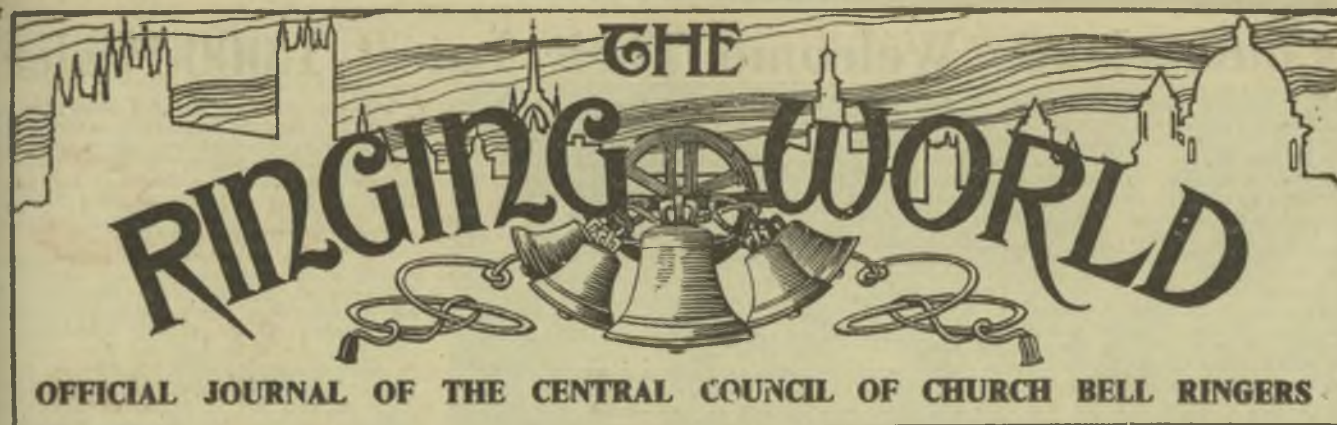




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RINGINGITIS—OR GALLOPING BELLMANIA

IT'S only a little over twelve months ago since the disease first struck at my young eleven years old son, who up to that time had been a fairly normal small boy.

In those days; on almost every fine Sunday during the summer it used to be our habit to pack up picnic meals and motor out into the country for the day. It was when returning from these trips that my wife and I realised something was wrong—for young Dave (usually the most reluctant to return home) began to worry about getting home 'in time for church.'

Now, in my experience, for any eleven-year-old boy actually to want to go to church is distinctly unnatural. When I questioned him closely about the matter it seemed that the whole thing had something to do with the ringing of church bells. Boys, of course, have always loved to make a noise—so it followed that this licensed noise-making would appeal, at least for a time. The obvious thing to do was to humour him, for surely he'd soon tire of bell jangling.

When, however, several weeks passed by and he showed no signs of losing interest, I made the fatal mistake of going along with him to the tower, to find out what it was all about.

Now, twelve months later, I'm still going, and enjoying it (for such is the strange power of this disease). I suppose I should have realised when I first mounted those spiral stairs and came at last to that magic place 'the ringing room' that here was a sensation much akin to those associated with 'messing about in boats,' this being another chronic complaint from which I have suffered for years.

I watched the ringing fascinated—the puppet circle of shirt-sleeved ringers, with trance-like expressions, seemingly actuated by the darting bobbing sallies—the rattle of ropes in the guides—the sudden calls of 'Bob' or 'Single' and over all this totally incomprehensible movement, the obviously ordered pattern of sound from the bells somewhere high above.

Of course, I was taken up to see those bells—and, oh, the sheer magic of the place—a magic compounded of stone, wood, metal and mysterious shadow, where hung twelve slumbering bells, each rocking gently in turn to the touch of my guide, as he walked about the frame, touching here a stay, there a wheel, describing their weight and history. We returned to the ringing room and again I should have taken warning from the strange glint in the man's eye, as with chalk on blackboard he drew sorcerer's patterns of lines and figures to illustrate the principles of change ringing.

That first visit was followed by others, during one of which I was asked, would I like to 'try the feel of a bell.' That was it—the moment I took rope in hand, my fate was sealed.

Again and again I returned, for there always seems to be something new to learn, and well I remember the almost sensual pleasure when first you 'find the balance' and half a ton of bell is poised in perfect fingertip control. Less pleasant those moments of sheer terror when things go wrong and with madly

flapping rope the usually docile bell becomes a savage monster obviously quite capable of pulping you against the ceiling. During those frantic seconds you decide 'never again'—until one of the ringers strolls across and, with a few deft pulls, subdues the beast.

So it goes on—but in my own case, somewhat slowly, for at the age of fifty one does not pick up completely new ideas quite so quickly. So my son gallops on ahead, seeming to pick up the idea instructively, while I have to work so hard at each phase—but doggedly determined to master each fascinating new aspect.

For those in middle age who would like to make the second half of life even more interesting and exciting than the first, may I recommend a visit to your nearest tower—if you are the right sort of person, infection and all that follows will be automatic. If, however, the years have made you a trifle pompous and self-important—then forget it, for humility of approach is vital.

Could you bear to see youngsters of fourteen and fifteen, who started ringing at the same time as yourself, ringing 'inside' to touches of Cambridge while you are still grappling with rope-sight and struggling desperately to ring a plain course of Grand-sire or Plain Bob, on the treble?

Can you take a 'ticking off' from an 18-year-old conductor, who has finally 'blown his top' at your pathetic attempts at striking? Or could you endure the resigned expressions of the regular band who have just suffered your attempts to prevent them 'ringing around you'?

If you can, then a whole new world of fascinating experience is open to you. You will be welcomed into the fraternity of change ringers, where age or status will count for nothing unless you have a real interest. When once it is seen that you have this interest—then even the greatest names amongst the select body of peal ringers will find time to patiently explain those particular mysteries which currently baffle you.

You will go to 'meetings,' take part in 'tower grabs,' and meet a whole host of fascinating characters, young and old. You will begin to speak a strange new language with mediæval sounding words like 'Caters' and 'Cinques,' 'Royal' or 'Maximus.' Or, if you're a handy-man, you'll battle with rope splicing, greasers, clapper bolts, sliders and stays.

The world will go on all around you in the same old dreary way, but you will be a different person, having acquired skills and knowledge about which the man-in-the-street knows nothing. When holidays or business trips take you away from home, you will find that 'Dove's Guide' becomes even more important than the A.A. book. You'll find yourself making detours to spot that tower at which you've been told 'there's a glorious eight,' and if it happens to be practice night, you can be sure of a welcome wherever you are, however humble your own abilities.

You regular readers of 'The Ringing World' will, of course, know all about it, unless in your own case perhaps the disease has reached such an advanced stage that you have forgotten some of the earlier symptoms. Therefore, before this happens to me, I put pen to paper in an effort to express my most grateful thanks to the whole company of ringers everywhere.

E. H. C.

Cumberlands Welcome Their Latest 1,000-Pealer

THE more attractive surroundings of the Church House Restaurant, Westminster, drew a larger attendance to the annual dinner of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths on February 1st. Under the genial chairmanship of Mr. Dennis Beresford, the Master, proceedings went with a swing. It was a night of stories: the Rev. Meredith Davies, who is this year Mayor of Shoreditch, drew on his vast store of anecdotes, and this spurred on Canon A. G. G. Thurlow, the president of the Central Council, to be at his wittiest. Canon Thurlow had a field day. Not only did he ring at the towers open, but he went back to Great Yarmouth the same night, reaching home after 4 a.m.

There was a warm welcome for Mr. Jack Millhouse, that stalwart of the Cumberlands at Lincoln, who was accompanied by sister Betty. The Master, in his speech, referred to the peal of Cambridge Maximus that Mr. Millhouse arranged for the Cumberlands at Walsall, rung mainly by a provincial band. Jack was also congratulated on ringing his 1,000th peal, and the Master read out the distinguished list of Cumberlands in the ranks of the 1,000 peelers. They are: W. H. Fussell, James Bennett, Frank Bennett, George Williams, Alfred H. Pulling, J. H. Cheeseman, C. T. Coles, Keith Hart, H. E. Audsley and J. E. Davis.

MEMORIES OF THE PAST

It was an evening when due honour was given to the past. Mr. E. A. Barnett, who had been looking through some articles by James Armiger Trollope, recalled the names of Edward Osborne, who was secretary for many years, John Cox and Henry Halev. Another worthy was Augustus James Frost, who in the year 1838 turned in Bow tenor to a peal of Treble Ten, and at the conclusion the band rang a course of Stedman Caters.

In the 'Era' of January, 1851, appeared the following letter, quoted Mr. Barnett:—

'I might add, for the information of the ringers of England, that there is but one regular organised Society in London, viz., the London Cumberland Change Ringing Society, under the sanction and patronage of the clergy and influential laymen of the Metropolis.'

The Editor added: 'We insert this but we have our doubts of the Cumberlands being the only regular organised Society in London.'

Mr. Barnett supposed that the man who in the 19th century did most for the Cumberlands was George Newson. He was in the first peal to be rung with 'Edison's Electricity' in St. Martins-in-the-Fields. He also called what was known as the longest peal of Double Norwich. After Newson, the Society went into a decline until Jim Parker, of Edmonton, took over. It was his daughter, Edith (Mrs. Fletcher), who was the first lady to ring in a peal for the Society. The contribution of the Matthews family was also recalled. Mr. Barnett mentioned John D. Matthews and Cecil Matthews and how the tradition of service to the Society was now being carried on by Frank D. Matthews, the present secretary.

It would be wrong to assume that due regard was not given the Ancient Society of College Youths. The reigning Master, Mr. Jack Phillips, was present and in replying to the toast of 'The Visitors' he said although they were rival Societies he thought to-day they were more friendly than ever before, which was a good thing.

A TIP TO YOUNG RINGERS

'I have known Cumberlands for a great many years,' he said. 'I have many friends among them. It was mentioned that I had rung a peal at St. Martins-in-the-Fields, which did me the honour of ringing a peal in every 12-bell tower in London. My friends asked me how I wangled that peal. It was no wangle: it was through my friendship with the Cumberlands. It was well rung and was called by your Master at that time, Mr. George Cross.'

Mr. Phillips made a plea to young ringers to make up their minds which of the two Societies they would join and when they had

joined to stick to that Society. People resigning from one Society and joining the other was the cause of a lot of ill feeling.

Mr. Frank E. Hawthorne, an old servant of the Society, proposed the toast of 'The Church,' in which he implored ringers, as part of the Church, to do their job to the best of their ability.

The Rev. Meredith Davies, who replied, had something encouraging to say to the ringers. 'I think the ringing of bells stirs the consciences of many people. I hope you will go on ringing for many years to come.'

We have enjoyed ourselves here, but remember we are here together as part of the Church which we are proud to inherit. Go forward step by step bearing that torch of integrity!'

As a mark of appreciation to Mr. Davies' interest in the Society, the Master stated that he proposed to introduce a new class of membership—associate membership—and he would confer that honour upon him.

In a well-prepared speech, Mr. John S. Barnes proposed 'The Visitors.' He congratulated Canon Thurlow on the Canopy of Norwich Cathedral that had been conferred upon him; he had a word of sympathy with the Rev. R. Deasy, Vicar of St. Andrew's, Holborn, in the illness of his wife. Other clergy welcomed were the Revs. Gordon Blacktop (Thames Ditton), K. Gibbons (St. Martin-in-the-Fields) and Peter Bond. Mr. Tom Lock, as secretary of the Middlesex Association, was also warmly greeted. To this toast Mr. Jack Phillips and Canon Thurlow replied.

The Master, in his reply, said this year the Middlesex Association honoured the Society by inviting him to propose the toast to their Association. It was of particular interest to Cumberlands as it was in honour of Charles Coles, a distinguished member of their Society.

Apart from the peal of Cambridge Maximus at Walsall the Society had rung its first of London Royal (No. 3 Version), Bedminster Surprise, Cumberland Surprise, Eastcote Surprise, Seven-Spliced Surprise with all the work and Bob Minor by the Sussex contingent. A peal of Stedman Triples, non-conducted, had also been rung.

In conclusion, the Master thanked Mr. Frank Matthews for a 'tremendous job' in arranging for the dinner.

LONG LENGTH ATTEMPT AT BIRMINGHAM

Dear Sir,—I wish to give notice that by kind permission of the Provost and local ringers, an attempt will be made to ring 16,368 Cambridge Surprise Maximus at Birmingham Cathedral on Monday, March 30th, 1964. Ringing will commence at 8.30 a.m. and the band will stand as follows: B. J. Woodruffe 1, J. M. Jelley 2, N. Bennett 3, B. Jones 4, J. C. Eisel 5, F. Shallcross 6, B. F. L. Groves 7, J. Robinson 8, J. H. Fielden 9, J. A. Ainsworth 10, B. Harris 11, R. B. Smith 12.

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—Yours faithfully,

ROBERT B. SMITH.

DANBURY, ESSEX.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Carol Kemp 1, Annette Watson 2, E. W. Roast 3, E. G. Roast 4, J. West 5, I. J. M. Saunders (cond) 6. First quarter 1 and 2. Rung half-muffled.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.—On Jan. 26th, 1,440 Doubles (Kennington, Plain Bob): H. G. Flynn 1, J. S. Baker 2, A. R. Trickett 3, T. E. Trickett 4, F. R. Morton 5. For Evensong.

The entertainment included some fine tune ringing by Howard Egglestone, Andrew Hudson and Jeremy Brandon, and a course of London Surprise Major 'in hand' by A. E. Barnett 1-2, Miss Joan Beresford 3-4, Dennis Beresford 5-6 and Peter Beresford 7-8.

THE COMPANY

The Master and Mrs. Beresford were supported on the top table by the Mayor and Mayoress of Shoreditch (the Rev. and Mrs. Meredith Davies), the president of the Central Council (Canon Gilbert Thurlow), Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Barnett, the Rev. and Mrs. K. Gibbons (St. Martin's), the Rev. R. Deasy, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Francis, Mr. J. Phillips (Master of the College Youths) and Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Hawthorne.

Others present were: The Revs. G. Blacktop, P. N. Bond, Dr. and Mrs. D. E. Sibson.

Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Diserens, Mr. and Mrs. J. Huxster, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Weller, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Ponting, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Exton, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Goodfellow, Mr. and Mrs. K. Newman, Mr. and Mrs. T. Lock, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Hart, Mr. and Mrs. R. Baldwin, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dobbie, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Kippin, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Eves, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Egglestone, Mr. and Mrs. N. Steere, Mr. and Mrs. P. Humphries, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Tester, Mr. and Mrs. G. Paul, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Raithby, Mr. and Mrs. C. Reed, Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Lewis and Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Mason.

