touched a bell prior to the removal of the three existing bells last October, but through all the strains and stresses of the unusually hard winter they had trudged regularly week by week to Stisted, where, by permission of the Rector, they were taught by Miss Snowden, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. H. Moore (Bocking), R. Martin (Halstead) and A. Syder (Stisted).

During the ringing choir and clergy returned to the chancel, after which the Bishop gave an address. 'I am only going to speak for about five minutes,' said the Bishop. 'I would rather the bells spoke for themselves. There is nothing I enjoy more than progress in this respect. Last summer I dedicated the bells at Hempstead, later the restored ring at Saffron Walden, and now Gosfield. This is a similar yet equally great occasion.'

### 'NO MEAN ACHIEVEMENT'

'It is no mean achievement, yet no mean advantage, for a village to have a ring such as this. I hate silent towers, or feeble one-bell towers; it suggests a community shut up within itself. A peal stands for an invitation, a welcome, and a challenge which goes out to all the community, and asks the people to listen with some imagination.

'I am reminded of a quotation from Bernard Shaw's "St. Joan"—"Blessed, blessed chiming bells, like angel voices floating down." Listen for those angel voices and expect guidance from this simple fundamental fact.

'Bells make a joyful sound, and should make you count the things for which you have reason to be thankful and inspire you to come and worship.'

At the close of the service an opening touch of 360 Cambridge Surprise Minor was rung by Paul Taylor 1, T. Bird 2, A. Syder 3, R. Suckling 4, F. E. Collins 5, Hilda G. Snowden 6.

During this ringing the congregation walked across the field path to Gosfield Hall, where a buffet tea was served in the ballroom, by permission of the House Committee. This fine mansion is divided into apartments, occupied by retired professional people, but has several rooms which the public may visit. The Queen's Gallery is 106 feet long, and its linen-fold panelling is the finest example of its kind in the country. Once inside, the library, with the door closed, the visitor suddenly wonders how to get out again, for the inner side of the door is so panelled as to look like shelves of leather bound books!

Back to the ballroom and tea—and the centre of attraction was a wonderful three-tier iced cake. Around each tier was icing in the form of bells, from the second tier hung six miniature bellropes, with blue and white sables (an exact replica of those in the church); from the top tier hung six silver bells, and this tier was surmounted by a model of the tower and a flagstaff flying the cross of St. George. This cake, made at a bakery in Halstead, was iced by Mr. Robert Bamford, of Great Leighs, and his mother—they worked from 11 p.m. to 4 a.m. to complete their task, yet they had never even seen Gosfield Church! The cake was cut by the Bishop.

### VICAR'S THANKS

The Vicar then paid tribute to all who had assisted the appeal fund for the bells. He was particularly pleased that Captain Pennell, of the Barron Bell Trust, was present, and thanked him for a very generous sum. Mrs. R. A. Butler had attended the service, and they were grateful for her support, through which a bell had been given in memory of her late husband, Augustine Courtauld. Even that day he had received a pound note from someone quite unknown to him.

Miss Snowden, said the Vicar, had been a tower of strength, and without her they could not have arrived at this stage, which was due to her keenness and her extraordinary knowledge of the whole science of campanology. He added that friends unknown to him among the company present were there because of Miss Snowden. (Applause.) He was pleased to welcome Mr. Paul Taylor, of the Loughborough Bell Foundry, but regretted the absence of Mr. J. P. Fidler, who had put in the bell frame, with the assistance of Mr. H. Moore. He expressed thanks to the Bishop and to Dr. White and Mr. and Mrs. Hill, of the Gosfield Hall House Committee.

Mr. R. C. Heazel, for the Essex Association, said: 'This is a great day for the Exercise, for it gives us another peal of six on which to ring. That six new ringers should be able to ring rounds for the dedication

is an achievement. When towers are silent it brings sadness, but this need not be if there is enthusiasm such as at Gosfield.'

Mr. M. Rowson (people's warden) thanked the newly formed Gosfield Guild of ringers who had raised money by various means to provide the tea free for this occasion. They had also raised £33 from a cheese and wine party, which provided a carpet for the ringing chamber and £10 for the Bell Fund.

Many friends and visitors took part in ringing a variety of methods on the new bells during the evening. K. M. L.

## HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION Northern District

The Northern District quarterly meeting was held at Baldock on April 6th. There was about an hour's ringing before the service, conducted by Canon F. C. Brenchley, with Miss D. Bate at the organ. The business meeting followed a more than ample tea.

Mr. F. J. Plummer, formerly of Hitchin, was elected a non-resident life member. A practice meeting will be held on March 4th at Offley, we hope, and the next quarterly meeting at Knebworth in July. There was a report on the General Committee meeting, and some discussion about the proposal to increase the subscriptions. This matter will be on the agenda for the annual general meeting on April 20th. J. S.

## ST. ALKMUND'S, DERBY

The Vicar of St. Alkmund's, Derby, the church which will probably be demolished to make room for the new inner ring road, has now accepted the offer made by the Derbyshire Association for ringers in the Association to man St. Alkmund's bells on a rota basis, at least once a month.

The initial plans are to ring the bells for Evensong, i.e. 5.30 to 6.30 p.m. on the first Sunday of each month. The band from Etwell rang on April 7th, and bands from Heanor and Belper have volunteered for May and June. If sufficient bands volunteer it should be possible to increase the frequency of ringing to once a fortnight. Any band wishing to take its turn to man St. Alkmund's bells on the above basis should contact G. A. Halls, 54, Willson Avenue, Littleover, Derby.

## BARNSELY DISTRICT SOCIETY

Meeting at Cawthorne on April 13th, with the Vicar (Rev. C. T. D. Ellam) in the chair, members of the Barnsley and District Society stood in silence as a tribute to Mr. Herbert Rowley, of Horbury, a founder member, who had died, aged 94. The meeting agreed to a memorial tablet being placed in Felkirk Church, subject to permission, to Daniel Smith. Donations from towers would be gladly received.

The shield contest (open) will be held at Wortley, near Sheffield, on June 8th, with Mr. Harold Chant as judge. An excellent free tea was served, and Mr. H. L. Roper, of Aderbury, Oxon, proposed the vote of thanks.

