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DEGENERATION IN CHURCH TOWER DESIGN

By T. A. BEVIS

Bellringers are fondly familiar with those substantial, seemingly indestructible Gothic structures from which bells have entreated and exhorted the faithful for many hundreds of years.

In the past decade concern has arisen in varying degrees over the future of church towers. Since the mid nineteen forties the desirable Gothic bloom, a consistent challenge to architects forever developing progressive upward thrusts and magnificent vaulted spans representative of poetry and prayer, undeniably symbolic of our island race and admired by men the world over . . . began to fade. In its place by small, apologetic beginnings, arose contemporary structures—airy, web-like sentinels among which may be seen conical and triangular designs, adhering to the current architectural trend.

Any future possibility of these buildings accommodating rings of bells is, to a large extent, inconceivable. Glass is substituted for louvres and loudspeakers for bells. At the press of a button the miracle of electronics sets in motion gravel-like vibrations in keeping with what many, rightly or wrongly, consider to be rootless foundations of the abstract age.

Some 12 months ago it was stated that ancient church towers cannot be expected to last for ever. History's unwritten rule remains consistently unconservative: the old must give way to the new. And, if care is not shown, the suffocation of valued traditions well ensue.

Nowadays it would seem that some lack of forethought between ecclesiastical authorities and architects is prevalent. Church architecture is again experiencing a revival. The last time a major revival occurred was five centuries ago—but it retained the practical element. Not so today.

An artist of the 20th century is not expected to paint what he outwardly sees: the resultant image is the product of psychological inspirations. There is no shape nor depth. Qualities by which good pictures are recognised are no longer visible.

Modern architecture follows much the same pattern . . . free-flowing vision aided and abetted by new and cheaper materials, unfortunately heavily backed by economical difficulties. It all harmonises with changing spiritual conceptions to suit the age in which we live. And what have

we? An increasing number of church 'towers' of a style out of this world. The perforated minaret at Stevenage New Town is a classical example of an expensive yet virtually useless ornamented substitute for a bell tower.

Unwittingly or deliberately something good and worthwhile is being sacrificed. Towers are becoming mere ornaments and without bells they are purely symbolic and therefore of no practical value.

It is frequently alleged that an increasing number of architects advise against the installation of bells in modern towers. Such advice, naturally, is strongly supported by the preponderous financial problems involved. Tape-recordings are much cheaper—and convenient.

How refreshing it is when at least one architect displays concern for the future of the art of bellringing.

Brian Austen, writing in the 'Ely Diocesan Gazette,' asks: Are we in danger of forgetting bells in our contemporary church building?

He suggests that the absence of bell towers in new church building is largely due to the fear that they would involve too much expenditure. 'In some new churches the provision of a tower is therefore dismissed entirely, and the architect completes his design without it.'

In other cases a tower might be regarded at a later stage in the building of the church, but this is unsatisfactory for both architect and client, as the chances of a tower actually being built are usually remote.'

Mr. Austen writes that these fears of cost are to some extent exaggerated. He concludes: 'It is no longer necessary to build huge towers to take heavy rings of bells; light rings can be easily accommodated, in simple structures, provided there is close co-operation between architect structural engineer, bell founder and bell hanger at an early stage in the design.'

The issue is divided between cost and waste, with a fair dabbling of the psychological senses to add an unusual flavour. One feels that the writing is on the wall. 'The day of the Boston vision is over.'

Is not the time opportune for authorities in the ringing fraternity, ecclesiastical realm and architectural circles to view what would seem to be an urgent matter in our light, at every conceivable angle? All material things are subject to the future. Church towers and bells are an integral part of English Christian heritage. It would be a pity to see bells placed on record as a communicative art of the past, and towers degenerate to mere shapes and fancies of the mind—and be finally omitted from church building in future years.

CAMBRIDGE YOUTHS AND NELSON'S DEATH

MR. T. R. Dennis, of Cambridge, forwards us the following extract copied from the records of Cambridge Youths concerning the death of Admiral Lord Nelson, October 21st, 1805.

This Society, from the day of its institution, 1724, has continued no less anxious to give the holiest intimation to the town of Cambridge of the arrival of news respecting the signal victories accomplished by British valour than it had been occasionally foremost in deploring the loss of not only such as have been members of this Society but of the most eminent personages in this nation, such characters more especially in the military station who have universally merited the applause of their country.

In a series of events which have benefited every Englishman, and garnished their Navy with the laurels of victory that time itself can never wither, all will readily perceive that this note is allusive to the many brilliant successes achieved by the immortal Admiral Nelson, whose life was lost on the 21st October, 1805, in the gain of a most glorious victory off Cape Trafalgar near Cadiz over the combined fleets of France and Spain, a victory most complete and, considering the alarming crisis of political affairs, the most important that ever dignified the annals of war.

It was on the arrival of the melancholy tidings of the loss of this luminous gem from the constellation of the British Navy that this Society immediately caused the bells of Great St. Mary's tower to be invested with the trappings of sorrow and a mourning peal concluded the solemnity of that night in which every inhabitant participated. The like awful ceremony in the same tower was repeated on the 19th January following the evening of the hero's lamented funeral in St. Paul's, London, where his ashes were consigned to peaceful oblivion whilst his memory liveth to be admired and his example imitated by future generations.

Mr. Dennis thinks that this may have been written by John Bowtell, a bookseller and benefactor of the famous Aldenbrookes Hospital, or Thomas Steers, an ingenious mathematician who is believed to have composed the extent of Bob Major. Bowtell was elected in 1773 and Steers in 1787.

The Cambridge Youths have had a chequered existence over its 240 years of service to the public and University, writes Mr. Dennis, and curiously there are no entries of Sunday service ringing or festivals of the Church. There is another entry, which is rather intriguing, in 1845, when the bells were rung all day (probably with breaks for lawful refreshment) for the opening of the railway from London to Cambridge, but in keeping with Mr. Wilson's article the bells of St. Mary's were never rung for Sunday services until somewhere about 1930, but of course chimed by various steeplekeepers in their line of succession.

CHRISTCHURCH RINGING FESTIVAL

The assembly point for Christchurch Ringing Festival, held in beautiful weather on September 26th, was at Ringwood, and after ringing on the eight bells at the Parish Church the party travelled to Wimborne St. Giles. The beautiful church, standing at the entrance to the picturesque St. Giles' Park, the country seat of Lord Shaftesbury, boasts of a melodious ring of eight.

At Wimborne's ancient Minster Church (10 bells), the belfry was crowded with ringers who enjoyed some excellent ringing. St. Peter's, Bournemouth, bells (8) were available for an hour and a half and full use was made of them before moving to Christchurch, where the ladies of the Christchurch District of the Guild had prepared tea. All were ready for some refreshment and a little rest before ascending the Priory tower for more ringing on the 12 bells.

Another successful and enjoyable Festival was over, but not before hearty votes of thanks had been accorded to incumbents and the ladies who prepared tea. A. V. D.

THE 27th 1,000 PEALER



MR. JOSEPH W. COTTON

THIS week we are happy to publish the 1,000th peal of Mr. Joseph W. Cotton, which was rung at his home tower, Overseale, Derbyshire, on October 6th. Appropriately, the method was Overseale Surprise Major.

The peal was arranged and conducted by Mr. Brian G. Warwick, who in February, 1961, had the honour of doing a similar service for the late Ernest Morris' 2,000th peal (Morrison Surprise Royal).

Joe had picked a band of friends for the occasion. Arthur Rowley came from Ibstock to ring the treble; Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Hart made the long journey from Harrow; Richard J. Clifton (Packington) is a member of the Tuesday band; Roland Beniston (Whitwick) and Derek P. Jones completed the band.

As was to be expected, a good peal was rung. At the conclusion, Joe's daughter, Joan, came into the tower and photographed the party. A lovely supper had been prepared at Joe's home by Mrs. Cotton and Joan and it was a happy gathering to have participated in the fulfilment of a lifelong ambition.

The Exercise sends its warmest congratulations to the secretary of the Midland Counties Guild on becoming the 27th ringer to ring 1,000 peals. B. G. W.

N.W. SUFFOLK BELLRINGERS AT BARROW

A very warm welcome was made to the N.W. Suffolk ringers and friends when they met for their annual meeting at Barrow on October 10th. The Rev. J. R. M. Wright (Rector) met them and with Mr. P. Rawlings said how pleased they were to hear the ringers. Evensong was taken by the Rector, with Mrs. Foulsham as organist. A wonderful tea was provided by Mrs. Rawlings, Mrs. Wright and helpers. Music followed—tunes on handbells by Mr. Rawlings and his young band.

Mr. L. Wright presided at the business meeting and the members stood in silence in remembrance of Mr. William Rickwood, a West Stow ringer, who died last month.

Officers elected were: Mr. L. Wright, chairman; Mr. A. Ballam, secretary; Mr. Richard Rose, Ringing Master; and Miss G. Reeve, Press secretary. Mrs. Ivings and Miss D. Reeve were elected representatives on the Guild Executive. The following comprise the District Committee: The chairman, secretary, Ringing Master, Mrs. Ivings, Misses G. and D. Reeve.

Quarterly meetings for 1965 were fixed as follows: Elveden, January 9th; Newmarket, April 10th; Mildenhall, July 10th; West Stow, October 9th. Evening practice meetings: Great Barton, November 14th; Ixworth, December 12th.

Mrs. Ivings thanked all concerned for the excellent arrangements made for both service and tea.

Ringling was resumed in the tower until 9 p.m., when 12 Doubles methods were enjoyed.

THE ELITE SECOND ELEVEN OF COLLEGE YOUTHS IN THE MASTER'S COUNTRY

THIS year Sangwin's Satellites dwindled to three (six was the original number), but this year could only be really counted as two, as Brian White is courting and had plenty to do besides farming and ringing.

Twenty-five years ago this year the Ancient Society of College Youths rang the first peal on the bells at Tawstock, conducted by Tom Myers, but this anniversary, alas, he was unable to be with us owing to his illness.

The original intention was to ring a peal at Bideford, but a few days before the attempt was due the Vicar stopped peal ringing, so at a moment's notice Derek Jewel got in touch with Jimmy Easterbrook, of Tawstock, who saw the Rector and obtained permission for the attempt. The old Society rang a good peal of Grandsire Triples, conducted this time by Brian White, and including this year's Master of the Society who was thrilled to think that he had rung a College Youths peal in the tower in which he learned to ring and strike, and in which his dear old mother and father lie peacefully in the churchyard.

This peal was rung with happy thoughts by the writer and one or two of the older members of 'Banker Taylor,' who also learned to ring and strike in this tower, and whose father was also a ringer and village school master and is buried at the bottom of the tower steps. Also remembered was his dear 'Old Dad' and Chris Walker, who were in the peal 25 years ago and have now been called to higher service.

Before departing we agreed to have a day's ringing on the Thursday, the party being Charlie Sangwin, Fred Wilkins, the Master, Frank White, Rodney Cann and I. These six bell towers included the famous West Down, where we rang Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Minor without disgracing ourselves, but with the knowledge that it was not so good as West Down competition ringing.

A very pretty spot was Berryabor, and here we also rang the six bells quite well, then on to the 'Pack of Cards,' where we reminisced and waited for Derek Jewel to finish work. At Combe Martin we met Les Walters and Miss Boyle and rang a very good quarter peal of Grandsire Triples. It was a very happy day with the Master on top of his form, being in his own country, and the writer could not fault him in any way, even to the way he trebled up in the various towers.

On the Saturday, Rodney Cann rang his first peal, Grandsire, inside, and this indeed was a very good effort as Rodney is a professional soldier and does not hear a ring or handle a bell from one leave to another, and serving abroad his leaves are sometimes twelve or eighteen months apart. We were joined for this peal by Reg Hooper and Bryn Shackleton from Bristol and a very happy week-end was spent ringing on the lovely eight at Stratton, the six at Week St. Mary and the lovely church at Launcells before departing for home.

Before starting the peal at Bridgerule the local foreman at Stratton asked that John Sangwin should be congratulated on becoming a grandfather, and as the peal was successful the baby's head was well wetted and the father of the Stratton ringers toasted with great enthusiasm.

The writer hopes that when the Master makes his speech at the College Youths' dinner at the end of the month, he will revert to ordinary elocution and not to his native dialect, of which I am sure the cosmopolitan ringers that attend the dinner would fail to understand. W. H.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On Sept. 27th, 1,280 Grandsire Doubles: R. W. Young 1, Judith A. Robertson 2, V. J. Baker (first of Grandsire 'inside') 3, G. W. Elmes 4, R. G. W. Robertson (cond.) 5, compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Young, for their M. J. Young 6. For Harvest Festival, also a belated recent silver wedding anniversary.

MINSTER PEAL BAND HONOURED AT SNOWDON DINNER

IT was a happy coincidence that so soon after the successful ringing of a peal on the Minster bells, for the first time for 72 years, York should be the host for this year's Snowdon Dinner, which was held on October 10th.

The bells at the Minster (12), Acomb (6), Eserick (8), Huntingdon (6) and the Institute of Advanced Architectural Studies (6) were put to good use during the afternoon. Many visitors attended Evensong in the Minster, where the work of the Yorkshire Association was mentioned during the prayers.

A company of 135 assembled in the Windmill Hotel under the chairmanship of the president, the Ven. C. O. Ellison, Archdeacon of Leeds, and enjoyed a satisfying meal of roast beef and Yorkshire pudding. The president apologised for the absence of the Archbishop of York; Dr. Alan Richardson, Dean of York (on account of illness); Canon T. H. Tardrew, who was at Evensong but had since been taken ill; the Rev. M. Walker (Eserick); the Rev. G. Lawn (Huntington); Mr. T. W. White (suffering from an attack of shingles); and Mr. Horace Morley (in York City Hospital, but making satisfactory progress). The president said he was sure all present would sympathise with the sufferers, and wish them a speedy recovery.

MINSTER RINGERS

The president thanked the Minster Society for making arrangements for the dinner and offered his congratulations to the ringers of the first peal on the Minster bells for over 70 years. He asked the company to rise and drink to the health of the Minster ringers.