Mesdames A. Beresford, E. Deal, E. Lewis sen., S. S. Zass and N. Sarkar.

The Misses J. Bowen, M. Swift, J. Smith, Ann Ponting, C. Fuller, D. Colgate, J. Beresford, J. Geiringer, M. Erik, J. Cox, M. Grant, R. Foreman, F. Cannon, M. Ladd, H. F. Martin, C. Dillamore, E. Tester, M. Prockson, M. Chilton, E. Tutty, G. Burchnell, K. Burchnell, J. Gurnhill and B. Millhouse.

Messrs. I. Smith, G. Fitzhugh, T. Barlow, R. Caporn, D. Leach and guest, G. Pullinger, E. R. Rappley, A. Baldock, D. Woodcock, A. E. W. Malin, J. S. Barnes, P. Spice, A. E. Rushton, R. J. Shaple, I. H. Oram, A. Cutler, P. Beresford, J. Dafters, J. Warner, R. W. Hinde, B. Jeffrey, F. E. Darby, R. Davis, R. Stevens, A. Hudson, J. Brandon, P. J. Saltmarsh, I. Zass-Ogilvie, B. Baker, R. Newman, W. Prockson, P. Raithby and T. W. White.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD Salisbury District

The members who attended the annual meeting of the Salisbury Branch on January 25th at the Cathedral Hotel, Salisbury, received with great regret the resignation of Miss Y. Eloie, the Branch secretary, who is leaving the district to return to Guildford.

Canon L. Bartlett, Branch chairman, spoke of the great service and help given by her to the Branch and Guild during her 13 years as secretary, and presented her with a cheque from the Branch.

In her last report Miss Eloie said that three peals had been rung during 1963, and membership showed a slight decrease, but a new band to join was the Salisbury Theological College.

Officers elected were: Mr. H. A. Roles, chairman; Mr. W. F. Kelly, vice-chairman; Mr. G. A. Trimby, secretary and treasurer; Miss M. Page, auditor; Ringing Masters, Messrs. A. Haines, C. Haines, R. Jones and L. Page, together with Mrs. H. Abrahams and Mr. J. Baverstock on the committee. New members elected were the Martin tower and Mrs. M. Payne (Wilton).

Meetings arranged for the coming year are: February 22nd, Shrewton; March 21st, Chilmark; April 25th, Martin; May 23rd, Wilton; June 27th, Britford; July 25th, Downton; August 22nd, Tisbury; September 26th, Coombe Bissett; October 24th, East Knoyle; November 28th, Enford.

The service in St. Thomas' Church was conducted by Canon L. Bartlett, with Mr. Harold Roles as organist. Ringing in the evening was at St. Thomas' and St. Paul's.

G. A. T.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD Guildford District

The bells of Holy Trinity, Guildford, are in a bad state. They have not had a major renovation since 1911. To undertake this and hang them on ball bearings will cost £473.

Announcing this at the annual meeting of the Guildford District, on Jan. 18th, the Rector (the Rev. M. Hocking) said Holy Trinity was loaded with debt and could not afford to undertake the work this year.

Miss Elizabeth Stevinson, the honorary secretary and treasurer, reported at the business meeting that the District had raised £123 towards the Cathedral bells and because of increased subscriptions the District balance, at £36, showed an increase of £5.

Mr. Leslie Hunter, District Ringing Master, reported that apart from meetings Surprise practices had been held at Holy Trinity and St. Nicolas', Guildford and Shalford, and the secretary had organised practices for learners. Saturday night practices at Shalford are to be introduced in the spring, and also at Chiddingfold.

The Guild Master (Mr. Douglas May) presided. A special vote of thanks was passed to Mrs. Ponting and her ladies for the tea arrangements, and also to Mr. Ponting.

Farnham District

Proceedings took a lively turn at the Farnham District annual general meeting held at Farnham on January 25th with the Guild Master (Mr. Douglas May) in the chair.

Mr. T. Page, Ringing Master, complained that progress on the whole had been staggeringly slow, the reason being the apathetic and slipshod approach to ringing shown by an enormous number of ringers who were not prepared to study at home. There were two main causes of bad striking—bad bell control and the emphasis of good striking not being made known to recruits from the beginning. Recruits must be persuaded to listen from the first time of ringing rounds, otherwise it became more difficult to correct at a later date.

Thanking all the ringers who supported him and those who didn't, he expressed the hope that they would endeavour to do so in the coming year and ended. 'My special thanks go to the Surprise ringers for their willingness to ring with their less fortunate colleagues without too much pressure being applied.'

A lively discussion followed the completion of the Ringing Master's report.

Mr. C. W. Denyer said progress in ringing could not be measured in terms of peal ringing or 'Surprise' methods being rung. The fact that 70 ringers were present in that room and that 11 of the 15 towers of the District were represented disproved the assertion that a state of apathy existed.

Regarding the poor quality of ringing, Mr. Denyer said every tower had its 'off' days, but it was not possible for one or two officers to know what was the standard of 15 towers on each practice night and every Sunday in the year. Ninety per cent. of the towers rang twice on each Sunday, which was quite an achievement whatever the methods rung. One or two churches had an excellent standard of ringing in 'Doubles' methods—which could not be said of churches where more advanced ringing was attempted. The ringers, too, were active church workers and worshippers.

Mr. Page suggested that 120 changes unaided should be regarded as a qualification for membership. This brought forth protests and it was decided to leave the qualification to the local leader.

The District's 1964 officers are: Messrs. T. Page, Ringing Master; R. Clist, Deputy Ringing Master; D. Elsmore, hon. secretary; R. H. Mills, honorary treasurer.

The Rector (Canon H. R. Wilds) conducted the service and Mr. L. W. Cooke was the organist.

IPSWICH'S VETERAN RINGERS



A HAPPY picture from the Ipswich 'Evening Star' of two stalwarts from St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich. On the left, Mr. G. Symonds (88), who has been ringing for 77 years and has rung 220 peals. He has been secretary of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society since he came to Ipswich in 1920.

With him is Mr. Charles Sedgley (76). He started ringing at the age of 15 and joined St. Mary-le-Tower Society in 1909. With Mr. Symonds he was joint conductor. Mr. Sedgley's service to ringing includes 30 years' membership of the Central Council and Ringing Master of the Suffolk Guild from 1923 to 1956.

[Courtesy of 'Evening Star,' Ipswich.]

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION Rochester District

Many of the younger members had their first ring on the famous bells of St. Mary Magdalene, Gillingham, when the Rochester District held its quarterly meeting there on January 18th. Although the peal boards no longer remain, owing to woodworm, it was at Gillingham that Gabriel Lindoff conducted the first peals of Cambridge Surprise Major and Superlative for the Kent County Association in 1893. Some 75 members attended, the Rev. Peter Bond conducted the service and an excellent tea was provided by the local company.

Business at the meeting, with the Rev. P. Bond in the chair, included the election of seven new members and a comprehensive report from Mr. A. Dunk on the Association's committee meeting at Maidstone.

The votes of thanks included one to Mr. L. C. Harmer, captain of the Gillingham ringers, and those who provided tea. Mr. C. T. Osenton, District Ringing Master, superintended the ringing.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION Axbridge Branch

Visitors welcomed at the annual meeting of the Axbridge Branch, held at Weston-super-Mare on January 25th, included Mr. G. Salmon (general secretary) and friends from Bath, Keynsham, Pilton and Yatton.

Officers, elected en bloc, were: Chairman, Mr. J. Walton; vice-chairman, Mr. G. Prescott; Ringing Master, Mr. H. Hooper; secretary, Miss M. Legg. Eighteen new members were elected from Bleadon, East Brent and Weston. The Branch annual outing in May will be to Devon.

Preb. Turnock conducted the service and ringers and friends arranged tea.

Next meeting: April 25th, Bleadon. Practices: February 22nd, Wick St. Lawrence; March 21st, Congresbury. M. L.

OBITUARY

MR. C. G. WHITE

The death took place at his home at Appleton, Berkshire, on January 26th, of Mr. Cuthbert George White, after a brief illness. Youngest son of the late Mr. Frederick White, the well-known bellhanger, he was affectionately known to all as 'John.' He was born at Appleton on March 25th, 1886, and learned to ring there at an early age. He scored his first peal, one of Grandsire Caters, in his native village in 1903.

During the 1914-18 war John served in the Devonshire Regiment, and afterwards worked with his brother, the late Mr. Richard White, in the family bellhanging business. He was a chorister at the Church of St. Lawrence, Appleton, for almost 70 years, and held the office of parish clerk from 1907 to 1953. As a member of the Appleton Handbell Ringers from his youth, he rang with the team at a concert only a fortnight before he died.

'John' will be chiefly remembered for his great sense of humour and ready wit. In his company there was never a dull moment. His fund of humorous stories seemed inexhaustible. He will be greatly missed at the Fourth of March Festival, where he always sang several of the traditional songs.

Among his more noted peals were 10,043 Grandsire Caters, rung on November 19th, 1921, and the Grandsire Caters record peal of 16,271 changes, rung in 9 hours, 20 minutes, on December 27th, 1932, both at Appleton.

He was buried in St. Lawrence's Churchyard on January 29th, and fitting tributes to his life and work, and in particular to his great loyalty, were paid at the funeral by the Rev. Dr. Tyndal-Hart, Rector of Appleton. Afterwards a half-muffled peal of Grandsire Caters was rung in his memory in 2 hours, 57 minutes, as reported in our peal columns. He leaves a widow, daughter and three grandchildren. F. S.

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Letters to the Editor

'Exhall' Delight Minor

Dear Sir,—I am grateful to M. F. Locke, who gives the correct place notation of the method we rang on January 1st. He points out the duplication in a gentlemanly way, and is content to allow the matter to rest there. I am quite content to withdraw the provisional or temporary name we gave it to facilitate publication of a peal performance.

In answer to Mr. Massey, no conductor, whatever trouble he takes, can be 100 per cent sure that the method his band is going to attempt has never been rung before! Aldbourne Delight, although rung to a peal halfway through 1960, is not included in the C.C. Collection of Minor Methods dated 1961. I took the trouble to check back over my copies of 'The Ringing World' up to the beginning of that year, hoping they could throw light on the matter, assuming, wrongly of course, that the Collection would at least be comprehensive up to the end of 1960. Four of those copies are missing, but in spite of this I thought it advisable to have a go, if only to bring the matter into the open, which was the only way to dispel all doubt!

Had I called the method 'A. N. Other Delight' I may have received a letter from you, questioning the wisdom of publication under that title, and have no regrets about acting as I did. Duplication was not intended at any time. The method is well worth ringing, as it has the bells in natural coursing order in 5-6. We rang a good peal, and I only hope that the band who performed it in 1960 found the same pleasure in ringing it as we did.—Yours, etc.,

Coventry.

WILLIAM A STOTE.

Bells or Candles

Dear Sir,—Any money spent upon church bells in this the modern age is 'money wasted'—that is the opinion held in certain minds! It appears to be the opinion held by at least one clergyman in Warwickshire (according to 'Church Times' of January 31st), who begrudges money spent upon Bow bells.

A few weeks ago similar views were expressed to me by a Vicar of a church with only three bells, not far from here, in what is most decidedly one of the wealthiest parishes in the Peterborough Diocese. The church is situated in a park, which draws thousands of visitors every week-end during the summer, to whom six (or even five) good toned bells could mean more than the present three.

But, says the Vicar (and previous Vicars, except one who moved on), the money this would cost (the tenor of the three is only 7 cwt., and no money is needed for the tower which has been restored recently) would: 1 'Provide' (?) a priest for some overseas missions; 2 Help the hunger campaign for feeding starving children in China, Africa, India and elsewhere.

That sounds all very well, but would to God those priests (and laity) who argue like that would think the same about a suggestion to spend in 10 years £14 millions on extensions to that so-called 'Shrine of Our Lady' (that museum of candles, and all that is contrary to the second Commandment), situated as it is in one corner of the country at Walsingham, Norfolk. I could better appreciate their talk about 'wasting money upon bells,' hunger, etc. At least, believers and those who only occasionally worship are, by the bells everywhere (and not up just one tiny corner of the country), given a reminder (but not from derelict bells) of what the church is there for.

Weston Favell, Northants.

P. AMOS.

Advice to Parsons on Treatment of Ringers

Dear Sir,—For the past year I have been reading 'The Ringing World' with a good deal of interest, composed, in unequal proportions, of recognition and blank incomprehension. I am a novice in the Exercise and seem destined to remain so for the foreseeable future, despite the efforts of a most understanding band and captain. While reading in pursuit of another subject I came across an article in 'The Ecclesiologist' (February, 1866) which I feel may be of general interest.

In 1866 'C. H. W., M.A., Oxon' wrote: 'On my induction as Vicar to my living two or three years ago, I found that the ringing had been stopped by my predecessor in consequence of the very disgraceful conduct of some of the ringers. About a year after my residence a deputation waited on me to ask me to allow ringing to be started again.' To this he agreed, but only on two conditions. Firstly, the ropes were to be dropped to the floor of the church, and secondly, all the ringers were to sign a set of rules of his devising. Finding this acceptable, the Vicar called a vestry meeting and money was voted to put the bells in order; his rules were approved by the churchwardens.

Acting on sound tactical grounds the Vicar selected the ringers. 'Two I was not sorry to prohibit from touching the ropes, whose conduct in church had often been very offensive.' The advantage thus gained was put to good use—two more would-be ringers were admitted '... on a promise to abandon a custom of never attending the services, and chaffing the younger part of the female congregation at the churchyard gate.' To call this clerical blackmail would no doubt be uncharitable, but it surely carried with it the sweet smell of success. Sundays must have been rather dull subsequently, despite his boast '... from the date of their admission ... there are no idle chaffers at the churchyard gate.'

Many of the clergy of his time were convinced that the only hope for effectual control of unruly ringers lay in active participation, and 'C. H. W.' was of that mind. He learned to ring and within a year 'we had just begun to ring the 120 changes very creditably.' However, as he started so he meant to go on—'I was obliged to turn out one of the band for misconduct in the parish; a promising young ringer and a great favourite with the rest; but I felt it a matter of duty ...' One wonders whether he was a great favourite with the younger part of the female population as well, but it would be quite out of character to be told and consolation must be taken in the happy ending '... on the promise of good conduct for the future he was readmitted.'

Of ringers he says, with a final turn of phrase that would not have disgraced Macaulay—'If they are left to themselves, uncared for, or looked upon as outcasts and reprobates, what wonder if the proceedings in the belfry should still continue a disgrace to the parish, an annoyance to the parson and a crying scandal to God's house.'

