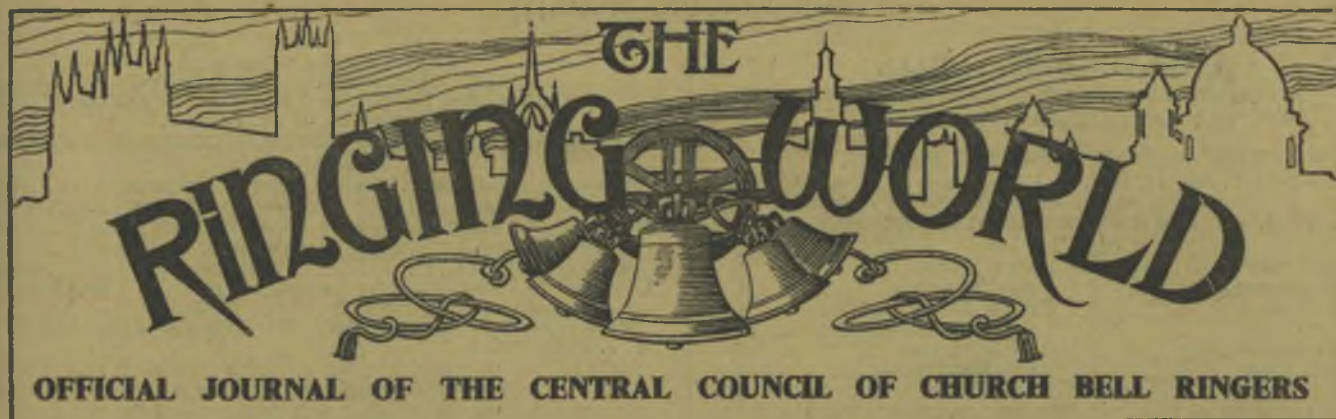




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NEW RECRUITS

By ALAN A. J. BUSWELL

IT was about nine weeks ago that Fred Snowball was called up for National Service in the Army. He was rather disappointed, as he was getting on so well at learning to conduct Doubles at his home tower, and then having to leave knowing full well that he would be unable to do much ringing during the next few months. There was one consolation that maintained his interest; he loved to prick out changes on paper and invent new methods without worrying whether they were false or not, and this could be done anywhere.

He did it sitting on his bed in the Barrack Room during the evenings and there were about twenty of his comrades milling around all the time. They all seemed interested in what he was doing, but that was about all and went away thinking that he was a bit of a 'crank.' He did not say, however, that it was anything to do with bell ringing, but just said that he was playing around with figures and seeing how many combinations he could get out of a certain number of figures. There was one person who seemed more interested in it than the rest. He was Claude Dumas.

Claude asked him to explain what he was doing, so that evening Fred showed him how one got all the combinations of four numbers and then went on to explain the variations. The inevitable question had to be asked some time: How did you learn all this and what has it got to do with?

Fred had to start his explaining all over again, but this time on the art of campanology and the connection which it had with permutations. Claude became more interested in the subject and he even asked if he could take up the art, but it was explained to him that he had better leave it until he was demobbed as he would be shifted from one place to another and so pass through too many instructors to be of any use.

This put the damper on him a bit as he did not like the thought of having to wait nearly two years before being let into a belfry. An opportune moment was when Fred received his new set of handbells from the founders. Claude could be taught to ring them without having to worry about bell management and bell control. There was one drawback, however. Would they be posted together at the end of their training and so continue in the good work? This they could do nothing about, but, nevertheless, they started ringing Minimus and soon were able to ring all the methods that were printed in a past issue of 'The Ringing World.'

The time came all too soon when their training was at an end and they were to be posted. All their company were paraded and the postings were read out. Claude, being near the beginning in the alphabet, was read out first and was told that he was going to Hong Kong. His heart sank. All the other names were read out and practically every place in the world was mentioned, and then it came. Claude could not believe his ears at first, but yes — Fred Snowball had been given the same posting.

The next few days passed very quickly and they soon found themselves in Hong Kong with, of course, their beloved handbells. They realised that they would have to find a third person before they could do any serious ringing, and as luck would have it they found John Peters, who had done a little change ringing, but knew no methods at all, as he came from Devon.

John was asked if he would like to take up handbell ringing and of course he accepted with glee. The three of them quickly got down to some serious practising and were soon able to ring plain courses of Bob Doubles. Now that Fred had taught the other two to ring the plain courses from scratch he now had to teach himself to conduct, and with the little experience he had before he was called up he soon had the other two ringing the full extent. To get them ringing Minor was quite easy and they found no real difficulty except for Fred, who had to learn the new callings and the different ways to get the various extents.

One day Claude had nothing much to do so he started pricking the changes of Bob Minor and, experimenting with them, found that he could reverse the method. Also he found that he could put the two methods together and still come out at rounds after the five leads. He showed his discovery to Fred, who was extremely pleased with what he had done and pointed out to him that these were recognised methods.

At the next practice night they had a go at these two new methods. They found it difficult at first, but they were soon ringing short touches. At the end of one of these practices Fred brought up the subject of ringing a peal in the methods. They were a bit taken aback at the idea of it at first, but they thought that they would be able to do it if they could get used to ringing for long periods at a time.

A few months later there appeared in the peal columns of 'The Ringing World' a peal of Minor 'in hand' in three methods and it had the following footnotes:—

First peal 'in hand' for all the band;

First peal as conductor.

The ringer of 1-2 (i.e., Claude) has never rung a tower bell and the ringer of 2-3 (John) has never rung methods on tower bells.

Believed to be the first peal in Hong Kong, China.

Their next peal was in the middle of the Indian Ocean during their voyage home and this had the peculiar footnote as being rung while travelling between Longitude 70° and 80° East along the Equator.

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TWELVE BELL PEALS

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

AND
THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Sat., Jan. 18, 1958, in 3 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 25½ cwt.

*BERNARD GROVES Treble	JOHN WORTH 7
FRED DUNKERLEY 2	NEIL D. LOMAS 8
BASIL JONES 3	PETER LAFLIN 9
*ROBERT SMITH 4	LESLIE BOUMPHREY 10
C. KENNETH LEWIS 5	BRIAN HARRIS 11
JOHN E. BIBBY 6	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal on 12 bells, and have both now rung Cambridge from Minor to Maximus.

Rung in memory of James Carter of the above Society, who died on January 12th.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 25, 1958, in 3 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE BELL TOWER,

A PEAL OF 5103 GRANDSIRE CINQUES

Tenor 35 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in C sharp.

*REV. ALBERT WEBB Treble	†ALLEN MORGAN 7
REGINALD WOODYATT 2	GERALD G. HEMMING 8
†R. GEORGE MORRIS 3	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING 9
THOMAS W. LEWIS 4	†GEORGE E. EVENDEN 10
SIDNEY T. HOLT 5	†DAVID BEACHAM 11
*JOHN G. SLATER 6	*JOHN J. STANIER Tenor

Composed by RICHARD F. DEAL. Conducted by REGINALD WOODYATT.

* First peal on 12 bells. † First peal of Grandsire Cinques. First peal on 12 bells as conductor.

In memoriam Charles J. Camm, Western Branch Ringing Master.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Jan. 25, 1958, in 3 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 62 cwt.

BROOKE K. LUNN Treble	JAMES PHILLIPS 7
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD 2	JACK A. WAUGH 8
FRANK W. PERRENS 3	*JOHN H. CRAMPION 9
FRANK E. HAYNES 4	JOHN PHILLIPS 10
JOHN CHILCOTT 5	PHILIP A. F. CHALK 11
GEORGE W. CECIL 6	THOMAS J. SETTER Tenor
	WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by J. FRANK SMALLWOOD.

* 300th peal.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

TEN BELL PEALS

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Jan. 18, 1958, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5055 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in E flat.

MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT .. Treble	JOHN E. CHILCOTT 6
JOHN PHILLIPS 2	DAVID E. PARSONS 7
FRANK E. DARBY 3	JOHN H. CRAMPION 8
JAMES G. A. PRIOR 4	MICHAEL P. MORETON 9
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD .. 5	WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by FRANK E. DARBY.

This composition contains the '978 and '879 positions rung alternately.

Michael V. Chilcott has now 'circled the tower.'

LEYLAND, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 18, 1958, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5021 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB CATERS

Tenor 23½ cwt.

*ROSEMARY PARKINSON .. Treble	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE 6
G. ALEC DIMMOCK 2	RONALD KENRICK 7
*†STANLEY WALMSLEY 3	JOHN E. SPICE 8
*PHILIP DUNDERDALE 4	*VICTOR J. C. WOOD 9
E. ROGER MARTIN 5	FREDERICK PRICE Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.

* First peal of Double Norwich Caters. † 25th peal.

Rung to mark the first anniversary of the induction of the Vicar (Rev. W. J. Sawle, B.D.).

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 18, 1958, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

DEREK P. JONES Treble	PHYLLIS POOLE 6
JOSEPH WM. COTTON 2	GORDON A. HALLS 7
ERNEST MORRIS 3	G. RONALD EDWARDS 8
FRANCIS R. LOWE 4	ERNEST J. JELLEY 9
PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER .. 5	JOHN M. JELLEY Tenor

Arranged by STEPHEN IVIN

The ringers of the treble and second have now 'circled' the campanile to peals.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 18, 1958, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY,

A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 25½ cwt. in E flat.

A. YORK-BRAMBLE Treble	†RUSSELL H. R. PARKER .. 6
*S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT .. 2	E. WINIFRED KEYS 7
†ROBERT WAKE 3	E. KEITH JORDAN 8
†MARION J. PARKER 4	FREDERICK W. BURNETT .. 9
†ERNEST TREAGUS 5	ARTHUR E. HOODLESS .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by FREDERICK W. BURNETT.

* 100th peal. † First peal on ten bells. First peal of Caters. First peal on the bells since augmentation.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BOCKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSFX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 28, 1957, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE DEANERY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt.

MRS. H. W. MOORE Treble	ALAN R. SYDER 5
HENRY A. PRATT 2	JOHN BROWN 6
LEWIS W. WIFFEN 3	RONALD SUCKLING 7
HAROLD W. MOORE 4	FRANK B. LUFKIN Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE.

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

EAST MEON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Sat., Jan. 4, 1958, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19½ cwt.

*JOHN BALL Treble	RUSSELL H. R. PARKER .. 5
MARION J. PARKER 2	KEITH JORDAN 6
ALEXANDER PAGE 3	FREDK. W. BURNETT 7
S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT .. 4	ROGER BALDWIN Tenor

Composed by JAMES TOPP.

Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.

* First peal of Surprise.

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On Sat., Jan. 11, 1958, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANN,

A PEAL OF 5072 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

ERNEST J. ROWE Treble	† HAROLD HOWSON 5
*PAT ROWE (13) 2	MARTIN CUBITT 6
*LESLEY HAWES 3	MICHAEL ROWE 7
†FRANCES SECKER 4	BRIAN BLADON Tenor

Composed by ALBERT TYLER.

Conducted by BRIAN BLADON.

Witnessed by W. THEOBALD.

* First peal. † First of Major. First peal on the augmented eight.
 Rung by the local band.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Jan. 13, 1958, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

HARRY BRAY Treble	PETER J. STANFORTH 5
PHYLLIS POOLE 2	ERNEST J. JELLEY 6
ERNEST W. RAWSON 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON 7
JOHN ACRES 4	DEREK P. JONES Tenor

Composed by S. IVIN.

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Jan. 13, 1958, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Comprising 2,560 London, 960 Bristol, 800 each of Cambridge and Superlative, with 100 changes of method.

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. in F sharp.

ANDREW C. SINFIELD .. Treble	ALFRED E. RUSHTON .. 5
PHILIP MEHEW 2	DENNIS KNOX 6
RONALD J. SHARP 3	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES .. 7
BRYAN PATTISON 4	STEPHEN IVIN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

A birthday peal for Mrs. C. E. Jeffries.

GRESSENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Jan. 14, 1958, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*VERA M. NELSON Treble	*JUNE E. NELSON 5
GEORGE P. ADAMS 2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 6
EDWARD HOWES 3	BERT GOGLE 7
GEORGE SAYER 4	NOLAN GOLDEN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Major, and by members of the local band.