Next meeting: Armitage Bridge, near Huddersfield, May 11th.

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**MRS. GLADYS M. MOSEDALE**

The death of Mrs. Gladys M. Mosedale, at a hospital near Taunton, came as a shock to her old colleagues at Chilvers Coton.

She will best be remembered as Miss Gladys M. Dodds, one of two daughters of Canon M. A. Dodds, a former Vicar of Chilvers Coton, who were members of the Sunday service band. A brother, Edgar, was also a ringer.

Gladys was an excellent ringer and striker, and rang a number of peals in the mid-1920's up to London Major.

She had, I believe, done some ringing in the Taunton area, but ill-health put an end to it. A. H. B.

**MR. W. J. BROOKS**

Foreman of All Saints' tower, Wokingham, since 1921, Mr. William J. Brooks died last month, aged 74. His passing is a big loss to the Sonning Deanery Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, of which he had been vice-chairman since 1951.

At Hever, Kent, where he was a gardener at the castle, he learned to ring. During World War I he was in the Army in France, and on demobilisation he came to Wokingham and joined All Saints' band. Throughout his long tenure of office as foreman, he maintained a good change ringing band. Most of his peals—his total is not known—were rung on All Saints' bells in the standard methods, and with local ringers. He also took a keen interest in church affairs and served faithfully as churchwarden for a number of years. A member of the Oxford Guild since 1919, he was held in high respect.

The funeral took place at All Saints' Church on April 1st and was attended by members of the local band, the Guild being represented by the Branch chairman, Rev. F. E. Harcourt-Trevor; the Ringing Master, Mr. H. Smith; and Mrs. R. W. Murrell, of Warfield. May he rest in peace. B. C. C.

**OBITUARY**

**CANON R. F. WILKINSON**

The funeral took place on April 10th at West Bridgford, in the presence of over 400 people, of Canon Reginald Felix Wilkinson, M.A., who was Vicar of West Bridgford from 1940 until his retirement in 1961 and was appointed honorary canon of Norwell, in Southwell, in 1941. The Bishop (the Rt. Rev. F. R. Barry) gave the address at the service. Cremation was private at Wilford Hill. The Canon died the previous Wednesday.

Canon Wilkinson, who was in his 74th year, was born at East Drayton Vicarage, where his father was Vicar, and was educated at Leatherhead School and Jesus College, Oxford, where he read mathematics, and took a first in moderations and a second in finals. From Oxford he went to Cuddesdon, and was ordained a deacon at Southwell in 1914 and a priest in the following year.

He served his title at St. Andrew's, Derby (the railway church), and later was curate for six years at St. Peter's, Mansfield. He was appointed Rector of Ordsall in 1925, and remained there until his preferment to West Bridgford.

Canon Wilkinson was not only an authority on bells and bellringing, but a practical ringer of no mean ability. He was a member of the North Notts Association, the Clerical Guild, the Midland Counties Guild, and chairman of the Southwell Diocesan Guild from its formation in 1946 up to his death. He represented the North Notts Association on the Central Council from 1929 to 1937. Until his retirement, in 1961, he was chairman of the Diocesan Advisory Committee on Church fittings and furnishings.

**MR. W. T. PRIOR**

Mr. William T. Prior, who died in the Bishop's Stortford and District Hospital on April 6th, at the advanced age of 91, had

been kept from the belfry recently through failing health, but was interested in ringing until the end.

He learned to ring at the age of 10 at Stansted, Essex, and was an accomplished method ringer round the heavy end. His peals totalled 162, and included many Surprise methods up to London Major and ten bells to Cambridge Royal. Many of his peals were rung at Stansted, with the Pitstow family and the late Frederick Dench. He outlived all the old Stansted ringers.

William was one of the oldest members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and also a member of the Ely Diocesan Association, the Essex Association and the Hertfordshire Association. He was interested in handbell ringing—performing with his late brother, Walter, in ringing tunes four-in-hand. He also rang methods.

The funeral service was at Bishop's Stortford Cemetery on April 10th. And so passes a quiet, likeable man, always ready to welcome the visitor and help learners. 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant.' F. B.

**MR. HARRY PETTITT**

The Peterborough Diocesan Guild has lost one of its old members by the death in Park Hospital, Welington, on March 16th, of Mr. Harry Pettitt. Harry, who was in his 84th year, was a member of the Central Northants Association, which later became the Peterborough Guild.

A personal friend of 56 years' standing, he was a friendly, steady and reliable ringer, ready to help anyone. When he retired from the old Midland Railway, he rang with us at St. Peter's, Northampton, for a short time.

In my days as a learner at Isham, I seem to think it was Harry who called the first touch I rang in away from Isham about 1913. I do not think many of the Central Northants members are now alive, as I was one of the young ones, and I am now turned 70.

G. S. VALENTINE.

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While the Church of St. Laurence, Reading, is noted for its 12 bell peals, the peal of 5,280 Superlative Surprise Maximus on April 6th was the first peal of Maximus in the method on the bells, for the Oxford Diocesan Guild and all the band. The conductor was Mr. Wilfred Williams.

Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd has written an attractive 'Belfry Praise' for 'Parson and Parish,' the magazine of the Parochial Clergy Association, published by the Rev. Edward G. Courtman, Minal Park, Marlborough, Wilts (price 1s. 3d.).

Taking part in a quarter peal at Daventry to mark the opening of the Christian Stewardship Campaign in the parish was Mr. E. F. M. Samson, who is Diocesan Stewardship Adviser. Every member of the band took an active part. One was chairman of teenagers, another chairman of visitors; others were hostesses or visitors.

Miss Hilda G. Snowden is to be congratulated on getting a ring of six in her own village—Gosfield, Essex. She has eight people who can ring for Sunday service and another five learning to handle. The band who rang at the dedication were taught at Stisted and Halstead, and despite the terrible winter only missed two weekly practices, through the roads being blocked.

Readers interested in the National Convention of the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers at Detroit, Michigan, U.S.A., on June 26th, 27th and 28th, can obtain programmes from Mr. T. Ogden, 119, Smallbrook Road, Shaw, Oldham, Lancs, on receipt of a self addressed, 3d. stamped envelope.

