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SIMON SAID 'THUMBS UP'

RINGERS and their idiosyncrasies amuse or irritate the public. It is not merely by ringing bells in towers and on handbells under unusual circumstances that arouses curiosity, but by our very demeanour in refreshing memory of our art that we break through the barrier of normality into what the public might regard as absurd. Things seem to happen in Yorkshire—have they not a professor who keeps a watchful eye on the foibles of the Exercise—but this delightful sketch or satire in 'The Yorkshire Post' proclaims far and wide that we are a peculiar people. The incident reads:

'Travel, they say, broadens the mind. Mine was nearly unhinged on a short train journey I made the other day. There were four men in the compartment I got into. I thought it was funny that each of them had his hands lightly clenched on his knees, the thumbs lying straight out in line with his trouser creases.

'What was even odder, they suddenly began raising and lowering their thumbs in strict order, one after the other. All this was done without a word until one of them said, "Go, next time." (I was already in a state of go. Had it been a corridor train I would have gone into the next compartment.)

'Now instead of following each other with their thumb hoisting and lowering, they seemed to be moving them at any old time. After half a mile the garrulous member of the party said, "Bob." Whichever was Bob didn't answer to that name. A little later the gabby one again said "Bob" and followed it up with "Single."

'At this, one of them—Bob, maybe?—began to look flustered. His thumb movements became jerky, and the head of the gang told him sharply: "Take the third with the fifth, dodge three four up and go on to lead!"

'Watching thumbs bobbing up and down has a hypnotic effect on the mind after a time. I looked on in a sort of trance until the loquacious type said: "Stand." The thumbs stopped. The flustered man mopped his brow. "Well, that wasn't too bad," said the one who had done all the talking. "But if you're on the fifth this afternoon, George, you'll have watch those dodges." The brow-mopper nodded.

'I cleared my throat, George's boss must have seen I was about to burst with curiosity. "We're bell ringers," he said kindly. "We were just practising change ringing."

"With your thumbs?" "We were using them instead of handbells. I suppose it would look funny to you."

"It did."

'He then gave me a brief outline of bell ringing, throwing off terms like "dodge three four up," "lay your pull" and "take the lead." "Of course," he said, "that's in Plain Bob Major or Minor."

"Of course," I said. My campanological education was cut short by our arrival at my station. As I turned away from the train I saw that the thumb exercising had started again, and I hoped George was watching his dodges.

'I thought there ought to be special compartments marked "Bellringers." After exposure to an experience of this kind a nervous passenger, who was given no explanation, would totter out of the train feeling that his belfry was full of bats.'

We feel certain that this Yorkshire experience and the suggested remedy will be given full consideration by the Railwaymen's Guild. Perhaps the author of 'Belfrymanship' might, with his experience of railways, coupled with his wide knowledge of our art and its practising members, be induced to add to the quotation, 'And Simon said. . .'

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MEMORIAL SERVICE TO EDWIN H. LEWIS

Born June 13th, 1881
Died September 4th, 1963

RINGERS came on All Souls' Day (November 2nd) from distant Cornwall, from Lancashire and Yorkshire, and most parts of the country, to pay homage and respect for the life of Mr. Edwin Hugh Lewis at a service of thanksgiving held at St. Michael's, Cornhill, London. While the large congregation was assembling, the bells were being rung half-muffled to Stedman Cinques by a representative band as follows: J. Phillips, senior steward, A.S.C.Y., treble; Rev. P. N. Bond, who was taught to ring by Mr. Lewis, 2; F. W. Perrens, librarian, Central Council, 3; J. Freeman (conductor), vice-president, Central Council, 4; M. V. Chilcott, Master, A.S.C.Y., 5; F. Bibby, Chester Diocesan Guild, representing the Frodsham band, of which he was a former member, 6; J. E. Chilcott, secretary, A.S.C.Y., 7; Dr. P. A. F. Chalk, Cambridge University Guild, 8; G. W. Fletcher, past secretary and treasurer, Central Council, 9; A. D. Barker, member of Central Council since 1924, 10; P. A. Corby, secretary, Kent County Association, of which Mr. Lewis was one time chairman, 11; D. Beresford, Master of Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, tenor.

The service opened with the hymn 'Through all the changing scenes of life,' to be followed by the Sentences, read by Canon K. W. H. Felstead, Vicar of St. Michael's, Southampton, and a member of the Central Council. Psalm 23 was sung to the tune by Crimond, and then Mr. Frederick Sharpe, who succeeded Mr. Lewis as president of the Central Council, impressively read the lesson from Ecclesiasticus xlv, 1-15.

A course of Plain Bob Major was then rung from the choir by the following members of the Council: Mrs. E. A. Barnett, assistant hon. secretary, 1-2; E. A. Barnett, secretary and treasurer, 3-4; J. F. Smallwood, member since 1939, 5-6; Walter Ayre, member since 1926, 7-8.

The address was given by Canon Gilbert Thurlow, Vicar of Great Yarmouth and president of the Central Council, to be followed by the hymn 'Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,' which was sung with great fervour to the organ accompaniment, played by the world-famous composer Dr. Harold Dark. Prayers offered by Canon Felstead preceded the great resurrection hymn, 'Jesus lives! no longer now,' and the congregation was dismissed by Canon Thurlow pronouncing the blessing.

THE ADDRESS

Canon Thurlow, in the address, said: Nothing could encourage me more, in the task of paying tribute to Edwin Lewis, than the touch of Bob Major we have just heard. For that was the sound I heard when, as a terrified undergraduate 32 years ago, I first met Edwin in Mr. Boughey's rooms at Trinity. And one immediately realised, to some extent, the kind of man he was. I could not in those early days appreciate his brilliance, nor did I know that he had already been a member of the Towers and Belfries Committee of the Central Council for 20 years and had all that time been doing work of quite extraordinary value. But one immediately saw that here was a man humble enough, kind enough, longsuffering and charitable enough to spend his time enduring the first miserable struggles of a big boy through Bob Major on handbells. So I learnt the most important thing about him. For whatever a man does, it is what he is that matters most. A man must leave his deeds behind him. The one thing he can keep for ever is himself. And a man who is humble, kind, longsuffering and charitable has within himself that with which he can for ever be with the God from whom these things come.

IMPRESSIVE ACHIEVEMENT

Edwin leaves behind him an impressive tale of achievement. His career in industry, as an engineer, was brilliant. He played a worthy part in the social, human side of industry. His work as a lay member of the Church in both Scotland and England was of great value, as the Archbishop of Canterbury was years ago glad to acknowledge. He was a brilliant linguist, one reminder of which is the Swedish version of 'The Nine Tailors.'



As a ringer he thoroughly deserved the honours which came to him. Having learnt to ring at Trowell in 1900, he joined the Cambridge University Guild in 1901 and represented it on the Central Council from 1908 to 1936. He was president of the Council from 1930 until 1957, and was a life member thereafter. 'As Vicar of Yarmouth, how pleased I was that he was able to be present with his wife, who is so much in our thoughts today, with the Council in Yarmouth at Whitsun this year, and how deeply impressed the Council was with the speech he made at the meeting.

A wise man makes provision for the future. He showed wisdom indeed in handing over not only the presidency of the Council but also the leadership of the Towers and Belfries Committee, with the immensely important and valuable work which that implies, to a brilliant successor, who we profoundly hope will carry on this work for many years to come. The other activity which has brought us to London today reminds us that Edwin was Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths in 1937, its tercentenary year, coronation year also, and he presided at its annual dinner over a great company, which included some of the highest in the land.

STRANGE ACTIVITY

It is indeed a strange activity which is ours. We shut ourselves up in some apartment perched on high, quiet and alone, raised above the noise and clamour of the city. We meet together almost as it were in secret to join with the sport of the centuries past, like Christ and His friends on the mountain top. Yet as those meetings result in fresh power to help the crowds, so the result of our meeting is the insistent message of the bells penetrating everywhere, irritating those who are irritated by God's call, lifting the hearts of all who long for God's coming.

The death of an active man poses the question which we think about on All Souls' Day—is human activity worth while? Man is cut down like a flower; he flees like a shadow. We live always in a state of tension. We each try to achieve something to make our mark—to work, to write, to paint, to build, to leave an inheritance to shape the future, to make discoveries and lend to the path of progress; and just as we have achieved something we are cut down like a flower. The very thing our true nature

desires, our outward form denies. In fact, if this life is all there is for man, nature is mocking us unmercifully, maddening the thoughtful man by its laughter.

It is here that the Christian belief in the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting comes to man's rescue—not as a doubtful addition to the Christian story, not as a piece of wishful thinking, but as the only way by which the tension in which man lives can be resolved, the only way by which man's existence as an individual—thinking, planning, achieving, and yet imprisoned in a body which dies—can be seen to be a reasonable existence. The resurrection means that the individual lives differently in form, yet as an individual he is the same.

Christ in His earthly lifetime taught, healed, befriended a few people in a small country, yet after His death and resurrection He marched across the centuries and the world as a mighty power for good, continuing for ever, whilst the benefits the world invents come and go. Believing this, we can believe that our art of ringing, ever changing though it be, has yet a counterpart in eternity. Having once been it must ever be; and we can believe that the life of Edwin Hugh Lewis, like all who pass as pilgrims through this strange material state, continues to be in company with the source of all beauty and truth, and with all who because they are of the truth hear His voice.

The family representatives present were Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Lewis, Mr. R. T. Lewis, Mr. J. G. Lewis, Mr. Martin Hooton, Mrs. McGregor, Miss A. Lewis, Mrs. Harold Richardson, Mr. Hooton, Miss Dorothy Gardner, Mr. T. E. Hooton, the Vicar of Tring (the Rev. T. K. Lowdell).

Representatives of Tunnel Cement Company: Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Duncan Stewart (representing also Col. and Mrs. W. A. Stewart), Mr. and Mrs. Savage, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Radcliffe, Mr. and Mrs. Mackintosh, C. Morgan, W. R. Lucas, K. Burke, C. Hagerap, P. Hull, E. Regard, C. Rath, P. T. Hutchinson, H. C. Ford.

Apart from those already mentioned, those present included Mrs. and Miss Elizabeth Sharpe, Mrs. F. Powys, Miss Scate, Miss M. R. Cross (Universities' Association), Mr. and Mrs. W. Dobbie, Miss D. Colgate, Miss P. Lester, Mrs. Woolley (representing Mr. C. Woolley), Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Rooke, Miss Vokins, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Kynaston, Mrs. Deal, Miss Shelagh Collins, Miss Van Leeswan, Mr. and Mrs. F. MacGregor, Mr. and Mrs. Addison.

Messrs. A. P. Cannon, R. C. Heazel, J. H. Crampton, Mr. C. W. Pipe, Mr. G. W. Pipe, Mr. R. G. Edwards, Group Capt. J. S. Mason, G. Pullinger, W. J. Rawlings, R. G. Edwards, R. Chance, A. J. Stimson, W. H. Coles, E. G. Fenn, W. G. Kingcott, G. E. Symonds, K. S. B. Croft.