The Camden Society, whose journal 'The Ecclesiologist' was, were enthusiasts to a man. For unbridled prejudice and spirited invective they have no rival now, but it would seem from the many articles on church bells and church bellringing that they had our best interests at heart. While many of us deplore the wrought iron communion rails, the stained glass and the acres on encaustic tile that are their legacy, we should perhaps be thankful.—Yours, etc.,

D. P. MORTLOCK.

Thorpe St. Andrew, Norwich.

Richard de Wymbishe

Dear Sir,—I was interested to read Mr. Cyril Hancock's letter on 'A bellfounding transaction of 1312.' In this he refers to Richard de Wymbishe, a potter and bell-founder.

At Burham, in Kent, on the banks of the Medway, there stands a very ancient church, which until about 30 years ago possessed three bells. Of these the No. 2 bore the inscription in Lombardic capitals:

RICHARD : DE : WYMBIS : ME : FECIT

The lettering and floral ornament are reproduced on Plate VII of Stahlschmidt's 'Survey Bells and London Bellfounders,' in which we find his dates as c. 1290 to c. 1315, and a good deal of information about him. Unfortunately, the Old Burham church became redundant, until 1955, and the bells have been removed to New Burham Church, but whether Wymbis' bell is still intact the writer does not know. Although only 25½ ins. in diameter, it was deeper in tone than the tenor, which was 29 ins. in diameter (cast by R. Phelps, 1734, who cast the treble in 1700). This was accounted for by the fact that it was abnormally long waisted. It was the earliest bell in the county with the founder's name.

It is interesting to note that the No. 2 at Chalk, near Gravesend, bore the Lombardic capital inscription:

XPE : PIE : FLOS : MARIE

in the same lettering as the bell at Burham, but with a saltire cross-fleur, and a two-dot, not a three-dot, stop, and was therefore probably cast by a later man. The Wymbis foundry lettering is known to have continued to William Schen, Peter de Weston and William Revel. Revel cast the tiny bell at Logfield, Kent, and de Weston the fourth at Bethersden, and the former tenor at Sutton-at-Hone, recast by Mears in 1862. He left a cousin, Thomas de Weston, and possibly the Chalk bell is his, but he died in 1347, after only two years' business and so, apparently, did the lettering, so it is doubtful whether there is any direct connection with Whitechapel. Chalk bells were rehung by Bowell's of Ipswich about 30 years ago, and the writer does not know whether the No. 2 still exists.—Yours faithfully,

DAVID CAWLEY.

Whitstable, Kent

Pyes and Morpeth

Dear Sir,—The name 'Pye' is very interesting to us. A schoolgirl friend who joined us was Maggie Pye; there are also two sisters at our school and Sunday School of that name. I have shown them recent 'Ringing Worlds' and Maggie was delighted to read them, especially December 27th (front page) and January 10th (pages 24 and 25).—Yours sincerely,

JANE SKEE ARMSTRONG (Mrs.) Morpeth.

Complete List Wanted

Dear Sir,—The list of leading peal ringers is of interest to many, myself included. Would it be too much for someone with a passion for detail to provide a complete list for publication in place of the present haphazard arrangement?—Yours faithfully,

JOHN CAMP.

Jesus College, Oxford.

The Consett Iron Company's magazine for January contains a picture of the bell ringers of yesteryear associated with Consett Parish Church. In the picture are Lance Bowman, Jim Olver, Dick Olver, Fred Fraser, Bob Skelton, George Wilkinson, Bruce Hargreaves, William Rogan, Rev. W. C. D. Fedden, Alf Parry and Sam Stewart.

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ST. PETER'S, MACCLESFIELD

By BARRY CORBISHLEY

ST. Peter's had a completely new ring of eight bells, tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 22lb., installed in 1947, and opened in May, 1948. Contrary to many expectations, they proved to have a delightful sound, and they are a joy to listen to. The instigator of this new ring was Mr. Fred Horsfield, who promised the P.C.C. that he would train a band of ringers in time for the opening. This he did, and the bells were heard in peal for the first time rung by his band. Since I was one of these 'youngsters,' I have always taken a particular interest in these bells, and when the 50th peal was rung here, I thought I would do a bit of a 'Felsead' on them, and also on those who participated.

This milestone took 12 years, all but a few days, and was brought about by 59 ringers, representing 18 Chester Guild towers, and aided by 12 'foreigners,' representing Lancashire, Derbyshire, Staffordshire, Birmingham, Bristol and Cornwall. The Macclesfield Branch contributed 26 ringers, of whom eight were from St. Peter's. At the present time (as far as I can find out), 26 of the 59 ringers only ring the occasional peal, say not more than one a year, on average; seven only ring occasionally, Sundays or any other time; 11 have given up ringing altogether (five of these from St. Peter's); and three have passed on to richer pastures. This leaves 27 who, I presume, can be called regular peal ringers.

LEADING RINGERS

The most peals rung by one person were 41—pretty good going. This was 'Joe' Whitaker, a one-time prolific and accomplished peal ringer, and tower instructor at St. Peter's for the last ten years. Close upon his heels was John Worth with 39, with Basil Jones next, who rang in exactly half of them. At the other end of the scale, 28 people rang in only one peal, and 11 in only two. Of the conductors, John Worth easily came top, with 24—practically every other one. Ken Lewis was the next with 15, but no one else called more than two. Only three people managed to 'circle' the tower. Joe was first, in the 16th peal, which was rung two-and-a-half years after the opening. Wilf Stevenson soon followed, and the peal which achieved this was also his last on the bells. He also gave up active ringing soon after, but I would not like to say whether there is any connection between these facts. The only other person to 'circle' the tower right up to the present time is myself, although several are very near.

The bulk of the 50 peals were rung by a band from Norbury (Hazel Grove), the well-known centre of ringing. Though not always the same eight ringers, Thursday night at Norbury was responsible for at least half the peals, and probably more like 30 of them. That J. Worth and C. K. Lewis between them conducted 39, with odd ones by others of their band, should be sufficient to show this. As is only natural, the other group of ringers to ring a number of peals on the bells were the 'locals.' The majority of these were in the early days, due to the promise of the local Branch of the Guild to help train a band, to Mr. Horsfield, and to the first St. Peter's

ringers, who had grown up with the bells. This was followed by National Service, and within the space of two years all the opening band were in the Forces, and around the same time Mr. Horsfield moved to a job in another town, so moving the clock back four years, to the beginning, but lacking the appeal of a brand-new ring of bells. The bells are not silent, I am glad to say, but there is the usual struggle for ringers. None of the lads who went in the Forces returned to be members of St. Peter's band, and only two (one of them myself) kept up ringing during or after National Service, even though several of them still live within sound of the bells. This is evidenced by the fact that the first 19 peals included 10 of Plain Bob, and only three Surprise, whereas the following 31 included 26 Surprise and spliced Surprise peals, the first 16 of them successively.

VARIETY OF CALLINGS

While I have not been able to obtain full information on the peal ringers, over 30 different trades and professions are represented. The teaching profession is best represented, and students of a diverse number of subjects are almost as numerous. Here is a cross-section of the public who get involved in peals and peal ringing: motor mechanic, printer, salesman, shop keeper, nuclear scientist, window cleaner, engineers of all kinds, silk printer, weighbridge attendant, basket maker, reporter, decorator, typist, farmer, and farm worker, accountant, all the building trades, company director, tatter, postmaster, chiropodist, clerk, monumental mason, club steward, railwayman, policeman, architect, secretary, housewife, etc., etc. There were ten girls or ladies, of whom three were married, and five have since married.

As usual, Saturday was the most popular day for peal ringing (29), but Fridays (20), were very popular, particularly in the first three years, when there were more Friday evening peals than Saturday peals. The reason for this was the learners' peals, when local ringers could help out, and which at the same time did not interfere with the Saturday arrangements of the 'professionals' at Norbury. In spite of Lent, March was the month with most peals. Of the later years, though, there were no peals in Lent, as the Vicar with the baby didn't like those either, but this time for religious reasons. The present incumbent seems more favourably inclined towards the bells. All the winter months, and up to April were popular months, perhaps because it is a warm town tower, all these averaging one every other year. The greatest number of successful attempts in any one year was seven, in 1956, while in 1954 there was only one, but these must both have been exceptional years, as most seem to have stuck to the average, i.e. four-five.

VARIATIONS IN SPEED

The variation in the speed of peals is remarkable. The first ten peals all took over three hours, the first three taking 3.25, 3.20 and 3.23 respectively. All these cannot be blamed on learners, as over half (27 to be precise) of the first 50 peals took three hours or more. Of the remaining 23, three were peals

of Minor. All of the last ten of the 50 were under three hours. The fastest peals were two at 2 hours 41 minutes, but these have since been beaten twice, with one at 2.36 and one at 2.30. However, very few peals are under 2.45, and the average seems to have settled at about 2 hours 50 minutes. For a new, very easy-going ring, with a tenor of only 7½ cwt., this seems slow, and various reasons have been put forward. Some say it is big wheels, others long bells. Some attribute it to the deep tone for the weight, others put it down to being on the loud side in the ringing chamber. I personally think that acoustics have a lot to do with it.

For those who like a peal analysis, here it is: Plain Bob—11 (ten in the first five years), Spliced Surprise—four to 22 methods, eight, Cambridge—six, London—five, Double Norwich—three, Yorkshire, Bristol and Grandshire Triples—two of each, and one each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Siedman Triples, Hanbury, Glasgow, New Cambridge, Macclesfield and Superlative. There were three peals of Minor, in five, seven and 35 methods. Quite an impressive list, when you think about it. For instance, how many towers have a peal of Glasgow? All peals were rung for the Chester Guild.

Well, that is about it. If you think that three years is a long time to collect the information and write these notes, you are right, because my interest came only in spasms.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Ringling at the St. Albans District annual general meeting on January 18th was at St. Peter's before tea and the Abbey afterwards, and ranged from rounds on eight with 'harmony' provided by the rest to Yorkshire Royal and Bob Maximus. The Vicar (the Rev. W. A. Bradley) conducted the service at St. Peter's, and Mrs. Darvill and helpers provided tea.

The 'grand old man' of the area, Mr. Walter Ayre, was voted to the chair for the business meeting. The Misses L. Austin and P. Bligh-Cheesman, of Wheathampstead, were elected members. The secretary (Mrs. Coburn) presented the accounts. The District Voluntary Bell Fund, at £58, continued to rise because all the towers were in good repair and well maintained.

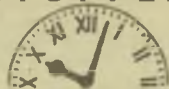
Mr. G. Penney was elected Ringing Master and Mrs. Coburn re-elected secretary. After a ballot the committee emerged as Messrs. R. G. R. Brown, J. D. Chamberlain, J. G. Cull, G. Dodds, G. Penney, K. J. Walpole and Miss C. M. Rimmer.

The Lent outing on March 21st is to Coventry Cathedral. Names, with 5/- deposit, to be sent to the secretary as soon as possible. A car rally is to be held on October 24th and a District dinner is being contemplated. J. D. C.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN

All the officers were re-elected at the annual meeting of the Wellingborough Branch, held at St. Peter's, Irthlingborough, on January 18th. Mr. A. Gibbs, of Rushden, thanked the Rector (the Rev. L. Vernon Rogers) for conducting the service and his address, and all who had helped make the meeting a success. He accorded a special welcome to the member of the Press present.

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BRISTOL UNIVERSITY COMING-OF-AGE DINNER

THE 21st anniversary dinner of the University of Bristol Society of Change Ringers, held on January 25th, was the biggest and best so far. Everything helped to make it so, including the weather. For some, the week-end started early with arrivals in the fog on Friday night.

All the towers open on Saturday were packed, viz.: Emmanuel (Clifton), St Stephen's, St. James', the Cathedral, St. John's, St. Mary Redcliffe, Christ Church and St. Michael's. Ringing was up to Spliced Surprise Major, Stedman Cinques and Cambridge Maximus. The service in St. Michael's Church was conducted by the Rev. F. C. Vyvyan Jones, musical assistance being given by Society members.

At the 149-strong dinner, the toasts of 'The Queen' and 'The Church' were honoured on the call of the president, Dr. R. J. Brocklehurst.

The secretary, Miss J. D. Phillips, in welcoming the visitors, referred to the occasion as being a record dinner, the 30 in the annex party alone being only six less than at the first dinner. A welcome was extended to the guest speaker, Mr. Edgar Shepherd: the Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association (the Rev. F. F. Rigby); the Rev. F. C. Vyvyan-Jones and to representatives of other University Societies—Oxford, Cambridge, London, Liverpool, Southampton, Birmingham, Manchester and Reading.

Replying on behalf of the guests, Mr. Edgar Shepherd said it was a pleasant change to be on the receiving end of a dinner and to experience such hospitality. Ringers need never feel lonely: it is a brotherhood and whatever denomination and wherever one goes there is a welcome. He said this was particularly so in Bristol—a city of so many great names and traditions, where much good work for ringing had been done in the past and was still being done today.

On behalf of the University guests, Mr. John Camp, of Oxford, explained that he was speaking under false pretences as he was no longer Master at Oxford. He referred to the great success of the dinner, illustrating the unique position held by the Society in ringing circles.

A YEAR OF ACHIEVEMENT

The Master, Mr. D. M. Sawyer, in a report of the activities of the Society in the past year, said six peals had been rung, including one of Bristol Surprise Major that morning.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION Cary Branch

At the annual general meeting of the Cary Branch at Castle Cary on January 25th a membership of 197 full and 11 associate members with two new towers affiliated was reported. An act of remembrance for two members who had died (R. Higgins, Castle Cary, and F. J. Hillier, Wincanton) and a former Branch chairman (the Rev. J. F. Holt) was observed before the business started.

Officers elected were: Chairman, the Rev. G. S. Robinson; vice-chairman, the Rev. O. H. Skipwith; Ringing Master, Mr. D. M. C. Hill; secretary, Mr. L. McCreadie. Mr. Alan F. Lee was nominated as Association peal secretary.

One new member from Castle Cary, two from Evercreech, three from Henstridge and one from North Cheriton were elected, and Association certificates were presented by the chairman (the Rev. G. S. Robinson) to Patricia Adams, Susan Edwards and Barbara Randall (Evercreech) and Patrick Beer (Bruton).

Meeting places for 1964 are (subject to permission) Corton Denham, Cucklington and Charlton Mackrell, with next year's annual at Ditchet.

The chairman's invitation to visit Charlton Horethorne for a Branch Corporate Communion in October was accepted.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar (the Rev. H. E. R. Everett) and the organist (Mr. T. Trowbridge) in connection with the service, the ladies for an excellent tea, and the local tower captains.

and a long length of Grandsire Caters attempted. Three coach outings had been held, one jointly with Reading University and one with the Bristol City Branch, the former enabling them to play 'Hunt the coach at closing time' in Swindon.