We are sorry to hear that Mr. C. T. Hillis, the hard-working secretary of the Ashford District, K.C.A., has had a difficult operation on his hip, which will confine him to his home for some time. Visitors at 244, Hythe Road, Willesborough, would help him to keep in touch with the District and would be a welcome interlude in the enforced leisure, which must be irksome to such an energetic character.

**BELFRY GOSSIP**

From 'Irish Bell News':—A ringer wrote to an hotel in Gt. Yarmouth for accommodation at Whitsun and was surprised to learn that he could have: breakfast from 7 to 10.30 a.m.; lunch from 12 noon to 2.30 p.m.; tea from 4 to 5.30, and dinner from 6.30 to 9 p.m. He replied: 'Not much time to see the place.'

Mr. W. Love, for some years secretary and treasurer of the Norwich Diocesan Association is indisposed; we wish him a speedy recovery.

The address of Mr. John Segar, who is willing to send compositions of 24,000 Cray Surprise Major, etc., is 16, Green Lane, Seacroft, Skegness, Lincs.

Expressing appreciation of the references to St. Paul's Cathedral bells in our issue of April 11th, Mr. R. Harper, of London, writes that such articles give him a longing that he had lived in those distant days.

Two of our ringing parsons have received their first livings—the Rev. S. M. Evans, assistant curate of St. Laurence-in-Thamet, Ramsgate, to be Vicar of Bredgar, Sittingbourne; and the Rev. C. J. B. Marshall, assistant curate, of Crewkerne, to be Vicar of Long Sutton, Langport, Somerset.

From 200 years ago in a West of England newspaper: 'Sherborne.—Mr. George Evans, of the City of Wells, bell-hanger, has completed new hanging of the bells here, to the satisfaction of the town, so as to be rung with half the men as usual. The peal is thought to be one of the heaviest in England, the tenor being 65 hundred.'

'Irish Bell News' (subscription 2s. 6d. per annum to Mrs. F. E. Dukes, Meadow Cottage, Julianstown, Co. Meath) has just issued its spring number, with a delightful variety of reading matter. In an article on the Cathedral of the Assumption, Thurles, the Editor hopes that this 'chime will once again be rung by a team of ringers. Very little expense, apart from a set of ropes, would be necessary to ring the front seven. The tenor would have to have a major job as the headstock is badly split.'

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TWELVE BELL PEAL

READING, BERKSHIRE. THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. On Sat., April 6, 1963, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE.

A PEAL OF 5280 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAXIMUS Tenor 23 1/2 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the Twelve Bell Peal: William A. Theobald (Treble), Alan F. Thirst (7), Wilfred Williams (2), David T. Darby (8), Ronald F. Diserens (3), Noel J. Diserens (9), Andrew N. Stubbs (4), Robert C. Kippin (10), Brian Downes (5), Trevor N. J. Bailey (11), John N. Diserens (6), Philip Meheew (Tenor).

Conducted by Wilfred Williams.

First peal of Maximus in the method on the bells, by the Guild, and by all the band.

TEN BELL PEALS

KENDAL, WESTMORLAND. THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. On Sat., March 23, 1963, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL

In six methods, comprising 960 each of Cambridge, Yorkshire, Lincolnshire and Pudsey, and 600 each of London and Rutland; with 92 changes of method.

Table listing names and positions for the Ten Bell Peal: F. John Nelson (Treble), Norman Smith (6), Derek Ogden (2), John Robinson (7), Neil Bennett (3), Derek Butterworth (8), Tudor P. Edwards (4), John H. Fielden (9), Frederick Shallcross (5), Denis Mottershead (Tenor).

Composed and Conducted by Derek Ogden.

\* First peal of Spliced Surprise Royal.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Lawrence Clement and Beryl Mayor, who were married at the church earlier in the day.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. On Sat., April 6, 1963, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb. in D.

Table listing names and positions for the Worsley Peal: Denis Mottershead (Treble), V. David Jenner (6), Sidney Hough (2), John Robinson (7), Kenneth J. Hesketh (3), F. John Nelson (8), Peter Watson (4), Neil Bennett (9), John H. Fielden (5), Fredk. Shallcross (Tenor).

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by John H. Fielden. \* First peal of Surprise Royal. † First on ten bells. First on ten as conductor.

LONDON.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.

On Mon., April 15, 1963, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND.

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 21 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the London Peal: John H. Lott (Treble), Leonard W. Bullock (6), Molly E. Powell (2), John W. Smith (7), Veronica E. Dupre (3), Arthur D. Barker (8), D. Paul Smith (4), Wilfrid G. Wilson (9), Charles W. Otley (5), Leslie E. Everest (Tenor).

Composed by E. Carter. Conducted by Wilfrid G. Wilson. \* First peal of Caters.

NEWARK-UPON-TRENT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., April 15, 1963, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in C sharp.

Table listing names and positions for the Newark Peal: Jack L. Millhouse (Treble), Geoffrey Paul (6), Jane K. A. Cook (2), James W. Raithby (7), Beryl N. Reed (3), Colin W. Reed (8), Claire Dillamore (4), Ralph G. Edwards (9), Geoffrey R. Parker (5), A. Patrick Cannon (Tenor).

Composed by J. A. Burford. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse. \* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

DARESBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 9, 1963, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in E.

Table listing names and positions for the Daresbury Peal: David J. Vincent (Treble), Fredk. Shallcross (5), John Robinson (2), Denis Mottershead (6), David J. Baker (3), Nicholas J. Davies (7), Peter Watson (4), Neil Bennett (Tenor).

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Fredk. Shallcross. \* First peal of Superlative.

OLD GLOSSOP, DERBYSHIRE. THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. On Sat., March 16, 1963, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5136 ERYRI MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the Old Glossop Peal: Peter Watson (Treble), Edward F. P. Bryant (5), Neil Bennett (2), John Robinson (6), John C. Baldwin (3), Frederick Shallcross (7), Frank Osbaldiston (4), Denis Mottershead (Tenor).

Composed by H. G. Cashmore. Conducted by Denis Mottershead. First peal in the method for the Association, on the bells, and by all the band.

BARKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 30, 1963, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr.

Table listing names and positions for the Barking Peal: Dennis Ellisdon (Treble), Dennis A. Hewitt (5), Frank V. Gant (2), Charles E. Willmington (6), David W. Beard (3), Lionel S. Woods (7), Ronald C. Smith (4), John H. Crampion (Tenor).

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by David W. Beard.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 30, 1963, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5056 ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the Stoney Stanton Peal: Brian L. Burrows (Treble), John Vernon (5), Michael E. Brown (2), A. James Poyner (6), John M. Jelley (3), A. Maxwell Lindsey (7), Geoffrey M. Brewin (4), R. Kingsley Mason (Tenor).

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by John M. Jelley.

WITNEY, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., April 1, 1963, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.

Table listing names and positions for the Witney Peal: Bertram J. Coggins (Treble), D. Kay Adkins (5), Peter G. Holden (2), Brian W. Hall (6), Ernest J. Hill (3), Peter Beedie (7), Peter Pearce (4), Thomas W. Timms (Tenor).

Composed by A. P. Knights. Conducted by D. Kay Adkins. \* First peal on eight bells.

STOKE POGES, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., April 3, 1963, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Sir A. P. Heywood's transposition of Thurstans' Four-Part.

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in F sharp.

Table listing names and positions for the Stoke Poges Peal: Mary F. Carr (Treble), John Young (5), Richard E. Dean (2), James Rumble (6), Arthur D. Barker (3), Wilfrid G. Wilson (7), Paul R. Dean (4), A. Charles Tovey (Tenor).

Conducted by Arthur D. Barker. \* First peal of Stedman. † First of Stedman Triples. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the sixth.

SAWLEY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., April 4, 1963, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 1/2 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the Sawley Peal: David J. Marshall (Treble), Derek G. Astridge (5), William Simpson (2), John F. Murfin (6), Girling Rigby (3), Gordon A. Halls (7), David W. Parkin (4), Harold Taylor (Tenor).

Composed by E. F. Gobey. Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.

BREWOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., April 6, 1963, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND CHAD.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Table listing names and positions for the Brewod Peal: Middleton's (Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in D), Harry Griffiths (Treble), William Blake (5), Eric E. Speake (2), Roderick Lees (6), Alan Elsmore (3), Edmund Malin (7), J. Dennis Holden (4), Barnabas G. Key (Tenor).

Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.



FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE. THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Tues., March 19, 1963, in 1 Hour and 48 Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

- Being seven extents. Tenor 2 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. A. JAMES POYNOR ... Treble ... RAYMOND A. G. BENFIELD ... IAN G. SMITH ... JOSEPH W. COTTON ... RICHARD J. CLIFTON ... RICHARD C. L. BROWN ... Tenor

Conducted by A. JAMES POYNOR.

\* First peal of Surprise Minor.

COUNTRESTHORPE, LEICESTERSHIRE. THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 23, 1963, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

- Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 17 lb. JULIET F. BLOCK ... Treble ... ALAN E. HARTLEY ... SANDRA E. CHESTERTON ... A. JAMES POYNOR ... BRIAN S. CHAPMAN ... ROBERT E. HARDY ... Tenor

Conducted by A. JAMES POYNOR.

\* First peal.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE. THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 23, 1963, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

- Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. HENRY P. COLLIN ... Treble ... CHARLES R. MUXLOW ... MRS. MILLICENT SHORT ... WALTER WESTON ... VALERIE R. HUMPHRYS ... JAMES H. MUSSON ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

\* First peal attempt.

A birthday compliment to Andria M. E. Juffs, grand-daughter of Mr. C. R. Muxlow.

DUMBLETON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., March 27, 1963, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

- In four methods of the following extents: (1) St. Clement's, Childwall, (2) Plain, (3) St. Clement's, Buxton, (4 to 6) Plain, (7) St. Clement's, Plain. Tenor 11 cwt. SHIRLEY M. DREW ... Treble ... DOUGLAS H. BOTT ... WILLIAM A. FARMER ... BOB DOWDESWELL ... HOWARD NICHOLS ... GEOFFREY R. DREW ... Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY R. DREW.

\* First peal in more than one method.

Birthday compliments to Shirley M. Drew, D. Bott and Bob Dowdeswell.

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Wirral Branch.)

On Sat., March 30, 1963, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD, BIDSTON.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

- Being seven extents, viz.: (1) London, (2) Wells, (3) York, (4) Durham, (5) Beverley, (6) Surfleet, (7) Cambridge. Tenor 5 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in B. MARTIN G. ROSCAMP ... Treble ... J. FRASER CLIFT ... JOHN McCULLOCH ... ALEXANDER J. MARTIN ... CHARLES B. PEMBERTON ... THOMAS ROGERS ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES B. PEMBERTON.

\* First peal in seven Surprise methods.

A wedding compliment to Ray Watkin and Pat Marriot, married at Upton earlier in the day.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 30, 1963, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

- Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 6 1/2 cwt. FREDERICK WATSON ... Treble ... HARRY BARNES ... RONALD RUSSELL ... CLIVE BROOK ... WALTER WESTON ... JAMES H. MUSSON ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

\* First attempt 'inside.'

A wedding compliment to Mr. Keith Cox and Miss Jean Stitson, married this day; also to Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Swinfin, married 40 years, and Mr. and Mrs. C. Grimes, married one year.

PENCOMBE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 30, 1963, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

- Being seven extents in eight methods, viz., (1) London Surprise, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Oxford Treble Bob, (4) Kent Treble Bob, (5) Double Oxford Bob, (6) St. Clement's Bob, (7) Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

- \* JOSEPH E. LAWRENCE ... Treble ... AUSTIN T. WINGATE ... FRANK LAWRENCE ... JOHN CLEMENTS ... R. GEORGE MORRIS ... PHILIP G. MORGAN ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN CLEMENTS.

\* First peal in eight methods.

WASHINGTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., April 5, 1963, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

- In five methods, being one extent each of London and Beverley, two Surfleet, one Norwich and two Cambridge. Tenor 9 cwt. 25 lb. LEONARD STILWELL ... Treble ... RONALD F. DISERENS ... PATRICIA DISERENS ... STANLEY G. PONTING ... WILLIAM T. BEESON ... W. LESLIE WELLS ... Tenor

Conducted by W. LESLIE WELLS.

BURTON HASTINGS, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 6, 1963, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

- Being 20 extents of Grandshire and 22 of Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in C. GEORGE BRANDRICK ... Treble ... BRIAN L. BURROWS ... IVAN S. MERRY ... K. PAUL GILLIVER ... CHRISTOPHER P. RICE ... Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN L. BURROWS.

\* First peal 'inside.' First of Doubles by all the band. First as conductor. Rung as a farewell tribute to Mrs. Wells, organist at this church for many years.

CHIPPENHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 6, 1963, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURFLEET SURPRISE MINOR

- Being seven extents. Tenor 16 cwt. \* J. YORKE PARKER ... Treble ... ALAN M. BARBER ... JOHN GOODWIN ... IAN M. SMITH ... COLIN JOHNSON ... GEORGE E. THODAY ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. THODAY.

\* First peal of Treble Bob.

CONINGSBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 6, 1963, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

- Being seven extents in ten methods: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford T.B., (3) Kent T.B., (4) Double Oxford and Thelwall, St. Clement's and Childwall, (5) Single Oxford, (6) Single Court, (7) Plain Bob. AMOS INGALL ... Treble ... JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM ... G. ANGUS DIXON ... WALTER S. SMITH ... \* PAUL CODDINGTON ... RONALD APPLEWHITE ... Tenor

Conducted by G. ANGUS DIXON.

\* First peal in ten methods. Tenor 11 cwt. A tribute to Fred Bishop, of Kirton, former president of the Eastern Branch, and to Frank Dewey, of Boston, both of whom died recently.

HOTHFIELD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 6, 1963, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

- In 27 methods: (1) London, Wells and Cunecastre; (2) Carlisle and Northumberland; (3) Chester, Newcastle, Alnwick and Munden; (4) Netherseale, Lightfoot and Wearmouth; (5) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose and Bourne; (6) Annable's London, Rossendale and Stamford; (7) York, Durham, Berwick, Surfleet, Hexham and Beverley; with 118 changes of method. Tenor 8 1/2 cwt. in A. D. PAUL SMITH ... Treble ... IAN H. ORAM ... \* JOHN D. FAIRCLOTH ... RALPH BIRD ... ANDREW M. MACVE ... THOMAS CULLINGWORTH ... Tenor

Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

\* First peal in 27 methods. Rung following the marriage at this church between John R. Cooper and Audrey Hollis.

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**RIPPINGALE, LINCOLNSHIRE.**  
**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Sat., April 6, 1963, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being seven extents in 11 methods: (1) Double Court, (2) Oxford and Kent T.B., (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Double Bob and Single Oxford, (5) Thelwall and Childwall, (6) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in F sharp.  
 \*FRANK TAYLOR .. .. Treble | EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. .. 4  
 DEREK J. JONES .. .. 2 | †ROGER D. BAILEY .. .. 5  
 KEITH R. DAVEY .. .. 3 | †ALAN G. PAYNE .. .. Tenor  
 Conducted by ALAN G. PAYNE.  
 \* 200th peal. † 25th peal together.

**SANDRIDGE, HERTFORDSHIRE.**  
**THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Sat., April 6, 1963, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents, 5-6 the right way throughout. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in B flat.  
 \*ANN P. ROBINSON .. .. Treble | C. MARTIN FOSTER .. .. 4  
 KEITH J. WALPOLE .. .. 2 | FRED W. ELLIS .. .. 5  
 A. TREVOR HAWKINS .. .. 3 | ROBERT E. HARDY .. .. Tenor  
 Conducted by ROBERT E. HARDY.  
 \* First peal.

**ST. BRIDE'S MAJOR, GLAMORGAN.**  
**THE LLANDAUF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Sat., April 6, 1963, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being seven extents in eight methods: (1) Oxford Treble Bob, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Double Oxford and Thelwall, (4) Childwall, (5) St. Clement's, (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in G.  
 BRYN A. TAYLOR .. .. Treble | W. JAMES GOODFELLOW .. .. 4  
 ROGER KING .. .. 2 | ROGER G. HAVARD .. .. 5  
 JOHN OWEN .. .. 3 | DAVID J. LLEWELLYN .. .. Tenor  
 Conducted by DAVID J. LLEWELLYN.  
 First peal in eight Minor methods by all except ringer of second.

**ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.**  
**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Sun., April 7, 1963, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.  
 \*LORRAINE McDONAGH .. Treble | RICHARD J. PARKER .. .. 4  
 JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. .. 2 | ROGER LEIGH .. .. 5  
 ANTHONY J. HELLIWELL .. 3 | ERIC J. F. WALL .. .. Tenor  
 Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.  
 \* First attempt for a peal.

**CHILDWALL, LIVERPOOL.**  
**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Fri., April 12, 1963, in 3 Hours,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES**

Being 42 six-scores (15 callings). Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.  
 \*MICHAEL E. DODD .. .. Treble | FREDERICK PEARSON .. .. 4  
 THOMAS W. HESKETH .. .. 2 | KENNETH J. HESKETH .. .. 5  
 V. DAVID JENNER .. .. 3 | †G. ROBERT MORDAUNT .. Tenor  
 Conducted by THOMAS W. HESKETH.  
 \* First peal in the method. † First peal.  
 Rung half-muffled for Good Friday.

**ADDINGTON, SURREY.**  
**THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Sat., April 13, 1963, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 SPICED SURPRISE MINOR**

In 22 methods: (1) Chester, Munden, Carlisle; (2) London, Wells, Cuneastre; (3) Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Netherseale; (4) Primrose, Norfolk; (5) Rossendale, Stamford, Annable's London; (6) Beverley, Surfleet, Hexham, Berwick, York, Durham; (7) Cambridge, Ipswich, Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.  
 IAN H. ORAM .. .. Treble | RALPH BIRD .. .. 4  
 ANDREW M. MACVE .. .. 2 | \*RICHARD G. CROSLAND .. .. 5  
 JOHN D. FAIRCLOTH .. .. 3 | \*FRANK E. DARBY .. .. Tenor  
 Conducted by RALPH BIRD.  
 \* Most methods rung to a peal. Most methods rung to a peal in the county, and for the Association.