W. A. Osborn, D. Burnett, John Basher, Douglas May, William Hughes, Douglas Hughes, E. Holdsworth, John Seager, Dr. John Hatcher, R. Tyler and R. D. Tyler, J. L. Garner-Hayward, E. J. Gower, Lester L. Gray, Tudor F. Edwards, John Fielden, P. S. Bennett, D. Jenner, K. J. Hesketh, N. G. Roberts, Ranald Clouston (representing the Council for the Care of Churches), J. H. Lott, Andrew Corby, G. Salmon, J. W. Hesketh, F. Budger, J. Weller, R. Sherlock, C. Cooper, —, Wyld and others.

MR. TOM MYERS

The many friends of Mr. Tom Myers, of Plymouth, will regret to know that he is a patient in the Scott Memorial Hospital, Plymouth, suffering from a bronchial ailment. We wish him a speedy recovery and hope he will soon be back 'on the box' at St. Andrew's. For 60 years there has never been a day but that a member of the Myers family has been in the tower of St. Andrew's. Mr. Myers' late father attended to the clock chimes and carillon for many years, and when the climb became too much Tom took over the job. His brothers, Bill and Fred, will carry on during his temporary absence.

ST. ALBANS CAR RALLY

On October 26th the St. Albans District held its first car rally, in the north of the county. Unfortunately for their public relations, the committee gained first and second place—J. D. Chamberlain and G. Dodds and their families. Peter Coles was third; he couldn't be allowed to win as he had been in the Kimpton Cup winning team, organised by the same master brain as the rally. Robert Hardy and bird gained fourth prize. Before the uncharitable ones think there were only four entries, there were thirteen.

A most impartial starting place was chosen—Nomansland. Here revealing questions were asked on our knowledge of the Highway Code. The route took us through Kimpton of 'striking' memories, to Whitwell and its eight legged, 'major' water tower. Beyond Great Wymondley was a memorial to two 'aviators' of 1912, still well cared for. William had a nasty question: 'Which was the best kept village in 1959?' The county arms were on a post on the green; but beware, unsuspecting rallyer, on closer inspection a list of winners was found under the arms—the answer being Preston.

Nobody noticed the sluice valve sign at Weston (not super-Mare), where our guardian angels, the organisers, had altered the route the day before to keep us out of sewer trenches. I wonder who would call their house Toggs? We went past it anyway on our way to Cromer (not on the East Coast), where the Wrights make Arrfsh Zoider (we must try some of this).

Diaries were required to find out where Middleton's 5,600 of Cambridge was first rung. Luckily it was early in the year, on February 11th, 1873, at Bennington. Tea was taken at the Bell, where the organisers, John Cull and Amy Coburn, were congratulated on a first class afternoon.

Ringling in the evening at Bennington and Aston was for those competitors who were not mentally and physically exhausted, and, in fact, reached quite a high standard. Thank you, Amy and John, the venture was an unqualified success. Please do it again; we'll be looking forward to it. J. D. C.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY

Thanks to the hospitality of the local company the Society enjoyed a most successful meeting at Kingswinford on October 19th. St. Mary's bells (8) were kept going to a variety of methods, under the guidance of the Ringing Master, Mr. B. G. Key, before the service, at which the Society's form of Evensong was conducted by the Vicar, who addressed us. Our thanks are extended to the organist for his interest and playing the 'Variations on Holsworthy Bells' as a voluntary.

The ringers' wives and friends did us proud by providing a bountiful tea. After this meal the secretary announced that as many as possible of the annual reports had been distributed. The following new members were elected: Miss C. Turner (West Bromwich), Miss J. White (Great Barr), G. Griffiths (Bilston) and D. Braddock (Sedgley). The Vicar and Kingswinford ringers were sincerely thanked for all they had done to make this such a successful meeting. Further ringling on St. Mary's bells followed, and also on the six bells at Holy Trinity, Wordsley.

C. M. S.

WIVELISCOMBE, SOMERSET. — On Oct. 20th, a quarter peal: A. Gale 1, Mrs. E. S. Powell 2, F. Rousell (cond.) 3, F. Casely 4, G. Maidment 5, W. J. Nurcombe 6, H. V. Young 7, F. Eastman 8. Rung for Mr. F. Rousell who comes from Llantrisant.

CHELSEFIELD'S WEEK-END

The last week-end in September was something by the way of an experiment for Chelsfield ringers. Saturday took the form of the annual outing, and the party was completed at the first tower, Horsmonden, by several visitors from Kent and Surrey. A course of Bristol was among the methods rung here.

At Marden a touch of six spliced came home. Staplehurst bells proved a bit of a handful, especially for those who were not used to eight bells—but the ringling worked up a respectable appetite for lunch, which was taken while listening to the local band ring for a wedding.

Having sent several ringers to ring for a wedding at Cranbrook, the remainder moved to Headcorn, where a course of Lincolnshire was rung before the party was completed again. Smarden's were the only six of the day, and a very pleasant six too. A tea house raid in Biddenden resulted in 25 hungry, thirsty and none too quiet ringers descending on rather surprised proprietors.

We joined the Hawkhurst and District Guild to ring at Biddenden. We were expected and warmly welcomed, and, among other things, good courses of London and Bristol were rung. Ringling for the day concluded on the easy going octave at Frittenden.

The company was then invited to the home of Mike and Dorothy Legg at Cranbrook, where a truly amazing spread awaited our eager attentions. Singing and conversation continued well into the evening and Chelsfield was reached in the small hours.

At seven-thirty on Sunday morning we were ringling again—our own bells this time—for ringers' Corporate Communion, at which all those on the outing attended. A quarter peal of London Surprise Minor was rung during the afternoon. At Evensong we welcomed back several of our former ringers who have moved out of the area, and now ring elsewhere. Ringers acted as sidesmen and read the lessons and the Rev. C. J. Ellingham, once a ringer, preached an inspiring sermon to a packed church. Further ringling after the service was watched by many of the congregation, while the intricacies were explained to those who were interested. All ringers were then welcomed home by the captain and the evening and ringers' week-end had passed all too quickly.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Devon Branch

A large attendance of ringers of both sexes attended the Devon Branch's successful meeting at St. Peter's, Tiverton, on October 26th. The ringling was under the supervision of Mrs. D. E. Hood and consisted of touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Plain Bob Major, with rounds and call changes for the less experienced ringers.

A service was later held in church which was conducted by the Rector (Rev. Chas. S. Nye), who welcomed the visitors and gave an address.

After tea at a local café, the gentlemen ringers returned to the belfry, whilst the branch members held their meeting under the chairmanship of Mrs. Hood, in the absence of the vice-president (Mrs. D. R. Bould). Seven new members were elected (six from Bampton and one from Dartmouth), and it was resolved to hold the annual meeting at Clyst Honiton on April 18th, with ringling at Clyst St. George in the evening, subject to permission.

The usual votes of thanks concluded the meeting, and further ringling took place at Bickleigh. A.E.R.

SOME OF THE OUTINGS

ST. PETER-DE-WITTON, DROITWICH

Although they left Witton at 6.45 a.m., St. Peter's ringers and friends did not reach Bristol, the destination for their outing on October 5th, until 11 a.m. They were made very welcome at the Cathedral School practice and from the Cathedral were escorted to the Lord Mayor's Chapel. Lunch was eaten in the pouring rain before visiting St. John-on-the-Wall (a lovely City church, with a good ring of six). Our best ringling was there. St. Michael-on-the-Mount Without's 6 bells were more difficult. Philip and Joan Gray met the party at Stoke Bishop, and at Emmanuel, Clifton, Grandsire Triples was rung with local help. The return journey by train was as uneventful as could be expected with 11 of us packed into one compartment of an otherwise empty train! Thanks are due to Philip Gray, who made the arrangements. P. C.

EASTHAMPSTEAD AND WARFIELD

Easthampstead and Warfield ringers combined for a merry outing on sixes, on September 28th.

Fourteen ringers in a minibus set out before lunch for Sussex and Old Bosham, with our faithful captain at the wheel. Lunch, in traditional manner, preceded trying Bosham bells. These were a slower six than we were used to, but after a couple of courses we had some nice striking—more striking, though, was the beautiful old church and the Harvest Festival flowers.

At Felpham we rang for a wedding and had a good variety of methods (from Plain Bob to Cambridge), but had difficulty in striking well. After tea and a short walk to sniff the fragrance of seaweed on the front, we set off for Lymminster.

A lovely six in a lovely setting, was the general verdict, and here we had some good striking as well as a good number of methods. Very pleased we left for our last tower, Thakeham, which all of us enjoyed—the bells were easy on the hand and the car, and the ringling reasonably good. Thakeham will also be remembered for the hospitality of its 'local'—I can only say we had a real party—darts, singing, dancing, friendly faces and good drinks. R. R.

EXETER UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

The first outing of the newly-formed Exeter University Society was held on October 12th and started modestly with Bob Doubles at Atherington (6), followed by Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor. At Northam (8) a local ringer appeared very interested in 'scientific' changes and was later persuaded to conduct some call changes. Lunch was eaten on the beach in warm sunshine at Westward Ho!

A baptism delayed the start of ringling at Swymbridge (6) where Little Bob Minor and Stedman Doubles were rung in addition to methods already mentioned. A short journey brought us to South Molton (8) and the long climb to the ringling chamber was well rewarded by these majestic bells. However, the striking in Grandsire Triples and Bob Major could have been improved.

After tea the pleasant-sounding six at Cadeleigh were visited. The tenor proved difficult to handle, but was expertly turned in by one of the band to touches of Plain Bob and Kent T.B. Unfortunately at Broadclyst, the best bells of the day, there was only time for Grandsire Triples and Bob Major. Our thanks to Martin Lock for arranging the tour, to car drivers, incumbents and lower captains. P.H.W.

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Letters to the Editor

Ringers' Diary Apology

Dear Sir.—On double-checking the figures I find that the 393 Stedman Caters is in fact correct. My apologies for the mistake to all concerned. However, the 387/651/915 Stedman Cinques is headed 213456 instead of 231456.—Yours faithfully,

HADLEY HUNTER.

Trinity College, Cambridge.

Swords and Pistols

Dear Sir.—It is with regret I see these tools returning to Leicester. They were much in use before the 1914 war, but I was under the impression that they were boxed and buried years ago. I have not the pleasure of knowing either of the two gentlemen and feel that the challenge is not much help to either Church or craft. I suggest they try and improve on some of the feats at Loughborough Parish Church, which would give them plenty to do other than find time to fall out over hearsay.—Yours truly,

A FLAT.

Changing Guild Officers

Dear Sir.—After my letter appeared in 'The Ringing World' (June 21st, page 431), concerning the changing of guild officers, periodically, I have received several letters both for and against the suggestion. Unfortunately, a few people misconstrued the meaning of one of my statements.

In my letter I stated that I would like to know what other ringers thought, especially those in the Lincoln Guild, to the proposition that an officer should retire for at least one year after serving three consecutive years. Several people (including one whole branch) accused me, of 'backbiting' statements about the officers of the Lincoln Guild.

There was nothing, so far as I could see, in my reference to the Guild, that could be interpreted as 'getting at' anyone. I would like to see all Guilds adopting this rule and one must put one's own house in order before trying to change others.

As far as the Lincoln Guild officers are concerned they are doing a grand job, but let's have a change.—Yours faithfully,

PETER A. SLIGHT.