The toast of 'The Church' was proposed by Mr. Wilfrid Moreton, who said his father, a clergyman, sometime Vicar of Flamborough on the Yorkshire coast, thought all ringers were mad.

'What will Church historians say of the age we now live in?' asked Mr. Moreton. Would it be an age of reunion, reorganisation, rationalisation or realism? It would not be reformation or renaissance: he hoped it would be the Age of Reunion, or so far as the Church of England was concerned, the Age of Reorganisation.

'We ringers must think of responsibility. We live on the generosity of past benefactors, and responsibility is something to be realised. The bells in most churches have been provided by past congregations, and perhaps their value is not realised. We must soon start to think of the finances of the Church.'

In the absence of Canon Tardrew, the Rev. A. J. McMullen, Sacrist and Vicar Choral of York Minster, made a suitable reply and said he would convey the best wishes of the company to the Dean and Canon Tardrew.

Proposing the toast of 'Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and Past Officers of the Yorkshire Association,' Mr. N. Chaddock said that he could think of several reasons for these annual gatherings. Firstly, to revere past officers, secondly to seek inspiration from them, and thirdly for mutual enjoyment of meeting old friends and making new ones.

Under the first heading he dealt in detail with the contribution of the Snowdon family—Jasper, one of the founders and the first president of the Yorkshire Association, his brother William who, aided by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, completed Jasper's celebrated ringing text books and also served as president for 25 years. Mr. Chaddock also referred to the work of William's wife and daughter in keeping the Snowdon books in publication.

RINGER'S NECK SQUARE

He produced a beautiful 80-year-old silk ringer's neck square which belonged to Jasper Snowdon. Its design was based on church bells and the first line of Tennyson's poem, 'Ring out the False, Ring in the True.' This had been presented to the Yorkshire Association a few days previously by Mrs. Winifred Turner, who now has care of the Snowdon series of text books.

In a selection of past officers and the contribution to the Yorkshire Association, he mentioned Canon Marshall (president for 35 years), whose wife was present at the dinner. His motto was 'Hard work and loyalty.' The great contribution of that fine ringer and singer at York Minster, William Horner Howard, was not overlooked. He chaired all the important early Yorkshire Association meetings and was one of the first Central Council representatives. Many other well-known figures, including Clem Glenn, Sid Palmer, Percy Johnson, George Lewis and the Hattersley brothers, were mentioned.

REPORT SUPREME

Times had changed, Mr. Chaddock said, and in these days it was not easy to find people prepared to do arduous and often thankless tasks year in, year out. The Association was, however, fortunate in still having talented and hard-working officers. The reputation of Yorkshire ringers and bells stood high and its annual report contained information valued by many ringers in other areas, one of whom had that very week said: 'In this field, once again Yorkshire is supreme.'

However, though it had notable successes, the Yorkshire Association was going through difficult times, as all the members knew. Mr. Chaddock asked 'Will a study of former leaders help us?' In recalling the past, might we be inspired to devote ourselves to the even greater tasks ahead! These would call for loyalty, hard work and co-operation between all concerned.

There must be willingness to think afresh, to discard some ideas and features if need be, and to retain others. Ringers who showed interest in Association work, especially young ringers, should be encouraged and their ideas and services welcomed and considered carefully.

STEDMAN CINQUES

The apt response to this toast was a bob course of Stedman Cinques on handbells by John E. Bryant 1-2, Robert E. Moulds 3-4, J. Henry Fielden 5-6, Wilfrid F. Moreton 7-8, Geoffrey F. Bryant 9-10, J. Neville Parkin 11-12.

The Guests and Kindred Societies' was proposed by Mr. Harold Walker. The guests included the Rev. E. A. Flowerday (Vicar of Acomb and Rural Dean of York), Mrs. Flowerday, the Rev. A. J. McMullen and Mrs. McMullen. Kindred Societies represented were the Oxford Diocesan Guild, the Oxford Society, the Essex Association, the Derby Diocesan Association, the Southwell Diocesan Guild, the Lancashire Association and the Ladies' Guild.

The Rev. E. A. Flowerday replied on behalf of the guests and Mr. H. L. Roper (vice-president of the Oxford Diocesan Guild) spoke for the Kindred Societies. Mr. Roper said that on reading old copies of the 'Bell News' he thought the ringers of those far-off days were a pretty snooty lot. Reports were divided between metropolitan ringers and provincial ringers. Things were different these days and ringers mixed more freely and were more friendly. The change had been due to the work of the Associations.

Mr. Christopher Groome proposed the toast of 'The President' and said the thanks of all members were due to the president for the work he did for the Association.

Musical items during the evening included a piano recital of Chopin by the Rev. A. J. McMullen and songs by Mr. Andrew Carter, accompanied by Mrs. Carter. Mr. Carter is a Minster Songman and also a ringer.

SOUTH DEVON ASSOCIATION'S FESTIVAL

Plympton St. Maurice, an ancient borough, lying just off the main road into Plymouth, is noted as the birthplace of Sir Joshua Reynolds and having had Sir Christopher Wren as its one-time Member of Parliament. As the neighbouring Church of St. Mary was once the chapel of the old priory, so was once the 15th century Church of St. Maurice the chapel of the adjoining castle.

It was here on October 3rd that the Association met for the annual eight-bell festival with eight teams competing on the fine ring of bells (tenor 16 cwt.) After the service, conducted by the Rector, and while the captains drew for order of ringing, the three judges, Messrs. T. G. Daw, of Ipplepen, and H. G. Edwards and F. J. Stephens, both of West Alvington, made their way to their 'hide,' a summerhouse in the grounds of the nearby R.C. Convent, in the warm autumn sunshine.

Four teams—Babbacombe, Plympton St. Mary, Plymstock and Widecombe—went in before tea—an excellent half-crown's worth as usual—and Witheridge, Ashburton, Tavistock and Kings Teignton (in that order) afterwards. Witheridge had the misfortune to break a stay and this upset Ashburton who followed them, in that they almost turned the bell (the second) right over at the commencement of the peal just after they had come out of 'Queens.' However, in spite of these misfortunes, there was some excellent ringing.

A 'rush around,' just as the light was failing, procured a 'Tilly' lamp to enable the judges to mark Kings Teignton—the last of the day—which even to 'lay' ears almost required no judging. Tavistock would have been higher up the 'table' had they achieved a better rise into peal. The results were: Kings Teignton (50½ faults), Plymstock (62), Plympton St. Mary (84), Tavistock (107), Babbacombe (142), Widecombe (190), followed by Witheridge and Ashburton.

After the results had been declared, the Association's thanks were expressed to the Rector, the Rev. K. A. Newing, his ringers, under their captain, Mr. D. Farnham, and their ladies for the year.

The Association joins with the Devonshire Guild in the deep sense of loss at the recent death of its general secretary, Maurice Atkins, whose friendship knew no ringing frontiers.

B. E. B.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Exler 1, M. Turner 2, Miss D. Mullins 3, J. Nelson (first in method) 4, R. Banner 5, Miss I. Gocher 6, G. Francis (cond.) 7, T. Latham 8. First on eight bells 1 and 8.

WUKINGHAM, BERKS.—On Oct. 4th, at All Saints' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Whittingham 1, Miss M. Longhurst 2, Miss V. A. Hope (first 'inside') 3, Miss M. Coles 4, K. C. Begrie 5, K. Goddard 6, R. H. Begrie (cond.) 7, F. G. Begrie 8. For Harvest Festival.

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Letters to the Editor

Some Wisdom amid Absurdities

Dear Sir.—When I made my comments upon the article 'Our Belfries' by the Rev. H. R. Haweis, I was tempted to omit the fact that it was written in 1871 because as the Rev. J. G. M. Scott so rightly points out there are quite a number of points which are as prevalent today as when the article was written. On second thoughts I resisted the temptation otherwise there would have been a number of fruitless searches in 'Crockford' for the Rev. H. R. Haweis; then I would have been in real trouble.

I know full well that I ran the risk of a slating when the article was published; that is an occupational hazard, but I did not reckon on a 'rocket' from the Rev. Gentleman from Devon; none but he could have fired a better one and there is a lot of truth in what he says.

No I do not think I did Mr. Haweis an injustice by writing as I did—when he said 'The notion that there is nothing to do up in the belfry after the bells are hung but to let them swing and everything else rot seems a prevalent one' I commented 'Now our friend is talking sense and strange to relate the same notion is prevalent today.' I think this also gives him credit for some wisdom when he draws attention to regular painting.

Yes, Mr. Scott, I have stood at the foot of ladders you describe and climbed them with some trepidation knowing full well what I should find at the top; also stood on, and gone through, rotten floors; then years later after the bells have been restored and good access provided found conditions a disgrace.

It always has been a puzzle to me why so many ringers have little or no interest in the maintenance of the bells they ring on. True there are some steeple-keepers who take a pride in the care of their bells and frame, consequently it is a pleasure to visit their towers. Routine maintenance is not demanding, especially after a ring has been rehung; the accumulation of years of rubbish has been cleared out and everywhere is clean. It costs a lot of money to achieve a nice clean bell-chamber so why not keep it tidy, a regular visit does not take up a lot of time and the result is well worth it.

The number of times when adverse reports have been made on maintenance are legion but how often is advice acted upon? Rarely I am afraid. So when I first read 'Our Belfries' I had the germ of an idea that ridicule might have more effect than a formal comment, but will it? In this mechanical age there is less excuse for neglect than in the days of the horse (and candles) so I can only hope that the attention Mr. Scott draws to the wisdom amid absurdities bears fruit.—Yours,
JOHN P. FIDLER.

Loughborough.

Dedicate the time spent in a Peal

Dear Sir.—In these modern days when bells have become so much a part of the Church's activities, I wonder how people can write and refer to bellringing as a sport. By doing so they straightway bring the sacred dedicated down to the level of a cricket bat or a football. All men have their gifts of craftsmanship, whether it be in metal, wood or stone, and bellfounders are giving the best of their skill, bestowed upon them by God, to the many cathedrals and churches.

I've just been reading a little criticism of peal ringers who ring their numerous peals but never ring for service. If there are such people I would say to them, the next time you attempt your 5,000-odd changes, quietly stand by your bell rope and dedicate your coming three hours' effort only to the glory of God with an ever-thankful heart for your skill and ability, as many a cripple laid aside would love to have your chances and skill.

With these thoughts uppermost, far greater joy will be reaped at the end of the peal than if it is done just for personal pleasure, whether it is your first or 2,000th peal.—Yours sincerely,

A. BETSWORTH.

Liss, Hants.

Grandsire Triples

Dear Sir.—I have followed with much enjoyment and interest the articles by Mr. E. C. Shepherd on the making of touches of Grandsire Triples. They have shown me a number of interesting possibilities I had not considered in this most versatile method.

There is one point, however, which I feel Mr. Shepherd was wrong to omit in his last article in discussing the Handstroke Home position. This is the simple fact that if the bells are to come round at hand then an odd number of Singles must have been called, whereas if they are to come round at backstroke then an even number of Singles must have been called.

This, of course, happens because until a Single is called in Grandsire Triples the rows are alternately odd and even at hand- and backstroke, respectively, the sequence being reversed by each Single. This determines where rounds—an Even row—can occur.

This fact is doubtless not so important to the person trying to compose touches on paper at home, although it is a helpful piece of knowledge. But to the conductor in the tower trying to extemporise a touch, as Mr. Shepherd rightly suggests should be done, it is absolutely vital.

For example, the experienced might try the following:

234567

S 572634

567423

S 435267

423756

— 674523

— 356274

325467

— 743625

764532

— 257364

— 235476

Calling H of last article.
B and W keeps the Titium position.
7 In and Out at two produces Handstroke Home.

This calling makes the largest three-bells course 5-7-6, and calling 7 In and Out will keep them in this position, and one might hope that by continuing to call 7 In and Out rounds would occur eventually at handstroke.

It will not; but if the second single of 'calling H' is made a hob, a well-known and musical touch results.—Yours faithfully,

M. PETERSON.

Edinburgh.

Memories of J. W. Washbrook

Dear Sir.—My congratulations to the four who rang the double-handed tower bell peal at Balcombe. Like Mr. Barnett, I well remember visiting Arklow many times between 1904 and 1909 during which period I rang seven peals with him. In two of these he rang 3-4 to Bob Major and Stedman Triples, feats which startled the ringing world and caused doubts in the minds of many ringers regarding the truth of the peal of Major in December, 1904, the sole point being nobody could ring two bells for over three hours. In the following May the Rev. F. E. Robinson and the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn went over for a peal of Stedman, with Washbrook again on 3-4, and all doubts sank into oblivion when the peal was duly recorded.—Yours sincerely,
WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Addlestone, Surrey.

Shropshire Fours

Dear Sir.—With reference to letters about rings of four in Shropshire. I would like to say that much of my information was obtained from the 1961 annual report of the Shropshire Association. However, I have had to rely on other people, although I have visited many of the fours in Salop. If my information on Wentnor is incorrect, then I beg someone's pardon, but I was told quite definitely that there is only one bell at Wentnor now.—Yours sincerely,

PHILIP R. JOHNSON.

Codsall, Staffs.

Badsworth, Yorks, Bells

Dear Sir.—In view of the two recent letters by Michael King on Yorkshire four-bell towers, I may be able to throw some light on what evidently puzzles him about the bells of Badsworth, near Pontefract.

These bells were examined in late August by John Sykes, of Pontefract, and myself. They are a minor four, their notes being A-sharp, G-sharp, F-sharp, and E, the tenor weighing. I should think, about 13 or 14 cwt. Therefore, if they were ever intended to be a diatonic ring, they would be Nos. 2 to 5 of an 8, with a tenor of about 45 cwt. in B. This seems to me very unlikely.

They are hung in frame for 6, and the two spaces are for smaller bells than those already there, but there is nothing in the records to show (1) whether there were another two, or (2) where they are now if there were.

The inscriptions and dates are interesting, although we could find no founders' name. Any marks which there were, were unrecognisable:

Treble.—1536 — Let the sweet voice of Gabriel resound through the heavens.

Second.—1675 — Gloria in excelsis Deo. I. H. H. H. W. B. Wardens.