**NETHERBURY, DORSET.**  
**THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Sat., April 13, 1963, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 20 cwt.  
 JOSEPH T. BARRETT .. .. Treble | H. DENNIS W. BISHOP .. .. 4  
 ALBERT S. ATTEO .. .. 2 | JESSE DAVIS .. .. 5  
 ARTHUR J. SCOTT .. .. 3 | HARRY CRABB .. .. Tenor  
 Conducted by H. DENNIS BISHOP.  
 Rung for the Easter Festival.

**PASSENHAM, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.**  
**THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Easter Eve, April 13, 1963, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GUTHLAC,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 ST. GUTHLAC DOUBLES**

Being 42 six-scores, three variations of callings.  
 ALAN A. PAUL .. .. Treble | GRAHAM C. PAUL .. .. 3  
 ROGER W. SMITH .. .. 2 | PERCY AMOS .. .. 4  
 GEORGE F. ROOME .. .. Tenor  
 Conducted by GRAHAM C. PAUL.  
 First peal in the method.  
 Rung for the Patronal Festival of St. Guthlac (April 11th), and for Easter.

**CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.**  
**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Mon., April 15, 1963, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 SPICED SURPRISE MINOR**

In six methods, viz.: Cambridge, Primrose, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Bourne. Tenor 7 cwt.  
 \*JOHN E. PICKETT .. .. Treble | †ROBERT J. WIGGINS .. .. 4  
 CHRISTOPHER B. FYNES | 2 | LAURENCE C. WAY .. .. 5  
 | 3 | DAVID G. PICKETT .. .. Tenor  
 Conducted by CHRISTOPHER B. FYNES.  
 \* First peal of Minor. † First of Spiced Surprise.  
 Rung for Easter.

**HANDBELL PEALS**

**GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.**  
**THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Wed., Feb. 27, 1963, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,*  
 AT 3, SALTERS ROAD,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL**

Tenor size 15 in C.  
 JOHN ANDERSON .. .. 1-2 | ROBIN G. TURNER .. .. 5-6  
 \*ALAN R. PATTERSON .. .. 3-4 | \*MARTYN L. J. JORDAN .. .. 7-8  
 JOHN E. ANDERSON .. .. 9-10  
 Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by ROBIN G. TURNER.  
 \* First peal on ten handbells.

**CRAMLINGTON, NORTHUMBERLAND.**  
**THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Sun., March 31, 1963,*  
 AT 4, CHURCH STREET,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being seven extents in nine methods: (1) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (2) Court, (3) Oxford Bob, (4) College, (5) St. Clement's, (6) Reverse Plain Bob, (7) Double Plain Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor size 16 in B flat.  
 \*MARTYN L. J. JORDAN .. 1-2 | ROBIN G. TURNER .. .. 3-4  
 \*ALAN R. PATTERSON .. .. 5-6  
 Conducted by ROBIN G. TURNER.  
 \* First handbell peal in nine methods. First handbell peal in nine methods for the Association.

**LEICESTER.**  
**THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Sun., March 31, 1963, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes,*  
 AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,  
**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor size 15 in C.  
 JOHN A. ACRES .. .. 1-2 | JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. 5-6  
 ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. 3-4 | PETER J. STANFORTH .. .. 7-8  
 Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

**HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.**  
**THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Tues., April 2, 1963, in 1 Hour and 43 Minutes,*  
 AT 128, LEICESTER ROAD,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 YORK SURPRISE MINOR**

Tenor size 12 in F.  
 JOHN A. ACRES .. .. 1-2 | JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. 3-4  
 \*ALFRED BALLARD .. .. 5-6  
 Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.  
 \* Has now rung York Surprise 'in hand' from Minor to Maximus.

**STOURBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE.**  
**THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Fri., April 5, 1963, in 1 Hour and 33 Minutes,*  
 IN THE BELFRY OF ST. THOMAS' CHURCH,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents, with all 6-5's at handstroke. Tenor size 15 in C.  
 JOHN C. EISEL .. .. 1-2 | MICHAEL J. FELLOWS .. .. 3-4  
 PETER L. BILL .. .. 5-6  
 Conducted by MICHAEL J. FELLOWS.  
 Witness: CHRIS. F. WOOLDRIDGE.

**ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.**  
**LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.**  
*On Mon., April 8, 1963, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes,*  
 AT 53, THE GROVE,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 12 in G.  
 \*PETER N. FELTON .. .. 1-2 | HADLEY HUNTER .. .. 3-4  
 CHRISTOPHER H. ROGERS .. 5-6  
 Conducted by HADLEY HUNTER.  
 \* First peal 'in hand,' and on six bells.





**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—A by-meeting will be held at Cranbrook on Saturday, May 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wed. May 1st, to Mr. M. A. Legg, 23, Wheatfield Way, Cranbrook.—W. H. D., Hon. Sec. 2338

**LADIES' GUILD.**—North Western District.—A meeting will be held at Chapel-en-le-Frith on Saturday, May 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by May 1st to Mrs. F. M. Hibbert, 'Ashdene,' Hordens Road, Chapel-en-le-Frith, Derbyshire.—Mrs. H. L. Horn, Dis. Sec. 2316

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—Meeting at St. Chad's Parish Church, Poulton-le-Fylde, on Saturday, May 4th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. 2364

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Leicester District.—Striking competition at St. Mary-de-Castro, Leicester, May 4th. Ringing starts 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. in School Room. Evening ringing at All Saints, Leicester. Names for tea to A. J. Poyner, 31, Marsden Lane, Aylestone. Methods: Double Norwich and Bristol Surprise. 2369

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Wigtoft. Saturday, May 4th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, Parish Hall, 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, April 29th, to Mr. J. Bailey. 2334

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION and LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual meeting at St. Mary's, Hendon, on Saturday, May 4th. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow. Additional ringing: St. Margaret's, Edgware, and St. Mary's, Willesden, 2.30-4.30 p.m.—T. J. Lock, Gen. Sec. 2314