Grantham, Lincs.

St. Peter-de-Witton, Droitwich

Dear Sir.—The temporary suspension of ringing at St. Peter-de-Witton has been advertised in this journal, and perhaps a few relevant notes may be of interest.

It was not until the captain of the local ringers put his foot through it that the floor of the chamber under the bells was found to be eaten away with worm. Removal of this floor has revealed the existence of a mediæval floor supported by a massive oak frame, work probably coeval with the tower. Unfortunately one of the main beams supporting this framework is completely decayed and it is feared that any vibration due to ringing might bring about two tons of oak crashing about the ringers' ears. It is hoped to repair and preserve this fine 15th century woodwork and expose it to view from below by removal of the ringing room ceiling.

We hope that it will not be too long before we can again welcome visitors to ring at St. Peter's.—Yours, etc.,

PAUL CATERMOLE
(Tower Captain,
St. Peter-de-Witton).

The Minor Controversy

Dear Sir.—I was interested to read the article by E. C. S. on Dr. A. B. Carpenter, and subsequent comments by your correspondents.

In considering the controversy over 5,040's of Minor, one must understand exactly how these 5,040's were obtained. A band would learn 14 methods, and then ring 360 of each by the use of calls at Home; thus the tenors would not be parted and would do no more than ring plain courses. One does not need to be an expert in Minor ringing to realise that such performances were considerably easier to ring than peals in seven orthodox 720's. With the tenors fixed they were very easy to keep right. They made life very easy for the conductor, and he did not even have to learn the calling of a single 720! Such performances were not confined to Yorkshire, though they seem to have found more favour there than elsewhere; possibly because Yorkshire bands were more enterprising in the number of methods rung, even if their conductors were less so in calling! The Central Council very properly ruled against such performances being recognised as peals. If the question was not actually asked, the feeling of the supporters of these performances must have been, 'If we cannot ring peals like this, how can we include 14 methods in a peal?' Since splicing was then unknown, Dr. Carpenter's answer to this question seems the only one possible at the time. Should it be termed 'naive'? And certainly it does not deserve the description of 'fatuous,' as applied by Mr. Moxon.

Perhaps Mr. Moxon—whose letter seems strangely bitter—could tell us what the answer should have been, having regard to the state of ringing at that time; and also whether he would really like performances of this sort to be recognised as peals.

As a personality and a debater I cannot judge Dr. Carpenter; nor, I think, can Mr. Moxon. Few can now be living who actually remember him in action. To assert that the old Yorkshire members could not have been 'subdued' by him is beside the point. At least, in this debate, Dr. Carpenter was on the winning side.—Yours faithfully,

C. W. WOOLLEY.

Bushey Heath.

Discourtesy Alleged

Dear Sir.—When visiting Tewkesbury on Saturday, October 26th, my sister and I were delighted to hear the bells ringing.

Being regular ringers we thought the opportunity too good to miss, so went up to the tower, where obviously a meeting was in progress.

Having visited towers up and down the country, where we have always been made most welcome, imagine our surprise when confronted with complete indifference. After being there for half-an-hour, in which time no one spoke to us properly, or even smiled, we were so disgusted that we left.

It was very pleasant to meet quite the opposite at Bath Abbey on the Sunday evening, where we couldn't have been made more welcome.

We do hope that this letter may prevent other visiting bell ringers encountering such discourtesy as we did at Tewkesbury Abbey.—Yours faithfully,

(Misses) P. & V. STEPHENS.

Babbacombe, Torquay.

Derivation Wanted

Dear Sir.—Can any historian in our midst tell me the origin of the words Minimus, Doubles, Minor, etc., to Maximus?

I have been asked this question by a non-ringer and was unable to give a satisfactory answer, except to say that, for example, Doubles meant two pairs of bells change places within themselves, and Triples meant three changing pairs, etc., but why are there the words Caters and Cinques? Is this a derivative from the French meaning four and five; if so, how and why has the French influenced our ringing?—Yours sincerely,

ALAN A. J. BUSWELL.

Cosham.

North Wales Adheres to Rules

Dear Sir.—In the 'Ringing World' of Oct. 25th, a number of peals were recorded for the North Wales Association. The peals were rung during a tour of North Wales in August last, under the leadership of Mr. R. G. Leale.

As none of the members of the party are members of the North Wales Association the peals cannot be accepted under the North Wales title and should have been recorded as Non-Association peals.

I have informed Mr. Leale to this effect, and pointing out to him the ruling that any non-member must be proposed and accepted prior to ringing a peal.—Yours sincerely,

W. CATHRALL.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD

A quarterly meeting of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held at Perry Barr on October 16th. The eight bells, installed in 1869, are now in need of renovation, and as the clergy seem interested we may soon hear of a scheme to put the bells in order. After a long period of silence, the bells are now rung regularly by an enthusiastic band of learners.

At the business meeting the item which caused most discussion was the annual Henry Johnson Commemoration. For some years a considerable financial loss has been sustained on this function, and last year's depletion in the number of people attending resulted in a larger deficit than usual. Many different opinions were ventilated and it was finally decided to hire a smaller room, and limit the number to about fifty. The Provost of Birmingham (the Right Rev. Bishop Sinker) will be invited to occupy the chair.

It was reported that the donations to the Albert Walker Memorial tablet now amounted to £62 towards the £100 required.

The Vicar of Perry Barr (the Rev. Canon D. McLean, M.A.) was warmly thanked for taking the service in church, and for the use of the bells. Acknowledgments were also made to the ladies who provided tea, and to Mr. David Purnell, who has undertaken the difficult task of teaching a band to ring at Perry Barr.

Annual meeting, St. Martin's Hall, January 4th.

Corrections.—The ringer of the second in the peal at Stanford-le-Hope (page 719) should be Sylvia A. Hayward, not Haywood.

The quarter peal printed as Crowborough on page 723 should read Withyham.

Handbell peal, St. Albans (page 740), 5.120 Spliced Major in six methods. Not Spliced Surprise Major.

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ST. ALKMUND'S BELLS, DERBY

The latest news on the future of the bells at St. Alkmund's, Derby—the church which is to be demolished to make way for the new inner ring road—is that the bells will not be installed in the new St. Alkmund's Church which is to be built elsewhere. This is because the site of the new church is close to a hospital and it would be impossible to ring the bells.

At present members of the Derby Diocesan Association man St. Alkmund's bells once a month for Sunday service on a rota basis.

During consultations on these ringing arrangements the Vicar revealed that it was proposed to take only two of the bells from the present ring and install them in the new church. One would be used as an hour bell and other be used to call the congregation to worship.

The Derby Diocesan Association wrote to Canon A. Hopkins, secretary of the Advisory Committee to the Consistory Court, expressing dismay at the possibility of this fine ring being dispersed and asking whether he could confirm the Vicar's statement.

Canon Hopkins replied: 'I had not heard the suggestion that the bells of St. Alkmund's would be broken up, and they must not, even if they cannot be put in the new church.

'If they do have to leave St. Alkmund's have you any suggestion of any parish that could take them?'

The Derby Association have made some suggestions, and have asked for and been granted an interview with Canon Hopkins to discuss what positive active part the Association can play in the future of St. Alkmund's bells. G. A. H.

DORSET RINGING FESTIVAL 1963

A record number attended this year's festival at Blandford, on October 26th, made possible under the will of a late citizen of Blandford, Samuel Francis Pond. Although 75 had notified their intention of coming, it was more like 100 who were present. While all ringers were welcome, it eases the catering if more precise numbers are known beforehand.

After coping with a clock hammer difficulty left by the clock repairers, ringing went merrily enough until the clapper of the 6th dropped off. This, naturally, interrupted proceedings for a few minutes, but all was well when we returned to the belfry after tea. Until, that is to say, a broken stay again held up affairs. Your correspondent left soon after this, but hopes there were no further alarms and excursions.

The festival service was attended by the Major of Blandford and other civic officials. The Rev. P. A. Unwin, Vicar of Canford Magna, preached, and other clergy taking part were the Rector of Blandford, Canon H. G. Goodall, and the Rev. R. N. Longridge, honorary secretary of the North Dorset Branch of the Salisbury Guild.

After tea, in the Town Hall, the ringers were welcomed by the Mayor, who spoke kindly of bells and ringers. R. N. L.

OBITUARY

FUNERAL OF MR. A. C. HAZELDEN

There was a representative gathering of ringing friends at the Requiem Mass and funeral service held for Mr. A. C. Hazelden in St. Nicolas' Church, Guildford, on October 30th. The Rector (the Rev. W. Goddard) was the celebrant at the Mass, and the Rev. J. A. L. Hardcastle also assisted.

The widow and Miss Eloie, with other relatives, attended. Among those present were Mr. D. A. R. May (Master, Guildford Diocesan Guild), Mr. S. T. Russell (secretary), Mr. W. Viggers (representing the Central Council), Supt. R. J. C. Hagley, Messrs. A. P. Cannon, L. Stilwell, G. L. Grover, J. Bradley, F. Cherryman, W. E. Enticknap, S. Petter, L. Hunter, B. Clarke, E. Etheridge, S. G. Ponting, W. Savill, Mr. and Mrs. F. Bowden, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. White, Mrs. Kipping, Mrs. Pulling, Miss Avenall, Miss Oliver and many others.

MR. R. A. FERGUSON

With the passing of Mr. R. A. Ferguson, at the age of 90, on August 25th, ends a family of ringers at Hilgay, Norfolk, of over 150 years. Up to this year he could be seen almost daily going to his office in Downham Market. He conducted a peal of Plain Bob Major by local ringers in 1896 and rang in several peals up to 1914.

He was buried in Hilgay Churchyard on August 28th, and the same evening a half-muffled quarter peal of 1.344 Plain Bob Major was rung by M. Bryan 1, W. Cousins 2, J. Fox 3, V. Bowen 4, E. Cousins 5, A. Rolfe 6, E. Mastin (cond.) 7, C. Cousins 8. First quarter by 1 and 5.

THOMAS H. TAFFENDER AN APPRECIATION

Mr. J. A. Hales writes:—

The Master has passed on, leaving a gap that can never be filled. For 50 years he was Master of the London County. What a record!

How many youngsters rang their first quarters and first peals with 'Taff'? His Sunday night band, ringing for worship at many churches where the bells would otherwise have been silent, doubtless inspired local bands to be reformed. In spite of the very great loss his death means, it is good to know that, under the able leadership of Mr. Monty Meyer, the work that Thomas H. Taffender started at St. John's, Waterloo, is still being carried on.

On October 29th at St. John's, Waterloo, members of his Sunday night band of the London County Association rang a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples half-muffled. They were W. D. Grainger (conductor) 1, Miss N. Hales 2, Miss M. E. Powell 3, J. A. Hales 4, J. Hales 5, M. Meyer 6, L. W. Bullock 7, C. W. Ottley 8.

It was extremely gratifying to find at Streat-ham Vale Cemetery that so many of his old colleagues came to pay their respects. They were the present Master (Mr. Wilfred Wilson), past Masters of the Cumberlands and College Youths, Messrs. Harold Rogers, Arthur Barker, Joe Hawkins, Jim Prior and that grand old Leytonstone veteran, Ted Smith.