Third.—1669 — I, sweetly tolling, men do call to task on Meate that feeds the soule.

Tenor.—1582—Glory in the highest to Jesus our God. Anno Domini 1582, the figure 2 being upside down.

The bells were recently rung by Mr. Fred Terry's band, although the wheels, etc. are not in very good shape.

It is a local legend in Pontefract that these bells, together with one from St. Botolph's, Knottingley, once belonged to All Saints', Pontefract, when All Saints' is reputed to have had 12 bells. Whether there is any truth in this, I do not know, but they certainly have no connection with the present ring at All Saints', which are Taylor's, 1863 and 1905. I would be grateful, however, if anyone could shed any light on this matter.—Yours faithfully,
JOHN WEAVER.

London, N.14.

An Appeal from Southern Rhodesia

Dear Sir.—The half-yearly meeting of the Mashonaland Diocesan Guild will be held at the Cathedral in Salisbury, Rhodesia, on Sunday, November 8th, at 3 p.m. Ringing will start after Matins (about 11.45) and will continue, with intervals, till Evensong at 8 p.m.

We have lately heard of one or two ringers who are in the area but have not heard of the activities of the Guild. We should therefore be very grateful if readers of 'The Ringing World' would write to any ringers or ex-ringers they know in Rhodesia who may still not be in touch with us and tell them the date. For anyone who cannot attend, may I point out that there is a weekly practice in Salisbury on Wednesdays from 5.30 p.m., and ringing for Evensong on Sundays from 7 to 8 p.m. Visitors of any standard are always welcome.—Yours sincerely,
J. R. MILFORD.

Master, Mashonaland Diocesan Guild.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION Biggleswade District

Unfortunately, the monthly meeting of the Biggleswade District had not been advertised and consequently there was a very poor attendance at Meppershall on October 10th. Despite the fairly long draught some good ringing was obtained on the five bells (tenor 12 cwt.), which are rung from the middle of the aisle.

After a short service, conducted by the Rector, the few ringers present adjourned to the Village Hall for an enjoyable tea. At the short business meeting which followed, one new member from Meppershall was elected.

Mr. P. Rogers was Ringing Master for the evening and, with the arrival of several more ringers, Plain Bob and Grandsire were frequently rung together with the special method, Stedman, and rounds.

Next meeting: Stotfold, November 14th.

A. R. A.

DOVE'S SUMMER TOUR, No. 2

A very full tour embracing 115 towers from Chiddingly, Kent, to Cirencester was organised by Mr. C. Barrie Dove during early August. Traffic chaos prevented three of the party from Yorkshire arrived at Chiddingly in time for the peal attempt and two quarters were substituted. The Worcester party joined us here before going to Eastbourne.

Sunday was a 'day of rest before the storm' with service ringing at Dallington, Brightling and Brede and in between bathing and beach cricket. Thirteen towers in Kent were planned for Monday, the highlights being Goudhurst, Horsmonden and Tonbridge. Tuesday saw us in Romney Marsh, where the first tower was the unique campanile of Brookland. After 10 towers some of the party finished the day at the practice at All Saints', Hastings.

The coast was left on Wednesday and 13 towers on the northern border of Sussex visited, the highlights being Edenbridge and Fairwarp. Thursday was another fruitful day with 11 towers in Surrey. Ringing at Godstone and Cranleigh was a joy but the real attraction was the 10 at Haslemere and the excellent tea. On Friday we moved into Hampshire, Curdridge being the obvious choice for 'the best of the day'; although these bells vied with Brookland for being the loudest of the tour.

Bank Holiday Saturday found us hovering on the borders of Sussex and Hampshire and finally working towards Newbury. On the Sunday we rang at Thatcham and Newbury and finally rang handbells in Swindon Town Gardens, thereby obliterating (we hope) the shadow of the hoax peal there. Christ Church, Swindon, bells were regarded as probably the best of the tour.

On Monday we rang at an 'unringable' tower, Coleshill, Berks, in our tour of the Vale of the White Horse and in the evening met Mr. A. R. Peake at Stratton St. Margaret. The last day was Tuesday; the lovely six at Purton, the beautiful church at Cricklade and the 12 at Cirencester are happy memories.

Thanks are accorded to incumbents and tower captains for their co-operation, our drivers — John Weaver, John Whittall and Jeffrey Fox — and the organiser, C. Barrie Dove, who worked so hard on the project.— J.W. and D.L.

OVER, CAMBS.—On September 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. J. Page 1, Miss J. Cook 2, P. Leggett 3, D. Murfit 4, J. Causer 5, A. Payne (cond.) 6, F. Ingle cover. For Harvest Festival.
SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Sept. 27th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. D. Rivers 1, Pamela M. Jervis 2, R. J. Foster (first of Major) 3, B. T. Lister 4, F. R. Scott 5, J. E. Ewer 6, W. Birmingham 7, J. K. Ward (cond.) 8. For Harvest Festival.



Back row (left to right): John E. Wittall, C. Barrie Dove, Jeffrey J. Fox, John Cornelius.
Front row: John C. Weaver, Gillian A. Richards, Penny L. Howell, Anthony P. White.
[Photo: Anne Horsford.]

BECKENHAM, KENT, RINGERS' OUTING

The fine eight at Wrotham made a fitting start to Beckenham's outing on September 19th. After well-struck touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Cambridge, a very good course of Bristol broke down in the last lead, much to everybody's disappointment, but the fine Taylor ten at Maidstone soon restored our spirits and produced some good touches, finishing with Cambridge before lunching at a nearby restaurant.

Horsmonden Church was a little hard to find, but the bells proved to be much more difficult and the bad 'go' daunted even the most enthusiastic. However, the delightful six at Lamberhurst made up for all this and striking was good, even though some people were unused to ground-floor rings with corresponding long rope lengths. Equally enjoyable was the eight at Withyham, and here methods included Duffield, which, by tradition, is an 'outing special'.

The last two towers were the sixes at Limpsfield and Limpsfield Chart, where the Minor enthusiasts showed their skills in a variety of methods up to London.

The serious business now over, we retired to Westerham for dinner, and this proved to be a most satisfying conclusion to a thoroughly successful day.
D. G. B.

TAUNTON RINGERS IN CORNWALL

FOLLOWING the success of a week-end tour last year based on Stratton, Cornwall, and enjoying the hospitality of Harry and Rene Stacey, Taunton ringers had no second choice this year. Three full days started on Friday, September 11th, with ringing on the light six at Ide followed by Moreton Hampstead with its very deep set tenor—the first few rounds being only on seven bells.

Lunch was taken at the Ring of Bells, Chagford, where the landlord's Indian temple bells were of interest. At the church we met Fred Langley, formerly of our area, but the ringing was not as we would have wished. We had to wait until after a funeral to ring at South Tawton: Holsworthy bells were a joy to ring and the 45 minutes passed all too quickly. Upon arrival at Stratton we rang in a half-muffled service touch and following dinner had a pleasant evening's ringing at Bridgerule.

FIRE

Saturday was spent with fine bells. St. Stephen-by-Launceston made an easy start, the height of Linkinhorne did not upset the handling, and although St. Ives bells were viewed with mixed feelings Cambridge and Reverse Canterbury sounded quite well. There was some good striking at St. Germans, which was visited after lunch and almost on the Devon border we were joined by the Rev. G. Reeming at Calstock. An element of excitement arose when Nigel found his car surrounded by smoke and flames. He succeeded in reversing from a patch of burnt grass. The only damage was four blackened shoes and hairs on Mr. Young's legs singed.

Over the border at Tavistock we were welcomed by Ray and Margaret Bould and some good Stedman and Double Norwich were heard. Another fine dinner at Stratton was followed by a visit to Poughill and a good course of Cambridge.

After service ringing on Sunday across the road farewells were said to our host and his family. An enjoyable potter through Devon led us to Exmouth and Frank Mack. Ninety minutes of intense concentration followed and the end product was not quite 120 of Grandsire Doubles. Most of us finished with a great respect for Frank's achievement. Service ringing at Witheycombe Raleigh rounded off a thoroughly enjoyable week-end. Thanks are due to Nigel, Harry and Rene Stacey, and all who met and joined us and allowed us to ring.— D.L.

Crantock, Cornwall, Ringers' Outing

Crantock ringers and friends held their annual outing on September 26th and were pleased to have with them Derek after his long spell in hospital.

Towers visited were Lanivet, Liskeard, Menheniot, St. Stephen-by-Saltash, Plympton St. Maurice and Plympton St. Mary. Our thanks to incumbents and tower captains and to R. A. S., who made the arrangements for us over the border.
J. R.

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QUARTER PEALS

HALF PEAL

SUNDERLAND, CO. DURHAM.—At the Parish Church, on Sept. 2nd, 2,528 Plain Bob Major: W. Davison 1, E. N. Harrison 2, R. A. Yeates 3, A. Craddock 4, J. Crowther 5, M. Maughan 6, K. Arthur (cond.) 7, G. S. Deas 8. Rung for the 25th anniversary of this church. Called round at half-way of a peal attempt due to electric light failure.

LONG LENGTH

OLD WARDEN, BEDS.—On October 8th, 2,880 Minor (1,440 Cambridge Surprise, 1,440 Ken (T.B.)): D. R. Saunderson 1, R. Champion 2, T. R. Hatchett 3, G. E. Bonham 4, G. W. Massey 5, P. Mcmew (cond.) 6. A peal attempt called round.

ABBOT'S LEIGH, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Reed (first quarter) 1, R. Fitzgeorge 2, G. Coombs 3, N. Coombs (cond.) 4, M. Gregory 5, G. Moore 6.

ANSTEY, LEICS.—On Oct. 1st, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: T. Isom 1, A. Warnes (1st Cambridge) 2, K. Mason 3, W. Lacey (cond.) 4, R. Elkington 5, A. Disney 6, B. Brown 7, J. Cook 8. For Harvest Festival.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCS.—At St. Peter's on September 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Trudy Seipel (first of Minor): Eileen Cross 2, Wendy E. Lee 3, D. Chadderton 4, J. Brannan 5, Christine Andrew (first as conductor) 6.

BARTON-ST-DAVID, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 30th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: A. Best 1, H. Turner 2, G. W. Rendle 3, Rev. C. J. B. Marshall 4, H. E. G. Jeanes 5, W. E. Turner (cond.) 6.

BLABY, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On October 4th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob): S. B. Thompson (10, first quarter) 1, R. Chapman 2, Miss R. J. Watkin 3, R. A. Cobley 4, B. C. Law (cond.) 5. For harvest Thanksgiving.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On September 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. J. Grace 1, C. Corderoy 2, Mary Wells 3, H. W. Dunsden 4, C. J. Garlick 5, H. G. A'dridge 6, R. B. Blond (cond.) 7, L. F. Cox 8. For Evensong.

BIGGIN HILL, KENT.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Penelope Kift (aged 12) 1, Mrs. B. Stocker 2, Mrs. B. Van-Asselt 3, R. C. Kift 4, H. M. Williamson (cond.) 5, J. T. Naden 6. First quarter 1, 4, and 6, and first by a local band. For Harvest Festival.

BOSBURY, HEREFORDSHIRE.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (10 methods): J. Lane 1, D. Hill 2, L. Walters 3, C. W. Nutt 4, J. Ward (cond.) 5, C. Birrs 6. With the best wishes of the band to Mr. Fred Foster, foreman of this tower, on his 90th birthday.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.—On October 4th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. P. E. Lindsell 1, Miss J. Quilter 2, A. Wiffen 3, Mrs. J. M. Syder 4, C. Barker 5, S. Warne 6, A. Syder 7, R. J. Lindsell (cond.) 8. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on October 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Martin (first quarter) 1, P. J. Came 2, V. Sheppard 3, Catherine M. Powell 4, J. C. Baldwin 5, M. J. Bew (cond.) 6, A. W. Bond 7, D. P. Snoswell 8. A compliment to John and Beryl Baldwin on the birth of their daughter (Judith Ann).

BROMHAM, BEDS.—On Aug. 23rd, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge, Single Oxford and Plain Bob): M. J. Marriott 1, Miss K. A. Rivett 2, R. Chapman 3, D. A. Hammond 4, P. Inskip 5, F. W. Rivett (cond.) 6, R. Fowler (first quarter) 7.

BURES, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 4th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Greta F. Spurgin (first quarter) 1, B. G. C. Clampin 2, Evelyn R. M. Cansdale 3, Janet M. Spurgin 4, Mrs. Leslie Mills 5, D. W. Brooks 6, L. D. Mills 7, D. L. Mills (cond.) 8. For Harvest Festival.

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.—On Oct. 4th, 1,276 Grandsire Cinques: P. J. Rothera 1, P. G. Brown 2, Rosemarie Frith (first of Cinques) 3, M. J. Cowling 4, P. W. Saltmarsh 5, A. R. Groves 6, L. J. Clark (cond.) 7, R. J. Harrison 8, I. R. Pantone 9, J. L. Towler 10, P. J. Eves 11, J. Crawley 12. For Harvest Festival.

CHILDERS COTON, WARWICKS.—On October 4th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: A. H. Beamish (cond.) 1, J. E. Lloyd 2, Christine L. Mason 3, J. Draycott 4, G. A. Bell 5, Dorothy E. Beamish 6, J. Gibbons 7, H. Harris 8, J. A. L. Thompson 9, Judith A. Suffolk 10. For Harvest Festival.

CHURCH LAWFORD, WARWICKS.—On Sept. 27th, 1,440 Norwich Surprise Minor: A. K. Putnam 1, Mrs. P. Wright 2, A. R. Wright 3, Mrs. M. Pratt 4, R. D. Hart 5, G. Pratt (cond.) 6. First in method 2, 3, 4 and 5. For Harvest Festival.

CULCHESTER.—At St. Peter's Church on Sept. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. V. Gant (cond.) 1, S. Penfold 2, Miss J. Peacock 3, J. Stephenson 4, J. Fowler 5, A. J. Salisbury 6, G. Cecil 7, D. Hilling 8.