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Annual general meeting, Norwich, Saturday, May 4th. Service, St. Peter Mancroft Church, 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow, The Chantry Hall. Bells: St. Peter Mancroft (12), 2-4.15 p.m.; St. Giles' (8), 2-3.45; St. George's, Colegate (6), 2-3.45, in evening by request. Also ringing at St. John-de-Sepulchre and St. Miles' by request. Names for tea to Mrs. F. N. Golden, 26, Brabazon Road, Norwich, NOR 57N, by Wednesday, May 1st.—H. W. Barrett, Gen. Sec. 2333

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting at Cottesbrooke on Saturday, May 4th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to J. E. Goddard, 45, Station Road, Long Buckby. Rugby. 2382

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Peterborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Thornhaugh, May 4th. Bells (5) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Wansford (5) also available after tea. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to A. Waller, Mill House, Thornhaugh, Peterborough.—R. H. Daw, Sec. 2310

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD (Nottingham District) and LEICESTER GUILD (Loughborough District).**—Meeting on Saturday, May 4th, Gotham (5) from 2.30 to 3.45 p.m. Bunney (6) from 3 p.m. Names for tea by May 1st to S. Adams, 54, Wilford Road, Ruddington. 2310

**STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.**—Resident members' striking competition will be held at St. Peter's Church, Little Aston (6), on Saturday, May 4th. Draw will be at 3 p.m. prompt. No prizes. Closing entry date, applications in writing to the Hon. Secretary, April 27th. All ringers welcome to listen, but bells not available until after the competition.—C. M. Smith, Hon. Sec. 2274

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Christ Church, Epsom, on Saturday, May 4th. Ringing at 3.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in Christ Church Hall. Names for tea to Miss A. Gibson, 4, The Ridgeway, Epsom, by May 1st.—R. I. Parsons, 2296

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Turner's Hill (8), Saturday, May 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Notifications for tea by Wednesday, May 1st, to Mrs. E. L. Hairs, Norman Cottage, Park Corner, Groombridge, T.N. 438. 2349

**UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.**—A.G.M., May 4th. Ringing arrangements: Deptford, 10.30-11.30 a.m.; Lewisham, 11.50 a.m.-12.50 p.m.; Shoreditch, 2.30-3.30; St. Olave's, 4-5. Service at St. Olave's at 5 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in St. Olave's Parish Hall.—N. J. D. 2373

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Annual general meeting at Howden Minster on May 4th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m., also Snaith (8), 10 until 11 a.m.; Carlton (6), 11.5 a.m.-12 noon; Selby Abbey (10), 1-2 p.m.; Hemingborough (6), 2.15-3.30 and 7-8 p.m. Service in Howden Minster at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea in the Green Room near the church at 5 p.m. It is of paramount importance that names for tea must reach Mr. E. A. Newham, 31, Pinfold Street, Howden, Goole, no later than first post on April 27th. Subscriptions are now due and copies of the annual report will be available.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Bradford 9. 2341

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS**  
Meeting at Maidstone  
Saturday, May 11th.  
Luncheon at Chiesmans' Restaurant, High Street, Maidstone, 12.45 for 1 p.m., for those sending names and cash (7s. 6d.) by May 7th to Mr. L. Mannerling, 30, Hastings Road, Maidstone.  
Business meeting 6.30 p.m. at the Queen's Head Hotel, High Street, Maidstone.  
Ringing programme:—  
All Saints', Maidstone (10), 11.30 a.m.-12.30 and 5-6 p.m.; St. Nicholas', Leeds (10), 2.15-4; St. Mary's, Lenham (8), 3-5 p.m.  
—John Chilcott, Hon. Sec. 2380

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual festival, St. Mary's, Market Drayton, Shropshire, Saturday, May 11th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., in the Parish Hall, followed by business meeting. Tickets for tea 5s. each if purchased before May 6th, obtainable from Mr. W. Kerr, 10, Moreton Road, Crewe, Cheshire, and Branch Secretaries. Towers available: Market Drayton (8), 2-4 p.m. and after meeting; Broughton (8), Hodnet (8) and Cheswardine (8), 2-3.30 p.m. and after meeting by arrangement.—Henry O. Baker, Gen. Sec. 2168

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**—East Devon Branch.—Annual meeting at Seaton, May 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by May 8th to Webb, Oakwell, Millhead Road, Honiton. Phone 521. 2347

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Midland District.—Meeting, Derby Cathedral (10), Saturday May 11th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to Mr. H. Taylor, 27, New Chester Street, Derby. Gentlemen cordially invited.—S. E. Chesterton, Hon. Sec. 2370

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—May 11th quarterly meeting at Donington. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Ringing until 9 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. S. V. Woods, Market Place, Donington, Spalding, Lincs, by previous Wednesday.—K. R. Davey, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2374

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.**—Monmouth Branch.—Meeting, May 11th at Penrhos. Bells (4) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business. Names to Rev. Ivor Richards, Llanarth Vicarage, near Raglan. Also available: Tregar (5), 2-3 p.m.; Dingestow (5), 2-3; Abergavenny (10), 7-30-8.45 p.m. 2345

**RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD**  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AT  
ROCHESTER, KENT,  
on Saturday, May 11th, 1963.  
PROGRAMME:  
Rochester Cathedral (10), 10-11 a.m.  
Lunch, 12 noon to 1.15 p.m.  
All Saints', Frindsbury (8), 2-3.45 p.m.  
Tea and meeting, Patricia's Pantry, 4.30.  
St. Mary the Virgin, Chatham (8),  
6-15.8 p.m.  
Names for lunch and tea to:  
Mr. W. Hollands, 19, Tufton Road,  
Rainham, near Gillingham.  
—J. A. Hoare, Hon. Sec. 2348