Composition contains at course-ends all the 7568's, 3527468, 2537468 and 6th extent in 5-6 without 2nd or 3rd in 6ths.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Jan. 15, 1958, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

NOLAN GOLDER Treble	CHARLES H. MOORE 5
RAYMOND G. LOFTY .. 2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 6
GEORGE SAYER 3	MICHAEL DAY 7
*PETER ADCOCK 4	BERT GOGLE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal in the method.

A compliment to Mr. Charles H. Moore, local captain, on the birth of a grandson.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Jan. 15, 1958, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ROBERT T. LAMBERT .. Treble	STANLEY G. PONTING .. 5
ERNEST J. LADD 2	THOMAS E. SONE 6
REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. 3	EDWIN BROMLEY 7
*FREDERICK J. LAMBERT .. 4	COLIN A. TESTER Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE.

Conducted by ROBERT T. LAMBERT.

* 350th peal.

A birthday compliment to Miss V. I. Lambert.

ALMONDSBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.

On Sat., Jan. 18, 1958, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation.

Tenor 22½ cwt. in E flat.

MICHAEL T. SPRACKLING Treble	*ALAN J. SMITH 5
*PATRICK J. BIRD 2	DAVID HEIGHTON 6
*MAURICE E. DOWNS .. 3	†FRANK D. MACK 7
BRIAN J. WYLDE 4	TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID HEIGHTON.

* First peal of Surprise. † First peal in the method. First peal of Surprise as conductor. First peal of Surprise for the Society.

BILLINGSBURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 18, 1958, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 12 cwt.

LEONARD STILWELL .. Treble	*JOHN YOUNG 5
*BERNARD MATTHEWS .. 2	†DENIS MITCHELL 6
†CHARLES SKINNER 3	RAYMOND P. WOOD .. 7
JUNE M. CLEMENTS 4	RAYMOND BROWN .. Tenor

Conducted by RAYMOND P. WOOD.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal on eight. ‡ First of Grandsire Triples.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 18, 1958, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Being 1,920 of Kent and 3,168 of Oxford, with 30 changes of method.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WALTER ALLMAN Treble	FRED JACKSON 5
ERIC HORNBY 2	WILLIAM E. ALLMAN .. 6
HARRY PARKER 3	HARRY W. HOWARD .. 7
VICTOR NEALE 4	Cecil Raddon Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.

First peal in the method by all the band.

Rung for the birthday of C. Raddon and first birthday of Charles E. J. Allman.

CHIPPING NORTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 18, 1958, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5088 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

*ROBERT A. REEVES .. Treble	GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. 5
*ROBIN A. HODGSON .. 2	GEORGE F. BURTON .. 6
*CHARLES COLES 3	*J. HOWARD FREEBORN .. 7
*†FRANCIS G. WILTON .. 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal of New Cambridge Surprise Major. † 25th peal.

GILLINGHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 18, 1958, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5040 UNION TRIPLES

John Carter's Three-part. Peal No. 65 C.C.C.

Tenor 11½ cwt. in F sharp.

GEORGE KENWARD Treble	STANLEY B. DOBBIE 5
HAZEL V. DADSON 2	EDWARD C. BARTON .. 6
KATHLEEN M. WALSH .. 3	GEORGE A. NAYLOR .. 7
LAWRENCE MITCHELL .. 4	JOHN CLARK Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.

First peal in the method by all the band.

HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., Jan. 18, 1958, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in F.

ELIZABETH M. YARDLEY .. Treble	JOAN BERESFORD 5
ANN BARR 2	JEFFREY B. WEBB 6
DIANA J. PERRINS 3	CLIVE M. SMITH 7
SHIRLEY M. PARSONS .. 4	CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

First touch of Surprise Major as conductor.

LONG STANTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 18, 1958, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 7½ cwt.

M. S. JACKSON (Girton) .. Treble	M. D. S. HOOD (Trin. Hall) 5
H. NEILL (St. Cath.'s) .. 2	D. J. KIRBY (Selwyn) .. 6
M. J. HARBORD (Trin. Hall) 3	F. B. COOKSON (St. John's) 7
P. H. LANGTON (Trinity) .. 4	*P. F. WINDLEY (Jesus) .. Tenor

Conducted by P. F. WINDLEY.

* 25th peal and first as conductor.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 18, 1958, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in G.

WM. GEOFFREY HAIR .. Treble	JOSEPH WM. COTTON .. 5
PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER .. 2	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY .. 6
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 3	GORDON A. HALLS .. 7
FRANCIS R. LOWE .. 4	DEREK P. JONES .. Tenor

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

A birthday compliment to Mrs. S. H. Jones, of Repton.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 18, 1958, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 13 cwt.

PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING Treble	ERIC J. HITCHIN .. 5
SIDNEY GRANT .. 2	JACK LUCAS .. 6
ARCHIBALD KNIGHT .. 3	†FREDERICK S. SLATFORD .. 7
*DAVID KNIGHT .. 4	†JAMES CASE .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK S. SLATFORD.

* First peal of Triples 'inside.' † 100th peal. ‡ First peal on eight.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Penn on the occasion of their silver wedding.

SHIPLAKE, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 18, 1958, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's Four-part variation. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.

WILLIAM J. PAICE .. Treble	NOEL J. DISERENS .. 5
*JEAN DAWSON .. 2	*WALTER NEWTON .. 6
HELEN M. BRANT .. 3	RONALD F. DISERENS .. 7
FRANK W. LEWIS .. 4	JESSE SMITH .. Tenor

Conducted by RONALD F. DISERENS.

* First peal in the method.

SOUTH PETHERTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 18, 1958, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 24 cwt.

*IVOR BEST .. Treble	FREDERICK WELCH .. 5
*GEORGE E. MONCKTON .. 2	ALBERT W. DYER .. 6
JACK W. DREW .. 3	WILLIAM E. TURNER .. 7
RAYMOND P. SELWAY .. 4	REGINALD HEBDITCH .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.

* First peal and first attempt.

Rung to welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. J. H. Jelly.

SWINTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 18, 1958, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. in D.

G. BARBARA COOKE .. Treble	ALLAN SHARPLES .. 5
ALEXANDER RICHARDSON .. 2	TREVOR TAYLOR .. 6
IVOR JENKINS .. 3	DEREK TAYLOR .. 7
NORMAN TOMPKINS .. 4	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. Tenor

Conducted by TREVOR TAYLOR.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BREADSALL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE SOUTH DERBYSHIRE & NORTH LEICESTERSHIRE ASSN.

On Fri., Jan. 3, 1958, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Tenor 14 cwt.

*MICHAEL BLORE .. Treble	PETER BELLAMY-KNIGHTS 4
†MICHAEL KNIGHT .. 2	DAVID K. WALKLATE .. 5
EDWIN WALKLATE .. 3	*MARK ROWLAND .. Tenor

Conducted jointly by PETER B.-KNIGHTS (ten extents), EDWIN WALKLATE (ten extents) and DAVID K. WALKLATE (22 extents).

* First peal. † First 'inside.'

HARLAXTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 4, 1958, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

*MARGARET E. BAILEY .. Treble	DENIS A. FRITH .. 4
BRIAN HUNT .. 2	J. MICHAEL SIMPSON .. 5
JOHN E. COOK, JUN. .. 3	W. RUSSELL READ .. Tenor

Conducted by W. RUSSELL READ.

* First peal. The first peal of Minor as conductor.

HOPE, FLINTSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 4, 1958, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CYNFARCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 16 extents of Grandsire, 16 extents Bob Doubles and five Morris's 240 Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt.

*ROGER KING .. Treble	HENRY O. BAKER .. 4
WILFRED H. LEWIS .. 2	†J. WILLIAM CLARKE .. 5
*HENRY A. PRICE .. 3	*THOMAS C. MILLINGTON .. Tenor

Conducted by HENRY O. BAKER.

* First peal in two methods. † First of Doubles.

QUAINTON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 4, 1958, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor 19½ cwt.

ANNE C. GARNEIT .. Treble	ROBIN G. LEALE .. 3
WILLIAM S. DEASON .. 2	FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. 4

MICHAEL P. MORETON .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

The first peal on the bells.

Rung as a tribute to the memory of Colin Michael Stephenson, of Ossett.

FOLKINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Jan. 5, 1958, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's each of Single Court, Single Oxford and Plain Bob, and one of Double Court. Tenor 13 cwt., approx.

*IVY E. LINDSEY .. Treble	ALBERT E. SCOTT .. 4
CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY 2	CHARLES WILKINSON .. 5
CECIL WADE .. 3	LEONARD C. BLANCHARD .. Tenor

Conducted by CECIL WADE.

* First peal, first attempt.

Rung as a 90th birthday compliment to Mrs. T. W. Stanton, aunt of the ringer of the second.

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THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 4, 1958, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

*MAUREEN HAYNES Treble	†KENNETH RUTLAND 4
†JAMES T. ROOKE 2	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE 5
‡FREDA ROBINSON 3	HERBERT T. ROOKE .. Tenor

Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ROOKE.

* First peal at first attempt. † First peal in four methods. ‡ First peal in four methods 'inside.'

SEND, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Jan. 5, 1958, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Fulbeck, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

ANNE C. GARNETT Treble	WILLIAM S. DEASON 4
FREDERICK R. SCOTT 2	ROBIN G. LEALE 5
ROGER WOODCOCK 3	JOHN HILL Tenor

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

COLWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Mon., Jan. 6, 1958, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise and Kent Treble Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb.

ERIC EDGINTON Treble	JOHN H. JOYNER 4
GEORGE W. HUGHES 2	JOHN R. JOYNER 5
ARTHUR R. WRIGHT 3	RICHARD J. WARRILOW .. Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD J. WARRILOW.

OADBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Jan. 6, 1958, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in five methods: (1) and (2) St. Clement's Bob, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Oxford Treble Bob, (5) Kent Treble Bob, (6) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.

ROGER K. STRETTON .. Treble	ERNEST J. JELLEY 4
PHYLLIS POOLE 2	ERNEST MORRIS 5
JOHN A. ACRES 3	*BRIAN G. WARWICK .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* 400th peal on tower bells.

Rung for the Feast of the Epiphany.

SUNNINGWELL, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Jan. 6, 1958, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising seven extents in 12 methods, with 54 changes of method, viz.: (1) College Exercise and Norbury Treble Bob, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, (4) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (5) Thelwall and Childwall, (6) Plain and Double Bob, (7) Single Oxford. Tenor 8½ cwt.

J. HOWARD FREEBORN .. Treble	*RUTH S. HODGSON 4
DOUGLAS O. WILKS 2	DONALD H. NIBLETT 5
*CHRISTINE M. WOODWARD .. 3	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal in 12 Minor methods.

Rung for the Feast of the Epiphany.

WINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tues., Jan. 7, 1958, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being 2,160 and four extents each called differently. Tenor 13 cwt. 20 lb.

CHARLES BROWN Treble	L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE 4
GEORGE FILBY, SEN. 2	ROBERT PLUMMER 5
ERNEST WHITING 3	GEORGE FILBY, JUN. .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

A birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

PACKINGTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Wed., Jan. 8, 1958, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY ROOD,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents, with tenors never reversed. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in B flat

JOSEPH WM. COTTON .. Treble	WILLIAM F. WOODWARD .. 4
*RICHARD J. CLIFTON 2	DEREK P. JONES 5
*ARTHUR J. MARRIOTT .. 3	ROLAND BENISTON .. Tenor

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' Mr. J. W. Cotton has now 'circled the tower,' and is the first person to do so.

ACTON BY NANTWICH, CHESHIRE.

NON-ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 11, 1958, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in F.

*RHODRI W. WILLIAMS .. Treble	*DEREK A. HOLLAND 4
JOHN D. NIXON 2	O. MICHAEL SLANEY 5
ANTHONY R. TRICKETT .. 3	FRANK R. MORTON .. Tenor

Conducted by O. MICHAEL SLANEY.

* First peal.

DERSINGHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 11, 1958, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 8 lb.

*GEORGE W. HEYHOE .. Treble	JOHN E. COUZENS 4
SAMUEL H. WATERFIELD .. 2	WILLIAM ROUSE 5
TONY OWEN 3	CECIL V. EBBERSON .. Tenor

Conducted by CECIL V. EBBERSON.