CLYST HONITON, DEVON.—On Sept. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Christie 1, J. Salway 2, Mrs. G. E. Retter 3, Miss V. Look 4, E. E. Retter 5, A. Holway 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, E. R. Retter 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Miss Ethel Mary Ball, a devoted church worker, who was buried this day. Also on Sept. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Retter 1, J. Salway 2, Miss V. Look 3, Mrs. G. E. Retter 4, E. E. Retter 5, A. Holway 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, E. R. Retter 8. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

CODDINGTON, HEREFORDS.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): G. Gwyne 1, D. Hill 2, L. Walters 3, J. Ward (cond.) 4, C. Biggs 5, A. Francis 6. For Harvest Festival.

DANEHILL, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Doubles: Lynn Taylor 1, Peggy Butcher (cond.) 2, J. Warner 3, A. Butcher 4, Betty Butler 5, W. Sale 6. First in the method by all. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

DICKLEBURGH, NORFOLK.—On Oct. 4th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: H. Dixon 1, C. Catchpole 2, J. Catchpole 3, G. Maynard 4, C. Orves 5, H. Fuller (cond.) 6. A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. T. Roberts, Lodon.

DUBLIN.—At St. Patrick's Cathedral, on Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss G. Graney (King's Langley) 1, R. A. Vere Hodge 2, J. Robinson (Reddish) 3, C. J. Reede 4, R. B. Smith (Marple, cond.) 5, C. A. Lewis (Glasbury-on-Wye) 6, R. I. George 7, K. S. Ryan (first quarter) 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Joseph A. Atkinson, member of the Cathedral Society, died September 20th.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. H. French 1, D. J. M. Cox 2, E. C. Leigh 3, H. W. Evans (first 'inside') 4, R. W. H. Hayes 5, E. J. Jenner 6, B. E. Jeffrey (cond.) 7, P. R. Everest 8. For the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels. Also on Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. H. French 1, E. C. Leigh 2, D. J. M. Cox 3, G. S. E. Winter 4, E. J. Jenner 5, J. E. Warner 6, B. E. Jeffrey (cond.) 7, L. J. Fox 8. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

EGREMENT, CUMBERLAND.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Eilbeck 1, Barbara M. Watson 2, G. Temby 3, C. F. Gates 4, S. Richardson 5, H. Wilson (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

ELSTOW, BEDS.—On Sept. 27th, 1,320 Woodbine T.B.: G. Seth 1, Miss M. F. Pettitt 2, Miss S. M. Law 3, M. J. Marriott 4, R. H. French 5, R. F. Law (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

FARNBOROUGH, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Clare F. Dolphin (first of Minor) 1, G. W. Randall 2, E. Holdsworth 3, J. Susan Smith 4, J. L. Garner-Hayward 5, E. J. Gower (cond.) 6. A farewell to Canon H. A. Hayden, retiring after two years as Vicar, by members of the band of St. Nicholas', Warwick, where Canon Hayden spent 38 years of his ministry.

FINCHLEY, MIDDX.—On Oct. 4th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss D. Robotham 1, Mrs. E. Richardson 2, F. Barker 3, A. Richardson 4, C. Burgess 5, B. Watson 6, B. Willis (cond.) 7, L. Tubbs 8. First in method 1 and 2. For Harvest Festival.

GURING, OXON.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Birt 1, M. Napper 2, N. Tull 3, D. Haines 4, S. Franklin 5, L. G. Haines 6, W. Irving (cond.) 7, J. Hiscock 8. A farewell to S. Franklin, on leaving for London University.

HASLINGFIELD, CAMBS.—On Oct. 4th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: T. Barnard (first quarter) 1, G. Barnard 2, W. J. Ridgman (cond.) 3, B. Horrell 4, A. E. Ling 5. For Harvest Festival.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Colcombe 1, Mrs. G. Chinnery 2, Miss G. Mooting 3, J. Bailey 4, H. Colcombe 5, C. Chinnery 6, J. King (cond.) 7, C. Webb 8. For Harvest Festival.

HEVER, KENT.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): R. J. Everest (first quarter) 1, G. S. E. Winter 2, D. J. M. Cox 3, R. W. H. Hayes 4, B. E. Jeffrey (cond.) 5, H. W. Evans (first away from treble) 6.

HINTLESHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Mucsett 1, Mrs. E. J. Lockwood 2, K. Whitell 3, G. R. Goodship 4, P. May 5, R. W. Steward (cond.) 6. A wedding compliment to June Wond and Major J. G. Parham, M.B.E., R.H.A.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Oct. 4th, 1,320 Doubles (three methods): G. Marsh 1, R. D. Marsh 2, S. J. Dowse 3, R. Blackshaw (cond.) 4, M. W. Harrison 5. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Sept. 27th, 1,280 Treble Bob (Ilkston Variation): Miss J. Peacock 1, S. Penfold 2, C. E. Wright 3, J. Stephenson 4, J. Fowler 5, D. Hilling 6, A. J. Salisbury 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8. For Matins.

HOUGHTON REGIS, BEDS.—On September 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Crew 1, J. L. Laughton 2, A. G. Stripp 3, R. Stripp 4, P. Williams 5, I. R. Knox (cond.) 6.

HOWDEN, YORKS.—On September 30th, 1,280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: D. S. Johnson 1, F. C. Hobson 2, R. D. Gibson 3, K. Goldthorpe 4, J. I. Booth 5, C. C. Brown 6, A. B. Cooper 7, R. Ducker (cond.) 8. A farewell to F. C. Hobson on leaving for Cambridge University.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Burton (first attempt) 1, Wendy Hussey 2, Beryl Smith 3, Joyce Burton (cond.) 4, D. Cornwall 5, A. Newton 6, R. Biggs 7, R. Newton 8. Rung for Harvest Festival.

HUNTINGTON, YORKS.—On October 4th, 1,259 Doubles (3 methods): Jennifer Pearce 1, D. Pearson 2, C. J. Groome 3, Susan E. Thompson 4, A. C. Banton (cond.) 5. Rung for Harvest Festival.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On September 26th, 1,260 Doubles (All Saints and Plain Bob): P. R. Friend (first as cond.) 1, C. E. Hill 2, J. J. Waller 3, W. T. Hill 4, W. Wright 5.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mary Bloxam 1, A. Gibbs 2, Shelagh Collins 3, J. G. Mitchell 4, F. E. Coales 5, P. M. Fleckney 6, M. A. Coleman (cond.) 7, B. S. Cope 8. First of Stedman 1, 4, 5.

KINGSBURY EPISCOPI, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. T. Hebden 1, M. G. Dodson 2, G. Jones (first of Minor 'inside') 3, J. Hall 4, R. W. Rice 5, W. S. Rice (cond.) 6, Rung by the St. Andrew's, Banwell, band to celebrate the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. J. E. R. Gill.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—On Oct. 4th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: W. Bryan 1, S. Elsey 2, W. Cousins 3, R. Newson 4, L. Houghton 5, E. Mastin (cond.) 6, C. Cousins 7, N. Harding 8.

KINGSTON-UPON-THAMES, SURREY.—On Oct. 4th, 1,440 Yorkshire Surprise Royal: Caroline V. Carpenter 1, Rosamund M. Rawlings 2, Judith M. Geiringer 3, Deborah Hopkins 4, P. A. Brand 5, R. N. Harris 6, D. M. Wilkins 7, K. Newman 8, A. Bishop 9, W. H. Jackson (cond.) 10.

KINGSWINFORD, STAFFS.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Minor: A. E. Morgan 1, John Caddick 2, R. A. Peakman 3, F. E. Jakes 4, C. F. Jakes 5, Dr. D. N. Layton (cond.) 6. First of Oxford Bob Minor by all the band. For dedication Evensong.

LEYLAND, LANCS.—At St. James', Moss Side, on Sept. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Nelson 1, H. Hunter 2, L. Walmsley 3, Margaret Fish (first quarter) 4, J. Nixon (cond.) 5, J. Sumner 6. For the birth on Sept. 1st of a son to Mr. and Mrs. S. Walmsley. Also on October 4th, 1,260 Minor (Spiced Kent and Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob): J. Nelson 1, L. Walmsley 2, D. Marsden 3, G. Mee 4, J. Nixon (cond.) 5, J. Sumner 6. For the silver wedding anniversary of the Vicar and Mrs. J. E. Thornber.

LLANDAFF, GLAM.—At the Cathedral, on Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Susan Harber (first attempt) 1, D. S. Bishop 2, Penelope Welch 3, N. W. H. Simon (cond.) 4, M. Pilgrim 5, A. W. Smith 6, S. Fenwick 7, G. Stickland 8. A farewell to the conductor who is going to Bristol University.

LITTLE MISSENDEN, BUCKS.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Stephen Cass (first quarter) 1, F. Onions 2, Diane Presdee 3, Ann Cass 4, R. Snack (cond.) 5, H. Baldwin 6. For Harvest Festival service and to mark the retirement of Mr. G. Pearce, organist for the past 26 years.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Dane's, on September 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: D. J. K. Paul 1, W. Parrott 2, Sally Parrott 3, Adrienne Gibson 4, Sylvia Marsh 5, R. E. Fentiman 6, D. J. F. Oakshott 7, J. C. Davidge 8, W. J. Munton 9, D. J. Herschell (first of Royal 'inside' and as cond.) 10. First on ten 1, 3, 6, 9. First Royal 2, 7, 8. Rung by Epsom ringers for Evensong, and as ordination compliments to Rev. N. D. J. Webb (Priest) and Rev. A. B. Collins (Deacon). Also on Sept. 27th, 1,260 Spiced Stedman and Grandsire Triples: C. Wright 1, F. V. Gant (cond.) 2, M. Austin 3, R. Chapman 4, H. D. Hewitt 5, P. Chapman 6, D. Eliadson 7, J. McDonald 8. For Evensong.

LUPPITT, DEVON.—On September 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Sage (first attempt) 1, T. J. Thorne 2, Miss M. Sage (first 'inside') 3, F. Sage 4, C. Churchill 5, E. Broom (first attempt as cond.) 6.

E. M. ATKINS

AN APPRECIATION

With the passing of E. M. Atkins we have lost a ringer who for well over 50 years rendered valuable and devoted service to the Exercise. Although an excellent method ringer and a composer and conductor of exceptional ability, he was one who always held that our first duty was to the Church, and for most of his life he was the driving force behind a service band, for many years at St. Augustine's, Kilburn, and latterly at Teignmouth. Possessing almost unlimited patience and being naturally kindly and tolerant, he taught many of both sexes to ring, and no matter how many 'gave up' was always ready to welcome fresh recruits.

He will, of course, be sadly missed by the Devonshire Guild, for whom he was general secretary for several years, but probably his memory will live longest with the Cambridge University Guild, of which he was an outstanding member ever since he came up to St. Catherine's in 1909. From that time onwards he played a great part in its development and progress, especially in the years immediately preceding and succeeding the 1914-1918 war. He was Master from 1910-1912, calling his first Guild peal in February, 1911 (5,024 Plain Bob Major on handbells). For many years handbell ringing formed the major part of the Guild's activities and 'E. M.' rapidly became an expert, especially in Plain Bob, Treble Bob and Double Norwich, while in 1912 he conducted the first peal of Little Bob Royal ever rung.

After the war, in which he served with the Royal Engineers, he became a civil servant, working at the Patents Office in Holborn, and in the early 1920's paid many visits to Cambridge to help the residents through many peals. Possibly his most useful contribution has been his peal of 5,040 Plain Bob Major, known as 'Taapaataapaa,' a simple composition based on a familiar four-course block which has done duty for many a 'first peal on handbells.' From 1927 to 1953 he represented the Guild on the Central Council, having previously served a term for the Cen-

tral Northern Association. Had he so desired he would have continued to hold that office, but he preferred to let someone else have a turn. In all he took part in 155 Guild peals, several of them 'landmarks' in its history, conducting 73.

Those who maintain contact with the C.U.G.C.R. after leaving the University do so mainly through the annual 'Week' and in this connection 'E. M.' certainly did his full share. Not only was he a regular participant but on three occasions he was the organiser—in 1921 and 1927, with the centre at Isham, where his father was Rector, and in 1953 at Newton Abbot. Last, but by no means least, the warm welcome and hospitality which was always to be found with him and Mrs. Atkins will not quickly be forgotten.

F. E. H.

MISS C. E. BANKS

Miss Charlotte Emma Banks, of Gedney Dyke, Spalding, Lincs, who died on September 27th, at the age of 90 years, was the first lady to join the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, the first to ring a peal for the Guild and a member of the Ladies' Guild since 1929. In 1911, at Gedney, she rang the treble to a peal of Grandsire Doubles conducted by Mr. J. B. Hallifax, who had taught her to ring at the neighbouring tower at Fleet in 1909.

On the evening of October 8th the Gedney ringers, accompanied by Mr. Hallifax, rang touches of Grandsire Doubles, half-muffled, as a token of respect to one who throughout a very active public life had worked hard for her church and its bells. It was largely through the effort of Miss Banks that a treble was added to the bells of Gedney Church.

B. B. T.

SALISBURY, SOUTHERN RHODESIA.—At the Cathedral, on October 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. Cross 1, Monica M. Blagrove 2, Frances Pellatt 3, C. Stevenson 4, J. R. Milford 5, F. T. Blagrove (cond.) 6. First of Minor 1, 3 and first of Minor in Central Africa. Rung for the Cathedral Festival, and as a welcome to Monica and F. T. Blagrove.

MR. JOSEPH A. ATKINSON

From Dublin we regretfully learn of the passing of Mr. Joseph A. Atkinson on September 20th. Mr. Atkinson was taken ill whilst travelling to England on holiday last August and, returning home, underwent an operation on September 18th. Some ringers visiting him on September 20th found him in good spirits but, alas, he died later that afternoon.

Born in the precincts at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Joe came into the belfry as a 'bare-kneed boy': throughout his life he remained a boy at heart—kind, irrepressible and generous.

He learned to ring under Gabriel Lindoff in the company of those who founded the tradition of change ringing at St. Patrick's and he maintained with vigour the standard which they had established; his striking was precise, his change ringing was exact. His forte was a heavy bell. In earlier years he had rung 11 peals, all round the back end. However, during his 50 years' ringing it was on service ringing that he placed emphasis.