A summer cycling tour in Surrey and Kent had enabled some people to learn to cycle and all to enjoy ringing and youth hostelling, in spite of the rain. Recruitment drives at the beginning of the autumn term had yielded some very good results. Cupid 5 had resigned through old age and pressure of grandfather activities, and Cupid 6 has taken over. Between them they had achieved the remarkable total of five weddings and three engagements. Social aspects of the Society had not suffered, with cinema outings and skittles receiving full attention, not to mention goings-on in coffee bars. Handbell practices had been progressing well with the prospect of a peal soon—the first since 1955.

Drinking, handbells and chatting continued until about midnight, slides of Devon and Antarctica being shown for those interested.

The ringing on Sunday was of a very high standard and most people on departing vowed to come again in 1965.

VICAR'S 'AT HOME' TO RINGERS

An old custom has been revived at Mansfield Parish Church by the Vicar holding an 'At Home' to the ringers and their wives. There was handbell ringing by the captain and his wife and also by many of the company of tunes and carols. A recording of the ceremony of the installation of the new ring at St. Mary-le-Bow was a novelty and one of the highlights of the evening was the Vicar (the Rev. A. M. P. Watson) singing: 'When I was a fair young curate.' As a mark of appreciation the Vicar's wife was presented with a bouquet of freesias.

35 YEARS CONDUCTOR AT A CATHEDRAL

A noted leader of ringing in Edinburgh has retired from the conductorship of St. Mary's Cathedral. Mr. Charles Raine has held this post for 35 years and his total service to the tower is 40 years.

At a largely attended social evening, which included a buffet supper, held at Darling's Regent Hotel, Edinburgh, he was presented with a fitted suitcase by Miss Kate Branson, who has succeeded him as conductor. Miss Branson paid tribute to his long and unselfish service and expressed the pleasure of all the ringers that he would continue to give his support to the belfry.

Contributions to the presentation came from past and present ringers and some of the choir and clergy. As a boy Mr. Raine was a chorister. In his thanks Mr. Raine said he could not recall any period when the enthusiasm and numbers in the belfry had been greater. He was happy to be continuing among them.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION Northern Branch

The resignation of Mr. W. Love as chairman was received at the annual meeting of the Northern Branch at Norwich on January 18th. A tribute to his work was paid by Mr. Nolan Golden and the meeting extended its sympathy to Mr. Love. Mr. G. Sayer is the new chairman.

Other elections were: Messrs. C. Bird, secretary; P. Adcock, Ringing Master; W. Clover and B. Willgress, standing committee. R. Duesbury, W. Hohl, D. W. Pardon, C. Sayer and R. W. Wiles, branch committee. New members elected: Mr. Hammond (Honingham), Mr. J. Hohl (Mattishall, Burgh) and D. Mortlock (Norwich).

Meetings (subject to permission) for 1964: April 11th, Wroxham; July 18th, Honingham and Mattishall; October 24th, Reepham and Salle; annual branch meeting, January 13th, 1965, at Wymondham. Striking competition, March 14th. About 35 sat down to tea.

DAVENTRY TO HAVE A RING OF TEN

Daughter is to have a ring of ten bells and a comprehensive order has been placed with Messrs. John Taylor and Co.

The old wooden frame, wherein the present eight bells hang anti-clockwise, is to be removed and a new metal frame for ten bells installed. The present treble, second and fourth bells are to be recast and two new trebles added to complete the ring of ten.

The ten will be hung clockwise. Of the ten bells, eight will have been cast by Taylor's, as the third, seventh and tenor were recast in 1951, 1915 and 1908 respectively. The remaining two old bells were tuned by the same firm in one of these schemes, so by the end of the year there should be a first-class ten.

The local company of ringers have undertaken the task of raising sufficient money to pay for recasting two of these bells.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD Subscription To Be Raised

The Coventry Diocesan Guild at its quarterly meeting, held at Chilvers Coton on January 18th, decided to raise the annual subscription to 3s. 6d. for members over 18 and 2s. 6d. for those under that age.

The secretary, in moving the change, said that the Guild had been living long enough on the generosity of a few members, and he thought it was time that the subscription was raised to a realistic amount. As this would alter the rules it was proposed that it should be confirmed at the annual general meeting.

The Dinner Committee reported that this had been arranged to take place at the Lockhead Canteen, Leamington Spa, on March 14th. Members were advised that a letter had been sent to all tower secretaries asking them to see that the maximum support was forthcoming from each tower.

An interesting item proposed was that the Guild should purchase a duplicator and typewriter to cut down the cost of producing the annual report, and do other work where a duplicator would be useful. The total cost would be about £35 for both items.

Welcoming the visitors, the president (Mr. Frank E. Perrins) gave a special welcome to a past secretary of the Guild, the Rev. M. C. C. Melville. The annual general meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Warwick, on April 18th.

The ringing before and after the meeting was arranged to cater for all tastes, and it was good to see so many young members present trying the ten bells of Chilvers Coton.

J. L. G. H.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD Melton District

Some 30 members and friends attended the service at the annual general meeting of the Melton District on January 25th. The ladies of the District provided a splendid tea and the profit went to District funds.

The past year was reviewed by the chairman and the secretary in her report. Officers elected were: Chairman, Mr. J. H. Cook; secretary (re-elected), Mrs. M. Stimson; committee, Messrs. R. H. Cook and A. J. Stimson; Ringing Master, Mr. R. H. Cook. The present Guild officers were nominated en bloc. After the usual vote of thanks to the ladies, ringing continued.

M. S.

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QUARTER PEALS

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,440 Norwich Surprise Minor: R. Rayfield 1, Margaret C. Godfrey 2, E. G. H. Godfrey 3, P. J. Milton 4, C. H. Macve 5, A. M. Macve (cond.) 6. First in method by all except conductor.

APPLETON, BERKS.—On Jan. 26th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: H. C. White 1, G. Hollifield 2, N. Leslie 3, E. Drewitt 4, F. Messenger 5, J. Drewitt 6, F. Wilkins 7, D. Leslie 8, F. A. White (cond.) 9, H. White 10. Half-muffled in memoriam C. J. White.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss C. Jennings (first quarter) 1, D. Finemore (first as cond.) 2, C. Lattimer (first of Grandsire Triples) 3, A. Burbidge 4, A. Short 5, E. J. Franklin 6, R. C. Ingram 7, A. R. Inman (first quarter) 8. For Evensong.

BICKER, Lincs.—On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. I. Fovargue 1, N. B. Fovargue (cond.) 2, S. S. Fovargue 3, P. Reynolds 4, E. Brown 5, W. Dawson 6, R. Howard 7, B. Pell 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Joseph Fovargue, grandfather of first three ringers.

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. F. Mack 1, C. A. Devall (first quarter) 2, J. H. Fielden 3, J. J. Fox 4, C. K. Cooper 5, R. S. Starkie (first as cond.) 6.

BISHAMPTON, WORCS.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Ann Colett 1, R. Perks 2, I. Lloyd 3, J. Attwood 4, A. Berry (cond.) 5, A. Jopp 6.

BOCKING, ESSEX.—On Jan. 21st, 1,267 Cambridge Surprise Minor (6 and 8 covering): Julie Spurgeon 1, Jennifer Dye 2, Mrs. Moore 3, R. Suckling 4, P. Le Count 5, H. Moore 6, R. Lindsell (cond.) 7, M. Suckling 8. In honour of the golden jubilee of the Chelmsford Diocese.

BRANCEPETH, CO. DURHAM.—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Felicity Dicken 1, P. Darby 2, B. Redgers 3, Gillian Webb 4, L. R. Pizzey 5, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 6. Rung by members of Durham University Society for Evensong at the start of a new term.

CHELMSFORD.—On Jan. 21st, 1,276 Grandsire Cinques: Edna Frith 1, A. Everett 2, Ann Edwards 2, Jane Foster 4, P. M. Wilkinson 5, L. J. Clark (cond.) 6, P. Brown 7, R. Groves 8, J. Crawley 9, P. J. Eves 10, I. Panton 11, P. Rothera 12. For Festival Evensong to celebrate the jubilee of the Chelmsford Diocese.

GEDLING, NOTTS.—On Jan. 18th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss S. J. Dowse 1, Miss J. N. Challinor (first 'inside') 2, R. Marsh 3, C. R. Larkin 4, G. A. Dawson (cond.) 5, J. Dawson 6. A birthday compliment to Miss J. N. Challinor.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. W. Pipe (cond.) 1, C. R. Lovett 2, Brenda Downing 3, G. W. Pipe 4, Sylvia R. E. Pipe 5, E. G. Pearce 6, R. Downing 7, F. J. Crapnell 8. For the service of the Cross and Arrows.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.—On Jan. 19th, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: C. Moore 1, Mrs. G. Moore 2, T. Spight 3, H. Tooke 4, R. Wiles 5, P. Adcock 6, W. Clover 7, L. Bailey (cond.) 8. Rung for the christening of Kevin Peter, son of the conductor.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,320 Bob Minor (Single Oxford, Plain Bob): Jane Dowse 1, R. D. Marsh 2, Ruth Blackshaw 3, J. A. Heaps 4, G. A. Dawson 5, M. W. Harrison (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. V. Wood, age 51 years, interred this day.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on Oct. 20th, 1,440 Cambridge S. Royal: Marilyn M. Barton 1, E. Jane Sibson 2, Diana M. Lawless 3, Mary S. Taylor 4, M. P. Barton 5, N. J. Davies 6, D. E. Sibson 7, J. Armstrong 8, J. C. Eisel 9, B. J. Woodruffe (cond.) 10. By London University Society for Evensong.

MACHYNLETH, MON.—On Jan. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Miss K. Maylott (first quarter) 1, Miss G. E. Graney 2, Miss C. M. Hiscock 3, Miss G. Storer (first 'inside') 4, C. A. Lewis (cond.) 5, H. L. Hatfield (first quarter) 6. By the U.C.W., Aberystwyth, Society.

PINNER, MIDD.—On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): P. Sanders (first 'away' from cover) 1, D. E. R. Knights (cond.) 2, Miss M. Took 3, R. Sanders 4, J. Brown 5, H. Paull 6, M. Took 7, R. Rattenbury 8. For Evensong. Also on Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): K. Sanders (first away from cover) 1, D. E. R. Knights (cond.) 2, Miss M. Took 3, M. Darton 4, J. Brown 5, R. Rattenbury 6, R. Sanders 7, M. Took 8. For Evensong. Also on Jan. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): R.

Rattenbury (first away from cover) 1, D. E. R. Knights (cond.) 2, Miss M. Took 3, R. Sanders 4, J. Brown 5, H. Paull 6, K. Sanders 7, M. Took 8. For Evensong.

SAPCOTE, LEICS.—On Feb. 1st, 1,440 Spliced Surprise Minor (nine methods): Rita Stratford 1, Christine J. Stratford 2, L. Watkins 3, J. Watkins 4, B. L. Burrows 5, M. E. Brown (cond.) 6. For the wedding of Miss Margery Taylor to George Ashcroft.

STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL.—On Jan. 19th, 1,272 Kent Minor: Joan Gray 1, Edith Brocklehurst 2, D. Benley (first in method) 3, Rev. D. Sansum (first in method) 4, R. Brocklehurst 5, P. Gray (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

SWITHLAND, LEICS.—On Dec. 15th, 1,260 Doubles: R. R. Brown (cond.) 1, A. Clark and J. Clark 2, R. Clark 3, R. Lloyd 4, R. Ellway and M. Copson 5, M. Brown and A. Copson 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. J. (Uncle) Dransfield, who was for 15 years churchwarden before taking Holy Orders.

TWEEKSBURY, GLOS.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Christine Hawkes 1, Anne Broxton 2, A. Halling 3, M. Hawkes (cond.) 4, Rev. P. Brett (first 'inside') 5, E. Leach 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. Davies, widow of the former sacristan. Also on Jan. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Boskett (first quarter) 1, Anne Broxton 2, P. Robertson (first quarter) 3, Nadine Price 4, M. Hawkes (cond.) 5, A. Halling 6.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: G. C. Paul (cond.) 1, A. A. Paul 2, P. Amos 3, R. W. Smith 4, G. F. Roome 5. First quarter of Stedman Doubles for all. Rung for the opening of Christian Unity Week. Also after an unsuccessful attempt to ring the first peal of St. Anthony.

WHICKHAM, CO. DURHAM.—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (six methods): Glenys Wardhaugh 1, W. Davidson 2, S. Thompson 3, J. Crowther 4, M. Maughan (cond.) 5. For the carol service.

WOLLASTON, STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—On Jan. 29th, 1,440 Surprise Minor (York and Cambridge): G. Westwood 1, J. Warr 2, M. D. Fellows 3, F. V. Nicholls 4, F. G. Handley 5, M. J. Fellows (cond.) 6.

WOODBOROUGH, NOTTS.—On Jan. 18th, 1,320 Minimus (three methods): Miss J. N. Challinor 1, R. Marsh 2, C. R. Larkin 3, G. A. Dawson (cond.) 4.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Four boys — pupils of Arnold School, Barton-le-Cley—rang 720 Bob Minimus at Silsoe, Beds, on January 18th as a last tribute to Mr. J. Delaney, B.A., a master at the school, who died suddenly on January 12th. The boys taking part were M. Butt, T. J. Capon, A. G. Harris and T. R. Harris. On several occasions scholars have rung at Barton Parish Church, under the supervision of Mr. H. Mann, for the end and beginning of term services.

Congratulations to the Oxford University Society on ringing their first peal of Surprise Maximus. The peal was rung at St. Giles', Cripplegate, conducted by Mr. Stephen Ivin.

The peal at Farnworth, Lancs, on January 1st was rung as a compliment to the Vicar (the Rev. P. A. Wrigley), on his appointment as an honorary canon of Manchester Cathedral.

Mr. C. T. Lamb has recently retired after 12 years as secretary of the Western District of the Durham and Newcastle Association, and not three years as was inadvertently stated on page 95.

Liss, Hampshire, has lost a keen member, Miss Susan Ellenor, with the rest of her family, has gone to Singapore. Unfortunately an attempt for a farewell peal of Doubles on January 25th came to grief after 44 minutes' good ringing. Susan, however, knows that the best wishes of the band go with her.

The peal at Tanworth-in-Arden was rung to the memory of the late Canon D. W. Lee, M.A., Vicar of Tanworth for 33 years, who died on January 9th. It was by his efforts that the bells were recast and augmented. Canon Lee was Canon Emeritus of Birmingham Cathedral and Rural Dean for ten years.

Here's a Sunday service record. At Halesowen Parish Church, Worcestershire, there has been ringing for every Sunday service, both morning and evening, since the lifting of the ban during the Second World War. Only on one Sunday were the bells silent at the request of serious illness of a nearby resident. 'We are very fortunate in having quite a keen band of ringers,' writes the secretary, Miss Molly Tromans.