WOLLASTON, WORCS.—On Oct. 16th, 1,224 London Surprise Minor: C. Brown 1, J. Warr 2, F. V. Nicholls 3, M. J. Fellows (cond.) 4, F. G. Handley 5, G. Westwood 6.

ST. STEPHEN'S SOCIETY WESTMINSTER

Formed just three years ago, St. Stephen's Society, Westminster, has now 10 members and 2 beginners. Due entirely to the persistent hard work and infectious enthusiasm of the tower captain, Mr. Michael Moreton, the Society has continued to make steady progress. As three or four members will shortly be moving from London, the Society has instituted an annual dinner, the first being held on October 11th and proving to be a great success.

The following morning, none the worse for wear, the Society held its bi-annual outing into Herts, Beds, and Bucks. Ringing started on the pleasant six at Redbourn, followed by St. Leonard's, Flamstead, with its 14th century wall paintings. Refreshments were taken at 'The Spotted Dog,' Flamstead, before ringing on the loud six at Houghton Regis.

A sandwich lunch at 'The Anchor,' Tils-worth, preceded ringing at the parish church, where, according to the vicar, the tenor bearings need replacement, which confirmed our opinion. The ropes at Stanbridge (5), the next tower, were far too low for people of normal stature. We were sorry to lose here Robin Leale and his fiancee, particularly as the eights were still to come.

The highlight of the day, a plain course of Westminster Surprise without our captain, was rung at Eaton Bray. Next came Edlesborough, where the church on a hill looks across Dunstable Downs at a huge lion cut into the hillside. There were disappointments at Totternhoe where two attempts to ring a course of Cambridge Surprise Major failed as also did Grandsire Triples. Although tired, we redeemed ourselves on Dunstable Priory's magnificent eight, with Stedman Triples and Plain Bob Major.

Our thanks to our secretary, Clive Simpson, for arranging the outing, and to incumbents and local ringers of churches visited.

J. V. C.

50 YEARS AGO

'R.W.' November 7th, 1913.—

The small and ancient town of Southam is situated in a rather inaccessible part of the county of Warwickshire, but the Church of St. James now possesses a nice ring of eight bells, and the Rector, the Rev. J. Hart-Davies, is most anxious to see change ringing established firmly in the tower. The original ring was one of six bells, the first three of which were cast by Mears and Co. in 1863, while the last three are dated 1615, 1650 and 1676 respectively. The fourth is by Watts, of Leicester, the fifth by John Martin, of Worcester, and the tenor by Henry Bagles. Recently Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, were requisitioned to provide two new trebles and rehang the whole ring...

A somewhat unusual note is found in the churchwardens' accounts for 1641, as follows:

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UNIVERSITY OF WALES SOCIETY IN SOMERSET



Left to right, kneeling: Bob Winstanley, John Cornelius.
Standing: Marilyn Stock, Tony Griffin, Peter Else, Christina Griffin, Richard Smith, Susan Griffin, Peter Smith, Gwen Storer, Barry Couzens, Colin Lewis, Gill Graney, Chris Bainham.

Standing behind Gwen Storer is the local tower captain.

The University of Wales Society's annual tour was based this year at Angersleigh, near Taunton, where the Rector, the Rev. W. Griffin, kindly allowed the use of the Parish Hall as sleeping quarters for some of the party.

Assembly point was St. James's, Taunton, and Stedman Triples went best on this very pleasant ring. Despite our navigator we managed to find St. George's, Wilton, roughly on time. Here the light eight were hung too close together, but were otherwise very pleasant. Next came an unscheduled grab on a 'new' six at Holy Trinity, Taunton. The bells (tenor 44 cwt.) have been bought from different sources and hung by local ringers. They are very loud and very untuneful. At Pitminster we were baffled for a time about the chiming hammer. Our last tower of the day was Angersleigh, where, despite three of the five bells being pre-Reformation, the tone of the bells is extremely clear. That evening we discovered a skittle alley at 'The Merry Harriers' and the Aberystwyth ringers were decisively beaten by 'The Rest.'

The following day we went into Devonshire and found three rings of an exceptionally high standard at Uffculme (8), Cullompton (10) and Ottery St. Mary (8). In Honiton we really had to work hard to ring the six at St. Michael's (tenor 23 cwt.). After tea a good quarter peal was rung quickly at Chard, and

Shepton Beauchamp visited. Returning to Angersleigh, at the invitation of the Rector, we joined in the parish's harvest social. Colin Lewis, Peter Smith, Barry Couzens and Gill Graney gave a demonstration of handbell ringing, which earned loud applause.

On the final day of the tour we visited three magnificent eights at Wellington, Wiveliscombe and Bridgwater. The tour concluded at Huish Episcopi, with a peal attempt. Unfortunately the bells came into rounds after only half an hour, but a quarter peal of Bob Major was more successful.

The most notable achievement was that of Susan Griffin, who rang at every tower on the tour after learning to handle only a few hours before the beginning of the tour.

Our week-end was most enjoyable and we should like to thank the incumbents and tower captains who made it possible. The quarter peals:

CHARD, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Gwen Storer 1, P. T. Smith 2, C. L. R. Bainham 3, B. J. Couzens 4, P. K. Else 5, R. W. Winstanley 6, C. A. Lewis (cond.) 7, J. Cornelius (60th quarter) 8. First in the method for 1, 3, 5.

HUISH EPISCOPI, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 28th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Gwen Storer (first of Major) 1, Gill Graney 2, R. W. Winstanley 3, P. T. Smith 4, B. J. Couzens 5, P. K. Else 6, C. L. R. Bainham 7, C. A. Lewis (cond.) 8

THE NORWICH ASSOCIATION Southern Branch

About 25 ringers attended the meeting held at Pulham St. Mary, on October 19th, when the service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. C. J. Huggins) and Mr. Nolan Golden (President of the Association) read the lesson.

An excellent tea was followed by the business meeting, presided over by Mr. Golden in the absence of the Chairman. Four new members, all from Pulham, were elected.

Mr. Golden announced that ringing at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, would be stopped for about six weeks owing to repairs to the roof near the tower. The meeting closed with votes of thanks to the Rector and all who had helped to make it a success.

Evening practice, Banham, December 7th. Branch annual, Diss, February 1st.

C.F.W.P.

NATIONAL POLICE GUILD

The visit of the Police Guild to Birmingham on September 28th was highly successful and ringing was arranged at four towers—St. Chad's R.C., St. Martin's, the Cathedral and Edgbaston.

By kind permission of the Chief Constable of Birmingham the business meeting was held at the Birmingham City Police Training and Recreational Centre, Tally Ho!, Pershore Road, Edgbaston, and was attended by 25 members.

The annual dinner was also held at the centre, where 67 members, guests and friends were given an excellent meal. The guests were the Assistant Chief Constable of Birmingham, Mr. J. G. Morrison, and Mrs. Morrison, Canon R. Allen, of Edgbaston, and Mrs. Allen.

The dinner was followed by a social, given by members of the Birmingham City Police, and we were also graced by a visit of the new Chief Constable of Birmingham, Mr. Capper.

TAYSOM'S TRAVELLERS IN DEVON

This year the week-end was held from October 11th to 13th and the party consisted of Barbara Dench (Corston), Terry Milsom, David Barnett, Jean and Alan Lee (Twerton), Ian Smith, Brian Metcalfe, Myra and Tony Gibbs, Rita and Bill Lampard and Henry Taysom (Warmley); Henry, as usual, acting as driver of the minibus. Lustleigh, the headquarters, was reached rather late on Friday night. Everyone was up early next morning to be greeted with what turned out to be one of the sunniest days of 1963—pleased to have David Burt, who had travelled from London, Aubrey Bennett (Buckfastleigh) and Margaret Bould Tavistock joined us for the day.

Tower No. 1, Kingsteignton (fine octave, rehung by Gillett and Johnston in 1929, tenor 17 cwt. in F.). Best ringing Kent Major, also call changes, conducted by Mr. Bowden, a local ringer.

Tower No. 2, Combe-in-Teignhead. Rector, the Rev. E. Perry, gave an interesting account of his church bells (6, tenor 10 cwt. in G.); seldom rung, but 'go' and tone good. Cambridge was best here.

Tower No. 3, Stoke-in-Teignhead (a very good ground floor six, tenor 10 cwt.), seldom rung. Reverse St. Bartholomew. London Surprise and Oxford Treble Bob all successful.

Tower No. 4, Kingskerswell (another little six, about 8 cwt.). Beverley well struck. Mr. Bovey, local ringer, called changes and then dropped the treble for a good fall.

Time for lunch—plenty to eat, and a juke box to add background music.

Tower No. 5, Churston Ferrers was reached via Torquay and Paignton. Mr. Teale was waiting and he joined us for a ring. Bells very pleasant (6, tenor 13 cwt. in A flat), rung from back of church.

Tower No. 6, St. Saviour's, Dartmouth, after a ride on the ferry over the River Dart. Bells are a joy to behold. Stedman Triples here, the best of the day. Mr. Middleton made everyone welcome.

Tower No. 7, St. Petrox's, Dartmouth (6), situated by the castle, in very charming surroundings. Bells rehung by Taylors in 1947; rung from the ground. Joined in our ringing by Miss Goss, who is mastering change ringing, and Mr. Newman, now 85 years old, who proved he had not forgotten Stedman Doubles, despite a serious illness last year.

Tower No. 8, St. Clement's, Dartmouth (6). Ringing room reached by iron ladder. Mr. Newman again showing the way up; not as difficult as we thought. Back three are pre-Reformation, last rehung 1908; need a little attention from the bell hanger. Joined by a visitor from Liverpool.

Ringing finished, we went back to Buckfastleigh for supper. As last year, the organist from the Parish Church, Mr. E. Penny, played the piano and harvest hymns were well received.

Ringing on Sunday morning was at Lustleigh Church—the local ringers vacated the tower so that we might ring. An excellent rise—just as well, as critical ears outside. All the party attended Holy Communion.

In the afternoon Moreton Hampstead was visited. Mr. Bob Gale broke his peaceful afternoon to tend to our needs and made sure we have a good ring.

We said good-bye to Lustleigh for another year, and on the way home joined the Sampford Peverell (6) ringers for service ringing. The captain (Mr. F. Norman) allowed us half hour's ringing, and then showed us how to strike call changes. So our trip was over for another year.

Our thanks must go to Mr. and Mrs. Palmer and Miss Gay for looking after us so well and to the various incumbents and captains for their kindness, also Henry for driving, and Mr. Bennett for his choice of towers. In all 23 methods were rung. A. F. L.

BEER, DEVON.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. W. Sage 1, E. W. Broom 2, Miss M. Sage 3, J. Sage 4, F. J. Sage (cond.) 5. For Harvest Festival Evensong. First quarter on the bells after being rehung from All Saints', Braywood, Berks.

QUARTER PEALS

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. Mary Macve 1, Margaret C. Godfrey 2, P. J. Milton 3, E. Godfrey 4, C. H. Macve 5, A. M. Macve (cond.) 6.