Mr. Atkinson had varied interests — the British Legion, the Conservative Club (of which he was a trustee), Freemasonry (he being a past master of his Lodge and a past officer of Royal Arch). A keen swimmer, he bathed at the exclusive 'Fortyfoot', a 'men only' cove near Dublin. His untimely death caused a profound shock to his friends but his name will always be associated with change ringing at St. Patrick's, where his loss is inestimable.

The Cathedral bells were rung half-muffled for the burial service, the interment taking place at Dean's Grange. The attendance included Mr. and Miss Dukas, representing the Irish Association

MR. W. SMITH

The bells at Long Clawson, the Leicestershire village where he was born, were rung half-muffled on October 5th by members of the Melton District, to the memory of Mr. William Smith, of Pymble, Sydney, N.S.W. His passing was recorded in our last issue.

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A peal was rung at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on October 3rd by members of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths and Ancient Society of College Youths as a compliment to Mr. W. R. Winterton, former treasurer of the Cumberlands, during his year as Master of the Worshipful Company of Drapers. The Drapers Company are the patrons of the living of St. Michael's. This year is the 600th anniversary of the granting of their first Royal Charter.

Ashford (Kent) bells will be silent from the New Year until about October.

We are sorry to learn that Mr. H. S. Morley, of Selby, Yorks, is in hospital. Friends wish him a speedy recovery.

The peal of Dorchester (page 672) for the Sussex County Association on August 10th was rung at Easebourne, and not Eastbourne as was inadvertently published.

The peal of Spliced Surprise Minor rung at Little Aston on September 21st (see page 686) was the first peal of Surprise Minor for the Archdeaconry of Stafford Society and the first by the local band.

With the peal at Bradford Cathedral on October 3rd, Barry Schofield has now 'circled the tower' to peals. At St. Michael's, Ashton, on September 17th, Frederick Shallcross completed peals on all 13 bells in the tower.

Olympic Doubles has made its appearance. It was first rung at Handsworth on October 11th. The method is St. Martin's with a Plain Bob bob and an Old single (see page 530).

Ringers at Caerphilly will be interested to read that Mr. C. R. P. Broughton scored his first quarter peal on October 4th at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, when he rang with the University of Wales Society.

Of note in connection with the peal at King's Norton, the first on the bells for nine years, is that this year is the 200th anniversary of the casting of the seventh and tenor. They have not been touched by a bell hanger. R.K.M. writes, 'Even St. George's, Bristol, go well compared with these. Mr. Cannon and Squire Edwards take note!'

BELFRY GOSSIP

Five peals of Surprise Major in five different methods with five different conductors were rung by the same band on Saturday, October 10th, at the Bell Foundry Campanile, Loughborough. The total ringing time was 11 hours 59 minutes. There were variations in time from 2 hours 16 minutes for 5,088 Yorkshire to 2 hours 35 minutes for 5,088 London.

The peal rung at Potterspurty, Northants, was also rung to the memory of Mr. E. M. Atkins, of Teignmouth.

St. Swithun's bells, Worcester, will not be available on the occasion of the Worcester-shire and Districts Association's annual dinner at Worcester on October 24th, because of the arranging of a special service.

On Sunday, September 27th, at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, Miss Gillian Graney, Master of the University of Wales Society, rang the treble. Ringing beside her, on the second, was Mr. R. Anthony Vere Hodge, Master of the Dublin University Guild.

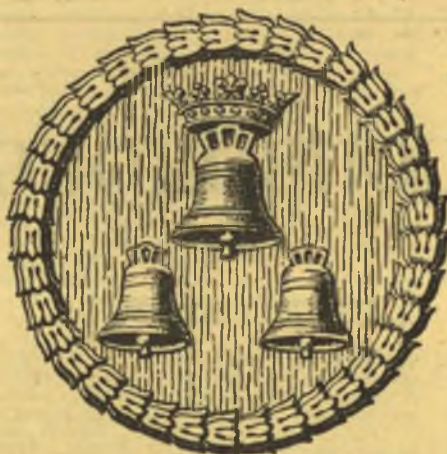
The peal at Isleworth on October 7th marked the 30th anniversary of Mr. O. L. Rogers' first peal, and the 20th anniversary of Mr. C. T. Richards' first. Mr. Harold Rogers kindly stood out to enable Mr. Wilson, who was in the 1934 peal, to call this one.

'Bill' Brotherton, who rang his first peal at Shifnal, Salop, on October 3rd has accomplished much during his first year of ringing. He can also ring Double Norwich C.B. Major and Stedman Caters. The peal was also the first time for 25 years that Roger Hawksworth and Cyril Taberner had rung a peal together.

A Sunday morning quarter peal attempt at Portishead on October 4th came to an abrupt ending after a quarter of an hour by one of the band setting his bell and hastening out of the ringing chamber. He happened to be the chief of the fire brigade and had heard the siren above the sound of the bells. Mr. E. Skipsey, who was conducting, had motored 20 miles to Portishead for the purpose.

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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
TAWSTOCK, Devon.—At the Church of St. Peter,
On Tues., Sept. 22, 1964, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's 12-part		Tenor 16½ cwt.	
Frederick Sangwin Treble	John Phillips 5		
William Hibbert 2	Frederick A. H. Wilkins .. 6		
Reginald G. Pearce 3	Brian R. White 7		
Derek Jewell 4	Francis A. White Tenor		

Conducted by Brian R. White.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
BATH, Somerset.—At the Abbey Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Oct. 10, 1964, in 3 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 33 cwt 25 lb. in C.			
George J. Hawkins Treble	D. John Hunt 6		
Elisabeth A. G. Bowden .. 2	Noel J. Diserens 7		
John N. Diserens 3	Ralph G. Edwards 8		
Richard J. Bowden 4	Peter Border 9		
Don C. Exell 5	Rev. Roger O. Fry Tenor		

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by REV. ROGER O. FRY.
 The first peal of Surprise and of Royal on the bells.

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Oct. 3, 1964, in 3 Hours,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
 Tenor 12 cwt. 3 lb.

Parker's 12-part	† Francis J. White 5
*Robert Parker Treble	† Sydney G. Smith 6
† Mrs. D. Crocker 2	George Prescott 7
Marjorie Legg 3	William A. Prescott .. Tenor
† Ronald Ballam 4	

Conducted by George Prescott.
 * First peal attempt. † First of Triples. ‡ First of Triples 'inside.'
 Rung as a birthday compliment to Alan Lee, grandson of F. J. White.

ASHBRITTLE, Somerset.—At the Church of St.-John-the-Baptist,
On Sat., Sept. 26, 1964, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
 Tenor 8 cwt. 21 lb.

Seven different extents.

*Derek Lee Treble	† Philip Popplestone 4
Arthur H. Reed 2	† Royston Shepherd 5
James E. Brewer 3	Nigel J. Maggs Tenor

Conducted by Nigel J. Maggs.
 * First peal † First of Minor.
 Rung to welcome Paula Louise, a daughter for Patricia and Derek Lee.

KINGSTON SEYMOUR, Somerset.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Wed., Oct. 7, 1964, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
 Tenor 17 cwt. 7 lb.

42 six-scores (10 callings).

*Peter J. England Treble	† Ray Luxton 4
Sydney G. Smith 2	† Walter Neath 5
George Prescott 3	† Thomas Baker Tenor

Conducted by G. Prescott.
 * First peal. † First peal at first attempt.
 Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss M. Hurd and Cecil Norton, ringers at the above tower.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—At the Church of St. Paul.
On Sun., Sept. 27, 1964, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in D.	
Patricia Diserens Treble	Barrie Hendry 6
Robert C. Kippin 2	James R. Taylor 7
Jennifer M. Cook 3	Noel J. Diserens 8
Jennifer M. Taylor 4	Peter Border 9
Ronald F. Diserens 5	Stephen Ivin Tenor

Conducted by Stephen Ivin.
 First peal of London Surprise Royal on the bells.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHURCH LAWFORD, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Fri., Oct. 2, 1964, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
 Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qrs. 5 lb.

*Neil Stowe Treble	George P. Hammond .. 4
† Andrew K. Putnam 2	Raymond D. Hart 5
Pamela Wright 3	Arthur R. Wright Tenor

Conducted by Arthur R. Wright.
 * First peal. † First peal 'inside.'
 Rung as a 71st birthday compliment to Mr. A. Day.

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.
KESWICK, Cumberland.—At the Church of St. Kentigern,
 Crosthwaite.

On Fri., Sept. 11, 1964, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
 J. J. Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation).
 Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in F.

*Katherine M. Guy Treble	† Colin H. Cook 5
Hilary A. Swallow 2	D. Paul Smith 6
† Raymond J. Talbot 3	Ian V. J. Smith 7
*Tony Lewis 4	David J. M. Cox Tenor

Conducted by Ian V. J. Smith.
 * First peal of Grandsire. † First of Triples. ‡ 25th peal. First of Grandsire Triples as conductor.
 Rung by members of The St. Katherine's Society as a 27th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. J. W. Brownrigg; also as a 20th birthday compliment to Hilary Swallow.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

GODMANCHESTER, Cambs.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Oct. 3, 1964, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
 Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb.

Michael Dyer Treble	*Paul Wells 5
Christopher Bell 2	Harold S. Peacock 6
Albert J. Davey 3	Frank R. Baker 7
George E. Bonham 4	John H. Bluff Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by John H. Bluff.
 * First peal of Major. Rung for Harvest Thanksgiving.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Oct. 3, 1964, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
 Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.

Joe E. G. Roast Treble	Patrick W. Saltmarsh .. 6
Philip J. Rothera 2	† Michael J. Hallett 7
*Roy D. Tomlin 3	† Andrew J. Salisbury .. 8
† James L. Towler 4	John Armstrong 9
Frank V. Gant 5	Dennis A. S. Symonds .. Tenor

Composed by W. E. Pye. Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.
 * First peal of Royal. † 100th peal. ‡ First of Cambridge Royal.

GREAT HOLLAND, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Oct. 10, 1964, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
 In eight methods comprising 768 London and Rutland, 640 Bristol and 576 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire with 142 changes of method. Tenor 15 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

Joe E. G. Roast Treble	*Philip J. Rothera 5
*Claire Dillamore 2	*Ian R. Panton 6
Andrew S. Hudson 3	Dennis A. S. Symonds .. 7
Peter J. Eves 4	*James L. Towler Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.
 * First peal of 8-spliced Surprise Major.

COLCHESTER, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints, Shrub End.

On Thurs., Oct. 8, 1964, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
 Being seven 720's called differently

Lesley Ward Treble	Neil V. Avis 4
Peter G. Pitt 2	Frank B. Lufkin 5
Stephen D. Humphrey .. 3	*Brian J. Vaughan Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
 * First peal 'inside.'

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
CLIFTON, Bristol.—At the Church of Emmanuel.

On Sat., Oct. 3, 1964, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
 Tenor 16 cwt. 15 lb. in F.

Philip M. J. Gray Treble	† Michael H. Gregory .. 5
William Abraham 2	Edward J. Chivers 6
Ronald G. Beck 3	D. John Hunt 7
*William F. Bonner 4	Antony W. T. Cleaver .. Tenor

Composed by George Lewis. Conducted by Antony W. T. Cleaver.
 * First peal 'inside.' † First of Major.
 A compliment to Mr. Hedley S. Gregory, tower master of Emmanuel Church, on the occasion of his 80th birthday.

NORTON, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St.-Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., Oct. 3, 1964, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
 In 6 methods, comprising 960 London, 928 Watford, 896 Bristol, and 832 each of Cambridge, Superlative and Pudsey with 127 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.
 Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

*Ivor Goulter Treble	Don C. Exell 5
† Rev. Roger Keeley .. 2	Victor Griffin 6
† Cyril A. Wratten 3	*Anthony R. Peake .. 7
Bruce Wakefield 4	Brian Bladon Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.
 * 25th peal together. † First of Major in six methods. ‡ 150th peal. § 50th peal. The conductor's 50th peal of Surprise Major and also 50th of Surprise as conductor.
 A compliment to D. John Hunt and Gillian M. Hussey on their engagement.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. EARDISLEY, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene. On Sat., Oct. 10, 1964, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 42 methods being one extent each of—Winchendon Place, St. Miles, St. John, S. Nicholas. St. Giles, Lapley, St. Simon, St. Alban, Eynsham, St. Martin, St. Paul, St. Leonard, Grandshire, Newborough, Deadworth, Primrose, Buttercup, Violet, Wychbold, Honeysuckle, Wallflower, Cowslip, April Day, Old, Seighford, Hudibras, Kennington, Plain Bob, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, St. Columba, Campion, Rev. Canterbury, Southrepps, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Fortune, St. Augustine, All Saints, Rushall, Marchington, St. Hilda.

Table listing names and peal counts for the Hereford Diocesan Guild peal.

Conducted by John W. Hope.

* First peal in 42 methods. † First peal.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul. On Sat., Oct. 3, 1964, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 HINTON SURPRISE MAJOR

Table listing names and peal counts for the Kent County Association peal.

Composed and Conducted by Stanley Jenner.

First peal in the method by all the band. A birthday compliment to Mrs. Freda M. Bishop, daughter of Mrs. E. M. Mitchell.

BOUGHTON MONCHELSEA, Kent.—At the Church of St. Peter. On Sat., Oct. 10, 1964, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPICED SURPRISE MINOR

Table listing names and peal counts for Boughton Monchelsea peal.

* Most methods to a peal.

STOCKBURY, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Sat., Oct. 3, 1964, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Table listing names and peal counts for Stockbury peal.

* First peal 'inside.' † First of Doubles. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Terry Brown and Miss Doris Maddocks. Also a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. M. F. H. Lacey (Oct. 10th).

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Table listing names and peal counts for Ashton-under-Lyne peal.

Arranged and Conducted by Frederick Shallcross. In memoriam Derek Ogden, September 17th, 1963.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter. On Wed., Sept. 9, 1964, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Table listing names and peal counts for Ashton-under-Lyne peal.

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Neil Bennett. * First peal of Spiced Surprise Major in 12 methods.