Owing to a cracked bell Rickmansworth ringers were invited to join Slough in a quarter on February 2nd. Four came, but one could not participate having a badly cut finger. A further joint quarter has been arranged, and the gardening enthusiast has undertaken not to 'play' with his secateurs just before the attempt.

The Collection of Right Place Surprise Major Methods by A. S. Hudson and J. W. McClenahan is now sold out.

We are now informed that the peal at Llantrisant (page 99) was not the 50th together by Roger G. Harvard and David J. Llewellyn.

Having been silent for the last 15 months, the six bells of SS. Mary and Margaret's, Norton Subcourse, Norfolk, are to be quarter turned, retuned and rehung in a steel frame with completely new fittings by John Taylor and Co.

The Rev. Peter T. Robbins, Vicar of Charing, Kent, writes disclaiming the achievement attributed to him in the footnote to the peal of Cambridge Minor at Little Chart on Boxing Day. Alas, he still needs Royal and Maximus peals to complete the Cambridge family.

It was 30 years ago that the Rev. M. C. C. Melville attempted his first peal of Stedman Triples. He finally scored one on February 1st at St. Thomas', South Wigston—by ringing the tenor! Congratulations to Rupert A. Clarke, of Birstall, who also achieved his first of Stedman. The peal was also a sixth birthday compliment to David Andrew, son of Mr. and Mrs. Brian G. Warwick.

Great Glenn handbell ringers had a record collection this year of no less than £125 5s. This has been disposed of by grants to the following charities: Dr. Barnardo's Home, £25; Wireless for the Blind, £20; Freedom from Hunger Fund, £15; National Spastic Society, Imperial Cancer Research, C. of E. Children's Society, Lord Mayor's Holiday Home Fund, British Association of Hard of Hearing, each £10; Great Glenn Evergreen League of Friends, £5. The balance of £6 5s. was voted to the Bell Repair Fund. Last year's collection amounted to £106.

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TWELVE BELL PEALS

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Mon., Jan. 27, 1964, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

A PEAL OF 5042 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 25 cwt.

SANDRA C. CHESTERTON .. Treble	JACK P. KESTERTON 7
*DAVID G. WILFORD 2	ALAN E. HARTLEY 8
PETER J. STANFORTH 3	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN 9
DEREK J. TRANTER 4	†J. BARRY PICKUP 10
*REV. M. C. C. MELVILLE .. 5	E. ALAN JACQUES 11
SHIRLEY BURTON 6	JOHN M. JELLEY Tenor

Composed by S. IVIN.

Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

*First peal of Maximus 'inside,' and completes the Yorkshire family.

†First on 12 bells.

Rung to the memory of Arthur Debenham, who had a long association with the Cathedral band.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., Jan. 30, 1964, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.

A PEAL OF 5092 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

MAURICE C. HUGHES .. Treble	DAVID J. PURNELL 7
MURIEL REAY 2	GEOFFREY DAVIES 8
SUSAN FUNNELL 3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN 9
CHARLES A. S. WEBB 4	FREDERICK ROSS 10
GEORGE E. FEARN 5	CLIFFORD A. BARRON 11
RODERICK W. PIPE 6	J. ALAN AINSWORTH Tenor

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

LIVERPOOL, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 1, 1964, in 4 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST. NICHOLAS, PIERHEAD.

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 41 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in C.

TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. Treble	*PETER WATSON 7
NEIL BENNETT 2	JOHN ROBINSON 8
*V. DAVID JENNER 3	DEREK BUTTERWORTH 9
B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD 4	JAMES PAILING 10
DEREK A. ASHTON 5	JOHN H. FIELDEN 11
CYRIL CROSTHWAITE 6	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by TUDOR P. EDWARDS.

*First peal on 12 bells.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 1, 1964, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS AND ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS

Tenor 38½ cwt.

*PHILIP J. ROTHERA .. Treble	†MONICA M. MOORE 7
*AIDAN ST. J. BOYACK 2	†DENNIS A. HEWITT 8
*FRANK V. GANT 3	†ANDREW J. SALISBURY 9
†DENNIS ELLISON 4	†ROBERT J. CHAPMAN 10
†JOAN SPREADBURY 5	†MICHAEL J. HALLET 11
FRANK B. LUFKIN 6	*ALFRED J. HOUSE Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

*First peal of Plain Bob Maximus. †First on 12. ‡First of Maximus.

Rung to mark the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Diocese of Chelmsford.

TEN BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., Jan. 23, 1964, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.

A PEAL OF 5040 PUDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

MAURICE C. HUGHES .. Treble	GEOFFREY DAVIES 6
MURIEL REAY 2	RODERICK W. PIPE 7
SUSAN FUNNELL 3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN 8
MARTIN D. FELLOWS 4	GEORGE E. FEARN 9
EDWARD W. COLLEY 5	PETER BORDER Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY (No. 2).

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

APPLETON, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Jan. 29, 1964, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE.

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E.

NORMAN LESLIE .. Treble	FREDERICK SHARPE 6
JOHN DREWITT 2	BRIAN R. WHITE 7
EDWIN DREWITT 3	FREDERICK C. WHITE 8
WALTER F. JUDGE 4	FRANCIS A. WHITE 9
DENNIS LESLIE 5	HARRY WHITE Tenor

Composed by G. HOLIFIELD.

Conducted by BRIAN R. WHITE.

Rung half-muffled in memory of Cuthbert G. White.

WRINGTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 1, 1964, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

RICHARD J. BOWDEN .. Treble	PETER BRIDLE 6
MICHAEL J. HOBBS 2	JAMES R. TAYLOR 7
*ERIC T. LEE 3	GWILYM SALMON 8
†GEOFFREY H. PULLIN 4	PHILIP M. J. GRAY 9
VICTOR G. ROBERTS 5	JOHN H. GILBERT Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by JOHN H. GILBERT.

*First peal of Royal in the method. †First of Royal. First of Yorkshire on the bells. Tenor 37 cwt. 13 lb.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., Nov. 30, 1963, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

MAURICE C. HUGHES .. Treble	EDWARD W. COLLEY 5
SUSAN FUNNELL 2	RODERICK W. PIPE 6
MARYL R. CROSTHWAITE .. 3	DAVID J. ALLEN 7
GEORGE E. FEARN 4	J. ALAN AINSWORTH Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

BALDOCK, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 21, 1963, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 26 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in D.

JACK S. DEAR .. Treble	PETER J. COLES 5
*ERIC EDMONDSON 2	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. 6
VERNON GREEN 3	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 7
*LEONARD B. SCOOT 4	PHILIP MEHEW Tenor

Composed by STEVEN IVIN.

Conducted by J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE.

*First peal of Major in the method.

STEPNEY, E.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 18, 1964, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.	Tenor 28½ cwt.
RAYMOND G. COUSINS .. Treble	JOHN H. CRAMPION 5
JANE K. A. COOK 2	DENNIS A. HEWITT 6
AIDAN ST. J. BOYACK 3	JOHN ARMSTRONG 7
*LEONARD E. FOX 4	MICHAEL P. MORETON Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CRAMPION.

*First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major.

ADLINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 25, 1964, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

(The 'Cannon' Peal.)

Tenor 13½ cwt.

STANLEY WALMSLEY .. Treble	THOMAS TURNER 5
LAWRENCE WALMSLEY 2	FREDERICK W. BROWNLOW .. 6
*BETTY FAUNCH 3	†JAMES E. SUMNER 7
†PAULINE TURNER 4	BERNARD MOSS Tenor

Composed by FRANK C. W. KNIGHT.

Conducted by BERNARD MOSS.

*First peal of Major in the method. †First of Major.

Rung for the Patronal Festival; also a farewell to the Rev. J. E. Platt, curate.

EAST MEON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 25, 1964, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 19½ cwt.

John Carter's three-lead course.	Tenor 19½ cwt.
KEITH SANSON .. Treble	JOHN F. M. MAYBREY 5
*MARY E. WHITE 2	ANTHONY V. QUEEN 6
CHARLES E. BASSETT 3	*DEREK J. WHITE 7
KENNETH A. TIPPER 4	KENNETH G. WALLER Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES E. BASSETT.

*First peal of Triples.

An eighth birthday compliment to Rachel Lawry, daughter of the Vicar; also a farewell to Susan Ellenor, of Liss, who is leaving for Singapore on February 1st.

LONG ASHTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 25, 1964, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5056 WHITWICK SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

JENNIFER M. TAYLOR .. Treble	JOHN BRAIN 5
GEOFFREY H. PULLIN 2	JAMES R. TAYLOR 6
MIKAELA ERIK 3	DON C. EXELL 7
PHILIP M. J. GRAY 4	JOHN H. GILBERT Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by JOHN H. GILBERT.

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

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 25, 1964, in 3 Hours 5 Minutes.

At CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

*JAMES S. BAKER Treble	FRANK MORTON 5
NORMAN SHERRATT 2	WALTER SHERRATT 6
RAYMOND J. BALLARD 3	ROY WORRALL 7
PAUL J. ATKINS 4	HARRY W. HOWARD Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

* First peal on eight bells.

Rung after meeting short for Royal.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Jan. 25, 1964, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

*DAVID J. BATES Treble	DAVID J. CADWALLADER .. 5
*MICHAEL I. CADWALLADER .. 2	JOHN F. ASTBURY 6
ARTHUR H. HINGLEY 3	†ROGER STAITE 7
†BRIAN H. MORETON 4	MAURICE G. TURNER Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.

* First peal of Major. † First attempt, and first 'louch' in the method.

RADCLIFFE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 25, 1964, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5056 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In seven methods, comprising 768 each of Cambridge, London, Pudsey, Rutland and Superlative, 640 Bristol, 576 Yorkshire; with 142 changes of method.

CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE .. Treble	*RICHARD J. PARKER 5
JEAN M. PAILING 2	JAMES H. PAILING 6
*PHILIP J. CROSSTHWAITE .. 3	NORMAN SMITH 7
ERNEST BENNETT 4	J. BARRY PICKUP Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NORMAN SMITH.

* First peal of Spiced Surprise.

ST. BEES, CUMBERLAND.

THE CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOC.

On Sat., Jan. 25, 1964, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

At THE PRIORY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND BEGA.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 10 lb. in F.

*M. KATE DENT Treble	HAROLD WILSON 5
JAMES E. DICKINSON 2	NICHOLAS M. NEWBY, JUN. .. 6
JAMES E. BURLIS 3	THOMAS F. METCALFE 7
NICHOLAS M. NEWBY 4	ALAN CAPSTICK Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by ALAN CAPSTICK.

* First peal. First in the method as conductor.

To mark the birth of a grand-daughter to the Rev. Canon W. R. M. Chaplin, president of the Cumberland and North Westmorland Association.

TANWORTH-IN-ARDEN, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Sat., Jan. 25, 1964, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN.

A PEAL OF 5090 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

H. JAMES TURNER Treble	GEORGE E. FEARN 5
MURIEL REAY 2	DAVID VOKES 6
NORMAN J. GOODMAN 3	FREDERICK ROSS 7
RODERICK W. PIPE 4	J. ALAN AINSWORTH Tenor

Composed by BRIAN D. PRICE.

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 25, 1964, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

S. ARTHUR READ Treble	DAVID T. H. ROBERTSON .. 5
ALAN TUBB 2	*HAROLD L. PARFREY 6
*DAVID A. BURT 3	GEORGE J. HAWKINS 7
ALAN F. LEB 4	D. JOHN HUNT Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE J. HAWKINS.

* First peal of Surprise Major. First of Surprise Major as conductor. Rung for the dedication festival.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKSHIRE.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

On Mon., Jan. 27, 1964, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in B.

ROGER E. TALLIS Treble	NORMAN J. GOODMAN 5
*MAURICE C. HUGHES 2	PETER S. BENNETT 6
IAN C. MAYCOCK 3	GEORGE E. FEARN 7
SUSAN FUNNELL 4	RODERICK W. PIPE Tenor

Composed by NORMAN SMITH.

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

* First peal in the method.

COLLINGHAM, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Jan. 30, 1964, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD.

A PEAL OF 5024 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt.

IRIS LEMARE Treble	H. DAVID HOLLAND 5
JAMES S. WEBB 2	HAROLD B. SCHOFIELD .. 6
BARRY SULLIVAN 3	*S. BARRY SCHOFIELD .. 7
MRS. H. B. SCHOFIELD .. 4	LEONARD GOODALL Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by LEONARD GOODALL.

* 100th peal for the Yorkshire Association.

BATLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 1, 1964, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5408 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In nine methods, being 1,024 London, 800 Watford, 768 Bristol, 640 Cambridge, 512 each Dorchester and Pudsey, 416 Cassiobury, 384 Superlative, 352 Lincoln; with 123 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell.

JAMES THORLEY Treble	DONALD H. NIBLETT 5
HOWARD SCOTT 2	GORDON BENFIELD 6
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY 3	VERNON BOTTOMLEY 7
JEANNE E. BOTTOMLEY .. 4	RICHARD E. PRICE Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

BENINGTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 1, 1964, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

TERRY R. HATCHETT .. Treble	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 5
ERIC EDMONDSON 2	VERNON GREEN 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 7
PETER J. COLES 4	JACK S. DEAR Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

BIRSTWITH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 1, 1964, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. in G.

MARGARET E. WILKINSON .. Treble	EDWARD HUDSON 5
JAMES S. WEBB 2	JOHN A. BROWN 6
CYRIL F. SUTCLIFFE 3	H. DAVID HOLLAND 7
MRS. H. D. HOLLAND 4	CHARLES H. MAXFIELD .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by H. DAVID HOLLAND.

A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Holland.

BLOXHAM, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 1, 1964, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF BLOXHAM.

A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in D flat.

*PETER G. HOLDEN Treble	†BRIAN W. HALL 5
†FREDERICK W. SODEN .. 2	†PETER D. BEEDIE 6
D. KAY ADKINS 3	DENNIS KNOX 7
†PETER PEARCE 4	JOHN R. MAYNE Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

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

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 1, 1964, in 3 Hours.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 15 cwt.

*SALLY BEHEMMA Treble	†MICHAEL PILGRIM 5
ELIZABETH BROWN 2	WILLIAM T. PETTY 6
THOMAS YEOMANS 3	WILLIAM DARE 7
NIGEL CROWTHER 4	JACK PRYOR Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM DARE.

* First peal. † First in the method.

CLAYBROOKE PARVA, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 1, 1964, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

GEOFFREY M. BREWIN .. Treble	JOHN VERNON 5
*MALCOLM E. WADE 2	ALAN E. HARTLEY 6
R. KINGSLEY MASON 3	†ROLAND H. COOK 7
J. BARRY PICKUP 4	A. MAXWELL LINDSEY .. Tenor

Composed by SHIRLEY BURTON.