* First peal.

Rung for the Feast of the Epiphany.

DISLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 11, 1958, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being 26 methods in seven extents: (1) Abbeyville, Crowland, Combermere, Vale Royal and St. Werburgh Delight; (2) Marple, Newdigate, Old Oxford, College Bob IV and Willesden Delight; (3) Braintree, Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans and Wragby Delight; (4) Disley Delight, Morning Star and Norbury Treble Bob; (5) Ockley, College Exercise and Duke of Norfolk Treble Bob; (6) Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston Treble Bob; (7) Capel and Oxford Treble Bob; 59 changes of method. Tenor 8½ cwt.

BRIAN HARRIS Treble	JOHN WORTH 4
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 2	C. KENNETH LEWIS 5
BASIL JONES 3	ROBERT B. SMITH .. Tenor

Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

In memoriam James Arthur Milner, for many years ringer at this church, who was interred immediately before the peal.

HOLYWELL, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 11, 1958, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 lb.

REGINALD WILMER Treble	OLIVER G. NORMAN 4
*DAVID PAPWORTH 2	E. JACK PARISH 5
*PETER W. ROSE 3	WALTER PAPWORTH .. Tenor

Conducted by E. JACK PARISH.

* First peal. First peal on the bells by the local Sunday service band.

HOSE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 11, 1958, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 720 each of Winchendon Place Bob, All Saints', St. Simon's Bob, Reverse Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt.

J. HARRY COOK Treble	ROLAND H. COOK 3
ALFRED E. HINMAN 2	CHARLES E. COOPER 4
GEOFFREY A. BOWCUTT .. Tenor	

Conducted by J. HARRY COOK.

First peal on the bells, recast by John Taylor and Co., 1938.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Wm. Sharpe (81), captain of Hose ringers for 53 years, and also a tribute to Mr. E. Tinsley, who has completed 50 years as captain at Long Clawson.

MERTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 11, 1958, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MERTON SLOW COURSE BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four callings).

Tenor 7½ cwt. in B.

ROBIN G. LEALE Treble | DAVID A. S. HAWKINS .. 3

ANNE C. GARNETT 2 | WILLIAM S. DEASON 4

ALAN J. FROST Tenor

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

The first peal in the method.

MOTTRAM-IN-LONGDENDALE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 11, 1958, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents, viz.: (1) and (2) Plain Bob, (3) and (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) Kent Treble Bob, (6) and (7) Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

*DOROTHY M. HEAP .. Treble | BRIAN A. TOMLINSON .. 4

*CAROL EUSTACE 2 | TREVOR TAYLOR 5

*GEOFFREY HOPKINSON .. 3 | BARRIE HENDRY Tenor

Conducted by TREVOR TAYLOR.

* First peal in four methods.

MOUNTSORREL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Syston District.)

On Sat., Jan. 11, 1958, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In three methods, viz.: Two Pitman's 240's and 20 extents of Grandsire (ten callings), 12 of Plain Bob (four callings) and six of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure (four callings).

Tenor 8 cwt. 27 lb. in G sharp.

*MARIE BLAKESLEY Treble | *GEORGE V. HARRALD .. 4

†JACK HANDFORD 2 | ROYSTON WILMORE 5

†ROBERT HANDFORD 3 | *JACK CUNNINGTON Tenor

Conducted by ROYSTON WILMORE.

* First peal. † First of Doubles. First peal rung by a local Sunday service band for over 50 years.

ORSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 11, 1958, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents of 720. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in A flat.

WILLIAM L. EXTON Treble | F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER .. 4

MARGARET E. HILL 2 | HAROLD STEVENSON 5

SYDNEY ADAMS 3 | FREDERICK G. HOOPER .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK G. HOOPER.

Rung as a farewell to the Vicar (Rev. H. P. Arnold-Crafts), who is leaving Orston for the parish of St. George, Bolton.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Dec. 29, 1957, in 1 Hour and 55 Minutes,

In ST. MARGARET'S SELECT VESTRY,

A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 17 in A.

JOHN M. JELLEY 1—2 | JOHN A. ACRES 5—6

ERNEST MORRIS 3—4 | JOHN R. SMITH 7—8

Adapted from E. M. ATKINS. Composed by JOHN A. ACRES.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Jan. 13, 1958, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

At No. 29,

A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. J. THOMAS 1—2 | JOHN THOMAS 5—6

JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 3—4 | DAVID J. MARSHALL 7—8

VIVIEN BARNES 9—10

Composed by J. E. GRAVES. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

Witness: MRS. D. J. MARSHALL.

A birthday compliment to Mrs. D. J. Marshall.

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LOUGHBOROUGH

The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

QUARTER PEALS

BARKING, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 19th, 1,272 Treble Bob Minor (552 Kent, 720 Oxford): J. J. Prentice 1, H. A. Mitson (first Treble Bob 'inside') 2, A. E. J. Lester 3, G. R. Goodship 4, J. B. Morley 5, R. E. Lester (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

BATTLE, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. A. Masters 1, H. Ballard 2, A. D. V. Hunt 3, J. F. Whitfield 4, Miss K. Stisted (cond.) 5, G. Prodder 6. With best birthday wishes to the ringer of the second.

BETHERSDEN, KENT.—On Jan. 10th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: P. Jarvis 1, Kathleen M. Yeo 2, Violet Relf 3, Elizabeth Marshall 4, J. R. Cooper (cond.) 5, W. W. Ring 6.

BRANT BROUGHTON, Lincs.—On Jan. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. E. Chilton 1, F. W. Midwinter 2, E. Brown 3, F. Derry 4, W. L. Exton (cond.) 5, G. C. Jackson 6. First quarter 3, 4 and 6, who become the first local ringers to ring a quarter on these bells.

BRIDGWATER, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Miller 1, E. Chapman 2, W. Stevens 3, F. Sweet 4, R. Short (cond.) 5, K. Prime 6, J. Walton 7, G. Burge 8. A Bridgwater branch quarter.

CARISBROOKE, I.O.W.—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Attrill 1, C. F. Guy 2, S. Moody 3, W. Upton 4, A. G. Smallwood (Penn) 5, R. G. Chambers (first quarter) 6, C. A. Drake (cond.) 7, W. G. Scott 8.

CRANFORD, MIDLX.—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan Parker 1, Hilary Speke 2, P. Wooddyer 3, June Richardson 4, D. Fowles (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

DANBURY, ESSEX.—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Spurgeon (first quarter) 1, T. R. Roast 2, P. W. Saltmarsh 3, P. J. Came 4, M. Edwards 5, I. J. M. Saunders (cond.) 6.

DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,320 Doubles (240 Grandsire and 1,080 Plain Bob): B. Lewis 1, Hilary Johnson 2, S. Webb 3, H. Johnson 4, P. I. Chapman (cond.) 5, D. Billingham (first quarter) 6.

EAST RETFORD, NOTTS.—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Spliced Grandsire, Oxford, Court, Double Grandsire and St. Clement's Triples: Jean Robertson (first of Triples) 1, Winnie Wilkinson 2, C. Cook 3, Mrs. D. Metcalfe (first in five methods) 4, H. Webb 5, H. Denman 6, K. Beardsall (cond.) 7, W. Coates 8. Composed by J. Segar.

EBBW VALE, MON.—On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Stephens (first quarter) 1, Miss D. Evans 2, Miss A. Evans 3, R. Stephens 4, T. Stephens 5, D. Bruten 6, J. Alsop (cond.) 7, J. Jeynes 8. Rung in honour of the appointment of the Vicar (the Rev. O. Davies) as a Canon of the Cathedral Church of St. Woolos.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Jan. 12th, 1,316 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original): P. Clarke 1, R. Clarke 2, E. J. Goode 3, K. Small 4, Brenda Slark 5, B. Crowder (cond.) 6, J. Hurrell 7, F. Hurrell 8. For Evensong.

ENFIELD, MIDLX.—On January 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Hawkins (first quarter) 1, I. Attwater 2, J. Towers 3, J. Roberts 4, D. Towers 5, I. Hawkins (first quarter) 6, J. Duggan (cond.) 7, P. Nash 8.

ERDINGTON, WARWICKS.—At the Abbey Church of SS. Thomas and Edmund, on Jan. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. J. Morton 1, V. Morris (first 'inside') 2, M. G. Morton (cond.) 3, P. J. Rigby 4, A. Ager 5, J. Anderson 6.

FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Patricia Stevenson (first quarter) 1, Maureen A. Finch 2, W. W. Wright 3, Eva Taussig 4, R. E. Finch (cond.) 5, T. J. Luce (first quarter) 6. First quarter since the rehanging of the recast second. For Evensong. Also on Jan. 6th, 1,260 Reverse St. Bartholomew's Doubles: R. H. Mills 1, Maureen A. Finch 2, R. E. Finch (cond.) 3, Eva Taussig 4, W. W. Wright 5, G. S. Joyce 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam David J. McIntroy, who rang at Farnborough while stationed there on National Service.

FRIEZLAND, YORKS.—On Jan. 20th, 720 Merchants' Return Treble Bob Minor, 600 Oxford: J. Smith 1, G. Perrin 2, C. Henshaw 3, H. B. Schofield 4, J. Burgess 5, A. Farrand 6. A farewell to Mr. Jack Travis, the organist at this church.

FRINDSBURY, KENT.—On Nov. 2nd, 2,520 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. Highley 1, T. Barton 2, F. A. Mitchell 3, H. Springate 4, R. Burns 5, G. Kenward 6, C. S. Jarrett (cond.) 7, C. Curtis (first quarter) 8. For the patronal festival, also birthday compliments to Messrs. R. C. Burns and P. F. Borer.

GLASGOW.—At St. Mary's Cathedral, on Jan. 25th, 1,287 Stedman Caters: W. H. Pickett 1, H. F. Sargent 2, M. M. Peterson (first of Caters) 3, A. E. Haynes 4, Kate M. H. Barnson 5, A. W. Lloyd 6, E. Boumphrey 7, E. A. Stafford 8, C. R. Raine (cond.) 9, A. W. Sears 10.

HARLINGTON, MIDLX.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Grice 1, D. Shaw 2, Miss J. C. Richardson 3, M. R. Hawkins 4, M. J. Palmer (first as cond.) 5, T. S. Baber 6.

HARMSTON, Lincs.—On Jan. 11th, 1,008 Plain Bob Major: M. Platt (first of Major) 1, F. W. Pinchbeck 2, J. E. Cook 3, A. P. Hill 4, P. E. Parry 5, B. Hunt 6, W. R. Read 7, J. M. Simpson (first of Major as cond.) 8.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. J. Matthews (first away from tenor) 1, S. D. A. Price (first 'inside') 2, Judith D. Funnell 3, G. Beeny 4, F. H. Beeny (first in method as cond.) 5, A. Ellis 6. Also on Jan. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Vinten (first quarter) 1, Miss E. S. M. Tonkin 2, Miss J. D. Funnell 3, G. Beeny 4, F. Beeny (cond.) 5, T. Matthews 6. For Evensong.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Jan. 19th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: T. R. G. Spicer 1, D. F. Mufret 2, Miss D. Robinson 3, M. J. Dyer 4, H. S. Peacock 5, D. E. R. Knights (cond.) 6. For morning service.

HESTON, MIDLX.—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss G. Harbour (first quarter) 1, J. B. Sansom 2, Miss P. Rayner 3, G. Golding 4, M. Hawkins 5, P. Bettridge 6, G. Ruck (cond.) 7, J. E. Ricketts 8. For Evensong.

HIGHWORTH, WILTS.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Coombs 1, Miss S. E. Miles 2, J. Hill 3, J. Sawyer 4, P. Arger (cond.) 5, I. Hawking 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss S. E. Miles.

HOPE, FLINTSHIRE.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Anthea A. Baker (first quarter, 10 years) 1, H. A. Price 2, I. Dean 3, G. Parting 4, H. O. Baker (cond.) 5, T. C. Millington 6.

ISLIP, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: V. A. Headland 1, G. W. Jeffs 2, B. A. Coulson 3, A. B. Clarke 4, D. Edwards 5, L. Witten (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Tom Jervis, who was interred at Islip this day.