WHITTINGTON-IN-LONSDALE, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Michael.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Table listing names and peal counts for Whittington-in-Lonsdale peal.

Conducted by Thomas F. Metcalfe. Rung for the Harvest and Dedication Festivals.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. LEICESTER.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Martin. On Mon., Oct. 5, 1964, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Table listing names and peal counts for Leicester Diocesan Guild peal.

* First peal on 12 bells. † 100th peal of Surprise Maximus. Congratulations and best wishes to John M. Jelley and Monica M. Moore who were married on Oct. 3, 1964, at St. Mark's, Wood Green, London.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile. On Sat., Sept. 19, 1964, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Table listing names and peal counts for Loughborough peal.

* First peal in the method. [Correction to Page 702.]

KINGS NORTON-BY-GAULBY, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist. On Sat., Oct. 3, 1964, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Table listing names and peal counts for Kings Norton-by-Gaulby peal.

A wedding compliment to Mr. John M. Jelley and Miss Monica M. Moore, who were married at St. Mark's, Wood Green, Middlesex.

HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Peter. On Thurs., Oct. 1, 1964, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Table listing names and peal counts for Higham-on-the-Hill peal.

* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' K. P. Gilliver has now 'circled' this his home tower to peals. A farewell to the treble ringer who is leaving for Portsmouth Technical College.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. SOUTH ANSTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. James. On Sat., Oct. 10, 1964, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 QUARRINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR

Table listing names and peal counts for South Anston peal.

Composed by J. R. Ketteringham. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse. The first peal in this method H and M 3858.

BASSINGHAM, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Michael. On Wed., Sept. 30, 1964, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Table listing names and peal counts for Bassingham peal.

* First peal attempt. Rung for Michaelmas.

QUARRINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR. 38 x 14 x 1258 x 38 x 12 x 38 x 34 x 18. Seconds place i.e. 4th place Bob i.e. 17856342.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD, SUTTERTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Blessed Virgin.

On Sat., Oct. 3, 1964, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes. A PEAL OF 5088 ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

*J. Martin Thorley .. Treble .. 5 Derek J. Jones .. 5 Roger D. Bailey .. 2 Keith R. Davey .. 6 *Frank Taylor .. 3 †David R. Baxter .. 7 George R. G. Butler .. 4 Alan G. Payne .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Roger D. Bailey. * 50th peal together. † First of Major. First peal in the method by all except the treble ringer. The conductor's 100th peal.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION & N. SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

ISLEWORTH, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Wed., Oct. 7, 1964, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 16½ cwt.

David P. Hilling .. Treble .. 6 Christopher F. Mew .. 6 Peter N. Felton .. 2 William Birmingham .. 7 Patricia Rogers .. 3 Wilfrid G. Wilson .. 8 Mrs. Olive L. Rogers .. 4 Charles T. Richards .. 9 Michael Hatchett .. 5 *Harold R. Blagdon .. Tenor

Composed by E. C. Shepherd. Conducted by Wilfrid G. Wilson. * First peal.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

OVERSEALE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew.

On Tues., Oct. 6, 1964, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 OVERSEALE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in A flat.

*Arthur E. Rowley .. Treble .. 5 H. George Hart .. 5 *Brian G. Warwick .. 2 *Roland Beniston .. 6 Mrs. H. G. Hart .. 3 †Joseph W. Cotton .. 7 †Richard J. Clifton .. 4 Derek P. Jones .. Tenor

Composed by Ernest W. Tipler. Conducted by Brian G. Warwick. * First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.' ‡ 1.000th peal.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NORTH LOPHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., Oct. 3, 1964, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 PAINSWICK COLLEGE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. in F sharp

William Clover .. Treble .. 5 Roy Duesbury .. 5 Martin Cubitt .. 2 Thomas E. Spight .. 6 Frank C. J. Arnold .. 3 Leslie F. Bailey .. 7 Henry Tooke .. 4 Peter M. Adcock .. Tenor

Composed by F. Nolan Golden. Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey. First peal in the method on the bells and by all the band except the ringer of the 4th.

Rung as a welcome to Sonia Jane, born September 27th, 1964, a daughter for Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Bailey of Hethersett.

CASTLE ACRE, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. James.

On Sat., Oct. 3, 1964, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of: Double Court, Cambridge, Double Oxford, Oxford T.B., St. Clements, Kent T.B., and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

Edward Howes .. Treble .. 4 †Kevin S. Hohl .. 4 Sidney Marshall .. 2 Timothy G. Pett .. 5 *Roy E. Cullington .. 3 George P. Adams .. Tenor

Composed by George P. Adams. Conducted by George P. Adams. * First in seven methods. † 75th peal.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HIGH WYCOMBE, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Fri., Oct. 9, 1964, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in G sharp.

John Young .. Treble .. 5 Sydney M. Bailey .. 5 *Robert H. Newton .. 2 †Geoffrey Harrison .. 6 Joyce I. Barton .. 3 †Derek Francis .. 7 David A. Cornwall .. 4 Dennis Knox .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Dennis Knox. * First peal of Surprise. † 50th peal. ‡ First in the method.

First peal on the light eight.

EAST HAGBOURNE, Berks.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., Oct. 3, 1964, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Ten Part. Tenor 21½ cwt. Alfred H. Webb .. Treble .. 5 Clifford J. Garlick .. 5 Michael Bishop .. 2 George W. Bishop .. 6 *Pamela E. Powell .. 3 John H. Napper .. 7 †Charlotte A. Bennett .. 4 Leonard F. Cox .. Tenor

Conducted by Michael Bishop. * First peal † First of Grandsire.

NORTHLEIGH, Oxon.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., Oct. 5, 1964, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. *James F. List .. Treble .. 4 Peter Pearce .. 4 †Frederick W. Soden .. 2 D. Kay Adkins .. 5 †Peter G. Holden .. 3 †Bertram J. Coggins .. Tenor

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins. * First peal of Surprise. † First of Cambridge Minor. The first peal of Surprise on the bells. Rung for the Harvest Festival.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

WICKEN, Northants.—At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist.

On Sat., Oct. 3, 1964, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

James Linnell .. Treble .. 5 Barry Saunders .. 5 George E. Green .. 2 Charles E. Truman .. 6 William J. Chester .. 3 George W. Holland .. 7 Raymond Vickers .. 4 William A. Yates .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by George E. Green. Rung as a wedding compliment to Rev. H. P. Hoskin (Rector) and Miss Helen Falconer, whose marriage took place at Wicken on September 28th.

POTTERS PURRY, Northants.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Thurs., Sept. 24, 1964, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents viz.—(1), (2), (3), Cambridge Surprise, (4), (5), St. Clement's and (6), (7), Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 4 lb. in E. Roger W. Smith .. Treble .. 4 Kenneth D. Perkins .. 4 Shirley Ruddlesden .. 2 Stanley M. Ruddlesden .. 5 David Taylor .. 3 Barrie Hendry .. Tenor

Conducted by Barrie Hendry. Rung to welcome the Rev. J. Nicholas Chubb, M.A., to the parish of Potterspury.

EDITH WESTON, Rutland.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Oct. 10, 1964, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in ten methods: (1) Double Court, (2) Thelwall and Childwall, (3) Cambridge, (4) Kent and Oxford, (5) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (6) Single Oxford, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. Keith R. Davey .. Treble .. 4 George R. G. Butler .. 4 Gerald Reynolds .. 2 Alan G. Payne .. 5 Harold Barsley .. 3 J. Martin Thorley .. Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

WHITTLEBURY, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Mary

On Sat., Oct. 3, 1964, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 25 methods viz: (1) St. Remigius, (2) St. Remigius and Hascombe S.C., (3) St. Remigius and Harpley, (4) St. Remigius, (5) Winchendon Place, (6) Winchendon Place and Thornborough S.C., (7) Winchendon Place and Haddiscoe, (8) Winchendon Place, (9) St. Nicholas, (10) St. Nicholas and Longford S.C., (11) St. Nicholas and Funderhall, (12) St. Nicholas, (13) Grandsire, (14) St. Osmund, (15) St. Osmund and Merton S.C., (16) St. Osmund and Longworth, (17) St. Osmund, (18) St. Martin, (19) St. Martin and Slapton S.C., (20) St. Martin and Welford, (21) St. Martin, (22) St. Simon, (23) St. Simon and Rugby S.C., (24) St. Simon and Braywood, (25) St. Simon, (26) Grandsire, (27) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (28) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Raveningham S.C., (29) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Dorton, (30) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (31) Plain Bob, (32) Plain Bob and Candlesby S.C., (33) Plain Bob and Boxford, (34) Plain Bob, (35) Winchendon Place, (36) Winchendon Place and Thornborough S.C., (37) Winchendon Place and Haddiscoe, (38) St. Martin, (39) St. Martin and Slapton S.C., (40) St. Martin and Welford, (41) St. Nicholas, (42) St. Simon. Tenor 9 cwt.

*Christopher C. Stokes .. Treble .. 3 Roger W. Smith .. 3 *Percy Amos .. 2 Graham C. Paul .. 4 *Alan A. Paul .. Tenor Conducted by Graham C. Paul. * 25th peal together.

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THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
TWYWELL, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Thurs., Oct. 1, 1964, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In six methods being 120 St. Ann, 240 each St. Helen and Newborough, 960 Rev. Canterbury, 1440 Plain Bob, Morris' and Pitman's 240s' Grandsire and 1560 Grandsire. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.
 Frank E. Coales .. Treble | Hilary Knight .. 3
 William J. Beddoes .. 2 | Peter M. Fleckney .. 4
 Roy H. Jones .. Tenor

Conducted by Roy H. Jones.

First peal in 6 methods for all except the conductor.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

On Thurs., Oct. 1, 1964, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 LAPAL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 38 lb. in A.

Muriel Reay .. Treble | Roderick W. Pipe .. 5
 Susan Funnell .. 2 | David J. Purnell .. 6
 Norman J. Goodman .. 3 | Peter Border .. 7
 Geoffrey Davies .. 4 | J. Alan Ainsworth .. Tenor
 Composed by E. W. Tipler. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.
 First peal in the method.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Barnabas, Erdington.

On Sat., Oct. 3, 1964, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In two methods, comprising 3,520 London and 1,504 Bristol with 53 changes of method. Tenor 15 cwt. 43 lb. in F.

Muriel Reay .. Treble | Norman J. Goodman .. 5
 Susan Funnell .. 2 | Michael J. Fellows .. 6
 Roderick W. Pipe .. 3 | Martin D. Fellows .. 7
 John C. Eisel .. 4 | J. Alan Ainsworth .. Tenor
 Composed by Joseph W. Parker. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.
 First peal of Spliced as conductor.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Martin.

On Tues., Oct. 6, 1964, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

*Stephen W. Barton .. Treble | Martin D. Fellows .. 5
 Roderick W. Pipe .. 2 | †Maurice G. Ingram .. 6
 Robert E. Hardy .. 3 | J. Alan Ainsworth .. 7
 Michael J. Fellows .. 4 | George E. Fearn .. Tenor
 Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.
 * First peal of Major. † First in the method.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

On Thurs., Oct. 8, 1964, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 LINCOLN SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 38 lb. in A.

Muriel Reay .. Treble | *Peter Border .. 5
 *Susan Funnell .. 2 | Michael J. Fellows .. 6
 Edward W. Colley .. 3 | *Norman J. Goodman .. 7
 *J. Alan Ainsworth .. 4 | George E. Fearn .. Tenor
 Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Peter Border.
 * First peal in the method.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SHIFNAL, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., Oct. 3, 1964, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

Carter's 12-part. | *William A. Brotherton .. 5
 A. Albert Richards .. Treble | Roger L. Hawksworth .. 6
 Elizabeth Timmins .. 2 | Cyril Taberner .. 7
 Albert D. Collins .. 3 | †Stanley W. Illidge .. Tenor
 Francis Brotherton .. 4
 Conducted by Albert D. Collins.

* First peal attempt. † First on eight bells.
 Rung to the glory of God and for the Harvest Festival.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

HECKINGTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., Oct. 3, 1964, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in E flat.

*Clarence F. Briggs .. Treble | *James W. Raithby .. 5
 †Katharine Burchnell .. 2 | W. Neville Brown .. 6
 †Grace Burchnell .. 3 | *John R. Pratchett .. 7
 *Margaret E. Chilton .. 4 | *†William L. Exton .. Tenor
 Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by William L. Exton.
 * First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major. † 50th peal together.
 † 50th peal together
 An 18th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Briggs.

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ORSTON, Notts.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Oct. 3, 1964, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 8 extents each of Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, Kennington, April Day and 10 extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.
 S. Jane Dowse .. Treble | *†Maurice W. Harrison .. 4
 Robert D. Marsh .. 2 | C. Raymond Larkin .. 5
 *Ruth Blackshaw .. 3 | Albert Foster .. Tenor

Conducted by Ruth Blackshaw.

* 75th peal together. † 75th peal.
 A 21st birthday compliment to Hedley N. Foster.

WINTHORPE, Notts.—At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints.
On Tues., Oct. 6, 1964, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Single Oxford and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. approx.
 S. Jane Dowse .. Treble | Margaret E. Chilton .. 4
 Ruth Blackshaw .. 2 | William L. Exton .. 5
 F. William Midwinter .. 3 | Maurice W. Harrison .. Tenor

Conducted by Maurice W. Harrison.

First peal as conductor in four Minor methods.
 A birthday compliment to Elisabeth A. Tutty.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
BRADLEY, BILSTON, Staffs.—At the Church of St. Martin.

On Sat., Oct. 3, 1964, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in G.

*Richard B. Dorrington .. Treble | Harry Griffiths .. 5
 †David J. Bates .. 2 | Eric E. Speake .. 6
 *Philip R. Johnson .. 3 | Geoffrey Davies .. 7
 J. Dennis Holden .. 4 | Philip G. K. Davies .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Geoffrey Davies

* First peal on eight bells. † First on eight 'inside.'

SHARESHILL, Staffs.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Oct. 3, 1964, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven differently called extents. Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

*John D. R. Smith .. Treble | Peter J. Barker .. 4
 Harry Butler .. 2 | P. George Golder .. 5
 Roger W. Barker .. 3 | Michael W. Fairey .. Tenor

Conducted by Michael W. Fairey.