ALDRIDGE, STAFFS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grand-sire and Plain Bob Doubles: G. Fallon (first quarter) 1, M. Mulvey (cond.) 2, G. Goodwin 3, J. Burton 4, C. Gall 5, G. Wilson (first quarter) 6. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

BISHOP'S CLEEVE, GLOS.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods): Sylvia Sayce (first quarter) 1, Marilyn Jackson 2, Anna Sadowska 3, A. Lawrence 4, M. Hawkes (cond.) 5, F. Whittaker 6. First in eleven methods by all except the conductor.

BLABY, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Doubles (4 methods): Jean Whit 1, Joy Watkin 2, R. Chapman 3, R. A. Copley 4, B. C. Law (cond.) 5. First of Doubles 1 and 2. A farewell to Michael H. Wheelwright, a local ringer, who has left to take up the ministry.

BOCKING, ESSEX.—On Oct. 13th, 1,280 Double Norwich and Bob Major: Julie Spurgeon 1, J. Brown 2, Mrs. Moore 3, H. Moore 4, P. Le Count 5, Rev. J. Burslem 6, R. Lindsell 7, R. Suckling (cond.) 8. First quarter of Double Norwich by 1, 5 and 6, in honour of Feast of Dedication.

CALVERTON, NOTTS.—On Oct. 19th, 1,320 Minimus (2 methods): J. Dawson 1, R. Marsh 2, C. R. Larkin 3, G. A. Dawson (cond.) 4. For the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. T. Gaut (Grant-ham) and wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. Challinor (Bingham).

CAMBRIDGE.—On Oct. 13th, at the Church of St. Andrew, Cambridge, 1,263 Stedman Triples: Miss H. Muirhead 1, C. H. Rogers 2, R. M. Damerell 3, V. Nutton 4, J. M. H. Hunter 5, J. A. Harrison (first of Stedman Triples) 6, S. C. Walters (cond.) 7, I. M. Smith 8. Also at the same church on Oct. 20th, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: S. C. Walters 1, I. M. Smith 2, Miss B. C. Webster 3, K. J. Darvill 4, K. J. Triplow 5, C. H. Rogers (cond.) 6, J. A. Harrison 7, A. S. Hudson 8. Both by Cambridge University Guild.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.—On Oct. 15th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: H. Flynn 1, F. Morton (cond.) 2, J. S. Baker 3, I. R. Nichols 4, E. J. Holloway 5, Bertha Sherry (first quarter) 6.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On Oct. 13th, 1,272 Norwich Surprise: W. J. Croft 1, Miss J. Croft 2, Miss M. Preece (first in method) 3, L. R. Runnacles 4, P. W. Croft 5, F. W. Croft (cond.) 6. For Harvest Thanksgiving Evensong.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCS.—On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): R. Hill 1, C. Haylings 2, Joan Gainey 3, B. Spiers 4, M. Hawkes (cond.) 5, R. Clarke 6.

LOCKING, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): R. Barks 1, M. Legg (cond.) 2, J. Legg 3, J. Coombs 4, G. Prescott 5, A. Skinner 6. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on Oct. 13th, 1,295 Grand-sire Caters: J. D. Faircloth 1, T. E. Sone (cond.) 2, M. F. Oakshett 3, Miss D. Colgate 4, Miss H. Oakshett 5, Miss M. A. Ladd 6, J. E. Cannell 7, J. W. Smith 8, E. J. Ladd 9, D. P. Smith 10. For Evensong.

NORTON-LE-MOORS, STAFFS.—On Oct. 17th, 1,280 Cambridge S. Major: D. Bennet 1, P. Phillips 2, Miss B. A. Johnson 3, J. A. J. Jack 4, W. Pickett 5, O. Williams 6, J. L. Shenton 7, C. S. Ryles (cond.) 8. Also on Oct. 19th, 1,280 Superlative S. Major: P. Phillips 1, Miss A. M. Gralton 2, Miss B. A. Johnson 3, J. W. Walker 4, J. L. Shenton 5, O. Williams 6, J. M. Jack 7, C. S. Ryles (cond.) 8.

OSPRINGE, KENT.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. G. Terry 1, C. J. Eades 2, W. S. Palin 3, B. E. Jemmett 4, F. C. Farnsworth 5, E. T. Eades (cond.) 6. W. Epps tenor (covering).

REDBOURN, HERTS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: K. Cowan 1, K. D. Waples 2, C. Alban 3, Miss G. Martin 4, P. W. Harper (cond.) 5, D. Bedford 6.

RUSHDEN, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Ann Newbury (first quarter) 1, Ann Chettle 2, Brenda Dixon 3, S. Hodgkins 4, R. Coley 5, A. L. Priestley 6, Bob Whitworth 7, C. Whitworth 8. Rung for the 80th birthday of Charles Clifton and as a welcome to the Rev. D. Elliott, instituted as Rector on Oct. 3rd.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At the Church of St. Michael, on Oct. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor behind): L. Lilley (first quarter) 1, G. H. Foster 2, F. Kirk (cond.) 3, Susan Williams 4, G. T. Ridgway 5, R. J. Bedford 6, J. D. Chamberlain 7. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: K. L. Williamson 1, Wendy R. Austin 2, Fredricka R. Underhill 3, J. Clark 4, J. Davy 5, G. A. Naylor (cond.) 6, S. B. Dobbie 7, J. A. Judd 8. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

WANDSWORTH, LONDON.—At the Church of Holy Trinity, West Hill, on Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: J. Reed 1, B. H. Coatsworth 2, Rosamund M. Rawlings 3, Judith Geiringer 4, P. A. Brand 5, L. C. Way 6, M. J. Uphill (cond.) 7, J. E. Price 8. Rung to welcome Peter, a son for John and Susan Bell, born Oct. 2nd.

WARSON, NOTTS.—On Oct. 11th, 1,296 Sandal T.B. Minor: Miss J. Cooke 1, G. Challans 2, F. Cooke 3, D. H. Rooke 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Sir William Fitzherbert, Patron of the living, who was buried at Tissington, Derbyshire, this day. Also on October 12th, 1,440 Fulbeck Bob Minor: M. Foster 1, Miss T. E. Staples 2, G. Challans 3, D. Smedley 4, F. Cooke 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6. In memoriam Arnold Hill, of Worksop, a very frequent visitor to this tower (after peal attempt failure). Also on October 20th, 1,440 Capel T.B. Minor: D. H. Rooke (cond.) 1, M. Foster 2, R. Lucas 3, F. Cooke 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke 6. For Evensong.

WORLE, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Minor (Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob): G. Davis 1, B. Williams 2, M. Legg 3, S. Lewis 4, R. Ballam 5, G. Prescott (cond.) 6. First in two methods by 2, 4 and 5. Also on Oct. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (nine methods): W. Lovell 1, R. Ballam 2, S. Lewis 3, M. Legg 4, G. Prescott (cond.) 5, G. Kingdon 6. First in nine methods by 1, 2, 3 and 6.

YORK.—At Heworth Croft, on Oct. 14th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Aldington 1-2, M. King 3-4, I. Johnson 5-6. Rung to mark the commencement of the new Students' Union Constitution of St. John's College.

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It was fitting that a peal of Rutland Surprise. Major should be rung at Oakham to celebrate Rutland's victory in her fight for independence. For two years the county has vigorously opposed the suggested amalgamation with Leicestershire, for administrative purposes, and at last won its independence.

The new secretary of the National Guild of Police Ringers is P.C. Richard Holt (Lancashire Constabulary), 16, Windsor Avenue, Newchurch, Rossendale, Lancs.

The bells of All Saints', Braywood, Berks, have been rehung at Beer, Devon. The first quarter on the bells in their new home was rung on October 13th.

As a 75th birthday compliment to Mr. Squire Croft, a quarter peal of Grandsire Caters was rung at Slough on October 27th. It was good, writes our correspondent, to see Mr. Croft looking so fit, and ringing like a young man again after his recovery from his operation.

In answer to a request from the Rev. A. T. Parker, Rector of St. Alban's, Kimberley, S.A., a quarter peal of Grandsire Caters for transmission was recorded on tape at Slough on October 27th, as Mr. Parker has but one bell in his church. Formerly, Mr. Parker was a ringer at Ealing, and the band consisted of five Ealing ringers, with five from Slough.

Conducted by Alan R. Pink, eight Alans rang a peal at Lavenham on October 26th. It was originally intended that Alan W. Payne should ring in the peal, but unfortunately he sprained his chest and had to drop out a few days previously. In associating his name with the peal, the band send him their best wishes for a speedy recovery.

The first quarter by a local band at Thurcaston, Leics, on October 23rd, is a reward for Mr. F. T. Bindley, who, now well over 70, has been teaching learners. As some of the band are too young to be allowed out for the evening practice, Fred arranges another on Saturday mornings. His band is now ringing Triples.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Three Kent stalwarts — Messrs. R. J. Carlton, C. T. Hillis and A. Waddington— returned to peal ringing after an absence of about a year, in a peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor at Willesborough, on October 26th. The peal honoured Miss Rosemary Gower, a ringer at Willesborough since her schooldays. It was for her wedding and a farewell to her in leaving the parish. Best wishes Rosemary!

Mr. Cyril Watts was unable to do his duties as toastmaster at the College Youths' dinner. He is in Peking on a business engagement.

Mr. Fred Pickard, a ringer at Southwell Minster for over 50 years, died on October 16th, aged 81.

All Saints', East Meon, Hants, has a regular Sunday service ringer in Mr. R. Fisher. For his 97th birthday a quarter peal was rung on October 29th. He must be our oldest ringer.

The Swansea and Brecon Guild is 40 years old. The anniversary was commemorated by a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major at St. Mary's, Swansea.

The peal attempt for Stedman Triples at Crediton for Martin F. Lock's 21st birthday was lost after an hour's good ringing. Compensation was a quarter of Plain Bob Major at Newton St. Cyres.

Mr. W. S. Childs, a ringer for over 60 years at St. Mary's Church, Denham, Bucks, died on October 26th, aged 86 years. A quarter peal was rung by his friends on October 30th with bells half-muffled.

The first peal attempt on the 12 bells at Liverpool Cathedral was made last Saturday. Grandsire Cinques was attempted with two men on the tenor and two on the eleventh. We are informed that 'Stand' was called after 40 minutes.

Master Tommy Harvey, the four-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Harvey of Topsham, is already showing an interest in ringing. On the recent Torre outing he insisted on ringing a bell at Musbury with the help of his father, and again at the practice at Buckfast Abbey on October 23rd.

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DEPTFORD, LONDON, S.E.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1963, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, LEWISHAM WAY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 14 cwt. 18 lb. in F.	
*BARRY R. HOLLISS .. Treble	*PHILIP CLARKE .. 5
PAUL G. HOLMES .. 2	FREDERICK P. MEAD .. 6
*DENBY P. MURDUCK .. 3	GEOFFREY DODD .. 7
G. PHILIP MURDUCK .. 4	MICHAEL S. HOLBROOK .. Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by GEOFFREY DODD.
* First peal.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1963, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 4 lb. in F.	
JEFFREY J. FOX .. Treble	PETER FENNEY .. 5
C. BARRIE DOVE .. 2	JOHN WEAVER .. 6
Gael BROWN .. 3	*CLIVE M. LONGDEN .. 7
JOHN CHAPMAN .. 4	DEREK P. JONES .. Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
* First peal of Major.