Conducted by R. KINGSLEY MASON.

* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' † 100th peal for the Guild.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

SANDON, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 14, 1963, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 16 methods, being three extents each of New, Huntspill, St. Vedast, St. Osmund, St. Martin, St. Simon, St. Nicholas, St. Remigius, Winchendon Place and Plain Bob, and two each of Stedman, Westminster II, Blackburn Place, St. Hilary, Grandsire and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in G sharp.

MARGARET M. RODEN .. Treble	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 3
TERRY R. HATCHETT .. 2	PHILIP MEHEW .. 4

JACK S. DEAR .. Tenor

Conducted by J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE.

A compliment to Miss A. Sanderson and Mr. C. Worboys, who were married at this church this day.

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Wirral Branch.)

On Sat., Jan. 4, 1964, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In seven methods, being six extents each of Grandsire, Plain Bob, April Day, Reverse Canterbury, Clifford's Pleasure, St. Martin and St. Leonard.

Tenor 11 cwt. 9 lb. in G.

*FRANK B. FROST .. Treble	§ROBERT PEERS .. 4
†R. HARRY DAVIES .. 2	ALEXANDER J. MARTIN .. 5
*F. LESLIE COVENTRY .. 3	*DAVID A. WHITE .. Tenor

Conducted by ALEXANDER J. MARTIN.

* First peal attempt. † First 'inside.' § First of Doubles. § First in seven methods.

A wedding compliment to Mr. Stephen Ash and Miss D. Jones, married at St. Paul's, Tranmere, this day.

CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 18, 1964, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTON.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being four compositions and three reverses. Tenor 7 cwt.

JOHN HILL .. Treble	*THOMAS J. LOCK .. 4
ELSIE K. HART .. 2	†DEREK FOWLES .. 5
H. GEORGE HART .. 3	FRANK T. BLAGROVE .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

* 800th peal. † First of Surprise. John Hill has 'circled the tower' in six peal attempts.

Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter, Mary Hazel, to Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Sansom.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 18, 1964, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Fulbeck, Double Bob, Thelwall, Childwall, St. Clement's, Double Oxford and Plain Bob: rung on the back six.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

D. JOSEPH GOODMAN .. Treble	PETER W. HARPER .. 4
*RONALD W. R. PICTON .. 2	KEITH D. WAPLES .. 5
*ROBERT J. PICTON .. 3	BRIAN M. BARKER .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN M. BARKER.

* First peal in seven methods. First of Minor as conductor. First in seven methods by the local band.

LAPWORTH, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Sat., Jan. 18, 1964, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Plain Bob, two of Oxford T.B. and two of Kent T.B.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in G.

*ROSEMARY A. TAILBY .. Treble	†STEPHEN W. BARTON .. 4
CHRISTOPHER S. NOKES .. 2	‡ALISTAIR MACFADYEN .. 5
CHRISTOPHER J. BROWN .. 3	GEOFFREY DAVIES .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY DAVIES.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First on tower bells. ‡ First 'inside.'

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 18, 1964, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

GILBERT F. COWLIN .. Treble	†ROY W. SPENCER .. 4
WENDY HOLLOWELL .. 2	RAYMOND H. DAW .. 5
*FRANK E. COLES .. 3	*PETER M. FLECKNEY .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER M. FLECKNEY.

* First peal in seven Minor methods. † 50th peal.

QUENIBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 18, 1964, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

C.C.C. Nos. 55, 49, 54, 34, 52, 48, 29/28. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in G.

*FREDERICK FAULKNER .. Treble	BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 4
†B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. 2	ROGER I. KENDRICK .. 5
MALCOLM D. BARSBY .. 3	†J. RICHARD PERKINS .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal. † 25th peal together.

A birthday compliment to Ernest F. Payne, of Syston.

STOKE D'ABERNON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 18, 1964, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in five methods, viz.: (1) Kent Treble Bob, (2) Grandsire, (3) Plain Bob, (4) Spliced St. Clement's and Plain Bob, (5) Childwall, (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 3 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E flat.

*NORMAN F. EDWARDS .. Treble	ROSAMUND M. RAWLINGS .. 4
ROBERT J. COOLES .. 2	JUDITH GEIRINGER .. 5
*RUTH CARR .. 3	MICHAEL J. UPHILL .. Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL J. UPHILL.

* First peal attempt. † First of Minor. First of five Minor for all, and most methods to a peal for all except ringer of fourth and the conductor.

A compliment to Reuben Sanders on attaining the age of 90.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Jan. 19, 1964, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

BERNICE STANSFIELD .. Treble	ROGER LEIGH .. 4
JUDITH P. WINTERBOTTOM .. 2	ROBERT A. BOLT .. 5
ANTONY J. HELLWELL .. 3	ROBERT J. ARMSTRONG .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT A. BOLT.

Rung for the start of the 200th anniversary of the reopening of St. James' after rebuilding.

LONGPARISH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

On Wed. Jan. 22, 1964, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb.

C. BALL .. Treble	F. TONGE .. 4
G. K. DODD .. 2	C. SMITH .. 5
P. A. GODDARD .. 3	R. CROOK .. Tenor

Conducted by G. K. DODD.

A birthday compliment to the ringer of the third.

ABBOT'S LANGLEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 25, 1964, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being one extent of Oxford Bob and two each of Childwall, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

WALTER AYRE .. Treble	*DONALD A. BEDFORD .. 4
KEITH D. WAPLES .. 2	KENNETH M. DUNSTAN .. 5
PETER W. HARPER .. 3	BRIAN M. BARKER .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN M. BARKER.

* First peal of Minor.

Rung for the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul.

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THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 25, 1964, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four callings).

Tenor 9 cwt. 20 lb. in G sharp.

*JOAN CHALLINOR Treble	C. RAYMOND LARKIN 4
*ROBERT MARSH 2	GEORGE A. DAWSON 5
†JANE DOWSE 3	JACK DAWSON Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE A. DAWSON.

* First peal attempt. † First 'inside.' First as conductor.

Birthday compliments to Miss Jane Dowse and C. Raymond Larkin.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 25, 1964, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven different extents, in seven methods: (1) Norwich, (2) Cambridge, (3) Kent and Oxford, (4) Double Bob, (5) Plain Bob, (6) St. Clement's, (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt.

BARBARA M. GOODSPEED .. Treble	ERIC EDMONDSON 4
SHEILA BROWN 2	GERALD PENNEY 5
MARTYN L. J. JORDAN 3	MICHAEL D. FROST Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL D. FROST.

SCOTHERN, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 25, 1964, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GERMAIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob and one of Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

MARGARET A. PARKER .. Treble	W. STANLEY SMITH 4
JOYCE M. GURNHILL 2	CHARLES V. CADE 5
ANGUS G. DIXON 3	GEOFFREY R. PARKER Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY R. PARKER.

WHISTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Jan. 26, 1964, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 ST. POLYCARP DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (three variations).

Tenor 15 cwt. 4 lb. in F.

ROGER W. SMITH Treble	PERCY AMOS 3
ALAN A. PAUL 2	GEORGE F. ROOME 4
GRAHAM C. PAUL 3	 Tenor

Conducted by ROGER W. SMITH.

First peal in the method. Mr. G. F. Roome has now 'circled the tower.'

Rung on and for the Festival of St. Polycarp (A.D. 80-166); also as a farewell to the Rector, Rev. H. C. Robinson-Eltoft, leaving to take over the united livings of Collingtree with Courteenhall.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Jan. 29, 1964, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AT-GOWTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in four methods, viz.: One of Single Court, one of Oxford T.B., two of Kent T.B. and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb.

WILLIAM R. PARKER .. Treble	ALBERT DRURY 4
FRED DIXON 2	WALTER TOMLINSON 5
JOHN F. PEARSON 3	PHILIP C. PITCHFORD Tenor

Conducted by PHILIP C. PITCHFORD.

First peal as conductor.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. W. Haynes, late warden and respected member of this church.

STISTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Jan. 29, 1964, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

In 30 methods, being seven extents: (1) Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Stamford, Rossendale; (2) Chester, Munden, Alnwick, Newcastle; (3) London, Wells, Cuncastre, Deane Valley; (4) Lincoln, Coldstream, Redbourn; (5) Beverley, Surfleet, Berwick, Hexham, York, Durham; (6) Cambridge, Ipswich, Norfolk, Primrose, Hull, Bourne; (7) Westminster, Allendale, Fryerning.

Tenor 10 cwt.

JENNIFER M. DYE .. Treble	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS 4
*ROBERT J. LINDSELL 2	ALAN R. SYDER 5
JOE E. G. ROAST 3	PATRICK W. SALTmarsh .. Tenor

Conducted by PATRICK W. SALTmarsh.

* First peal in 30 methods.

PETER TAVY, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Thurs., Jan. 30, 1964, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings).

Tenor 10 cwt.

WALTER H. MARKS .. Treble	WILFRED C. BOUCHER 4
MARGARET A. BOULD 2	D. ROY BOULD 5
HORACE HICKS 3	T. LESLIE CUNDY Tenor

Conducted by D. ROY BOULD.

First peal of Doubles on the bells.

RYTON, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Feb. 1, 1964, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in B flat.

*JOHN WELLINGS .. Treble	*JOHN WILKINSON 3
PHILIP G. K. DAVIES .. 2	†ALAN M. JONES 4
†REMI M. HODISTER Tenor	

Conducted by ALAN M. JONES.

* First peal. † First of Grandsire Doubles. First as conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS

SWANSEA, GLAMORGAN.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Jan. 19, 1964, in 1 Hour and 59 Minutes,

AT 3, LON DERW, TYCOCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor size 14 in D.

*EDMUND MORRIS 1-2	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE 3-4
J. ARTHUR HOARE 5-6	

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

* First peal of Minor on handbells.

WHEATHAMPSTEAD, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Jan. 19, 1964, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes,

AT WAYSIDE COTTAGE.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor size 11 in G.

*SHEILA BROWN 1-2	†GERALD PENNEY 3-4
ROGER D. R. BROWN 5-6	

Conducted by GERALD PENNEY.

* First handbell peal. † 150th peal.

NEW MILLS, DERBYSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Jan. 21, 1964, in 1 Hour and 58 Minutes,

AT 36, PARKLAND AVENUE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents (five different callings).

Tenor size 15 in C.

*BARRIE HENDRY 1-2	ROBERT B. SMITH 3-4
NEIL BENNETT 5-6	

Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

* First peal on handbells.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Jan. 22, 1964, in 1 Hour and 59 Minutes,

AT 17, QUEEN STREET.

A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 11 in G.

*BARBARA M. GOODSPEED .. 1-2	GEOFFREY DODDS 5-6
GERALD PENNEY 3-4	JOYCE DODDS 7-8

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by GERALD PENNEY.

* First peal of Major.

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Jan. 24, 1964, in 1 Hour and 40 Minutes,

AT 5, MOAT CLOSE.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor size 7 in D.

S. KATHLEEN M. BALDWIN .. 1-2	ROGER BALDWIN 3-4
GERALD PENNEY 5-6	

Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.

HARROW, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Jan. 24, 1964, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT 170, HEADSTONE LANE.

A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In two methods, comprising 3,520 of London and 1,504 of Bristol; with 56 changes of method. All the bells do all the work of both methods.

Tenor size 15 in C.

THOMAS J. LOCK 1-2	JOHN R. MAYNE 5-6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY .. 3-4	FRANK C. PRICE 7-8

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First time these two methods have been rung spliced on handbells.

LEVERSTOCK GREEN, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Jan. 26, 1964, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,

IN THE SCHOOL.

A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS

Tenor size 22 in C.

*GERALD PENNEY 1-2	WALTER AYRE 7-8
†JULIA A. FELLOWS 3-4	†MARTYN L. J. JORDAN .. 9-10
†ANTHONY R. MANN 5-6	†MICHAEL D. FROST 11-12

Composed and Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal of Maximus 'in hand.' and of Plain Bob Maximus. † First of Maximus. First of Plain Bob Maximus 'in hand.' in the county. 450th peal as conductor.

HALF PEAL

ORSTON, NOTTS.—On Feb. 1st, 3,000 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Foster 1, R. Marsh 2, J. Miller (longest length) 3, C. R. Larkin 4, G. A. Dawson (cond.) 5, G. Butler (longest length) 6.

DATE TOUCH

WIMBORNE, DORSET.—On Feb. 1st, 1,964 Plain Bob Major: J. W. Blackwood 1, Christine Mould (first of Major) 2, R. G. W. Robertson 3, Judith A. Robertson 4, R. Sheppard 5, G. W. Elmes (first of plain Bob Major) 6, E. G. Mould (first of Major as cond.) 7, H. I. Pitman 8. First date touch for 1, 2, 5 and 6.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Jan. 26th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor: R. Rayfield 1, Carol Cousins (first of T.B. 'inside') 2, C. H. Macve 3, Margaret C. Godfrey 4, E. G. H. Godfrey 5, A. M. Macve (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

BATHAMPTON, SOMERSET.—On 1st. Feb., 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Pidgeon (first quarter) 1, Mrs. B. M. V. Dobbie 2, J. E. Newman 3, D. Burt 4, H. Taylor (cond.) 5, Miss J. Spencer (cond.) 6.

BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Miss H. Copperthwaite 1, Miss E. Pryke 2, V. J. C. Dale 3, R. J. Brown 4, Miss B. Fisher (cond.) 5. For Matins.

BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.—At St. John's Church (Surrey Road) on Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. A. Mitchell 1, Christine Mould 2, C. Bishop 3, R. Sheppard 4, C. E. Burt 5, G. C. Grant 6, E. G. Mould (first of Triples as cond.) 7, M. Jenkins 8. To welcome C. Bishop (3rd) back to ringing after his recent accident.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFS.—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Webster 1, E. Marion Key 2, C. Haynes 3, W. J. Leach 4, G. L. Ronbottom (first as cond.) 5, C. Harrison 6, B. G. Key 7, Jennifer Toon (first quarter) 8.

CAMBRIDGE.—At the Roman Catholic Church on Jan. 16th, 1,344 Erin Triples: J. M. H. Hunter (comp) 1, H. J. Muncey 2, K. J. Darvill 3, R. M. Damerell 4, J. A. Harrison 5, P. D. Lawrence 6, C. H. Rogers (cond.) 7, J. W. R. Quinney 8. First of Erin Triples for 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7. Also on Jan. 23rd, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: H. J. Muncey 1, C. R. F. Muncey 2, J. M. H. Hunter (comp. and cond.) 3, P. D. Lawrence 4, J. R. Hough 5, H. Foster 6, P. J. Bergdahl 7, C. H. Rogers 8. First of Superlative for 2, 4, 6 and 7. Also on Jan. 30th, 1,312 Little Bob Major: J. W. R. Quinney 1, H. J. Muncey 2, J. A. Harrison 3, P. D. Lawrence 4, C. R. F. Muncey 5, J. M. H. Hunter 6, P. J. Bergdahl 7, C. H. Rogers (comp. and cond.) 8. First of Little Bob by all.