KIRTON-IN-HOLLAND, Lincs.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Bishop 1, F. Dewey 2, J. P. Morris 3, J. Kemp 4, D. R. White 5, H. Barshy 6, W. E. Clarke (cond.) 7, D. Flatters 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Arthur Young, a regular visitor to this tower.

LANCASTER.—At St. Peter's Cathedral, on Jan. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Woods 1, R. Warden 2, H. Rainford (cond.) 3, R. Rainford 4, S. Jeffery 5, J. Pye 6. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

LEWKNOR, OXON.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob, St. Simon's, St. Nicholas', St. Martin's, Place Bob, Winchendon Place, Place Bob): W. Fulker 1, J. Godman 2, F. Godden 3, R. Tuckwell 4, F. Absolom (cond.) 5, W. Collins 6. A wedding compliment to Miss Heather Scott, daughter of Mr. A. J. Scott, churchwarden.

LLANDAFF, GLAM.—At the Cathedral, on Jan. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1 and 2 leading): Jill Birch 1, J. Goodfellow 2, Margaret Way 3, Miss P. J. Welch (first 'inside') 4, B. Taylor 5, J. D. Woodman 6, N. A. James (first as cond.) 7, M. Ellis (first quarter) 8. Rung before the festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, and as a birthday compliment to the ringer of 8. Also on Jan. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Way 1, Miss P. J. Welch 2, B. Taylor 3, G. Stickland 4, J. D. Woodman (cond.) 5, M. Bennett 6. Rung to mark the engagement of Nevil James and Jill Birch, both ringers at Llandaff Cathedral.

LONG BUCKBY, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Canterbury, 480 Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire): W. T. Lake 1, E. G. Orland (cond.) 2, E. G. Gautrey 3, E. M. Thresher 4, J. H. Williams 5. To celebrate the wedding of Miss D. Ward and Mr. J. Kemp.

MICKLETON, GLOS.—On Dec. 31st and Jan 1st, 1,260 Doubles (240 each Reverse St. Bartholomew, Plain Bob and April Day, 540 Grandsire): D. Clark 1, J. R. Niblett 2, D. H. Niblett (cond.) 3, A. H. Wright 4, S. Loynes 5, F. G. Kinchin 6.

NASEBY, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Judd (first quarter) 1, F. Lane (first 'inside') 2, W. Copley 3, A. Flutter 4, A. Millward (cond.) 5.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On Jan 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Valerie Colegrove (first quarter) 1, W. C. Budd 2, Joan Cheney 3, T. J. Frodsham 4, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, T. G. Pickering 6. A birthday compliment to the first ringer.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.—On Jan. 26th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: L. W. Stead (first of Minor) 1, Bridget Forder (first 'inside') 2, R. A. Reed (cond.) 3, C. Taylor 4, D. J. Forder 5, C. Murphy 6. A farewell to the tenor ringer, who is joining the R.A.F.

NUTFIELD, SURREY.—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret Mayne 1, Nancy Kemp-sell 2, G. Olliver 3, A. Clarke 4, A. Streeter (cond.) 5, W. Clarke 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam John Sexton, who died on January 1st, aged 92, the oldest male inhabitant of the village and one-time bell ringer at this church.

OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Price 1, J. Ayres (first 'inside') 2, J. G. Hine 3, E. J. Manley 4, E. H. Marks 5, C. J. Turner (cond.) 6, C. Deem 7, R. T. Wood 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. J. Price, father of the Vicar of Ottery St. Mary.

SILSOE, BEDS.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (two extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Reverse St. Bartholomew, April Day and Plain Bob and 300 Grandsire): J. Mackey 1, D. R. Brazier (cond.) 2, Ann Culpin 3, T. P. Harris 4, P. J. Lawton 5, B. A. Martin 6. First in five methods for 1, 3 and 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Frances Baigent and Margaret K. Oakeshott (widow of the previous Vicar).

SOUTHGATE, N.—At Christ Church, on Jan. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Ann Aldridge 1, J. Wallman 2, M. Stanyon 3, J. Peter 4, S. G. Peck 5, C. Aldridge (cond.) 6. Rung for the Parish Communion. Also on Jan. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: Ann Aldridge 1, Mary Piper 2, Pam Miller 3, J. Perrett 4, M. Stanyon 5, S. G. Peck 6, J. Wallman 7, C. Aldridge (first of Major as cond.) 8. For Evensong.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On Jan 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Cann (first of Triples) 1, A. E. Bisset 2, H. Stacey (first of Triples 'inside') 3, H. Trewin (first of Triples) 4, R. G. Pearce 5, C. Sangwin 6, J. W. Sangwin (first as cond.) 7, H. Heard 8. All local service ringers. Also on Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): Celia de Jong (first quarter) 1, B. Bissatt 2, H. Trewin 3, J. Sangwin 4, H. Heard 5, S. G. de Jong 6, C. Sangwin (cond.) 7, R. Cann 8.

THARSTON, NORFOLK.—On Jan. 19th, 1,320 St. Simon's Bob Doubles: L. Hinde 1, P. M. Adcock (cond.) 2, T. N. J. Bailey 3, P. D. T. Cattermole 4, L. N. Melton 5. Rung on the Feast of St. Wulfstan, Bishop.

TUNSTALL, KENT.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Kenward 1, L. Mitchell 2, J. Grensted 3, A. Dunk 4, E. Barton 5, R. Burns 6, C. Jarrett (cond.) 7, H. Springate 8. A compliment to Miss M. Evans and Mr. T. Barton on the occasion of their engagement; both are ringers at this church.

WALMER, KENT.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss F. Woodcock 1, Miss M. Hawkins 2, Mrs. F. W. Lawrence 3, F. R. Hawkins 4, F. W. Lawrence 5, F. A. Rye (cond.) 6, A. C. Woodcock 7. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. Herbert Maynard (Vicar), who was cremated this day.

WEST RETFORD, NOTTS.—On Jan. 12th, at the Church of St. Michael-the-Archangel, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Valerie Waterfield 1, Janice Cowdrey (first quarter) 2, T. Randall 3, M. Kemp 4, D. McNeill 5, R. Hobbs (cond.) 6. For morning service.

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Mr. T. E. Sone returned to Marden, Kent, where he rang his first peal on January 19th, 1911, for his 600th peal. Unfortunately Mr. F. S. Macey, the only other survivor of the first peal, was unable to stand in. After the peal the Vicar (the Rev. C. G. Eagling) congratulated the band and Mr. Sone on his fine record.

Mr. Peter J. Staniforth has been appointed official umpire on behalf of the Central Council in the attempt at 40,320 Plain Bob Major at Loughborough to-morrow. The best of luck to all the band.

The local band at Weldon, Northants, rang their first peal on January 17th and this is the reward of many hours of patient instruction by Mr. F. A. Ginns. This is the first peal on the bells by a service band since the installation of the bells in 1710.

After conducting a confirmation service at Winlaton, Durham, the Bishop of Jarrow (the Rt. Rev. J. A. Ramsbotham) went up to the belfry and thanked the ringers. He had a word with each and was most interested when the Rector told him that among his ringers were three fathers and three sons.

After an hour's ringing of very good Plain Bob Caters at North Stoneham on January 24th a peal attempt was lost by ringers from North Stoneham, Bournemouth, Portsmouth, Newbury, Thatcham and Highclere. It was a farewell to Cedric Murphy, who is joining the R.A.F.

The band that rang a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at Erith on January 24th would like to thank Mr. A. G. Hill for kindly standing in at a minute's notice, so as to enable Mr. T. J. Lock to complete the circle. It was his first Surprise peal since before the war. Congratulations!

BELFRY GOSSIP

Some 46 ringers attended an informal dinner and social evening at Lovell's Restaurant, Newport, on January 25th, arranged by the Monmouth Branch. Thanks were expressed to Mr. Jack Jarves for arranging the dinner, to Mrs. Ron Lucas, the M.C., and Miss Delwyn Evans, accordioniste, but the best compliment of members' enjoyment was the wish that it would be an annual event.

The peal at St. Andrew's, Pershore, was the first peal on the bells since 1927 and Mr. Albert Grinnall's first peal since 1936.

'The Irish Bell News' maintains its reputation for brightness with No. 1 of Vol. III. An article on the bells of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, is appropriate in view of Whitsun, 1958.

In 1903 Mr. Lewis W. Wiffen, of Braintree, rang his first peal of London Surprise Major. At Halstead, recently, 55 years later, he rang his 86th in the method. Not bad going for an 'old 'un.'—C. J. S.

Writes A. H. P.: 'What pleasure to see the names of Billy Hewitt, Albert Coles and Reuben Sanders in a peal together, and what memories they recall! As one ringer remarked years ago, "No need to wonder what sort of a peal. Look at the names!" How thankful Reuben must be that his health is so good.' (See Page 70.)

Previous to the peal at Hose, Leics, on January 11th there had been only one peal in the tower—in 1927, conducted by Mr. William Sharpe. The peal was the first on the bells, as the bells were recast in 1938. Mr. William Sharpe, now 80, completed 53 years as captain of Hose ringers but retired two years ago. He is still able to take an active part in local ringing.

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BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Mr. J. T. Dyke's Retirement

Announcing his retirement as chairman through continued ill-health, at the meeting of the Frome Branch, Mr. J. T. Dyke, referred to a recent leading article in 'The Ringing World'—'A Dedicated Sport.' He said:—

'During the 44 years in which I have been connected with the Branch I have always kept the right uses of church bells to the fore, viz., regular and punctual ringing for service and the necessary practice, which includes peal ringing. At the same time I have always set by face against birthday peals and things of that sort. It can hardly be right to use church bells to celebrate the anniversary of the birth of one of the ringers. The national Press a few months ago recorded an even more weird use of church bells. In a small Devonshire town, it was recorded, the church bells were rung late at night to celebrate the victory in London of one of their young boxers. I am confident that this could not occur here, not even if Yeovil won the football cup.'

Of the Branch Corporate Communion, which received such a welcome at Radstock, he said: 'In a Branch the size of ours, attendance on these occasions demands considerable sacrifice. So it should do. May we never fail to make these efforts.'

The secretary, Mr. E. J. Chivers, reported steady progress during the year. Membership topped the 200 mark with 23 towers affiliated, Marston Bigot being the newest. Young peal ringers have done particularly well this year, with Miss Frances Massey ringing her first at the age of ten, R. Abbott conducting Cambridge Minor at 15, and E. Bray now conducting Triples, while D. Hoare, with numerous peals to his credit, continues to organise his Wednesday band for Surprise ringing.

Before the meeting, members stood in silence in memory of Mr. William Flower and Mr. Frank Veasey. Apologies for absence were received from the Ringing Master (Mr. R. Beck), whose daughter was being married that day, from Frome tower captain (Mr. D. Flower), because of illness, and from Messrs. H. Baker and M. Rose. Eleven new performing members and two associates were elected. They were: Beckington, Miss J. Phillips, R. Smith; Chewton Mendip, T. Whitfield; Douling, F. Warren; Hinton Blewitt, Misses D. Lyons and V. Russell, B. Smith and D. Uphill; Shepton Mallet, J. Mitchell and P. J. Newman; Whatley, Miss V. Bailey. Associates: Buckland Dinham, the Rev. S. Max Benjamin; Radstock, the Rev. N. Mitchell.

All last year's officers, with the exception of the retiring chairman, were re-elected. The new chairman is Rev. Norman Mitchell, of Radstock.

Mr. E. Bray suggested that monthly practice meetings might be held, at least in the summer. It was agreed to consider this and make any arrangements at the next quarterly meeting.

Mr. F. Carter, of Radstock, proposed the vote of thanks and mentioned Mrs. Hilda Massey and helpers for the tea, and Frome ringers for their welcome.

Nearly 60 members and friends representing 22 towers attended the meeting and were joined by others for an enjoyable evening's ringing of many methods, from rounds to Double Norwich and Yorkshire Surprise.

E. D. O.

NORTH HERTS' PEAL WEEK

Dear Sir.—My reaction on perusing your peal columns in the issue of January 24th is that anybody who encourages a lad of 13 years of age to ring six peals in five days on 'old style' bells, must be devoid of any sense of proportion or responsibility.—Yours faithfully,

C. W. HANCOCK.

Tonbridge, Kent.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Dorchester Branch

The collapse and sudden death of Mr. Frederick Precey while attending the annual meeting of the Dorchester Branch at Dorchester on January 18th resulted in the evening's ringing concluding at 7 p.m. Mr. Precey was Branch Ringing Master for 11 years until last year, when he retired owing to ill-health.