MARTOCK, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1963, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 25 cwt.	
(7 obs.) JOHN T. LOCKE .. Treble	REV. C. J. B. MARSHALL .. 5
GILBERT W. RENDELL .. 2	H. E. GEORGE JEANES .. 6
FREDERICK WELCH .. 3	WILLIAM E. TURNER .. 7
RAYMOND P. SELWAY .. 4	ALBERT W. DYER .. Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.
A 30th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Locke, of Drayton.

OAKHAM, RUTLAND.
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1963, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt.	
BRIAN M. BUSWELL .. Treble	J. DAVID CLARKE .. 6
RONALD JAMES HILL .. 2	ERNEST RAWSON .. 6
WILLIAM A. LACEY .. 3	ALAN JACQUES .. 7
WILLIAM L. EXTON .. 4	JOHN E. COOK .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE FREEBREY. Conducted by JOHN E. COOK.
Rung to celebrate Rutland's victory in her fight for independence.

SKIPTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1963, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 17 lb. in E flat.	
*CHRISTOPHER W. LAWSON Treble	JOHN BAGNALL .. 5
JAMES E. DICKINSON .. 2	GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE .. 6
HARRY WARD .. 3	*DIGBY BURTON .. 7
JAMES E. BURLES .. 4	THOMAS F. MEICALFE .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by THOMAS F. MEICALFE.
* First peal.
Rung for Harvest Festival.

FULNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Oct. 21, 1963, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5056 TRAFALGAR SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 1/2 cwt.	
DENIS WOODS .. Treble	RAYMOND H. DAW .. 5
RONALD C. NOON .. 2	GEORGE W. MASSEY .. 6
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. 3	BRIAN HARRIS .. 7
ROGER D. BAILEY .. 4	CYRIL R. BURRELL .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.
First peal in the method.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Oct. 24, 1963, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Being in eight methods: 1,600 London, 1,280 Rutland, 640 Bristol, and 320 each of Yorkshire, Superlative, Lincolnshire and Pudsey; with 110 changes of method.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.	
FREDERICK ROSS .. Treble	GEOFFREY DAVIES .. 5
RODERICK W. PIPE .. 2	NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 6
J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. 3	CLIFFORD A. BARRON .. 7
PETER BORDER .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

TRAFALGAR SURPRISE MAJOR
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2nds place L.E. F.C.E. B.D.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Oct. 25, 1963, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY AND UNDIVIDED TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.	
JENNIFER M. TAYLOR .. Treble	JAMES R. TAYLOR .. 5
PATRICK J. BIRD .. 2	†PETER BRIDLE .. 6
*ALAN TUBB .. 3	D. JOHN HUNT .. 7
ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD .. 4	DON C. EXELL .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by DON C. EXELL.
* First peal of Surprise. † 75th peal, and 50th of Surprise.

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1963, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in D.	
VICTOR SAVAGE .. Treble	MARTIN L. HOWE .. 5
BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 2	TREVOR A. CROSS .. 6
CYRIL S. JARRETT .. 3	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 7
ANDREW M. MACVE .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY .. Tenor

Composed by J. L. NORRIS. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1963, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In five methods, comprising 1,824 London, 1,248 Cambridge, 864 Rutland, 768 Bristol and 384 Superlative; with 81 changes of method.

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb. in E.	
ALAN E. BAGWORTH .. Treble	COLIN A. TESTER .. 5
OLIVE D. TESTER .. 2	JOHN S. BARNES .. 6
MARY S. TAYLOR .. 3	IAN H. ORAM .. 7
JOHN D. FAIRCLOTH .. 4	RALPH BIRD .. Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.
Rung for the dedication festival.

DITCHEAT, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1963, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 4 lb. in E flat.	
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. Treble	ANDREW M. MACVE .. 5
CYRIL S. JARRETT .. 2	PHILIP A. CORBY .. 6
RALPH G. EDWARDS .. 3	TREVOR A. CROSS .. 7
MARTIN L. HOWE .. 4	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. Tenor

Composed by S. IVIN. Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1963, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part (seventh observation).

Tenor 21 cwt.	
JOHN W. T. HIBBERT .. Treble	CLIFFORD J. GARLICK .. 5
PATRICIA E. HIBBERT .. 2	MICHAEL BISHOP .. 6
FREDERICK A. H. WILKINS .. 3	JOHN H. NAPPER .. 7
HENRY L. BISHOP .. 4	LEONARD F. COX .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. T. HIBBERT.

HACKNEY, LONDON, E.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1963, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-AT-HACKNEY,
A PEAL OF 5120 DAVENTRY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in F.	
ERIC EDMONDSON .. Treble	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 5
JOAN BERESFORD .. 2	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 6
PETER J. COLES .. 3	JOHN HILL .. 7
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 4	JOHN R. MAYNE .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
First peal in the method by all the band, and for the Association.

KIRTLINGTON, OXON.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1963, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in E.	
M. ROGER ASHMORE .. Treble	BRUCE WAKEFIELD .. 5
*JOHN W. THORP .. 2	JOHN S. RANK .. 6
CHRISTINE C. MACNAIR .. 3	PETER J. WYCHERLEY .. 7
F. JOHN NELSON .. 4	JOHN E. CAMP .. Tenor

Arranged by F. J. NELSON. Conducted by JOHN E. CAMP.
* First peal of Yorkshire.

KNEBWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 26, 1963, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND THOMAS-A-BECKET, A PEAL OF 5024 WIGSTON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

Table listing names and positions for the Wigston Surprise Major peal, including Claudia A. Critchley (Treble), G. William Critchley (5), Vernon Green (2), Colin A. S. Harwood (6), John R. Mayne (3), J. Richard Castledine (7), and Alick Cutler (4) (Tenor).

Composed and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

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

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 26, 1963, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL, A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. in D flat.

Table listing names and positions for the Plain Bob Major peal, including Alan Munnings (Treble), Alan R. Bridges (5), Alan R. Andrews (2), Alan Carveith (6), Alan M. Barber (3), Alan J. Frost (7), Alan R. Knight (4), and Alan R. Pink (Tenor).

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal. † 50th peal. First 'Alan' peal to be rung.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 26, 1963, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5280 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 69 lb. in C.

Table listing names and positions for the London Surprise Major peal, including John C. Eisel (Treble), George S. Deas (5), Brian Harris (2), Leslie Boumpfrey (6), Eric N. Harrison (3), J. Alan Ainsworth (7), and John E. Anderson (4) (Tenor).

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY. Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Oct. 26, 1963, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

Table listing names and positions for the Grandsire Triples peal, including Parker's Twelve-Part, Gordon Griffiths (Treble), E. Marion Key (5), Anthony Howell (2), Cyril Griffiths (6), Gillian Griffiths (3), Howard Howell (7), and Barnabas G. Key (4) (Tenor).

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

* First peal.

SWANSEA, GLAMORGAN.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 26, 1963, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5156 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in F.

Table listing names and positions for the Double Norwich Court Bob Major peal, including Roger Havard (Treble), John Owen (5), Mary E. Pryor (2), M. Jack Pryor (6), J. Arthur Hoare (3), David J. Llewellyn (7), and Thomas Yeomans (4) (Tenor).

Arranged and Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

* 50th peal. † First in the method. ‡ 100th peal. First in the method as conductor.

Rung for the 40th anniversary of the formation of the Swansea and Brecon Diocese.

USK, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 26, 1963, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F sharp.

Table listing names and positions for the Grandsire Triples peal, including Parker's Twelve-Part, Chris. E. J. Rudderham (Treble), Lionel Jones (5), David J. Hughes (2), Spencer G. A. Kear (6), Reuben S. Clench (3), Donald G. Clift (7), and George Knight (4) (Tenor).

Conducted by DONALD G. CLIFT.

* First peal of Triples.

Rung by past and present members of this tower as a compliment to Brian S. B. Kear, a member of the local band, on the occasion of his recent marriage.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

WELLOW, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 12, 1963, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JULIAN,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods: (1) Double Oxford Bob, (2) Single Oxford Bob, (3) Oxford T.B., (4) Kent T.B., (5) St. Clement's, (6) Cambridge Surprise, (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E flat.

Table listing names and positions for the Five and Six Bell Peals, including F. Hector Bennett (Treble), Phillip Gays (4), K. Peter Jones (2), Gerald P. McIlhone (5), and Raymond J. Ballard (3) (Tenor).

Conducted by GERALD P. MCLHONE.

CARDIGAN.

THE ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 5, 1963, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being six 240's and 30 six-scores. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

Table listing names and positions for the Grandsire Doubles peal, including Philip C. Rogers (Treble), John D. Thomas (4), Mrs. Jean Thomas (2), Gwyn I. Lewis (5), and Robert Pateman (3) (Tenor).

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.

* First peal. † First in the method. First peal on the bells.

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 12, 1963, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN, SANDAL MAGNA,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the Plain Bob Minor peal, including Peter Louth (Treble), Peter Fenney (4), Catherine R. Slater (2), Ronald H. Dove (5), and Gael Brown (3) (Tenor).

Conducted by C. BARRIE DOVE.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Oct. 18, 1963, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford and St. Clement's, and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the Five and Six Bell Peals, including Charles H. Blake (Treble), Henry Tooke (4), Leslie F. Bailey (2), Wilfred G. Saunders (5), and Frank C. J. Arnold (3) (Tenor).

Conducted by C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO.

Rung as a welcome to Rev. and Mrs. S. Collins.

OLD SWINFORD, STOURBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Oct. 18, 1963, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in F sharp.

Table listing names and positions for the Cambridge Surprise Minor peal, including Harold J. Shuck (Treble), Peter L. Bill (4), C. Roger Tandy (2), P. William Brett (5), and Martin D. Fellows (3) (Tenor).

Conducted by MICHAEL J. FELLOWS.

* First peal of Surprise.

Rung as a 10th birthday compliment to David C. Fellows.

POTTERSPURY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Oct. 18, 1963, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being extents of Double Court, Oxford T.B., Double Oxford, Kent T.B., St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt. 4 lb. in E.

Table listing names and positions for the Five and Six Bell Peals, including William A. Yates (Treble), W. Frank Eyden (4), Barry R. Eglesfield (2), Charles E. Truman (5), and James Linnell (3) (Tenor).

Conducted by CHARLES E. TRUMAN.

* First peal of Minor. † First seven-method peal 'inside.'

A farewell to Rev. R. G. Richards, who is leaving the district to take a living at Buckland Brewer, Devon.

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SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1963, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Single Court and Single Oxford, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.
 *JOHN F. HOODLESS Treble | WILLIAM H. DALE 4
 HARRY BARNES 2 | *RICHARD A. HUNT 5
 WALTER WESTON 3 | JAMES H. MUSSON Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.
 * First peal in three methods.
 A compliment to Miss Valerie Ann Musson (the conductor's niece) and Mr. George Tony Clark, who were married this day at Sleaford Parish Church.

BLANKNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Oct. 21, 1963, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Single Oxford and Single Court, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.
 JOHN F. HOODLESS Treble | *CHARLES R. MUXLOW 4
 *MRS. MILLCENT SHORT 2 | RICHARD A. HUNT 5
 WALTER WESTON 3 | JAMES H. MUSSON Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.
 * First peal in three Minor methods.
 Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hoodless; also to celebrate the christening of their grand-daughter, Dawn Annette Hoodless.

PADBURY, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Oct. 21, 1963, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10½ cwt.
 JAMES LINNELL Treble | FREDERICK VICKERS 4
 CHARLES E. TRUMAN 2 | GEORGE W. HOLLAND 5
 *RAYMOND A. VICKERS 3 | WILLIAM A. YATES Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. YATES.
 * First peal of Surprise Minor. First on the bells since rehangng.

SUTTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Oct. 21, 1963, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Consisting of seven different extents. Tenor 12½ cwt.
 *JEAN BURGESS Treble | F. GEORGE FORRESTER 4
 PETER W. HORN 2 | ERNEST PIMLOTT 5
 WENDY POYNTON 3 | HARRY W. HOWARD Tenor

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.
 * First peal, and first attempt.
 Rung as a farewell compliment to the Rev. N. Capey, Vicar, who is leaving the district.

OLD WOODHOUSE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Oct. 24, 1963, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY IN THE ELMS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Single Oxford and Single Court, and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.
 COLIN LORD Treble | RICHARD CLIFTON 4
 JOSEPH W. COTTON 2 | JOHN K. SMITH 5
 FRANK CHAMBERS 3 | ROLAND BENISTON Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

NEATH, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1963, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 8 lb.
 *WILLIAM T. PETTY Treble | TREVOR M. RODERICK 4
 EDMUND J. MORRIS 2 | NORMAN J. HARDING 5
 HARRY BOYCE 3 | GWYN I. LEWIS Tenor

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.
 * First peal of Minor.

OWSTON FERRY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1963, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being extents of St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.
 WILLIAM BAINS Treble | JAMES THORLEY 4
 JOHN F. UNDERWOOD 2 | J. MARTIN THORLEY 5
 MELVYN A. ROSE 3 | W. ERIC CRITCHLEY Tenor

Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
 The conductor's 600th peal.

QUENIBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
 (Syston District.)
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1963, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in G sharp.
 MALCOLM D. BARSBY .. Treble | DAVID LOWE 4
 ROGER I. KENDRICK 2 | MICHAEL WHITE 5
 MICHAEL G. GODWIN 3 | B. STEDMAN PAYNE Tenor

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.
 First peal on the bells since their augmentation to six.

SHARESHILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1963, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.
 *DAVID J. BATES Treble | *BRIAN H. MORTON 4
 *MICHAEL I. CADWALLADER 2 | MAURICE G. TURNER 5
 †HARRY BUTLER 3 | †JOHN F. ASTBURY Tenor

Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.
 * First peal. † First in the method on a 'working bell.' † First in the method, and of Minor. Harry Butler has now 'circled the tower.'
 Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. H. Hingley.

SHOTTESBROOKE, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1963, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In nine methods, being three extents of Reverse St. Bartholomew, four each of Stedman, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place, St. Martin's and St. Simon's, five of Reverse Canterbury, six of Grandsire and eight of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt. in F sharp.
 ELIZABETH T. BIRMINGHAM Treble | WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM 3
 JENNIFER SCEENY 2 | DAVID P. HILLING 4

HOWARD OGLESBY Tenor
 Conducted by HOWARD OGLESBY.
 25th peal as conductor.

WILESBOURGH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1963, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout. Tenor 12 cwt.
 RAYMOND J. CARLTON .. Treble | NICHOLAS J. DAVIES 4
 *PETER RICHARDSON 2 | CRAWFORD T. HILLIS 5
 ALEXANDER WADDINGTON 3 | DENNIS A. CHAPMAN Tenor

Conducted by CRAWFORD T. HILLIS.
 * First peal of Surprise.
 Rung to celebrate the marriage of Miss Rosemary E. Gower and Mr. John Stanbridge at this church prior to the peal; also as a farewell to the bride, who will now be leaving the parish, where she has been a ringer since her schooldays.

HANDBELL PEALS

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Oct. 15, 1963, in 1 Hour and 55 Minutes,
 AT 5, MOAT CLOSE,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 15 in C.
 S. KATHLEEN M. BALDWIN 1-2 | *JOHN R. MAYNE 3-4
 ROGER BALDWIN 5-6
 Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.
 * First peal of Minor in the method on handbells.

SUTTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Oct. 24, 1963, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,
 AT TURNPIKE FARM,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor size 19 in F.
 SHEILA I. SMITH 1-2 | ALAN S. SMITH 3-4
 MARTIN MAJOR 5-6
 Conducted by MARTIN MAJOR.
 First peal 'in hand' by all the band.
 Rung on United Nations Day.

RUMNEY, CARDIFF, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Oct. 28, 1963, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,
 AT 43, DOWNTON ROAD, RUMNEY, CARDIFF,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 8 in C.
 DAVID S. BISHOP 1-2 | NICHOLAS W. H. SIMON 5-6
 ROBERT B. SMITH 3-4 | PETER J. SHIPTON 7-8
 Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by NICHOLAS W. H. SIMON.
 First peal of Major as conductor on handbells.

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BIRTH

BAKER—On October 28th, 1963, at Sidmouth to Marion (nee Davis) and Ronald, a son (Graham Paul). 3558

ENGAGEMENT

BILLS—DRURY—The engagement is announced between Jeffrey, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Bills, of Woodham, and Joyce Evelyn, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Drury, of Horsell, Surrey. 3544

PERSONAL

'The husbandman that laboureth must be first partaker of the fruits.' (II Tim. ii. 6.)

PUBLICATIONS

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MISCELLANEOUS

BOYNE HILL, MAIDENHEAD.—All Saints' bells (8) will be available on Saturday, November 16th, from 6.30 p.m. for the practice of Double Norwich, Cambridge and Yorkshire. All ringers welcome. Your support would be appreciated.—E. E. G. 3514

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.—Until further notice the weekly practice will be Wednesday. All visitors welcome. 3530

HIGH WYCOMBE PARISH CHURCH.—Weekly practices will be resumed each Monday, commencing November 11th, 7.30 to 9 p.m. All visitors welcome. 3541

ORDER NOW FOR CHRISTMAS.—Ten inch L.P. recording of St. Thomas' bells, Moorside; one side Stedman Triples, on reverse Kent T.B. Major. 38s. 6d., post free, delivery 10-14 days.—T. Ogden, 119, Smallbrook Road, Shaw, Oldham, Lancs. 3545

ST. LEONARD'S CHURCH, BEOLEY, WORCS.—Practices have been temporarily changed to Wednesdays, 7.30-9 p.m., until further notice.—G. M. Ison, Sec. 3540

SOCIETY OF RAMBLING RINGERS.—Annual reunion and dinner at 'The Pitt and Nelson,' Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancs. on Saturday, December 7th. Dinner 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets (17s. 6d.) from Mr. F. Shallock, 1, Russell Street, Ashton-under-Lyne. Ringing details later.—W. A. Lacey, Sec. 3561

MEETINGS

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting at Killamarsh (6) on Saturday, November 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. A. Parr, 2, Quarry Road, Killamarsh, Sheffield. No. 27 bus leaves East Midland Bus Station, Chesterfield, at ten minutes' past the hour.—M. Phipps, Sec. 3507

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—A.G.M. will be held on November 9th at Barnwood. 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at St. Mary-de-Crypt School Room 5.15 p.m. Names for tea as soon as possible to Mr. A. Crawley, 82, Avon Crescent, Brockworth. 3516

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—November meeting will be held at Apsley on Sat., Nov. 9th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. V. Good, 44, Belmont Road, Hemel Hempstead, Herts.—R. Sheppard, Sec. 3519

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Saturday, November 9th, Great Amwell, 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, to R. Berry, 12, Hillside Crescent, Stanstead Abbots, Ware, Herts.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 3519

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—New arrangements for Mereworth by-meeting, November 9th. Ringing 3 p.m. Tea 4.45. Service 6 p.m.—T. A. Cross, Dis. Sec. 3504

LADIES' GUILD (Central District), MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (South and West District), OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (East Berks and South Bucks Branch).—Joint meeting, St. John's, Hillingdon, November 9th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.45, with tea and social evening to follow. Herefield (245 p.m.) and St. Andrew's, Uxbridge (3 p.m.) also available. Names for tea, please, to Mr. F. W. Goodfellow, 46, Slough Road, Iver Heath. 3435

NORTHERN UNIVERSITIES.—Meeting at Manchester, November 9th. Towers available: Swinton (No. 57 bus outside Piccadilly Station, also passes close to Exchange Station). 9.45-10.30 a.m.; Pendlebury, 11-11.45 a.m.; Pendleton, 12 noon-12.45 p.m.; Sacred Trinity, Salford, 2.30-4; Cathedral, 5.30-6.30; Town Hall, 7-8.15 p.m. Own arrangements for lunch and tea. 3479

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Monthly practice, old Wolverton, November 9th. Bells (6) from 6 p.m. 3480

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday November 9th, at Mortimer, St. John's (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. St. Mary's (8) in evening. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. A. G. Cowdry, 'Sherborne,' Victoria Road, Mortimer, Reading. 3487

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Meeting at Whetton, Nov. 9th. Bells 3 p.m., service 4.30, tea 5. Names for tea by Wednesday previous, to: W. L. Exton, 'St. Ouen's,' Whetton.—R. Blackshaw, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3511

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Practice meeting at Freckenham (5), Saturday, November 9th. Bells 6.30 to 9 p.m.—A. F. Ballam, Dis. Sec. 3497

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting at Washington (6) on Saturday, November 9th, at 3 p.m. 3549

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting to include election of officers will be held at 'The Rising Sun,' Carter Lane, E.C., on Tuesday, November 12th, at 8.15 p.m. Forthcoming practices, all commencing at 6.30 p.m.: November 12th, St. Paul's Cathedral; November 19th, St. Lawrence, Jewry; November 26th, St. Michael's, Cornhill; December 3rd, St. Giles', Cripplegate.—John Chilcott. 3473

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Evening practice at Abbot's Leigh on Tuesday, November 12th, 7.30 start.—H. M. Kingcott. 3528

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Monthly meeting, St. Mary's, Cheltenham (12), Thursday, November 14th, 7.30 p.m.—E. M. Bliss. 3534

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Practice meeting at Kingston Seymour (6), Saturday, November 16th. Bells available 5 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 3520

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Branch.—Practice meeting, Fivehead (6), Saturday, November 16th, 7 p.m.—J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec. 3547

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—Eight bell practice, Bridgwater, Saturday, November 16th, 7 p.m.—K. Prime, Branch Sec. 3560

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Meeting, Hoole, All Saints', Saturday, November 16th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea before Thursday, November 14th, please, to Mr. E. C. Crewe, 24, Elmwood Avenue, Hoole, Chester.—R. C. H. Sibley, Hon. Sec. 3555

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Kingsgrove, November 16th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by November 13th.—W. Kerr, 107, Moreton Road, Crewe. 3527

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Ormesby (8) on Saturday, November 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea before Friday, November 15th, to T. M. Cox, 8, Greenwood Avenue, Linthorpe, Middlesbrough. 3554