* First peal of Minor.
 Rung for Harvest Festival.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

ROUGHAM, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Oct. 3, 1964, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in ten methods: (1) Netherseale Surprise, (2) Norwich Surprise, (3) Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise, (4) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (5) Double Court, (6) Kent and Oxford T.B., (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

*Mrs. H. Ivings .. Treble | James B. Morley .. 4
 Alice E. J. Lester .. 2 | Neville F. Whittell .. 5
 *Richard Rose .. 3 | *Maurice J. Rose .. Tenor

Conducted by James B. Morley.

* First peal in ten methods. First in ten methods as conductor.
 Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Maurice Rose.

STRATFORD ST. MARY, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Oct. 3, 1964, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Kent T.B., and Oxford T.B., and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

Edward E. Davey .. Treble | John Avis .. 4
 Alan R. Andrews .. 2 | Walter D. Bailey .. 5
 Neil V. Avis .. 3 | David Culham .. Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Andrews.

TANNINGTON, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Ethelbert.

On Fri., Oct. 9, 1964, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of Norwich, Ipswich, London, Wells, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 10 cwt. 4 lb. in A flat.

David Vincent .. Treble | J. Barry Pickup .. 4
 Andrew T. Beckwith .. 2 | George W. Pipe .. 5
 Neville F. Whittell .. 3 | Howard W. Egglestone .. Tenor

Conducted by Howard W. Egglestone.

Specialty arranged as a welcome to J. Barry Pickup to Suffolk.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

ESHER, Surrey.—At Christ Church.

On Sat., Sept. 19, 1964, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

*Margaret C. Godfrey .. Treble | Catherine M. Powell .. 5
 Michael J. Uphill .. 2 | *Michael J. Bew .. 6
 †Robert J. Cooles .. 3 | John F. M. Maybrey .. 7
 †Alison M. Mann .. 4 | Michael J. Bangham .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Michael J. Bangham.
 * First peal of Major. † First of Major 'inside.' † First in the method 'inside.' First in the method as conductor.
 Rung immediately prior to the wedding of Charles Alfred Cornwall, sidesman at this church, and Helen Louise Meek.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION. ADDINGTON, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Blessed-Virgin.

On Sat., Oct. 10, 1964, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In two methods, being one extent of Cambridge Surprise and six of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in B. Katharine M. Guy ... Treble Hilary A. Swallow ... 4 Margaret C. Godfrey ... 2 Eric G. H. Godfrey ... 5 Robert J. Cooles ... 3 Tony Lewis ... Tenor

Conducted by Tony Lewis.

Rung in memoriam Raymond George Pack, uncle of the conductor.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BRADFORD, Yorkshire.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Oct. 3, 1964, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 25 cwt. 77 lb. in D.

Harold B. Schofield ... Treble J. Henry Fielden ... 6 *Christine Andrew ... 2 †Roger J. Lumley ... 7 *Peter A. Kirkby ... 3 †Barry Sullivan ... 8 Mrs. H. B. Schofield ... 4 Leonard Goodall ... 9 Neil Bennett ... 5 S. Barry Schofield ... Tenor

Composed by Albert M. Tyler.

Conducted by Neil Bennett.

* First peal in the method and of Caters. † First in the method. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Elizabeth A. Thompson.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

PULBOROUGH, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Tues., Oct. 6, 1964, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt.

Leonard Stilwell ... Treble Robert J. Wake ... 5 E. Jane Sibson ... 2 George Francis ... 6 Edgar R. Rapley ... 3 Ronald F. Diserens ... 7 Patricia Diserens ... 4 *Derek E. Sibson ... Tenor

Composed by A. Craven.

Conducted by Leonard Stilwell.

* 200th peal. The conductor rang the same bell to his first peal, 60 years ago, October 6th 1904.

Rung to mark 20 years as Rector of Pulborough for the Rev. G. H. W. Royle.

SLINFOLD, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Oct. 3, 1964, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

William H. Riddle ... Treble David D. Smith ... 4 E. Winifred Keys ... 2 Barry J. Davis ... 5 Philip Stevens ... 3 Bernard E. Matthews ... Tenor

Conducted by Bernard E. Matthews.

Rung in memory of Henry W. Stoveld, of Bosham.

CONISBROUGH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Mon., Oct. 5, 1964, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt.

Tessa Hollis ... Treble David Nichols ... 5 *Anthony Douglas ... 2 Stuart Armeson ... 6 Mrs. N. Chaddock ... 3 Neil Donovan ... 7 John N. D. Chaddock ... 4 Norman Chaddock ... Tenor

Composed by J. E. Burton.

Conducted by Norman Chaddock.

* First peal

A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. N. Chaddock and an 18th birthday compliment to Neil Donovan.

(ALSO SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

CONISBROUGH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., March 7, 1964, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt.

David Nichols ... Treble Michael R. Meadows ... 5 Neil Donovan ... 2 George S. Lee ... 6 Malcolm P. Phipps ... 3 John N. D. Chaddock ... 7 John E. Chapman ... 4 Stuart Armeson ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley

Conducted by Stuart Armeson.

QUARTER PEALS

LYMPSTONE, DEVON.—On October 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss L. Pannell 1, Miss P. Peatfield 2, Miss V. Mellish (cond.) 3, Miss C. Edbrooke 4, R. T. Perry 5, D. Atkins (first quarter) 6. For Harvest Festival.

MERRIOTT, SOMERSET.—On October 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. E. Turner 1, H. Turner 2, W. A. Whetham 3, A. Best 4, A. Robinson (cond.) 5, T. Willis 6.

MONKEN HADLEY, MIDDLESEX.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. M. Poolman 1, W. Poolman 2, M. Soper 3, R. Fraser 4, C. Ward (cond.) 5, W. Bradbrook 6, T. Pink 7, W. Langley (84) 8. For harvest festival and for birthday of W. Langley the previous day.

MULBARTON, NORWICH.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Minor (Kent T.B., Plain Bob): F. Boyce 1, S. High 2, R. Dewsbury 3, R. Lubbock 4, M. Cubitt 5, P. Adcock (cond.) 6. To congratulate the ringer of 5th on the birth of a daughter.

NEWBURN, NORTHUMBERLAND.—On September 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Taylor (first quarter) 1, D. G. Hall 2, M. Maughan 3, K. Arthur (cond.) 4, W. Tyson 5, T. Sewell 6. For the patronal festival and with the prayers and good wishes of the band to Frederick Ross on his ordination as deacon at York Minster.

NORTHMOOR, OXON.—On September 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Batten 1, F. Trinder 2, B. Miles 3, N. Leslie 4, D. Leslie (cond.) 5, P. Trinder 6. A birthday compliment to Vernon Clifton.

OKHAM, RUTLAND.—On October 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. G. Briggs (86) 1, R. Hill 2, E. A. Jacques 3, A. J. Stimson 4, M. T. Stimson 5, R. C. Tyler 6, J. M. Thorley (cond.) 7, S. R. Hoy 8. For Harvest Festival.

PENN, WOLVERHAMPTON.—On October 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Griffiths 1, Pamela Garrett 2, D. G. Smith 3, Gillian Griffiths 4, E. G. Bowyer 5, J. A. Roden 6, C. Griffiths (cond.) 7, C. F. W. Eyre 8. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

PERTH, W.A.—At St. George's Cathedral on Oct. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: M. Page 1, Laura Beeny (first in Australia) 2, B. Lawes 3, L. Reynolds 4, B. Potts (cond.) 5, J. Watson (first quarter) 6. For Evensong. Rung on the day of the ordination of Idris Jones, a former ringer at the Cathedral.

POPULAR, LONDON.—At All Saints' Church on Sept. 27th, 1,296 Siedman Caters: Patricia Rogers 1, M. P. Thomas 2, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 3, J. M. H. Hunter (cond.) 4, R. M. Damerell 5, W. Birmingham (jun.) 6, D. W. Struckett 7, C. H. Rogers 8, H. W. Rogers 9, V. Nutton 10. For the induction by the Bishop of London of Fr. A. R. Royall to this parish.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.—On June 21st, 1,260 Siedman Triples: L. F. Cobb 1, P. L. King 2, D. Wilson 3, W. T. Perrins 4, W. C. Shute 5, F. L. Harris 6, W. E. Cheater (cond.) 7, J. Hartless 8. First of Siedman 2 and 4. Also on Sept. 27th, 1,260 Siedman Triples: P. L. King 1, L. F. Cobb (cond.) 2, Mrs. B. N. Reed 3, W. T. Perrins 4, W. C. Shute 5, C. W. Reed 6, W. E. Cheater 7, G. E. Turner 8. Also Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. F. Cobb 1, Mrs. B. N. Reed 2, P. L. King 3, C. W. Reed 4, E. V. Whitfield 5, W. T. Perrins (first as cond.) 6, W. E. Cheater 7, L. T. Perrins (first quarter) 8.

ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Minor (Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob): R. H. Rogers (cond.) 1, L. J. Nice 2, R. Rose 3, W. Cracknell 4, J. W. Paul 5, E. R. Nice 6. For Harvest Festival, also a birthday compliment to Mrs. L. Wright.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Stephen's Church, on Oct. 3rd, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Angela Rimmer 1, Alison McFarlane 2, Julia Fellows 3, Cecilia J. Bind 4, Christine Rimmer 5, P. T. Dale (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to Christine McNair.

ST. FLORENCE, PEMBES.—On September 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Johns 1, Mrs. P. C. Rogers 2, P. R. Huntbach 3, P. C. Rogers 4, J. P. G. Webb 5, L. H. Jenkins (cond.) 6. First of Minor for 1, 2, 3 and 4.

ST. KEA, CORNWALL.—On October 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Barbara Duck 1, A. Locke 2, R. Egging 3, C. Jose 4, G. Dunstan (cond.) 5, A. Beattie (first quarter) 6. For St. Kea Feast and Harvest; also for the diamond wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Gunn.

SHALFORD, SURREY.—On Oct. 6th, 1,280 Ealing Surprise Major: Rhoda Housden 1, Pamela Gough 2, Patricia Laycock 3, Jessie Kippin 4, F. W. Housden 5, Elizabeth Stevinson 6, R. C. Kippin 7, C. H. Kippin (cond.) 8. First in method 2, 3 and 6.

STRENSHAM, WORCS.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Halling 1, M. Hawkes 2, M. Boskett (first as cond.) 3, C. Haylins 4, P. Robertson 5, S. Pouncey (first quarter) 6.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On October 4th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. W. Young 1, C. T. Brown 2, Judith A. Robertson 3, C. M. Heawood 4, R. G. W. Robertson 5, G. W. Elmes 6, M. J. Young 7, J. W. Blackwood (first of Major as cond.) 8. First of Major by 1, 4 and 7. First of Major by a local band. For Evensong.

WARWICK.—On Oct. 3rd, at St. Nicholas' Church, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: F. M. Robottom 1, J. Susan Smith 2, F. W. Perrins 3, H. G. Summers 4, G. W. Randall 5, J. L. Garner-Hayward 6, P. Stone 7, J. W. T. Taylor (cond.) 8. First of Cambridge Major 1, 2, 5. A farewell to Susan Smith, who has gone up to London University.

WIMBLEDON.—On October 11th, 1,320 Surprise Minor. 720 Cambridge, 600 London: Elizabeth Zass 1, Rosamund Rawlings 2, Vanessa Rodrigues 3, A. Bagworth 4, M. Bangham (cond.) 5, A. Bishop 6.

WHEATHAMPSTEAD, HERTS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (six methods): Gillian M. Brearley 1, K. J. Walpole (cond.) 2, R. D. R. Brown 3, M. J. Sherrick 4, F. W. Ellis 5, J. Thornton 6. For Harvest Festival.

WORLE, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Minor (Oxford Bob and St. Clement's): J. Lambard 1, M. Legg 2, J. Walton 3, J. Coombs 4, S. Lewis 5, G. Prescott (cond.) 6.

WRANALL, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. D. M. Bennett 1, S. R. Cole 2, A. V. Bennett 3, P. Gardner 4, J. Evered 5, C. Kortwright 6, R. Cole (cond.) 7, N. Bull 8. A compliment to the Rev. Roger O. Fry, on the occasion of his institution as Rector of Portishead.

WYKE REGIS, DORSET.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss V. Howell (first of Triples) 1, Mrs. H. Slade 2, J. Slade 3, J. Rose 4, P. Herbert 5, F. Siedman 6, E. Amey (cond.) 7, F. Symonds 8. Rung for the Collation service of the Rector of Wyke Regis as Rural Dean of Weymouth.

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STRATHDEE.—From October 26th the address of Andrew J. Strathdee will be 5, Leopold Road, Ealing, London, W.5. Telephone ACOrn 1532. 5609

VENN, Jack and Edward R.—From October 22nd our address will be Kimberley, Wootton, Woodstock, Oxfordshire. Telephone Woodstock 508. 5591

PERSONAL

'Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run that ye may obtain. And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown, but we are incorruptible.' (1 Corinthians ix, 24 and 25.)