Tea followed the Guild service at St. Peter's Church, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. P. F. Heaton), who also gave the address.

The Rev. P. F. Heaton (vice-chairman) presided at the business meeting. Mr. J. H. Hayne (retiring hon. secretary) reported an increased membership of 161, of whom 148 are ringing members. Eleven quarters and two peals were rung. The financial statement showed a credit balance of £27.

Officers were re-elected as follows: Chairman, the Rev. S. P. Rowcroft; vice-chairman, the Rev. P. J. Heaton; Ringing Master, Mr. H. J. Ford (Abbotsbury); Deputy Ringing Masters, Messrs. J. W. Rose (Wyke Regis) and Mr. J. Slade (Preston). Mr. R. H. Duke, of St. Peter's, Dorchester, was elected hon. secretary and treasurer on the resignation of Mr. J. H. Hayne after holding the office for 11 years. A vote of thanks to Mr. Hayne was carried with acclamation. Mr. Hayne returned thanks and wished Mr. Duke every success in his new post. He also thanked him for his invaluable help as assistant secretary for the past nine years. Twelve new members were elected.

Places suggested for meetings in 1958 were: Abbotsbury, Cattistock, Wyke Regis and possibly Bradford Peverelle and Stratton. It was stated that Messrs. Taylor were soon coming to hang the bells at Piddilthentide.

The address of the present secretary is: Mr. R. H. Duke, Morland, 46, Prince of Wales Road, Dorchester, Dorset.

A vote of thanks was given to Mr. Duke for the arrangements for tea and ringing and to the Rector for the service and taking the chair at the meeting.

R. H. D.

Another Peal at St. Paul's

The peal recorded this week of Stedman Cinques at St. Paul's Cathedral, rung on January 25th and conducted by Mr. J. Frank Smallwood, is the 17th on the bells. The last peal was rung for the Queen's coronation on June 20th, 1953.

Of the peals rung, 13 have been Stedman Cinques, three Kent T.B. Maximus and one Cambridge Surprise Maximus. The first peal was rung on December 10th, 1881.

THE LADIES' GUILD

South Wales District

The annual meeting of the South Wales District of the Ladies' Guild was held at Llandaff Cathedral on January 18th. The service was conducted by the Dean of Llandaff (the Very Rev. Eryl Thomas). Tea was afterwards served in the Hall, given and prepared by the Llandaff ringers. Mr. R. E. Coles thanked them on behalf of the visitors.

At the business meeting a favourable report of the past year was given by the secretary. District officers elected were: Vice-president, Mrs. Whitworth; secretary, Mrs. D. J. King; committee, Mrs. J. James, Mrs. F. Bailey, Mrs. D. Bruton, Miss Margaret Way; Central Committee, Mrs. R. E. Coles, Miss Dyls Hulbert.

Two new members were elected—Miss Carol Eustace, of Cheltenham, and Miss R. Dunning, of Ebbw Vale. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Sketty, Swansea.

REUBEN SANDERS

On Sunday, January 12th, some of us were having coffee after ringing when Reuben remarked that he was enjoying his birthday! To my own knowledge he had rung the tenor at St. Margaret's, Westminster, for a wedding on the previous Wednesday, and on the Friday for a broadcast rehearsal. On Saturday he rang the ninth at Southgate to Stedman Caters in 3 hours and 18 minutes (see peal columns) and rang it faultlessly at a really good pace. That very Sunday morning he had been at Westminster at 9 a.m. for the broadcast ringing and afterwards had rung at Streatham for morning service. And Reuben's age is not 64, but 84 years young!

Mr. Sanders was in his thirties before his first peal, but his total to date is 648, including 127 on 12 bells. Among notable feats may be mentioned: The tenor to the first peal of Cambridge Maximus in Ireland; the 11th to Stedman Cinques and Cambridge Maximus at Exeter Cathedral; the only man to ring two Surprise peals (Bristol and London) at Westminster Abbey; took part in the long peal (15,264 changes) of Bristol Surprise Major; also in the well-known four peals in different Surprise methods in one day; 7,000 Cambridge Maximus at Bow, Cheapside; and 56 peals at Southwark Cathedral.

Whether or not there is any significant connection between his good health, his outstanding ability with a heavy bell and his never-failing good humour, and the fact that he does not conduct peals, I cannot say. Perhaps it is only his modesty that lets him leave bob calling to others. But I know of no one I would rather stand beside when ringing a heavy bell. His many friends in the Exercise wish him many more birthday peals, with continued good health, happiness and vigour. W. G. W.

B.B.C. AT EAST HARLING 'MARDLE'

The fifth annual dinner 'mardle' of the East Harling bellringers was held on Saturday, January 25th—the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul—in the Nag's Head, Harling. Thirty-two ringers and friends attended, including ringers from Costessy, Wymondham, Diss, Bunwell, Garboldisham, Blo-Norton and New Buckenham.

Short touches of Treble Bob and various Minor methods were rung on the tower bells of SS. Peter and Paul's Church beforehand in order to shake the icicles off the boots of some of the more distant travellers!

After the dinner (which included pheasant) the company got to grips with handbells. Interesting comparisons were made between Mr. Goodman's 150-year-old handbells and a relatively new set of Mr. Leonard Last.

David Brigson and Jonah Barrington, of the B.B.C. East Anglian Region (Norwich) were present, and recordings were made of touches of various methods of Triples, Minor and Major as well as some excellent ones of Mr. Charles Goodman's company ringing 'Ding Dong Merrily on High.' Local jargon, idiom and some real campanological discussions were also recorded. We hope that this get-together between ringers and the B.B.C. in this part of the country will help both ringers and broadcasters.

P. J.

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS

The Society of Sherwood Youth at their annual meeting on January 25th at St Mary's, Nottingham, elected the following officers:—Master, Mr. F. A. Salter; hon. secretary, Mrs. P. C. Clarke; treasurer, Mr. W. Nichols.

The ten bells of St. Mary's were rung during the afternoon and evening to Grandsire Triples and Caters, Stedman Triples and Caters, Plain Bob Major and Royal, Double Norwich Major and Cambridge Surprise Major.

P. C. C.

NEWS FROM ESSEX ASSOCIATION

South-West Division Healthy

The South-Western Division of the Essex Association held its annual general meeting at St. Andrew's, Hornchurch on January 11th. Ringing preceded the service, conducted by the chaplain of Hornchurch, who also joined us at tea.

About 90 members and friends were present at tea to welcome Mr. Reeve after his motorcycle accident. Later, in the tower, Mr. Reeve was to be seen ringing Yorkshire with a precision which belied his 83 years.

Opening the meeting, Mr. Crampion welcomed Mr. Heazel and Mr. Ludkin, always honoured visitors at South-Western meetings. He asked the meeting to remember absent friends, especially Maurice Baker and Dick Stannard, the latter having had to give up active ringing. He congratulated Mr. Oliver, of Downham, on his 50 years of service ringing, which had recently been honoured at Shenfield. Silent tribute was paid to the memory of Mr. Richman, an honorary member.

Mr. Wilmington, in his report, said that he had approached 1957 with some trepidation after such a successful year as 1956, but they had managed to maintain an even keel, with membership well up to standard. There had been restorations at Epping and Chigwell Row, and they hoped that Orsett would soon be ringing again. During the year they had lost three old ringers, Roland Fenn, A. C. Hardy and Bob Chambers, who had been called to higher service. There had been five marriages within the Division. It was hoped to repeat last year's successful coach outing to the Saffron Walden Great Ringing Day, and this looked like being an annual event.

Mr. Willmington appealed to members not to make the Association meetings an occasion for tower grabbing, and said they should take their place at the service and business meeting as well as paying a fleeting visit to the tower. Mr. Heazel added that the Association had given a ringers' welcome to the Queen when she visited Brentford in the autumn.

All the officers of the Division were re-elected, and a healthy number of new members were elected (two from Shenfield, four from Hornchurch, five from Waltham Abbey, one from Barking, two from Rayleigh, one from North Weald and one honorary member from this tower, one from Woodford, one from Havering, one from Prittlewell, two honorary members from Wanstead, two non-resident members following a peal at Writtle, two from Leytonstone and one from Bentley South Weald). The last named was Mr. George Sewell, who was re-elected so that he could later be proposed for life membership. A most welcome new member was Mr. Attwater, from Barkingside, vigorous and smiling 80 years young. Mr. Attwater had been to the U.S.A. and had helped to teach ringing at Kent School, Connecticut.

Mr. Willmington asked for a nomination to fill the vacancy on the Central Council. A young member, Mr. Lionel Woods, of Dagenham, was proposed, and although Lionel demurred on the grounds that he lacked technical knowledge, he was persuaded to accept nomination. Two Walthamstow ringers, Mr.

Maynard and Mr. Rumens, were proposed for life membership, and also Mr. Oliver, of Downham. Mr. Sewell, of Bentley South Weald, was first re-elected a member and then put forward for life membership.

The programme for 1958 was accepted and it was pleasing to note that Orsett appeared for the first time since pre-war days. Mr. Chalk congratulated Mr. Gant on the excellent arrangements that had been made for the visit to Chelmsford of the Central Council. He also announced that Waltham Abbey was offering several of their part-worn ropes to any tower where ropes were needed and funds were low. To conclude the meeting, Mr. Turner moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Gant and all those who had helped to make the visit to Hornchurch such a pleasant one. The collection for the Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £3 2s. 4d. J. E. M. H.

Northern District

The annual meeting of the Northern District was held at Bocking on January 4th, when some 67 members assembled at the Deanery Church of St. Mary and kept the bells going until 4.30, when the Dean of Bocking (the Very Rev. H. D. S. Bowen) conducted Evensong and gave an inspiring address. Tea was prepared in the Workman's Hall by the Bocking ringers; this was greatly appreciated.

Miss Snowden, the District Master, opened the meeting and welcomed the visitors, and the Dean then presided over the business.

The Master and secretary reported that a most successful year had just concluded; more peals had been rung and there were larger attendances at the five meetings held. The bells at Halstead had been rehung and dedicated, and the record peal of Minor was rung at Stisted. Sunday service ringing had been maintained.

Four new members were elected, as were all the District officers. All the retiring officers of the Association were re-nominated and Mr. O. Broyd, of Sible Hedingham, was nominated for life membership. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Felsted in March. Votes of thanks were accorded to all who had worked and made the meeting a great success. A return to the tower and handbells concluded the proceedings.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

About 50 members were present at the annual meeting of the Gainsborough District held at All Saints', Gainsborough, on January 18th. Ten new members were elected and a special welcome was extended to eight new members from Bilton, Isle of Axholme, where the four bells are shortly to be augmented to six.

The officers for 1958 are:—President, Canon J. E. Roberts; Ringing Master, Mr. G. E. Feirn; hon. secretary, Mr. L. A. Lunn; representative on Branch Committee, Mr. J. Blaikie.

The following places and dates were chosen for this year's meetings: Stow, February 15th; Corringham, May 15th; Bilton, July 19th; Broughton, September 20th; Upton and Willingham, November 15th. The outing to Knaresborough, June 28th.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Newark District

For the 11th annual meeting of the Newark District, ringing was divided between the bells of St. Giles', Balderton, and Newark Parish Church in the evening.

The business meeting was held in the ringing chamber of Newark Parish Church and commenced with a moment's silence in respect of two departed friends—the Rev. C. J. Sturton and Mr. J. Brothwell.

The report and statement of accounts was adopted, and the officers re-elected, viz.:—Chairman, Mr. F. W. Midwinter; hon. secretary, Mr. W. L. Exton; Ringing Master, Mr. T. D. Clarke; committee, Messrs. G. E. Foster and C. J. Copp. New members elected were: G. Davis (Newark), J. Pratchett (Southwell) and W. Rushby (Sutton-on-Trent).

A joint meeting with the North Notts District at Tuxford on March 8th was approved, and Winthorpe was chosen for the May meeting. The collection for the Bell Repair Fund was 18s.