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Coventry Archdeaconry District.—Meeting on Saturday, November 16th, at Church Lawford. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 3529

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Chester-le-Street, Saturday, November 16th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea to D. A. Bayles, 12, Crichton Avenue, Chester-le-Street. 3524

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Godmanchester, Saturday, November 16th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 3546

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Denver, Saturday, November 16th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Own food. Cups of tea provided.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 3538

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting to be held at Felsted on Saturday, November 16th. Bells (8) 2.30 until 8 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea by Wednesday, November 13th, to Mrs. M. Wood, 4, Duck End Cottages, Finchingfield. 3478

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Annual meeting, Malmesbury, November 16th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service in Abbey 4.15 p.m. Address by Rev. F. F. Rigby, Master of Gloucester and Bristol Association. Tea for those who notify me by November 14th.—H. Heath, Branch Sec., 89, London Road, Chippenham. 3535

GUILD OF MEDICAL RINGERS.—London meeting, November 16th. St. Vedast's, Foster Lane, 3 p.m. St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, 4.15. St. Giles', Cripplegate, 5.30 p.m. Names for dinner to D. L. Gullick, Mount View, Stevenage (309). 3533

HAWKHURST GUILD.—Meeting, Saturday, November 16th Battle. Bells 3 p.m. Please make own tea arrangements at nearby cafes.—E. A. F. 3551

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Bishop's Stortford District.—Meeting at Little Hadham, Saturday, November 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Evening ringing, Much Hadham, from 6.30. Names for tea to W. Parker, No. 1, The Smithy, Little Hadham, Herts.—D. Kingston. 3536

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—November 16th. St. Michael's, St. Albans. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, to Mr. J. D. Chamberlain, 3, Mile House Lane, St. Albans, by 14th. S.M.: Double Norwich.—M. A. Coburn. 3537

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Chartham, Saturday, November 16th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea afterwards at 2s. 6d. per head. Those who require tea please notify by November 13th, together with cash. Mr. L. H. Bennett, 4, Horton Gardens, Chartham, near Canterbury. 3490

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Meeting at Wigston Magna (8), Saturday, November 16th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.0. Tea and meeting in Church Hall 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss S. M. Davenport, 27, Marsden Lane, Aylestone, Leics. Telephone Leics 32554, by Wednesday previous. Gentlemen cordially invited. 3492

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION—Manchester Branch.—Meeting at Prestwich, on Saturday, November 16th. Tea available at 5 p.m. only for those notifying Miss J. Reynolds, 38, Windsor Avenue, Whitefield, Manchester (Tel.: WHI 2201), by previous Thursday. Everyone made welcome.—Neil Bennett, Sec. 3523

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale and Blackburn Branches.—Joint meeting at St. Peter's, Burnley, on November 16th. Business meeting 3.30 p.m., followed by tea at 4.30 p.m. approx. No ringing until after tea. Names for tea (small charge) to R. J. Parker, 228, Briercliffe Road, Burnley.—J. Pilkington, J. Porter. 3562

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Great Glen, Saturday, November 16th. Bells 3 p.m.—Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m., Crown Inn.—L. W. Allen. 3550

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Meeting at Asfordby, November 16th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting in hall 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. H. Cook, Asfordby, Melton Mowbray, by November 13th.—M. Stimson. 3553

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Lindsey Branch.—Meeting at Saxilby, November 16th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify Mr. H. W. Cox, 5, High Street, Saxilby, by previous Tuesday. Special methods: Hereward and St. Albans.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec. 3517

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Branch.—Meeting, Scothern, November 16th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Methods: Double Court, London Surprise. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to Mr. C. Cade, Brooklyn, Scothern, Lincoln.—S. A. Chambers, Hon. Sec. 3508

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (N. and E. District) and **ESSEX ASSOCIATION** (S.W. District).—Joint meeting at St. John at Hackney on Saturday, November 16th. Bells 3-4.30 p.m., followed by service and tea. St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, available 3-4.15 p.m.—M. J. Hallett and E. H. Kilby, Dis. Secs. 3518

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Meeting at Sandhurst on November 16th, commencing at 3 p.m. in school room by church, with a talk by Mr. W. J. Parker, Branch Ringing Master, on learning methods and conducting. Tea 5. Service 6. Ringing 6.30 to 9 p.m. Tea free to all who notify Mr. Parker, May Cottage, High Street, Little Sandhurst, Camberley, by November 14th. 3542

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Dorchester, Saturday, November 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by November 13th to J. Godman, 22, Sunnyside, Benson.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting, Saturday, November 16th at Sutton-on-Trent. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea for those notifying, by previous Wednesday, Miss G. Burchnell, 3, High Street, Sutton-on-Trent, Notts.—B. N. Reed. 3531

SUFFOLK GUILD.—N.E. District.—Quarterly meeting at Kelsale (8). Saturday, November 16th, 2.30-4.15 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Yoxford (6), 6-9 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, November 13th, to Miss M. Branch, Fern Bank, Bungay Road, Halesworth. 3494

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Wivelsfield (6), Saturday, November 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to J. R. Norris, 117, Cuckfield Road, Hurstpierpoint. 3548

DANEHILL, SUSSEX.
All Saints'
3rd ANNUAL RINGERS' SERVICE.
Sunday, November 17th.
Bells 5.30 p.m. Service 6.30 p.m.
All welcome.
Ringers and friends invited to refreshments after service. Numbers, please, to A. J. Butcher, Christopher Fields Cottage, Danehill, near Haywards Heath.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Practice meeting, Saturday, November 23rd, Amesbury. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by November 19th to Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 3532

SUFFOLK GUILD.—S.W. District.—Annual meeting at All Saints', Sudbury, Saturday, November 23rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by November 20th, please, to Miss E. R. M. Cansdale, 8, Brook Street, Bures, Suffolk. 3525

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Quarterly meeting changed to **Heathfield** (8) on November 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, November 20th please, to I. Smith, Sec., 37, Wellington Gardens, Battle, Sussex. 3552

LADIES' GUILD.—Central and Kent Districts.—Joint meeting at Leytonstone, November 30th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and further ringing. Names by Wednesday, 27th, to Mr. C. Willmington, 79, Wallwood Road, Leytonstone, E.11. All welcome.—S. Dobbie and K. Lock, Dis. Secs. 3539

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Forthcoming meetings: Loddon, December 7th; Great Yarmouth, February 8th, Branch annual (not dinner as printed in Blofield meeting report).—N. P. J. Cossey, Hon. Sec. 3556

ADVICE TO A YOUNG RINGER

You've learned to ring the treble very well, son.

And ringing rounds you feel is rather nice. But method ringing you will find much more fun

If you will make a note of this advice. If you can keep your place when all about you Are losing theirs and blaming it on you.

The leader looks as if he wants to clout you And the others are all frowning at you too. If you'll persist though there is none to love you,

And realise to them you are fair game, In time you'll understand they're glad to have you,

It gives them somewhere they can lay the blame.

They start you off, dear learner, on the hunt bell

And though you think they're helpful when you're new

You'll see at length when you have learnt to hunt well

That you're the quarry—they are hunting you! But, if you can keep your irritation under,

And not be daunted when they criticise, And realise that even they can blunder

Although they talk so big and look so wise. One day, when on the inside they must fit you,

A novice you can put the blame upon. Will cover the mistakes you won't admit to.

And—by this you'll know— You are a Ringer, son!

With apologies to R. K. M. S. M.
(Composed when feeling all twisted and bitter after attending a disappointing practice night).

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HECKINGTON, Lincs.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Patricia Rooney 1, June Bird 2, Daphne P. Brown 3, M. Rooney 4, A. Bird 5, E. A. Cole 6, A. R. Pocklington (cond.) 7, C. Asher 8. First on eight bells for 1, 2 and 4. Rung for the induction of the Rev. D. C. Speedy, B.A., as vicar on previous Wednesday.

THE HESSE WEEK-END

The peal attempts to honour the memory of the late Major J. H. B. Hesse were arranged at Yatton and Wrington respectively during the week-end of October 18th-19th. An attempt for Plain Bob on Friday evening at Yatton was unsuccessful, but a quarter peal of Stedman Triples was rung afterwards.

A peal of Stedman Caters was rung at Wrington on Saturday, and afterwards the company were entertained to tea by Mrs. Hesse, who thanked the ringers, and said how much she enjoyed meeting them each year on this occasion. Mr. H. Sanger suitably replied on behalf of the company. Those present were Rev. B. Lee (Rector of Wrington), Mrs. Hesse, Rev. R. O. Fry, Mr. and Mrs. J. Chilcott, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Knight, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Kingcott and Messrs. H. G. Bird, L. Derrick, G. Hawkins, E. T. Lee, G. Pullin, G. Prescott, S. G. Smith and H. J. Sanger.

SURREY AND SUSSEX JOINT MEETING

The annual joint meeting of the Southern District of the Surrey Association and the Northern Division of the Sussex Association was held at Capel and Ockley on October 19th. The sun deigned to shine and lured a somewhat larger crowd than could have been expected due to the rather awkward situation of the two towers.

Ringing took place at Ockley from 3 to 4.15. The bells were found somewhat hard to handle and difficult to strike and, on being run down, the tenor came down rather quicker than expected, the cause being a broken gudgeon.

After Evensong at Capel, the company sat down to a hearty tea in the saloon bar of The King's Head. Ringing then continued in the somewhat cramped conditions of Capel belfry, which was rapidly filled to capacity and, as the evening progressed, became very warm. In spite of the heat, the ringing maintained a good standard, and methods rung ranged from Grand-sire Doubles to London Surprise Minor.

K. G. G.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Chew Branch

A tribute to the Rev. H. S. Urch, former Rector of Backwell, to whose memory a half-muffled quarter peal was rung, was paid by Mr. J. Brain at the quarterly meeting of the Chew Branch at Chew Magna on October 26th. He was a ringer and a great friend of ringers, said Mr. Brain. The decision of the Association's peal secretary not to stand for re-election was announced, and two new members from Portbury and one from Easton-in-Gordano were elected.

The service was conducted by the Rev. C. M. Luxmore-Ball, and an excellent tea provided by the ladies for 41 members and friends.

November practice meeting, Kingston Seymour; Branch A.G.M., Wrington, December 7th (subject to permission).

ST. MARY MAGDALENE'S, WOOLWICH

About two years ago the fine ring of eight at St. Mary Magdalene's, Woolwich, became silent. No one would ring on Sundays and only three or four arrived for practice. The young people of the church made an appeal for volunteers to learn to ring; their plea was answered and many hours have been spent teaching recruits. St. Mary's has now a team of 14, ten of whom are new to the art, recruited in the last ten months.

'We are not pretending to be top class ringers,' write John D. Curtis and Trevor Gibb, 'but we are improving by leaps and bounds—due to regular practice. We also ring on Sundays before Evensong for an hour. At least, we ring rounds and call-changes as they should be rung.'

They are also learning handbells, and hope to be able to go out at Christmas and collect for the old people of Woolwich.

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5,024 HESTON SURPRISE MAJOR

BY J. R. MAYNE.

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64523	—	—	3
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