CARLISLE, CUMB.—At the Cathedral on Jan. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Callum 1, B. Redgers (first on eight) 2, B. Forsyth 3, C. Forsyth 4, J. Butterfield 5, B. V. Porter 6, J. Ling (cond.) 7, J. Boustead 8.

CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.—On Jan. 28th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: R. Crampton 1, Mrs. G. W. Davis (first quarter Caters) 2, H. Harrison 3, B. Wright 4, G. Scragg 5, R. Ingham 6, A. V. Davis (cond.) 7, K. Derham 8, A. A. Price 9, R. Edwards 10.

CLYST HONITON, DEVON.—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original): Margaret Reiter (first quarter) 1, J. Salway 2, Mrs. G. E. Reiter 3, A. Holway 4, E. E. Reiter 5, G. E. Reiter (cond.) 6, C. C. Turner 7, E. R. Reiter 8.

CONGRESBURY, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (on the back six): Pat Joyce (first quarter) 1, K. Gatehouse (first 'inside') 2, E. Fisher 3, N. Anderson 4, A. Fisher (first as cond.) 5, F. Hughes 6. A 21st birthday compliment to the conductor.

CROYDON, SURREY.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist on Feb. 2nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: P. Humphries 1, N. Steere 2, R. Stevens 3, K. Taber 4, N. Brown (first of Major) 5, H. Pratt 6, R. Abbot 7, R. Davies (cond.) 8.

EDINBURGH.—At St. Cuthbert's Church on Nov. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. J. Marriott 1, C. Snowden 2, F. E. Collins (first of Bob Minor 'inside') 3, Miss M. Wilson 4, R. S. Wilson 5, M. M. Peterson (cond.) 6. Also on Feb. 1st, 1,386 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Mitchison 1, Miss M. S. Taylor 2, C. Snowden 3, Miss M. Wilson 4, R. S. Wilson 5, M. M. Peterson 6, M. J. Marriott (first of Grandsire Triples as cond.) 7, F. E. Collins 8. First of Triples 1 and 8.

EDINBURGH.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary on Jan. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Spence (first quarter) 1, Sally Mitchison (first quarter) 2, Kate Branson (cond.) 3, D. Linacre 4, C. Raine 5, I. Laing 6.

QUARTER PEALS

EXETER, DEVON.—At the Cathedral on Jan. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Skinner 1, John Barnett 2, M. F. Lock 3, F. Wreford 4, C. Reeves 5, W. Harvey 6, N. Mallett (cond.) 7, J. A. D. Woolford 8. For Evensong on the back eight (Tenor 72+cwt.). A compliment to Mr. C. Glass on his 90th birthday, a past member of the Cathedral for 50 years and Ringing Master for 13 years.

FARMBOROUGH, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): R. Smith (cond.) 1, A. Perry 2, K. Baker 3, Monica Horseman 4, M. Heymann 5, J. Coombs 6. Rung to welcome the birth of a daughter, Judith Margaret, to Helen and Michael Marshall.

FECKENHAM, WORCS.—On Feb. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): R. H. Hunt (first quarter) 1, E. Styler 2, Mrs. J. Newton (first 'inside') 3, G. Stock 4, R. Spray (cond.) 5, R. C. Barker (first quarter) 6, J. W. Perkins 7, T. Griffiths 8.

FOLKESTONE, KENT.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Janice Saunders 1, Jane Hough 2, Rachel Sinden 3, Vivienne Dye 4, A. Berry (cond.) 5, J. Wellard 6. For the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

GREASLEY, NOTTS.—On Feb. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Lyn Wilkinson 1, Mrs. P. Mary Beach 2, H. Lewin 3, Jill Harwood 4, D. J. Beach 5, N. Wiser 6, P. Nix (cond.) 7, C. W. Hodgkinson 8. First quarter 1, 4 and 6. To mark the dedication of the Hill Top Mission Church, Greasley.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Corderoy 1, J. H. Napper 2, Miss M. Thomas 3, Mrs. G. Churchman 4, C. J. Garlick 5, A. H. Webb (cond.) 6, M. Bishop 7, L. F. Cox 8. Rung half-muffled after the funeral of George Warwick, aged 91, former sexton and ringer.

HARPENDEN, HERTS.—On Jan. 25th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. L. Summerlin 1, Mrs. L. G. Coburn 2, Miss N. Thomas 3, A. Day 4, A. Wilby 5, L. G. Coburn 6, F. C. Jacklin 7, J. D. Painter (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

HEAVITREE, EXETER.—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Jean F. Barnett 1, Jennifer Smith 2, Diane Lissenden 3, Ann Fellows 4, J. A. D. Woolford 5, A. Truman 6, F. Wreford (cond.) 7, N. Mallett 8. First in method 2 and 3. For Evensong. Also on Jan. 18th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: C. Yates 1, Jennifer Smith 2, Jean F. Barnett 3, Ann Fellows 4, M. Lock 5, C. Reeves 6, F. Wreford 7, J. A. D. Woolford (cond.) 8.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Jan. 26th, 1,256 Little Bob Major: A. C. Grainger 1, Miss J. Peacock 2, S. Penfold 3, R. Brown 4, J. Fowler 5, J. Stephens 6, A. J. Salisbury 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8. For Matins.

KINGSBURY EPISCOPI, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Westlake 1, G. Rendle 2, W. E. Turner 3, A. Dyer 4, H. E. G. Jeaves (cond.) 5, R. Selway 6. For the birthday of Jacqueline Locke, grand-daughter of the treble ringer.

LINTON, HEREFORDS.—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): R. D. Brown 1, G. T. Cousins 2, R. Poston 3, K. J. Tyler 4, J. F. I. Turney (cond.) 5, P. W. Walsom 6. A birthday compliment to ringer of 2.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Neilson 1, Elizabeth Todd 2, R. P. Brotherton 3, Myrtle Cook 4, A. Lamb (cond.) 5, T. C. Uden 6. A compliment to Rev. J. W. Neilson on his appointment as Rural Dean of North Lympne Deanery. For Evensong.

MARSTON BIGOT, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Shepherd (first quarter) 1, W. Mills 2, A. Bratton 3, G. Wareham 4, E. Bray (cond.) 5, F. Elliott 6. Rang on the 51st anniversary of the rededication of the bells and a treble added. Also as a compliment to the Rev. J. O. Pain on his retirement as Vicar.

MAVESYN RIDWARE, STAFFS.—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. T. Collins 1, C. W. Bowen (first 'inside') 2, L. Monk 3, Lucy Smith (cond.) 4, C. M. Smith 5, A. E. Dutton 6. For Evensong.

MILDENHALL, WILTS.—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. H. Stanning 1, R. Garratt (first quarter) 2, R. H. Green 3, A. W. Johnson (cond.) 4, R. A. Inglis 5. By the Marlborough College Campanological Society.

MOORLYNCH, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. R. Crocker 1, Mrs. L. Crocker 2, R. Parker 3, A. Callow 4, F. J. White (cond.) 5, A. Bown 6. First of Grandsire 1 and 3. A birthday compliment to Mrs. A. Callow.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTS.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. Schwarz (first quarter) 1, P. Harding 2, A. Knight 3, J. Lucas 4, R. Knight 5, R. Mitchell 6, F. Sfarford (cond.) 7, G. Schwarz 8.

NORTH FERRIBY, E. YORKS.—On Jan. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Lynda B. Dalton 1, J. Peacock (first quarter) 2, M. T. Wilson (cond.) 3, H. C. Palmer 4, K. Kirk 5, I. N. Goldthorpe 6.

PENISTONE, YORKS.—On Jan. 28th, 1,344 Stedman Triples: S. Armeson 1, Mrs. N. Chaddock 2, J. Bruce 3, D. Nichols 4, J. N. D. Chaddock 5, N. Donovan 6, N. Chaddock (cond.) 7, P. Walker 8.

PRESTBURY, GLOS.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,259 Grandsire Triples: Miss W. Bird 1, Mrs. S. Drew 2, Miss M. Jackson 3, Miss A. Sadowska 4, I. Goulter 5, G. Drew 6, R. Dowdeswell 7, M. Maggs 8. Rung in honour of the christening of Julie Ann Wood on that day.

RAVENINGHAM, NORFOLK.—On Jan. 17th, 1,200 Doubles (six methods): A. Walpole 1, J. W. Forder 2, N. Cossey 3, G. Walpole (cond.) 4, M. Stokes 5. Rung for the induction service of Rev. J. Cummings.

SAWLEY, DERBYS.—On Jan. 19th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: G. Halls 1, Cynthia Webb 2, A. Humphrey (first of Major) 3, W. Simpson 4, D. Marshall 5, J. Harvey 6, C. Geary 7, D. Carlisle (cond.) 8.

SCULTHORPE, NORFOLK.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: R. Hipkin (first quarter) 1, Miss J. R. Cooke 2, R. Gilham 3, G. L. Dye 4, G. Greeves 5, G. A. Cooke (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memorial Col. P. H. Labouchere, O.B.E., patron of the church.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Pamela M. Jervis 1, G. R. Shedd 2, D. P. Hilling (cond.) 3, D. M. Hibbert 4, B. T. Lister 5, D. C. Bartholomew 6, W. Birmingham 7, M. Hatchett 8. For the Feast of Candlemas.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKS.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: G. E. Fearn 1, Muriel Reay 2, V. W. Rigg 3, M. C. Hughes 4, R. J. Cann 5, G. Palmer 6, T. J. Warner (cond.) 7, T. R. Hayward 8, C. Bragg 9, A. Crabtree 10. To celebrate the recent appointment of the Rev. H. Hartley, Rector of Solihull, as an Honorary Canon of Birmingham Cathedral.

STORINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 24th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Jean Horton 1, F. Brooks 2, J. Taylor 3, M. Davies (first as cond.) 4, B. W. Farhall 5, J. Charman 6. A 21st birthday compliment to J. Charman and birthday compliments to treble and fourth.

SUNBURY-ON-THAMES, MIDD.—On Dec. 1st, on handbells, 1,260 Bob Minor: M. Tyers 1—2, A. Tyers 3—4, D. Struckett (cond.) 5—6. Also on Dec. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss D. Gibbons 1, P. Cranham 2, A. Johnson 3, M. Tyers 4, A. Tyers 5, D. Struckett (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on Dec. 29th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Miss B. Carter (first quarter) 1, P. Cranham 2, A. Tyers (cond.) 3, D. Brock 4, P. Brand 5, D. Struckett 6. For Evensong. Also on Jan. 12th, 1,260 Bob Minor: P. Cranham 1, Miss D. Gibbons 2, M. Tyers 3, D. Struckett 4, P. Brand (cond.) 5, A. Johnson 6. For Evensong.

TADCASTER, YORKS.—On Jan. 29th, 1,380 Grandsire Doubles: C. Banton (cond.) 1—2, W. Hick 3—4, S. Burnett 5—6. First quarter Grandsire Doubles for all.

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. P. Mills 1, Mrs. D. Stuteley 2, Mrs. R. Rouse 3, E. E. Davey (cond.) 4, P. W. Mills 5, W. Downs 6. Rung for a family communion service on the jubilee day of the Diocese of Chelmsford.

TITCHFIELD, HANTS.—On Feb. 1st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Betty Daysh 1, P. Page 2, A. A. J. Buswell 3, S. A. Scott 4, W. F. J. Cope 5, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 6. First quarter since rehanging.

TONG, SALOP.—On Jan. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. E. Green 1, P. R. Johnson 2, A. D. Collins (cond.) 3, S. Illidge 4, A. G. Richards 5, A. Allsop 6.

TURRAMURRA, SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss D. Putman 1, Mrs. J. B. Watts 2, W. Knight 3, G. Kaye 4, J. B. Watts (cond.) 5, G. Drew 6. For Evensong. Also on Jan. 26th, 1,320 Kent T.B. Minor: J. Rainsford 1, Anne Cowling 2, Helen Henderson 3, W. Knight (first 'inside' in method) 4, J. S. Clark 5, W. Smith (cond.) 6. First of Kent 2 and 3. For Evensong.

WATERLOO, LONDON.—At St. John's on Dec. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss D. A. Deverell 1, Mrs. G. G. Meyer 2, Miss M. E. Powell 3, A. J. Hampton 4, W. D. Grainger 5, C. M. Meyer 6, D. G. Hollis (first of Stedman as cond.) 7, J. A. Laver 8. For Evensong.

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BIRTHS

BRUTEN.—On Sunday, February 2nd, 1964, at Ebbw Vale to Audrey (née Stephens) and Deniz, the gift of a son, Richard John, brother for Anthony and Judith. 4117

GOODYER.—On January 23rd, 1964, in Sydney, to Margaret (née Winter), formerly of Bristol and Quedgeley, and Tom, of St. Mary's Cathedral, Sydney, Australia, a daughter (Rachel Clare), a sister for Philip, Andrew, Judith and Geoffrey. 4133

HAYNES.—To Jane (née Thorpe) and Frank, at 102, Vicarage Road, Smethwick, on Monday, January 27th, 1964, a son, Stephen Paul, a brother for Frances and William.

RETURN THANKS

Mr. Herbert Knight and family wish to thank their very many ringing friends, for their kind letters of sympathy in their recent sad bereavement. 4098

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

KNIGHT.—The address of Mr. Herbert W. Knight is now 6, Council House, Medhill, Wrington, near Bristol. 4097

TOMLINSON.—Will all friends please note that the address of Brian A. Tomlinson is now 216, Cedar Street, Blackburn, Lancs. Sorry no telephone. 4099

PERSONAL

Be strong and he shall establish your heart: all ye that put your trust in the Lord. (Psalm xxxi. 27.)