A letter from the Vicar of Averham, which had recently appeared in the local Press, concerning the condition of his bells and the possibility of some restoration being done, was discussed. It was finally decided to ask the general secretary to contact the Vicar, pledging the Guild's support as far as possible.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Hunts District Annual

January 18th was the day of the annual meeting of the Hunts District, which was held in Huntingdon. Godmanchester's delightful eight were available at 2.30 and good use was made of these until four o'clock. All Saints' was open from 3.45 until the service, which was conducted by the District president (the Rev. J. M. E. Bagley).

Tea followed, prepared by local ladies, and then came the meeting. The secretary reported a record year in membership, etc. All the officers were re-elected with the exception of the Deputy Ringing Master, and Mr. J. Dyer was voted to this vacant position. After tea good use was made of All Saints' and St. Mary's bells by a very good attendance of members and friends from over a wide area.

H. S. P.

NORWICH DIOCESAN

Ringling ranged from rounds to London Surprise at the annual meeting of the North Norfolk Branch held on January 11th at Wroxham and attended by 36 ringers and friends. The Rev. A. Cole conducted the service, Mr. Cowell was organist and Mr. Nolan Golden read the lesson.

Following an excellent tea, Mr. A. Bason presided at the business meeting, supported by the Rev. H. G. Lillingston (president). Officers re-elected were Mr. A. Bason, chairman; Mr. C. Bird, Branch secretary; Mr. G. Sayer, Branch Ringing Master; Mr. J. R. Smith and Mr. W. Clover were elected to the standing committee and Messrs. W. R. Catchpole, H. F. Carter, J. G. Dowe, F. C. Goodman and C. H. Moore to the Branch Committee. Mr. W. G. Spence (Norwich) was elected a probationary member.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SERVICE RINGING IN LEICESTERSHIRE

Dear Sir,—May I be allowed to comment on a statement from the front page of the 'R.W.' by M. R. P., of December 6th, who writes: 'I do not know if all bells in Leicester are rung Sunday by Sunday, but one church can manage Surprise Maximus for service.'

The answer to the first part is, of course, none, and I wonder how many captains could write to you, sir, and claim to have kept all their bells ringing for every Sunday service over a period of years? I do know that for four years after the war, the eight bells at Barwell were rung twice every Sunday and for practice. It was to the credit of the local band that not once were there insufficient ringers to ring the full peal.

What a church can manage to ring and what in fact it does ring regularly is very much a question of attendance in a great many cases, and it is true that a good number of towers suffer the handicap of 'hangers on' who attend when it is convenient to themselves, and feel that they are performing a great favour when the spirit moves them so to do.

How many times have I been to churches for a ring to be told that 'if they all came we could ring a touch of so and so,' and usually end up by ringing half the bells or none at all. That is why Guild reports are always misleading. The number of ringers shown as attached to towers very rarely gives a true state of the ringing actually accomplished. Several weeks ago I went to one church in the hope of having a ring before the service. There was, in the tower, a ring of eight. There were on paper 14 Guild members. We chimed six, and there were three other ringers, all choristers. It is all very distressing to hear Grandisle Doubles being rung from a 12-bell tower on Christmas Day for Mattins. I do not wish to imply that the method was less worthy for the occasion than Maximus—it was very well struck—but what I do suggest is that Leicester ringers would be the last to claim that they were on top of the world as far as Sunday service ringing is concerned. To believe so would create a further sense of apathy to a problem which is the concern of all conscientious tower captains and regular ringers, not only in this county but in every Guild and Association throughout the land.—Yours faithfully,

THOMAS C. BELTON.

Birstall, Leics.

SPEED OF RINGING

Dear Sir,—In answer to Mr. N. F. Moxon's comment on the recent peal at Merstham in 2 hours and 33 minutes, I would mention that I rang another peal there in May, 1954, in 2 hours and 34 minutes. The tenor measures 43½ inches in diameter, so is probably very close to 14 cwt. In each case I had the same 5th ringer, Mr. Ralph Bird. Several times I have rung this weight of tenor in under 2 hours and 35 minutes, and the main qualifications are fitness and a liking for hard work.

In fact, I find it difficult to ring anything under 16 cwt. in over 2 hours and 45 minutes, and when ringing at various six-bell towers am usually surprised that a peal by another band has taken longer than 2 hours and 50 minutes. In all cases we keep an open lead, but the faster six bells are rung the better they sound: 32-33 changes per minute is the speed of the Devon call-change competition ringing. Most of the fast peals of mine have been rung on bells hung in the 'old style' in wooden frames. With modern bells, hung in metal frames, and with the tenor well 'tucked up,' a fast peal is not so easy.—Yours faithfully,

A. PATRICK CANNON.

Dorking, Surrey.

6-5 AT BACKSTROKE

Dear Sir,—I doubt whether either Mr. Chant or Mr. Moxon have expressed an unbiased opinion on 6-5's at backstroke in Minor ringing. The latter seems to be concerned mainly or only with closed-lead ringing in his letter (page 63), where the objection to 6-5's at backstroke obviously does not arise. I cannot understand his argument in the second paragraph of that letter, that the 5th should give plenty of room to the tenor. If there is to be a 6-5, whether at hand or at back, then the tenor strikes in 5ths and the 5th in 6th's place. The phrase 'plenty of room' implies striking the 5th in 6½ or 6¼'s place. Is that what Mr. Moxon wants? If so, then he is bringing another factor into the argument, that of the interval between bells in 5th's and 6th's place, whereas Mr. Chant and other exponents of the 6-5's at backstroke theory argue only from the point of view of order of notes.

The argument put forward by Mr. Chant, that some hymn tunes and chants finish the half-verse with a 6-5 cadence, is hardly valid when applied to ringing. It would be all right if we rang changes in groups of eight, say, and had our 6-5 at the end of the fourth change. But since most of us ring changes in twos, and then have a pause, the only place for the 6-5, using his analogy, is at the end of the first change, that is, at handstroke. Let him listen to some really well-struck Minor (open leads, of course) rung at a brisk rate, and then say whether he honestly likes a 5-6 at handstroke followed by a 6-5 at backstroke.

Further, would anyone care to say what the incidence of 6-5's at backstroke in 720's of irregular (pace Chant) Minor methods is compared with regular ones.—Yours faithfully,

WILFRID F. MORETON.

Hereford.

P.S.—To come to Mr. Cannon's aid. Mr. Moxon's argument that to ring seven blows every two seconds would sound awful is hardly acceptable. It would mean that to ring a peal of Major on a 14 cwt. tenor in 3 hours and 20 minutes is too fast. Most ringers would say that a suitable time for a peal on that weight is 2 hours and 50 minutes to 3 hours, and at that speed there would be approximately eight bells struck every two seconds (but there would be no 8-7's at backstroke). Speed of ringing depends partly on the sound of the bells (inside and outside the tower) and partly on the ability of the ringers to put the bells where they want to (and this depends on skill. 'go' of the bells, draught of rope and, no doubt, pendulous swing) and partly on the whim of the conductor. I think that in some peals a lot of time is wasted through waiting or 'hanging up' for someone else who is slow.

W. F. M.

CARTER'S ODD-BOB PEAL

Dear Sir,—In view of the recent correspondence about Carter's Odd-Bob peal of Stedman Triples, it seems appropriate to recall the undermentioned peal, which must rank as one of the outstanding performances of all time:—

LONDON

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

On Tuesday, July 10th, 1917, in 2 hours and 24 minutes

at 32, Edgeley Road, S.W.4
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES

5,040 CHANGES

Carter's Odd-Bob One-Part

Herbert Langdon 1-2
Harry R. Pasmore 3-4
Challis F. Winney 5-6
William T. Cockerill 7-8

Non-Conducted

Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT.

60th ANNIVERSARY OF HEAVITREE BELLS

Dear Sir,—I read with much interest the account of the above, for it recalled the early days of the Heavitree Society when my father and I used to ascend the 52 steps four times weekly to help the newly-formed band into the art of method ringing. My dad worked hard to maintain good ringing on a lovely octave from 1898 to 1904, and it may be of interest to the Devon Guild if I quote from a framed testimonial which hangs in my sitting room: 'This testimonial, together with a marble clock, was presented by members of the above Society to Mr. Ferris Shepherd in grateful recognition of his services as Instructor, in remembrance of good fellowship and friendship over the whole period of the Society's existence from February, 1898, until his severance from it upon leaving England in January, 1904, and with every good wish for his future welfare.'

There are 24 names on the testimonial, and the oval-shape photograph of the tower is still in good condition. The marble clock still keeps good time in its position just under the testimonial, and its gong reminds me of the days when ringing and good fellowship produced a local Society of which the Devon Guild can always be proud.—Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Addlestone, Surrey.

SATURN TREBLE BOB DOUBLES

Dear Sir,—This method, published in the December 13th issue of 'The Ringing World,' and referred to in the leader by E. C. S. in the issue of January 17th, is false. When the treble makes thirds, on the way either up or down, the two changes repeat, at opposite strokes (hand or back) with the corresponding changes two treble leads further on, in the plain course.

The method was produced by a Rugby ringer some years ago, but was dropped when its falseness was discovered.—Yours faithfully,

G. A. PECK.

Rugby.

COMPOSITION AND AUTHORSHIP

Dear Sir,—How can originality have been claimed and sustained so long for Pitstow's 5,088 of Superlative? Every change in this peal is found in the earlier peal of Cox's (or Reeves'). A shortening of the original peal has been achieved merely by the use of three bobs Before. The following comparison shows the Q sets paired off, and all complete except for the abbreviated one:—

M	W	H	23456	B	W	H	23456
—	3	52436	a	—	3	52436	a
—	3	35426	b	—	3	34625	h
x	2	23564	c	—	3	23645	f
—	3	62534	d	—	3	42635	g
—	3	36524	e	—	3	36524	e
x	2	23645	f	—	3	23564	c
—	3	42635	g	—	3	62534	d
—	3	34625	h	—	3	35426	b
x	2	23456	j	—	3	23456	j

Pitstow

Cox

Absolute originality would seem to be almost impossible to attain. If this is very important, instead of attaching a sponsor's name to a peal, it might be better to give it a code number referring to the fundamental basic plan or composition from which it is derived. After all, 'composed by John Brown' tells us nothing at all about the peal.—Yours faithfully,

RAYMOND OVERY.

Haywards Heath, Sussex.

PRESENTATION TO DARTFORD'S RETIRING SECRETARY

For the past 30 years Mr. R. A. Jenkins, better known as 'Dick,' has held the post of secretary to the ringers of Holy Trinity Church, Dartford, Kent. The band of ringers felt that this length of unflinching service could not be passed over lightly, and on January 23rd, in spite of a very heavy snowstorm, almost all the band turned up to show their appreciation, and the Vicar (Canon E. C. Mitchell) presented Mr. Jenkins with an inscribed hip pocket flask.

In making the presentation the Vicar paid tribute to the work he had done, remarking that during his (the Vicar's) living at Dartford (26 years), 'Dick' had never let him down in any way connected with the tower and bells. He wondered if 'Dick' was getting tired, but on hearing that he was not thinking of leaving the tower he agreed that at the age of 72 he could safely hand over his job and still feel proud of his achievements.

After Mr. Jenkins had recovered from his surprise he suitably thanked the Vicar for presenting him with a splendid souvenir, and the ringers for their appreciation of his services, stating that he hoped to spend many more years with them so that he could enjoy the use of their gift, and wishing success to the new captain and secretary in taking up office together.

R. G. R.

TEWKESBURY ABBEY OUTING

On December 28th Tewkesbury Abbey ringers, together with a few friends, held an outing around Bredon Hill. The party travelled in cars belonging to obliging members. Ringing started on the light six at Bredon's Norton, and from there it was just a short ride to Eckington, where the best ringing of the day was had on the heavy six.

The recently rehung six at Great Comberton came next on the list. The 'go' of the bells was good, but the ringing chamber left much to be desired. Little Comberton was a complete contrast—the 'go' of the six bells was not very good and the bells were not all in the same key. The last tower before tea was the six at Elmley Castle.