UMBRELLA.—Will the gentleman who acquired the wrong umbrella at the Middlesex meeting on October 10th at Bishopsgate, please contact Mr. J. R. Mayne, 170, Headstone Lane, Harrow, Middlesex. 5581

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MISCELLANEOUS

BRIDGERULE, DEVON.—On Monday, October 26th, Double Norwich practice at 7 p.m. All welcome. 5585

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY.—Southampton University Guild of Change Ringers will be holding their annual dinner on Saturday, November 28th. Further details later.—Hon. Secretary, Miss R. Kemp. 5580

PUTNEY, LONDON.—Practices on Mondays, November 2nd and 30th and December 21st will be from 7 to 8.15 p.m. due to Saints' Day services. 5583

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Coppice Hotel, Littleover, Derby, 7 for 7.30 p.m. Tickets 2s. 6d. each. N.B.—Next year's tour (1965) will commence on Saturday, July 3rd. 5532

SUFFOLK GUILD.—I invite any ringers taking up residence in Suffolk to contact me re Towers' Guild activities, etc. Intending visitors/tourists to the county always most welcome of course.—G. W. Pipe, Ringing Master, 8, Lansdowne Road, Ipswich. Phone 75647. 5592

UNIVERSITY OF SHEFFIELD GUILD.—At A.G.M. on October 9th the following officers were elected: Master, John E. Chapman; Deputy Master, Michael R. Meadows; Secretary and Treasurer, Ruth M. Cayton, 107, Hamstead Hall Avenue, Birmingham 20. 5576

CANCELLED

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester Branch.—Due to circumstances beyond our control, the Branch A.G.M. due for October 17th was cancelled. Will any ringers who came to Launton for a ring please accept our apologies.—C. H. Kinch, Hon. Sec. 5579

MEETINGS

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting at Duffield (10). Friday evening, October 23rd, 7 o'clock.—M. A. Willis, Dis. Sec. 5549

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION Hardington Mandeville, Yeovil. CENTENARY OF CHURCH RESTORATION

Ringers and bands of ringers will be welcome on October 24th. Bells available all day. Book times of your visit with G. W. Rendell, Hardington, Yeovil. Tel. W/Coker 266 5540

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Charlton Mackrell (6), October 24th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—L. McCreadie, Level Lane, Charlton Horthorne, Sherborne, Dorset. 5537

GUILDFORD, DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting at Weybridge on Saturday, October 24th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify Mr. T. Luxford, 3, Bridge Road, Weybridge. Outlands bells (8) will be available after the meeting. 5561

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District.—Quarterly meeting Pencombe, October 24th, 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Reservations to R. L. Price, 18, New Road, Bromyard. 5573

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Saturday, October 24th, Amersham. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., please.—Miss Hague, 6, Stompits Road, Holyport, Maidenhead. 5493

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting changed to Salehurst on October 24th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to I. Smith, Sec., 37, Wellington Gardens, Battle. 5557

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, St. Barnabas, Swanmore, October 24th. Bells 3 till 9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. in Parish Hall. Names for tea to Mrs. Jones, The Laurels, New Road, Swanmore, Southampton, please.—L. Duguid, 5547

THEALE, READING.—Ringers' service, Sunday, October 25th, 6.30 p.m. Ringing from 5.45 p.m. and after service. Everyone welcome. 5554

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Forthcoming ringing practices, all commencing 6.30 p.m.: October 27th, St. Lawrence Jewry; November 3rd, St. Giles', Cripplegate; November 10th, St. Paul's, Cathedral. Business meeting to include election of officers at 'The Rising Sun,' Carter Lane, E.C., on Tuesday, November 10th, at 8.15 p.m.—John Chilcott, Hon. Sec. 6500

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Practice meeting, Alveston (6) on Tuesday, October 27th, 7-9 p.m. 5606

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

Ringling at the following towers has been arranged for those attending the 327th anniversary dinner on Saturday, October 31st: St. Dunstan's, Stepney (10), 10.30-11.45 a.m. Southwark Cathedral (12), 1.30-2.30 p.m. St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside (12), 3.30-4.30. St. Giles', Cripplegate (12), 3-4. St. Michael's, Cornhill (12), 4.30-5.30. St. Olave's, Hart Street (8), 2.30-3.30. St. Lawrence Jewry (8), 3.30-4.30 p.m. JOHN CHILCOTT, Hon. Sec. 5601

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Sprotborough, Saturday, October 31st. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Name to Mr. E. Short, 'Hathlyn,' 310, Melton Road, Sprotborough, Doncaster. 5578

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Dudley on October 31st. Service in St. Thomas' Church 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea to me by October 28th, please. Towers available: 10.15-11 a.m., Brierley Hill (8); 10.45-11.30 a.m., Kingswinford (8); 11.15 a.m.-12.15 p.m., Stourbridge, St. Thomas' (8); 1.30-2.30 p.m., Lye (8, 3½ cwt.); 2.15-3, Cradley (8); 3.15-4.10 and after business meeting, Dudley (10)—M. D. Fellows, Sec., 14, Western Road, Stourbridge, Worcs. 5589

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Forest of Dean Branch.—Meeting at Redmarley, Saturday, October 31st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. D. Wilson, Little Close, Redmarley, Glos. 5589

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Annual meeting, Tewkesbury Abbey (12), Saturday, October 31st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Meeting 6 p.m. Names for tea by October 28th to Mr. A. E. Leach, St. Mary's Cottage, Church Street, Tewkesbury. 5582

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting at Croydon Parish Church, October 31st. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Bells available after tea until 8 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. F. E. Collins, 17, Hamilton Road, Thornton Heath, Surrey, by Wednesday, October 28th. A special invitation is extended to all members of the Southern District. 5536

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Meeting at St. Mellons, October 31st. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names, please, to Miss D. Hulbert 6, Wentlow Road, Rumney, Gentlemen welcome.—J. S. King.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—Meeting at Sacred Heart Church, Talbot Square, Blackpool, on Saturday, October 31st. Bells (8) 4 to 6 p.m. 5590

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting, Calverley, Saturday, October 31st. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea for those who notify, by previous Wednesday, Miss Olivia Marshall, 19, Chapel Street, Calverley, Pudsey. 5597

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Meeting, Irnham, Saturday, October 31st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, 26th, to Mrs. B. P. Filing, The Griffin Inn, Irnham, near Grantham, Lincs.—F. G. Vickers. 5560

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Lindsey Branch.—Meeting at Grimsby, Saturday, October 31st. Bells (10) from 2.30 p.m. 5 p.m. tea and meeting in the Church House. 7 p.m. service, 7.30-9 p.m. ringing. Names for tea by Tuesday, previous, to Mr. F. Kennington, 211, Roberts Street, Grimsby.—C. A. H. 5574

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Practice meeting, Ditchingham, October 31st. Bells (6) from 6.30 to 9 p.m. All welcome.—N. P. J. C., Branch Sec. 5496

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Practice meeting, Little Houghton, Saturday, October 31st. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to B. E. Frost, 40, Foxgrove Avenue, Northampton. 5502

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Meeting, Heddington (6), October 31st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please.—W. Hacker, Downs View, Heddington, Calne. 5594

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—An evening meeting will be held at Pulverbatch on Saturday, October 31st. Bells (6) available 6.30 to 8.30 p.m.—E. Morris. 5596

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Central District.—Quarterly meeting, October 31st at Wickham Skeith. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in the Village Hall 5 p.m. for those applying to L. E. Last, Low St., Hoxne, Diss, Norfolk, by Wednesday, October 28th. Business meeting after tea, followed by ringing at Thornham Magna (6) 6.30-9 p.m. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid at this meeting.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stratton Branch.—Meeting, Stratton (8), October 31st. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome. Names to H. Trewin, Marhayes, Broad Close Hill, Bude. Tel. 2513. 5559

UNIVERSITY OF WALES SOCIETY.—October 31st, Devynock, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Evening, St. Mary's, Brecon. Names for tea to Miss K. Maylott, Alexandra Hall, Aberystwyth. 5604

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Combined practice at Thames Ditton on Monday, November 2nd. Bells (6) available from 7 p.m. All welcome. 5610

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District.—Meeting Broomfield Saturday November 7th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury, Chelmsford. 5571

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting on Saturday, November 7th, at Newcasle. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Annual Committee meeting 4 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. This a joint meeting with our friends from the Cheshire Guild (Crewe Branch) and everyone is welcome. Names for tea to G. A. Moore, 54, Enderly Street, Newcastle. Staffs, by Wednesday, November 4th.—G. C. Beech, Hon. Sec. 5584

SURREY ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and **KENT ASSOCIATION** (Tonbridge District).—Joint meeting on November 11th at Oxted and Limpsfield. Bells at both towers 3 p.m. Service at Limpsfield 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing at both towers after. Names for tea to Mr. E. Jarrett, 13, Granville Road, Limpsfield, by the 9th.—W. H. D. and G. A. W. 5595

NEWARK PARISH CHURCH SOCIETY OF RINGERS

THE ANNUAL GOPHER DINNER will be held at the Ram Hotel, Newark, on Friday, November 13th. Tickets 16s., obtainable before November 6th from Miss M. E. Chilton, 80, London Road, Newark. 5546

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual dinner and social, Shakespeare Hotel, Braunstone, Leicester, November 14th, 6 for 6.30 p.m. Chief speaker: Mr. John Freeman, of Lincoln (Vice-President of Central Council). Tickets (price 17s. 6d.) from the undersigned by November 7th at latest, cash with order.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec., 12, Dorothy Avenue, Glen Hills, Leicester. 5598

ST. ALBANS DISTRICT DINNER.—December 5th, Red Lion Hotel, St. Albans. Tickets 17s. 6d. from Miss C. Rimmer, 182, Tippendell Lane, Park Street, St. Albans, Herts. Friends very welcome.—M. A. Coburn, Dis. Sec. 5568

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Ashford District

About 40 people were present for the service and tea at the annual general meeting of the Ashford District at their home tower of St. Mary's on October 3rd. The service was conducted by the Rev. W. G. Chesham, who gave a heartening address, and Mr. A. Butcher was the organist.

Tea was enjoyed in the Church Hall and was served by the Mothers' Union under Mrs. Wickens, and kindly given by the Ashford ringers. It was preceded and followed by recordings of the ringing at Washington Cathedral, lent by Mr. H. Parkes.

The hon. District secretary's report and balance sheet showed an improvement on last year, but still fell short of previous years, when the Ashford District led the Association. Apart from Lympne, and the young ladies who rang the peal at Cheriton, peal ringing appeared to be in the doldrums.

Mr. Alan Berry was re-elected as Ringing Master, and Mr. C. T. Hillis as hon secretary. The Rev. P. T. Robbins was elected as one of the District representatives in place of Mr. Berry. Miss Violet Relf, whose organising genius saves pounds for the Association every time they meet at Tenterden, was re-elected as the other District representative.

The chairman, Mr. J. Willis, proposed the vote of thanks, mentioning the clergy, the Mothers' Union, Messrs. H. Parkes and T. Cullingworth for the ringing recordings, and Miss Margaret Jones (secretary of the Ashford band) for making all the arrangements. C. T. H.

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BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER, GLOS.—On Oct. 4th. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Phillips 1, J. Keyte 2, F. Trute 3, L. Pratley 4, A. Slaye 5, H. Mills 6, A. W. Wright (cond.) 7, A. Pearce 8. For Harvest Festival, and in recognition of the welcome assistance of J. Keyte over the past 60 years.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Devon Branch

The Devon Branch held a successful meeting at Ottery St. Mary on October 3rd, when the event was well patronised.

Ringing included touches of Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Stedman Triples and two well-struck courses of Plain Bob Major. Owing to the absence of the Vicar, no service was held, but an excellent tea was served at the Kings Arms Hotel.

Mrs. D. R. Bould, the vice-president, presided at the business meeting, and two new members (Mrs. Robertson and Miss M. Weston, of Newquay) were elected. Subject to permission, the annual meeting will be held at St. Budeaux, Plymouth, on February 27th, with a visit to Emmanuel Church, Plymouth, in the evening.

Ringing at Sidbury in the evening included a touch of Grandsire Triples by an all-ladies' band conducted by Mrs. Bould, and an unsuccessful attempt for a course of Cambridge Surprise Major.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

A quarterly meeting of the East Devon Branch was held at Stockland (near Honiton) on October 10th, when some 40 ringers were present. A service was held in Stockland Church conducted by the Rev. R. D. Drury.

At the meeting, presided over by Mr. J. Sage (the chairman), members stood in silence in memory of Mr. E. M. Atkins, the former general secretary of the Guild.

Certificates were presented to Mrs. P. Netherway and Miss S. Netherway, of Colleigh.

The next quarterly meeting will be held at Broadhembury on February 13th, 1965. Monthly practices at Shute, Sidbury, Sidmouth, on second week in each month.

A brief report on Stockland bells was given by Mr. Sage. It was decided to ring a peal (by officers of the Branch) in memory of Mr. Atkins. A quarter peal was rung after the service.

Thanks were passed to all concerned in arrangements for the day.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Dorchester Branch

The annual quarterly meeting of the Dorset Branch was held at Wyke Regis on October 3rd and was attended by 31 members.

The Guild service was conducted by the Rector (Canon F. E. Pratt), who took as the theme for his address the word 'Thanksgiving.' The lesson was read by the Branch chairman, the Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth. Tea was served in the Church Hall by a band of ladies of the church.

In opening the meeting, the Branch chairman congratulated Mr. F. B. Stedman, captain of the Wyke Regis ringers, who had recently celebrated his 90th birthday and was still a regular ringer on Sundays and on practice nights. He also congratulated Canon Pratt on his recent appointment as Rural Dean of Weymouth.

Branch practices were arranged as follows (subject to confirmation): Preston, October 17th; Cattistock, October 31st; Abbotsbury, November 14th; St. Peter's, Dorchester, November 28th; Fordington, December 12th; Charminster, January 2nd.

Next meeting: Annual, St. Peter's, Dorchester, January 16th. R. H. D.

OUTING

FRAMSDEN AND DISTRICT

This year's outing of the Framsdan and District ringers on October 10th was into Bedfordshire. Cardington was most disappointing as only the back six could be rung owing to a defective chiming hammer and it was impossible to see the bells to investigate. The six were, however, good practice for Eistow's six of Bunyan fame. Maulden proved most pleasing and here Willoughby E. had his long wish satisfied. The handy eight at Clifton completed the tour. To those who met them and Mr. L. Bywaters, for his helpful information the ringers return sincere thanks.

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SAPCUTE, LEICS.—On Sept. 15th, 1,440 Surprise Minor (Bourne and Cambridge): Dorothy Page 1, Christine J. Stratford 2, B. L. Burrows 3, L. Watkins 4, J. Watkins 5, M. E. Brown (cond.) 6. Rung for the induction of the new Rector, Rev. C. W. Scott. Also on Oct. 15th: 1,440 Surprise Minor (S14 S15 S35 S31): Valerie Watts 1, Mrs. J. Belcher 2, Rita Stratford 3, A. E. Rowley 4, R. K. Mason 5, M. E. Brown (cond.) 6.

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