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MISCELLANEOUS

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Committee meeting at King's Head, Matlock, Wednesday, February 19th, at 7.30 p.m.—B. P. Morris, Sec. 4101

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—Notice for intended visitors to this area. Meetings will take place on the last Saturday in each month. Time and venue to be advertised in 'The Ringing World'. 4127

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—The annual tour will be centred on Oxford, from March 29th to April 2nd. Please contact J. W. Thorp, St. John's College, Oxford. 4126

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP, SOMERSET.—Ringing has now been resumed again. Sunday ringing 10 a.m., also 5.15 p.m. First Sunday, induction of new Rector (Rev. P. Shepherd), March 5th, 7.30 p.m. Ringing 6.30-7.30.—John Cornelius, Tower Sec. 4120

SURPRISE MAJOR PRACTICE.—Holy Trinity, Guildford, on Thursday, February 20th. Methods: Bristol, Cambridge, Ealing, Lincolnshire, Rutland and Spliced Cambridge. Superlative, Bristol and London. 4125

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Branch.—Practice meeting, Merriott (6), Saturday, February 15th, 7 p.m. 4113

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Meeting, Lacock on February 15th. Bells (6) from 5 to 8.30 p.m.—H. Heath. 4110

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Sandridge, February 15th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. S.M.: Carter's Principal. Names for tea to Mr. A. T. Hawkins, 23, Blenheim Road, St. Albans, Herts.—M. A. Coburn. 4080

KELVEDON, ESSEX.—Dedication of bells by the Bishop of Colchester on Saturday, February 15th, at 3 p.m. Bells available after. Numbers for tea please to J. Elliott, 28, Easterford Road, Kelvedon. 3996

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Alteration. Practice on February 15th at Ealing. Business at St. Stephen's 3.30 p.m., followed by ringing. Own tea arrangements. Ringing at St. Mary's 6 to 8 p.m.—F. T. B. 4082

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—Quarterly meeting Tetsworth, Saturday, February 15th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to J. Godman, 22, Sunnyside, Benson. 4082

SUFFOLK GUILD.—N.E. District.—Annual meeting at Halesworth (8) on Saturday, February 15th. Bells 3 p.m.—9 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. Branch, Fern Bank, Bungay Road, Halesworth. 4095

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Annual Divisional meeting, Henfield (8), Saturday, February 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special method: Bristol. Names for tea please, to J. R. Norris, 117, Cuckfield Road, Hurstpierpoint. 4090

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Sprothorough, February 15th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. E. Short, 'Kathlyn', Melton Road, Sprothorough, Doncaster. No. 49 bus every 20 minutes from Doncaster Station, under Gresley House.—J. J. L. Gilbert. 4083

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting at Sprothorough, February 15th. Details later.—J. J. L. Gilbert.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Evening practice at Henbury on Monday, February 17th, 7.30 start.—H. Kingcott. 4068

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Practice meeting at Wick St. Lawrence (5), Saturday, February 22nd. Bells available 5 p.m.—M. Legg, Hon. Branch Sec. 4103

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Meeting at Woburn, Saturday, February 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, to 8, London Road, Woburn. 4102

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at St. Cuthbert's, Darlington, Saturday, February 22nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. R. Cooke, 116, Eastbourne Road, Darlington.—P. Wishart, Hon. Sec. 4123

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Coventry Archdeaconry District.—Meeting at Bulkington on Saturday, February 22nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, February 18th, to Mr. A. J. Hinde, 15, Church Street, Bulkington, Nuneaton. 4067

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Upwell, Saturday, February 22nd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Tea provided.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 4112

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton Branch.—Meeting at Upper Cam (6) on Saturday, February 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Tea for those who book only. Names to P. Mills, Church Street, Wotton, Glos. 4109

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—Annual meeting at Bosbury, Saturday, February 22nd. Service at 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to J. Ward, Woodfields Farm, Coddington, Ledbury. 4106

LADIES' GUILD (Central District), **MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION** (South and West District), **OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (East Berks and South Bucks Branch).—Joint meeting, Saturday, February 22nd. Ringing: Hughenden 2.45-3.45 p.m.; High Wycombe 4 p.m. Service 5, followed by tea, film, ringing until 9 p.m. Please send names for tea by Tuesday, February 18th, to S. Bailey, 7, Cockpit Close, Great Kingshill, High Wycombe. 4066

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—Annual meeting, Faringdon, Saturday, February 22nd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea at Salutation Hotel. Names, please, by Wednesday, February 19th, to R. F. J. Gilling, Branch Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks. 4119

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—February 22nd, practice meeting, Shrewton. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Tuesday, 18th, to G. A. Trimby, Sec., 24, West Street, Wilton.

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS AND DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Derby District).—Joint meeting at Attenborough on Saturday, February 22nd, at 3 p.m. Tea provided for those who send names to Miss A. Henson, Flat 4B, Oakland Court, Bramcote, Notts, by Tuesday, 18th.—P. Nix, Sec. 4115

SOUTHEAST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, South Benfleet (6), Saturday, February 22nd, 3 p.m. Cups of tea 3.45. Service 5 o'clock. Ringing until 8 p.m. All visitors very welcome. 4107

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AND NORTH LEICESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Monthly meeting, February 22nd at Alvaston. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 19th, please, to Mr. B. R. Manning, 1, Old Hall Avenue, Alvaston, Derby. 4104

SUFFOLK GUILD.—S.W. District.—Meeting at Bures, Saturday, February 22nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by February 19th, please, to Mr. L. D. Mills, 'Lyford', Colchester Road, Bures, Suffolk.

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. Annual meeting at St. Mary's, Eastbourne (8), on February 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by business meeting. Further ringing till 8.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. A. Purdom, 24, Wilton Avenue, Hampden Park, Eastbourne.—I. Smith, Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting at Goole, on Saturday, February 22nd. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service in church 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Schoolroom. Names to Mrs. J. J. Taylor, 165, Fernhill Road, Goole, by Thursday, February 20th. Business meeting after tea.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 4100

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Great Chart, Saturday, February 29th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. K. Hobden, Lodge Place Cottage, Great Chart, near Ashford (phone Bethersden 396), by previous Thursday.—C. T. H. 4105

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, February 29th. Prior to dinner ringing will take place at Our Immaculate Lady of Victories, Clapham Common, 5.30-6.45 p.m.—M. Powell. 4116

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Annual meeting, Church of the Immanuel, Streatham Common, February 29th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.15, followed by tea and meeting. Further ringing till 8 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Collins, 17, Hamilton Road, Thornton Heath (LIV 7370). Nearest station, Streatham Common (B.R.) 10 mins.: buses 109 or 133, Green Lines to and from Croydon pass church. Gentlemen cordially invited.—K. Lock, Hon. Sec. 4108

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Annual general meeting at St. Margaret's, King's Lynn, on Saturday, February 29th. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. L. W. Houghton, 137, Norfolk Street, King's Lynn, by Thursday, 27th.—C. Tovell, Hon. Sec. 4122

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—Annual dinner, March 6th, 7.30 p.m. at Chicken in the Basket, Benson. All ringers and friends welcomed. Tickets, 16s. 6d., from A. E. Howes, 23, Didcot Road, Long Wittenham, Abingdon, Berks. 4114

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held on March 10th at 8 p.m. in the Union. The annual dinner will be held in the New Millgate Hotel on March 14th, 7.45 for 8 p.m. All names for dinner to be sent to Jean Allen, Langdale Hall, Victoria Park, Manchester 14, by March 1st. 4118

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SURREY ASSOCIATION

Northern District

The six bells of Thames Ditton attracted many ringers to the Northern District's A.G.M. The service, however, was at Kingston Parish Church, with the Bishop of Kingston giving the address. His theme was the mathematical exactitude of bell ringing and the perfection of worship that ringers should strive to attain.

At the business meeting the committee's report for 1963 was presented. The highlight of the year was a social evening organised by the Putney band. It seems that such an event will have a permanent place in the District's calendar. Another encouraging event had been the introduction of a system of instructional towers. Splendid progress could be seen in the young people attending these courses in elementary change ringing.

Although 35 new members were elected during the year (six as a direct result of the instructional courses), membership showed a drop of eight to a total of 232. Thirty-one people were recorded. C. F. Mew being the leading ringer with nine, and also the leading conductor with seven. Eleven members rang their first peal.

The election of District officers resulted as follows: Master, F. E. Collins; honorary secretary, N. Steere; assistant secretary, B. Bull; auditor, R. F. Layton; committee, N. Bagworth, C. Mew and Miss M. Lewis.

At the conclusion of the business Kingston bells were kept going for the remainder of the evening.

Next meeting: Practice at Merton and Mitcham on March 7th. N. G. T. S.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

Central District

It was unanimously agreed at the annual meeting of the Central District, held at Eye on January 25th, that a framed photograph of Mr. Claude Rush, with a suitable inscription, be hung in Eye ringing chamber in recognition of his work for the restoration of Eye bells.

The District secretary suggested that summer meetings should take the form of visits to other districts or counties. Although the idea was approved, it was felt that quarterly meetings were designed to be held within the District so that there is an even spread of ringing throughout the county.

There was only one change in the officers for the coming year. Mr. Herbert Mitson had retired from the position of chairman through ill-health. His work during the past years is much appreciated. The new chairman is Mr. Harold Leathers. Mr. Leslie Brett joins the committee.

Meetings for the coming year: April 25th, Stradbroke (10); July 25th, Helmingham (8) and Framdesen (8); October 31st, Thornham (6) and Wickham Skeith (6); January 30th, 1965, Palgrave (8). Practice meetings: February 29th, Brandeston (8); June 6th, Finborough (6); September 19th, Cotton (8); November 28th, Redgrave (6).

Thanks to learned neighbours from the South-East District, some excellent ringing took place in methods such as Yorkshire, Cambridge, Superlative and Stedman. The Rector (Canon Lee) is thanked for taking the service and for the use of the bells. E. H.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On Jan. 19th, 1,260 Brentford Bob Minor: P. Mellor 1, G. Challans 2, F. Cooke 3, R. Lucas 4, F. Flint 5, D. H. Rooke (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on Feb. 2nd, 1,320 Old Oxford Delight: J. T. Rooke 1, M. Foster 2, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 3, R. Lucas 4, F. Flint 5, F. Cooke 6. For Evensong.

LATE NOTICES

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—Meeting at St. Anne's Parish Church, St. Anne's-on-Sea, Lytham St. Anne's, on Saturday, February 22nd. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. 4128

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Cambridge and Yorkshire practice, Chepstow, February 22nd, 3-5 p.m. Future practices, third Saturday in every month.—W. Thompsett, Honey-meade, Malpas, Newport. 4124

MR. T. H. TAFFENDER'S PEALS

We are indebted to Mr. Harold Rogers for producing the list of the late Mr. T. H. Taffender's peals. Mr. L. Stilwell has also produced a list for the Central Council Biographical Committee, and the two lists are in line with each other.

An important feature of the majority of these peals is the very large number of first pealers. First peal in 1893 and last in 1957.

Total number 651 (including 22 'in hand'). Conducted 364 (including 15 'in hand').

Methods rung:

Stedman.—Triples 221 (conducted 153+1 silent), Caters 125 (73), Cinques 45 (17).

Kent T.B.—Major 59 (37), Royal 41 (19), Maximus 15 (7).

Cambridge Surprise.—Major 45 (25), Royal 10 (6), Maximus 3 (1).

Grandsire.—Triples 17, Major 1, Caters 15 (5), Cinques 2 (1).

Superlative Surprise Major 22 (12). Double Norwich Court Bob Major (including the record long length) 14.

Plain Bob.—Major 4 (2), Royal 5 (3), Maximus 1 (1).

London Surprise Major 4 (2).

Oxford T.B.—Major 1, Royal 1.

Handbell peals.—Stedman: Triples 3, Caters 13, Cinques 2; Plain Bob Major 2; Grandsire: Triples 1, Caters 1.

Associations for which peals were rung: London County Association 437, Ancient Society of College Youths 107, Yorkshire County Association 28, Sussex County Association 16, Oxford Diocesan Guild 16, Norwich Diocesan Association 15, Essex County Association 5, Bath and Wells Diocesan Association 5, Other Associations and Societies 22.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

South-West Branch

The A.G.M. of the South-West Branch at St. Andrew's, Plymouth, on January 25th was a great success, a company of 60 ringers from a very wide area—as far as Launceston and Chepstow—being present.

The chairman (Mr. H. H. Thomas), in opening the business meeting, expressed delight of all that the Ringing Master, honorary secretary and honorary treasurer, Mr. T. G. Myers, was able to join them at the service, tea and meeting. He extended the Branch's best wishes that he would soon be able to take his place in the belfry, following his recent illness. Mr. Myers said he very much appreciated all the letters he had received from well-wishers all over the county.

The honorary secretary reported that the Branch remained steady with 81 members and he thought a little missionary work could bring this to 100. Miss Yvonne Porter, of St. Andrew's, had rung in 191 churches during the year, and for the first time in the history of the Branch a lady, Mrs. Margaret Bould, of Tavistock, headed the list of peal ringers with 25 peals and 25 quarters. Her husband, Mr. Roy Bould, had rung 24 peals and 28 quarters. Mr. Fred E. Day was continuing his good work as a 10 bell peal conductor.

A Guild certificate was presented to Miss Jarvis (Yealmpton). New members elected were: non-resident, Messrs. Sweet (Chepstow), D. Burnett (Truro). Miss F. Richards (Penryn, confirmed), Mrs. A. Grant (Lamerton), Miss P. Warden (Launceston), Miss Ruth Cundy (Tavistock). The Vicar of St. Andrew's (the Rev. Mr. Cavell) was elected an honorary member.

All retiring officers were re-elected as follows: General Committee, Messrs. J. P. Sims (Emmanuel), R. Bould (Tavistock) and D. Wheeler (St. Andrew's); Ringing Master, hon. secretary and hon. treasurer: Mr. T. G. Myers; auditor, Mr. H. O. Thomas (Emmanuel); chairman and Press officer, Mr. H. H. Thomas (Emmanuel).

The usual thanks were passed to the Vicar of St. Andrew's for conducting the service, to Mrs. Chaff and her helpers for an excellent tea, Mrs. Willis (organist) and the ringers of St. Andrew's for all they had done to make the meeting so successful. H. H. T.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Minor (Single Oxford and Plain Bob): D. Barker 1, R. Marsh 2, R. Blackshaw and J. Dowse 3, J. Heaps 4, G. Dawson 5, M. W. Harrison 6. Conducted by M. W. Harrison and J. Heaps for Evensong. Also on Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. G. Matsis 1, R. D. Marsh 2, J. Dowse 3, R. Blackshaw 4, J. Heaps 5, M. W. Harrison 6. Conducted by J. Heaps and M. W. Harrison. For Evensong.

COMPOSITIONS

5,024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

(B.69)

By E. W. TIPLER
23456 B M W H

35264	x			
63254		—		
25634		—	—	
53246	x			
45236			—	3 A
62534		—		
23645	x			
42635		—		3 A
42356	x			
43526		—		2
53624		—		3
63425		—		3
32654	x			
25346	x			
23456		—		2

First rung at Prestwold (Leics), April 16th, 1960. Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.

5,152 OB SURPRISE MAJOR

No. 7

By ERNEST W. TIPLER
M W H 23456

—	2	24536
—	3	32546
—		43526
—	3	53624
2	—	52436
—	3	42635
—	3	62534
—	2	323456

First rung at the Bell Foundry, Loughborough, September 16th, 1963, conducted by Brian G. Warwick.

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