Tea was taken in Elmley Castle and the party then moved on to Ashton-under-Hill. After driving out the resident robins, the bells were rung for a short time before moving on to the very fine six at Overbury. The last tower of the day was Kemerton, where good use was made of the six bells. A tired but happy party then returned to Tewkesbury.

Methods rung during the day were Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Little Bob, Kent and Cambridge.

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OXFORD.—At St. Ebbe's Church, on Jan. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. A. Barrett 1, W. H. B. Wilkins 2, Ruth S. Hodgson 3, R. A. Hodgson 4, C. Coles 5, F. A. H. Wilkins 6, D. H. Niblett (cond.) 7, J. Wilks 8.

SURREY ASSOCIATION Southern District

The District annual meeting was held at Godstone on January 18th. Although the weather was cold and damp it did not stop 50 ringers attending, of whom 27 were District members. Ringing took place in the afternoon until 4.30 on the musical ring of eight.

A service was conducted by the Rev. K. G. Hoare and a very enjoyable tea followed.

The business meeting was presided over by the Rector. One new member was elected and also three new non-resident life members.

The committee's report stated that 33 quarter peals and five peals were rung in the District in 1957. A number of members gained their first quarters, also first as conductors. Although the subscription was raised the membership was still strong.

The treasurer's statement showed that the balance at the bank was a little higher than last year.

There were two ballots for officers, as there were two nominations for Ringing Master and eight nominations for the committee. The officers elected for 1958 were:—Ringing Master, Mr. B. A. Cracknell; hon. secretary, Mr. A. Streeter; hon. treasurer, Mr. A. Gear; hon. auditor, Mr. M. A. Northover; committee, Messrs. T. H. Bird, G. Olliver and A. R. C. Clarke.

Votes of thanks were passed to Mr. A. P. Cannon, who had done very good work in his five years as Ringing Master, and it was hoped that Mr. B. A. Cracknell would carry on the good work which had been established by him.

Ringing was again resumed after tea until 9 p.m. with methods from rounds to Bristol Surprise Major.

A. S.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD Salisbury Branch

The annual meeting was held in Salisbury on January 18th. Although the attendance was smaller than usual visitors were present from as far away as Southampton and Keynsham. The Branch officers were re-elected with the exception of the vice-chairman (Mr. Chalk feeling obliged to resign, after seven years in office; Mr. Audley Trimby, of Wilton, was elected in his place) and Mr. Cecil Haines as a Ringing Master in place of Mr. Jim Maidment, resigned. A number of new members were elected, including Mr. R. Davis (Britford), Mr. G. Beckley (Martin), Mr. Rayner (unattached) and Mr. H. Collins (life ringing member).

The following dates and places were approved for meetings, subject to the necessary consents:—March 8th (practice), Netheravon and Amesbury; April 26th (quarterly), Durnford and Woodford; May 31st (practice), Winterslow and St. Thomas'; July 19th (quarterly), Chilmark and Barford; September 13th (practice), Semley and Tisbury; October 18th (quarterly), Downton and Britford; November 29th (practice), S. Newton and Wilton; January 24th (annual), St. Paul's, Salisbury.

The company then adjourned from the Assembly Rooms to St. Thomas' Church, where the Vicar (the Rev. P. J. Hayes) conducted Evensong, with ringers' hymns and prayers, and gave an address from Micah vi, 8, on sincerity in our service and devotion to God. The ringers wish to express their thanks to him and also to the Rectors of St. Martin's, St. Paul's and Wilton, who allowed the use of their bells during the afternoon and evening. Ringing was available to all according to their skill, from Grandsire Doubles to Double Norwich and various Surprise Major methods.

THE FAILURE

By H. Allen, Leamington Spa
A man you meet in many a tower

He talks bellringing by the hour.
He picks out touches by lead-ends

And what spare time he has he spends

Travelling by land or water
To ring somewhere a peal or quarter.

He grips his sally close and tight,
The rope-end firmly in his right.
He moves his hands both low and high,

Always 'down' below his thigh;
And if his bell just doesn't quite,
In its swing, maintain its height,
He simply flexes at the knees
And up it goes with greatest ease.
He's very good at ringing 'Rises,'
Kent T.B. and all Surprises.
From Royal, Caters, down to

Double
Methods, none give him any trouble.

He'll call a peal in tower or 'hand.'

Or join in any wedding band.
He comes to ring on Christmas Day.

On New Year's Eve up late
he'll stay

Simply so that he can ring
The Old Year out, the New Year in.

And yet with all these virtues
blest

He fails to pass the crucial test.
He rings on Tuesday, Friday,
Monday,

But doesn't come to ring on Sunday.



"CHEERS CHAPS... TREBLE'S GONE!"

OBITUARY

MR. CHARLES J. CANNIS

By the death of Mr. Charles J. Cannis at his home at Upton-on-Severn on January 21st, the Worcestershire Association has lost one of its stalwarts and one of its most esteemed officers. More particularly is this loss applicable to his home tower; for nearly half a century the name of Cannis has been synonymous with that of Upton. Aged 67, his ringing activities had been somewhat restricted since an illness two years ago, but he was in the tower on Christmas morning, although having to give up and rest after two very short touches. The news of his death came as a shock, his last illness only lasting two days.

By trade a blacksmith and agricultural engineer, he had served the district—first with his father—for over 55 years. He was well known for his great skill and was of that type of country craftsman now, alas, becoming increasingly rare; the type who loved the craftsmanship and workmanship first, with the commercial angle a secondary consideration.

Of fine physique, he was never afraid to use his strength, and until later years was never happier than when on the tenor box; there were very few bells that he would not tackle. He rang his first peal some 47 years ago, and his 600th—and last—in March, 1955, both at his home tower. His peals run through the whole range, from Grandsire Doubles, numerous Minor methods, Spliced Surprise Major to Cinques and Maximus; 560 of these had been rung for the Worcestershire Association, of which he had conducted 187.

But it will not be for his peals that Charlie will best be remembered. Since 1929 he had been Ringing Master of the Western Branch, and it had been his ambition to complete 30 years in this office—unhappily not fulfilled. In that time no one could attempt to estimate the time he gave and miles travelled in teaching and helping struggling and isolated bands. Indeed a large proportion of his peals were Grandsire Doubles, Triples and Plain Bob arranged for the same object. And at Branch meetings, too, his first duties were to the learners, while at his own tower he held and maintained a band by virtue of his own inimitable personality. He leaves a legacy which should be an inspiration to those who follow.

As a committee man, he never aspired to debate, but he had a shrewd assessment of any problems, and his remarks were always forthright and very much to the point.

A large congregation, representative of all ways of life in Upton and the district, were present at the funeral on January 24th. Over 40 ringers from the district lined the entrance to the church. Handbells were rung over the open grave and the tower bells rung muffled after the service. He is survived by one sister, with whom he lived, and to her goes our sympathy.

Now he has reached the end of the road, we shall remember him.

J. D. J.

MR. CYRIL NICHOLS

Cyril's death was caused by bronchial pneumonia on December 14th, 1957. Strange to say, after his last quarter at St. Leonard's Church, Streatham, on Remembrance Sunday, he remarked that he was then at the same age (48) as was his father (David Nichols) when he died. Those who knew the difficulties he had to contend with during these later years admired his courage. Our sympathy is extended to his invalid widow.

I first met him with George Goodman, his boyhood friend from Kettering, at St. Luke's, Chelsea, during 1933, and George was able to participate in one of the 'In Memoriam' quarters. We shall miss him because he was the 'right type' and always ready to assist with Sunday service ringing.

J. E.

MR. GEORGE W. MOSS

We are sorry to report the death of Mr. George Moss, at the age of 77. He was a life member of the Essex Association, and with his warm and genial nature he must have made scores of friends in all parts of Suffolk and Essex.

He learned to ring at Thornham Magna, in Suffolk, where his first peal, in seven Doubles methods, was rung in 1898, the band being self-taught. In 1900 he went to live at Harwich, where he married the sister of a local ringer, Arthur Morris. In 1904 he removed to Bolsover, where he remained until 1912. During this period he rang 94 peals, mostly for the Midland Counties Association. He rang the tenor in the first peal of London Surprise Major in the county of Nottingham, at Mansfield, in 1909. Other highlights in his ringing career were a peal of Forward Royal at Chesterfield, in 1909, when his two brothers, Jesse and Harry, also took part, and a 7,238 of Oxford Treble Bob Major at North Wingfield, in 1906, when Arthur Knights, the composer and conductor, gave no forewarning that the peal was to be of an abnormal length. On November 22nd, 1905, George rang the ninth to a peal of 5,003 Grandsire Caters, to which he appended the following footnote: 'This peal was rung for the silver wedding of Mr. A. Knights, and will long remain in my memory, having to walk home from Chesterfield after ten o'clock at night, a distance of eight miles, in a drenching rainstorm.'

After the 1914 war he returned to Essex, to live at Manningtree, where he was employed at the Waterworks. For 35 years he was a member of the Mistley band, where he rang many peals of Minor, some of them being conducted by his son, Stanley. His last peal was at Ardleigh, in 1954, rung in memory of a previous peal he had rung there exactly 50 years before, in 1904.

In all he rang 175 peals, of which eight were on handbells, 52 were in Surprise methods, and he conducted 13. He used to say he was steeped in London, and if ever he needed a cure for insomnia he would say a course of London to himself and after a couple of leads he would be asleep.

In his retirement he took every opportunity to visit any tower in Essex or Suffolk where there happened to be a meeting, and he must have made many new friends in this way. He appreciated the social side and he often referred to the brotherhood of ringers. Once when en route to a meeting we passed a crowd coming out from a football match, he said: 'Look at all those poor fellows, most probably every one is a non-ringer!'

When in 1948 a new band was learning at Great Bromley he regularly cycled over once a week to instruct them, and he was a consistent attendant at practice nights at St. Peter's, Colchester, and at Ardleigh. At all these places he will be sadly missed.

At the funeral many local ringers were present, and handbells were rung over the grave by A. Honeywood, E. P. Duffield and N. Foakes. After the service the Mistley bells were rung half-muffled, and on the previous Saturday a quarter peal was rung at Great Bromley, conducted by H. J. Millatt, Master of the N.E. Division of the Essex Association. A quarter peal of Bob Major was also rung half-muffled at Ardleigh on the day following the funeral.

F. H. E.

MR. BEN FULLWOOD

Mr. Ben Fullwood, a ringer at Sedgley Parish Church for the last 60 years and a member of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford for 55 years, died on January 31st, aged 85 years.

MR. FREDERICK PRECEY

It is with great regret that we learn of the sudden collapse and death of Mr. Frederick Precey whilst attending the annual meeting of the Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers on January 18th. He was well known as a ringer throughout the Salisbury Diocese. In his younger days he was a very active ringer in the Salisbury District. Later he moved to Dorset, on appointment as clerk of works, Bovington Camp.

It was while he was at Bovington that he became Branch Ringing Master of the Dorchester Branch, a post he held for 11 years until last year, when he retired owing to ill health. He was deeply respected and was always very kind and helpful and a good one to take advice from. He was particularly interested in helping learners or less experienced ringers and will be greatly missed by all. He died in harness, as he would have wished. We extend our sympathy to his wife and family.

The funeral took place at the Church of the Holy Rood, Wool, on January 22nd. The Vicar (the Rev. F. C. Whitter) officiated, assisted by the Rev. R. P. Farrow (East Lulworth). Besides the family mourners the Salisbury Diocesan Guild was represented by the Dorchester Branch. Mr. E. Amey (Charmminster), Mr. F. B. Stedman (Wyke Regis), J. H. Hayne, H. J. Ford (Branch Ringing Master, Abbotsbury), L. G. N. Williams, A. Dorey, H. Runyard (Wool), Mrs. D. P. Duke, Mr. R. H. Duke (Branch hon. secretary, St. Peter's, Dorchester), also representing the Rev. Canon C. C. Cox, Master of the Guild, the Rev. Canon A. W. Markby and Mr. W. C. West (hon. secretary, Salisbury Guild).

The bells of St. Peter's, Dorchester, were rung half-muffled in the afternoon of January 25th as a token of respect to the late Frederick Precey. The ringers were: J. H. Hayne, H. J. Ford, Miss B. Marsh, J. Slade, F. B. Stedman, J. Rose, E. Amey, R. H. Duke.