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guild festival and annual general meeting at Beaminster, May 11th. General meeting in the Public Hall, Fleet Street, at 2.15 p.m. Festival service, Parish Church of St. Mary, 4 p.m. Meat tea in Public Hall at 5 p.m. Tickets, 5s. each, from M. F. Slatford, 35, Westbury Road, Yarnbrook, near Trowbridge, before May 7th, please. Bells available: Beaminster (8), Bridport (8), Bradpole (8), Whitechurch Canonorum (8), Thorncombe (8), Netherby (6), Loders (6), Evershot (6), Broadwindsor (6). Other bells in West Dorset Branch by arrangements. Cat-tistock (8), Chirminster (8), Sutton Cheney (8) by courtesy of Dorchester Branch. Parties wishing to ring here to write the Church Authorities concerned. All bells available from 12 noon to 2 p.m. and from 6 p.m. onwards. All towers closed between 2 and 6 p.m.—W. C. West, 584, Semington Road, Melksham, Phone 2297. 2343

**STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.**—Summer meeting at Newchurch (cum-Needwood), near Burton-on-Trent, Saturday, May 11th. Bells (5) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in school opposite, 5.15 p.m. (Please bring own food, cups of tea provided.) Newborough (5) and Rangemore (5) bells available afterwards. Will all committee members endeavour to please attend, to discuss annual meeting.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 2358

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—North-West District.—Practice meeting at Brandon (6), Saturday, May 11th. Bells 6.30 to 9 p.m.—A. F. Ballam, Dis. Sec. 2377

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—Annual meeting, Tickhill, May 18th. Details later.—J. J. L. Gilbert. 2372

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**PRELIMINARY NOTICE**  
**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Central Branch.—Ringing festival, July 13th, 1963. All Guild Branches and ringers everywhere invited. Towers open will be: Comingsay (6), 10-11 a.m.; Tattershall (6), 10.30 a.m.-12 noon; Rushington (6), 11.30 a.m.-1 p.m.; Ewerby (10), 12 noon-2 p.m.; Raucyby (5) 2-3; Silk Willoughby 3.30-5. Tea, Sleaford 5.30 p.m. Service 6.30 p.m. at Sleaford. Further ringing: Sleaford (8), Heckington (8), Great Hale (6) 7.15-9 p.m.—S. A. Chambers, Hon. Sec. 2331

**RECORD LENGTH RUNG**  
A peal of 11,552 Superlative Surprise Major, the longest in the method, was rung at Ashton-under-Lyne on Easter Monday in 6 hours and 52 minutes. The peal was conducted by Robert B. Smith. The band express their thanks to the Vicar and local ringers for the use of the bells and for the most welcome refreshments after the peal.

**GRANTHAM, Lincs.**—On April 7th, 1,187 Grand-sire Caters: J. Vinters 1, Mrs. J. E. Cook 2, Miss B. Stannage 3, F. Pinchbeck 4, J. Watson 5, P. A. Hill 6, J. R. Holmes (first of Caters 'inside') 7, C. Nokes 8, J. E. Cook (cond.) 9, K. Ketteringham 10. A wedding compliment to Miss Christine Atkinson and Mr. W. R. Read, both ringers at this church, who were married here on April 6th.

**URSETT, ESSEX.**—On Easter Day, 1,260 Antelope Doubles: Simon D. Holdaway (first in the method) 1, Miss J. E. M. Hills 2, Miss E. Mason 3, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 4, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 5, P. W. Blatch 6.

**QUARTER PEALS**

**NYNEHEAD, SOMERSET.**—On March 21st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: W. A. Riddle (first of Minor) 1, K. W. Thorne (first of Minor 'inside') 2, C. H. Webber 3, I. G. Hughes 4, G. J. Gammon 5, D. T. North (cond.) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to W. A. Riddle.

**UCKHAM, SURREY.**—On March 31st, 1,260 New Grandsire: D. Pollard 1, C. Webb (cond.) 2, Miss P. Drury 3, H. Colcombe 4, J. Martin 5. For morning service.

**OLD HEADINGTON, OXON.**—On April 7th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury): Muriel Clarke 1, Janet Woodman 2, Cherry Withell 3, A. Jobson 4, T. Smith (cond.) 5, R. Saw 6. A compliment to Margaret Bock and Malcolm Morris, on their engagement.

**OXFORD.**—On March 31st, at the Church of St. Ebbe, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: S. D. Edwards 1, Kathleen M. Exell (first quarter of Surprise) 2, A. R. Pink (cond.) 3, P. J. Heritage 4, C. Coles 5, D. J. Roaf 6, E. R. Venn 7, D. C. Exell 8. For Passion Sunday.

**PUTNEY, LONDON.**—On April 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. F. Mew (cond.) 1, B. H. Coatsworth 2, B. J. Bull 3, L. W. Allen 4, A. R. Milhidge 5, M. J. Uphill 6. For Evensong.

**RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.**—On April 7th, 1,376 Albion Treble Bob Major: W. Ward 1, P. Bedford 2, Miss S. Hayward 3, F. May 4, G. Sandwell 5, W. Sindon 6, M. Hallett 7, A. House 8. For Evensong.

**REDHILL, SURREY.**—On March 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. Atfield 1, W. Dunn 2, D. West (first of Stedman) 3, G. Olliver 4, K. Game 5, G. West 6, A. Streeter (cond.) 7, H. Comber 8. For Evensong.

**ROTHERHAM, YORKS.**—On April 3rd, 1,107 Stedman Caters: D. Nichols 1, Mrs. N. Chaddock 2, Mrs. M. Burns 3, Miss S. Chaddock 4, I. Tilling 5, N. Donovan 6, S. Armeson 7, J. Seager 8, N. Chaddock (cond.) 9, P. Walker 10. Longest length 1, 6, 7. For Evensong.

**ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK.**—On March 22nd, 1,260 Minor (Kent T.B. and Plain Bob): M. Rose (cond.) 1, Miss J. Wright 2, H. Mitson 3, R. Fordham 4, R. Rose 5, L. Wright 6. Rung half-muffled for the interment of Mrs. Hufley, the oldest inhabitant of Rougham.

**SAXILBY, Lincs.**—On April 4th, 1,260 Doubles (R.C.P., Plain and Grandsire): Shirley Guymer 1, Pamela Cox 2, D. G. Crosby 3, J. Guymer 4, J. M. Blaikie (cond.) 5, J. Godfrey 6. A 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of treble.

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