R. H. D.

MR. E. H. OXENHAM

Mr. Ernest H. Oxenham, Bampton, Devon, died at the Tidcombe Hospital, Tiverton, on Jan. 25th, aged 78. He had lived for many years in the Crayford area, but for the rest of his life he had resided with his sisters at Bampton.

A faithful churchman, his great interest was ringing. He had rung 89 peals, his first being in 1900 and the last in 1950. Local men and learners owe much of their instruction to his unselfish help and ability. He had rung at 190 different towers around Kent and Devonshire. Such stalwarts are difficult to replace in a belfry.

V. N. B.

MR. ARTHUR YOUNG

An Appreciation

Arthur Young was a truly great six-bell ringer who not only took part in record peals of Surprise on the bells of his own beautiful church but also, before World War II., participated in many record peals of Minor in those great days of battle betwixt the rival bands of the Eastern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild and Cheshire some 20 years ago.

Moreover it was therein that Arthur Young showed his capacity as a ringer, and his courage and tenacity as a man, since not only was he seldom at fault when disaster befell peal attempts, but also, as a result of grievous injuries received in World War I., he had one entirely artificial leg, which none the less did not prevent his cycling 10 or 15 miles each way for a peal attempt, foul weather or fine. Furthermore, he often suffered, uncomplainingly, too, bouts of ill-health, yet seldom did he miss his Sunday service, practice or peal ringing, all of which he undoubtedly loved. Quiet and retiring by nature, he was the friend of all and we who knew him well will always treasure his memory and think of him with affection.

VERNON TAYLOR.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY

A winter afternoon in January does not tend to show off the Black Country town of Willenhall to its best advantage, but the welcome received from the Vicar of St. Giles' (the Rev. A. G. Bond) and his tower master (Mr. C. Wallater) more than made up for the bleak outlook from the church door. These two gentlemen had gone to considerable trouble with their arrangements for the winter meeting of the Society on January 18th. The result of their efforts was a bright, fully choral service followed by a bountiful tea.

The attendance of 91 was evidence of the high regard members of the Society have for the bells of St. Giles', Willenhall, and Mr. and Mrs. C. Wallater. There was plenty of ringing during the afternoon and evening under the direction of the Ringing Master (Mr. G. Hughes). After tea, thanks were expressed by the Rev. C. H. Barker (clerical secretary), to the Rev. A. G. and Mrs. Bond, Mr. and Mrs. Wallater, the lady helpers and the organist and members of the choir for their respective parts towards the success of the meeting. Mr. Barker also congratulated Mr. Wallater on reaching his 75th birthday.

The next meeting of the Society will be at Tamworth on March 2nd. L. C. A. B.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Manchester Town Hall was once again chosen by the North-Western District for its annual meeting, which was held on January 18th, jointly with the annual meeting of the Manchester Branch of the Lancashire Association. In spite of bad weather 23 members attended, and varied ringing was enjoyed during the afternoon and evening.

At the business meeting the following District Officers were elected:—Vice-president, Mrs. M. Lawton; secretary, Miss S. P. Wain; Central Committee representatives, Miss D. Edwards and Mrs. M. Lewis; District Committee representatives, Miss A. Brown and Miss M. Ridyard. Two new members were also elected.

Votes of thanks were accorded to all who had contributed towards the success of the meeting, particularly to the Town Hall Superintendent for so kindly allowing the use of the bells, and to the secretary of the Manchester Branch, Lancashire Association, for inviting the ladies to hold a joint meeting on this occasion.

It was agreed to hold the next meeting of the District at Macclesfield on April 12th.

S. P. W.

DORKING'S NEW YEAR'S EVE SUPPER

For the last seven years, it has been the custom for the Dorking, Surrey, ringers to be entertained to a grand supper on New Year's Eve. 1957 was no exception, and Miss Bessie Dowling and Miss Ethel Clear, assisted by other ladies, again provided a splendid feast. The Vicar (Rev. K. D. Evans) and Mrs. Evans were present, also Mr. Pickford (vicar's warden). Since the union of St. Barnabas', Ranmore Common, parish with St. Martin's, Dorking, the new band at Ranmore, which are being instructed by the Rev. C. Munt, were invited to join in.

After supper, games were organised by Harry Arminson and at 11.45 the ringers returned to the tower, accompanied by the Vicar, to ring out the old year and welcome in the new. The captain of the ringers is now Mr. E. G. L. Coward, and Mr. B. Read is vice-captain, and the beginners are making good progress in method ringing. The band hope to have a successful year, and score their first peal with a local band.

NOTICES

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BIRTH

WARWICK.—On Feb. 2nd, 1958, to Winifred (née Burton) and Brian, at Stoneygate Nursing Home, Leicester, a son (David Andrew), a brother for Audrey. 12, Dorothy Avenue, Glen Hills, Leicester. 1797

DEATH

HOUGH.—On Feb. 1st at 12, Hayton Street, Knutsford, Cheshire, Maggie Jane, aged 82 years, beloved wife of Sidney Hough and mother of Sidney, Norman and Ronald. 1808

RETURN THANKS

MRS. E. PRECEY and family extend grateful thanks for the very kind letters of sympathy received in their recent bereavement. 1796

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of Mr. C. Ernest Smith is now Rockham, Busbridge Lane, Godalming Surrey. Telephone: Godalming 125. 1788

HANDBELLS WANTED

WANTED.—Set of eight handbells, tenor, size 12 in G. Details and price to M. Rogers, Densome Corner, Woodgreen, Fordingbridge, Hants. 1793

APPEALS

A scheme to augment the three bells at Chellaston, Derbyshire, into a ring of six has been approved by the Parochial Church Council and an appeal launched for £650. A number of keen learners have been recruited. Please help. Donations (which will be acknowledged) to E. H. Willows, 17, Sinfen Avenue, Allenton, Derby. 1790

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HOLY TRINITY, DARTFORD.—Practice Thursdays, 8-9.30 p.m. (correction). Visitors always welcome. 1776

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DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Clay Cross, Saturday, Feb. 8th, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. W. Price, 1, Bertrand Avenue, Clay Cross. Good attendance specially requested. 1766

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Colemans Hatch (8), Saturday, Feb. 8th. Tea difficult. Names must be sent to John Ryman, Vicarage Cottage, Colemans Hatch, Hatfield. Method for practice, Single Norwich.—C. A. Bassett. 1754

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Eynesbury (6), Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 1751

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Annual district meeting, Leatherhead, Feb. 8th. Bells 3-8.30. Service 4.30. Tea in St. Nicolas' Hall 5, with business meeting to follow. 1729

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Feb. 8th, Cathedral (10). St. Nicholas' (6) 3 p.m., All Saints' (8) 6. Service, St. Nicholas', 4.30 p.m. 1770

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Nettlestead (5) 2.30-4.15, followed by service. Tea at Wateringbury, and bells (6) during evening.—P. R. Silks, Dis. Sec. 1712

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—North and East District.—Annual meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields Church on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Service 4.30 p.m., tea and business to follow. Ringing, St. Gabriel's, Warwick Square, Pimlico, and St. James', Clerkenwell, 2.30 to 4 p.m. St. Giles' in evening.—T. J. Lock. 1740

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—7.30 p.m. and first Monday in each month. Practice, St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge. Saturday, Feb. 8th, annual general meeting, St. John's, Waterloo Road, 2-3.30. St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, 3-4.30; own tea arrangements; service, Southwark Cathedral, 5 p.m.; ringing 5.45-7.30; business and handbell competition 8 p.m. in Chapter House. Dinner, April 19th, The Victoria, tickets 15s. 6d. Everyone welcome.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 1728

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Feb. 8th, in Reading. Ringing, St. Mary's, 2.30 p.m.; St. Laurence's, 3 p.m. Service, St. Laurence's, 4 p.m. Tea, St. Mary's Church House, at 5 p.m. Meeting and ringing after. — R. G. Burton. 1759

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Annual meeting, Chichester Cathedral, on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Meeting 4.30 p.m. Even-song 5.15. Tea 6 p.m.—W. L. Weller. 1786

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Combined practice at Blechingley on Wednesday, Feb. 12th, at 7.30 p.m. All welcome.—A. Streeter, Dis. Sec. 1786

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Practice meeting at Tickenham (6) on Saturday, February 15th, at 5 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 1804

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Holmes Chapel, Feb. 15th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Feb. 12th.—W. Kerr, 102, Moreton Road, Crewe. 1787

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Annual meeting, Feb. 15th, St. Bridget's, West Kirby. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea free for those notifying by Wednesday previous.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 1812

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Guisborough, Saturday, Feb. 15th, at 3 p.m.—P. W. B. Semmens, Hon. Sec. 1809

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—Meeting at Newbold-on-Avon, Rugby, Saturday, Feb. 15th, at 3.30 p.m. Tea will be provided in the Church Hall. Names to me, please. Everybody welcome. Frequent buses, No. 583 or 585 from Rugby (by St. Andrew's).—D. A. Carpenter, 78, Earlsdon Avenue, Coventry. 1805

DEVON GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—St. Michael's, Teignmouth, Saturday, Feb. 15th. Usual arrangements.—A. L. Bennett, Cornersways, Buckfastleigh. 1792

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting, Christ Church, Consett, Saturday, Feb. 15th. Names for tea to R. Oliver, Aldington Park Terrace, Castleside. 1778

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Saturday, Feb. 15th, at Swanwick. Usual times. Names for tea to Mr. Brighouse, Mostyn House, Derby Road, Swanwick.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 1810

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Harston (6), Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—E. W. Bullman, Dis. Sec. 1795

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Denver, Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please bring own food.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 1794

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Meeting, Lacock (6), Saturday, Feb. 15th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea to H. Heath, 89, London Road, Chippenham. 1802

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Annual District meeting at Guildford, Saturday, Feb. 15th. Shalford, 3 to 4 p.m.; St. Mary's, 3 to 4.30. Service, St. Mary's, 4.30. Tea and meeting, St. Nicolas' Hall, 5.15 p.m. Holy Trinity and St. Nicolas' in the evening. Names for tea by Wednesday, Feb. 12th, to Miss Monica Collins, 3, Hawthorne Way, Burpham. 1762

HAWKHURST GUILD.—Meeting at Bexhill, Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Look up St. Clement's. Names to C. Verdon, 14, Granfield Road, Bexhill.—E. A. Fellows, Hon. Sec. 1780

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—Annual meeting at Ledbury (8), Feb. 15th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. Ward, Woolfields, Coddington, Ledbury. 1801

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Meeting at Christ Church, Bacup, Saturday, Feb. 15th. Tower open 3. Cups of tea at 5. Meeting in tower at 6.—J. Porter, Branch Sec. 1782

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LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough and Syston Districts.—Joint meeting, Thurnby, Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Vicarage 5 p.m. Names, by the previous Wednesday, to Mr. H. L. Wykes, 81, Main Street, Bushby. 1784

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Annual meeting, Spalding, Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m., Greyhound Hotel. Names for tea by previous Tuesday to M. Bennett, 171, Bourne Road, Spalding. 1747

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Gainsborough District.—The next meeting will be at Stow on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells, afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by previous Tuesday.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. 1756

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Annual Branch meeting, Sully, Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—R. E. Coles. 1746

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Annual meeting, Loddon, on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Feb. 12th certain, please, to Mr. H. W. Barrett, Fernhill, Bungay Road, Loddon, Norfolk.—P. G. W. Newstead, Branch Sec. 1795

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SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting at Whitchurch Canoniconum, Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please.—Barrett, 120, Gerrards Green, Beaminster. 1785

SURREY ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Tonbridge District).—Joint meeting at Westerham on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells (8) 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Feb. 10th, please, to Miss D. Colgate, 30, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks. 1732

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Annual Divisional meeting, Southover (8), Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea for those who advise by Feb. 11th.—George North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 1772

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Hemsworth, Feb. 15th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Bring your own tea, and cups of tea will be provided.—J. J. L. Gilbert. 1791

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Annual dinner and social, Village Hall, Sapcote, Feb. 22nd. Bells 5-6 p.m. Dinner 6.30 prompt. Tickets 8s. Names, please, by Wednesday, Feb. 19th, to F. Measures, 58, Lychgate Lane, Burbage, Hinckley. Phone: Burbage 516. 1800

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