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## NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE'S APPEAL

'Then I went down to the Potter's house,  
and behold, he wrought a work on the wheels.' (Jer. xviii, 3.)

**NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE** is the remotest part of a little-known county. The traveller by road is carried through its western or southern borders, and train window-gazers catch only fleeting glimpses of it as they are carried northwestwards along the main line from Stafford to Crewe. The countryside is generally unexplored, except by North Staffordshire people or their nearest neighbours. The products of the Potteries are known all over the world, but who could tell you the situation of Stoke-on-Trent without a surreptitious glance at the nearest map?

These circumstances have tended to preserve the individuality of the district and its people, and have at the same time been the source of misconception. The self-sufficiency, too, of the complementary staple industries, ceramics and coal-mining, has not fostered great movement to or from its city.

This northern countryside of the Saxon hundreds of Pirehill and Totmanslow is quite different from central or southern Staffordshire. Its dialect is related, if it has any affinities, to Derbyshire and Cheshire. It is a hilly district formed of the south-west fringes of the Pennines, fanning out from Axe Edge (1,700 feet). In this wild, lonely watershed rise the Trent, Blythe, Hamps, Churnet, Manifold and Dove (a Staffordshire river and dale as far as Utometer), whose wooded valleys run away to the lowland. In the north-west the hills cease abruptly in a rampart overlooking the Cheshire Plain, dominated by Mow Cop, from which on a clear day you can distinguish Liverpool Cathedral more than forty miles away.

The high moorlands are bleak and inhospitable, bare windswept Mornridge and Lady Edge, the gaunt cliffs of the Roches, the lonely Mermaid Inn above Thorncleft, a landscape of dry-stone walls, small-windowed low stone cottages, and churches defensive against the harsh elements of nature. The pleasantly wooded country to the south and west has a richer farmland and quiet mellow villages. From the last of these lower hills by Broughton, you can look beyond Shropshire to the mountains of Wales in the distance.

Apart from their products, the Potteries—the city of Stoke-on-Trent federated in 1910 from the six towns of Longton, Fenton, Stoke-upon-Trent, Hanley, Burslem and Tunstall—have been immortalised through the writings of Arnold Bennett and the nostalgic pictures of smoke-shrouded townscapes which are the delight of geographers and the B.B.C. This impression of the city, valid perhaps until the 1930's, is no longer a true one. The coal-fired 'bottle' ovens, which were a characteristic of the skyline, have all but vanished as a result of the most important development the pottery industry has undergone—the installation of tunnel kilns continuously fired by gas, electricity or oil. Stoke has long ceased to have more than a minor reference in the Ministry's lists for atmospheric pollution.

The city extends some ten miles from its southern suburbs, through the six towns, to Goldenhill in the north, each town still possessing its own civic buildings although the present administration is concentrated in Stoke and Hanley, the latter now the main shopping centre. The face of the city is rapidly changing as the Development Plan bears fruit, while Burslem holds a special interest as a town centre, modernised and decorated as a unit under the auspices of the Civic Trust.

If it is an anachronism that the geographical centre of Stoke-on-Trent is a farm, it is nevertheless one of the attractions of the city for those who live and work here that it is nowhere more than three miles across, so that access to the countryside in any direction entails little of the time and effort normally expected in industrial areas. The city lives with the country rather than escapes to it.

Although some parts of the city have a history dating back to pre-Conquest days, the major growth of the townships followed the rapid expansion of the pottery industry in the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries, and much domestic and ecclesiastical architecture reflected this development. Burslem has the oldest of the churches, with a tower dating from the 15th century, and a classical nave and chancel. Its six bells by William Dobson (1828) are, alas, now rarely rung. St. John the Baptist, Lane End (Longton), is a brick church of the eighteenth century (its ring of eight installed in 1815), as is Hanley Parish Church, for which Edward Arnold cast eight of its ten bells in 1790. The Parish Church of St. Peter-ad-Vincula, Stoke, with a good ring of eight, was rebuilt in the 19th century, two arches of the ancient church being preserved in the churchyard. Fenton has a brick tower of particularly fine proportions, with a modern octave. Tunstall, the most northerly of the pottery towns, has a 19th century church, typical of the period, and it was here that J. W. Washbrook and his sons rang from 1910 to the early 1920's.

The churches of many of the villages close to the Potteries and other towns in North Staffordshire bear witness to those times of change and growth—old rings were renewed or augmented, new rings installed. In the rural areas, less affected by the repercussions of industrial progress, is to be found much interesting church architecture and craftsmanship—Broughton, a complete and untouched example of native Gothic (1630); Eccleshall, where formerly were the palaces of the bishops of Lichfield; Betley, with its wooden arcading; Draycott, Marchington, Cheddleton, and many more. In these churches are to be found the oldest surviving bells both individually and as rings. Draycott-le-Moors has in fact the oldest ring, having possessed five bells as early as 1678. Newest is the eight (an old five recast with added metal and reopened in 1959) at Alton, beautifully situated above the valley of the Churnet.

The North Staffordshire Association, founded in 1882, was the first to be established in the Diocese of Lichfield. Its early records demonstrate the strong individuality of the district, and particularly the special tradition of Minor ringing, with its characteristic closed hand-stroke lead, practised in the moorland towers. The majority of the peals were rung in seven Minor methods, mainly Treble Bob or Surprise, and including many methods no longer recognised by the Council! While the strength of these traditions has diminished, they still survive, preserved to an extent by the necessity to be independent and self-sufficient. It is a paradox that in this present age of highly developed transport, communication is still a problem, and towers formerly members of the North Staffordshire Association, such as Ellastone and Mayfield, have now become virtually inaccessible except by private transport.

North Staffordshire covers some 450 square miles and its ringers are a scattered community of some 32 active ringing towers, all but one of the accessible method ringing towers being affiliated to the Association. To ring at many of these towers will mean exploration either by car or on the coach outings; we hope those attending the Central Council meeting will enjoy our countryside and our bells—we are all looking forward to welcoming them here.

E. H. E.



## TWELVE BELL PEALS

LONDON.  
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.  
On Sat., April 29, 1961, in 3 Hours and 51 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, CORNHILL,  
A PEAL OF 5100 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 42 cwt. in B.			
JOHN PHILLIPS .. ..	Treble	MICHAEL P. MORETON ..	7
WILLIAM HIBBERT ..	2	JAMES G. A. PRIOR ..	8
MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT ..	3	DENNIS RANDALL ..	9
WILLIAM T. COOK ..	4	PHILIP A. F. CHALK ..	10
ALAN J. FROST ..	5	JOHN H. CRAMPION ..	11
BRIAN D. THRELFALL ..	6	JAMES PHILLIPS ..	Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.  
Conducted by MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT.

Rung to mark the centenary of a record length of 8,580 Stedman Cinques rung in this tower by the Society on April 27th, 1861.  
Alfred Peck was remembered with affection.

LONDON, E.C.  
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Sat., May 6, 1961, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES, CRIPPLEGATE,

A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 34½ cwt. in C sharp.			
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD ..	Treble	WILLIAM T. COOK ..	7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ..	2	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE ..	8
ALAN J. FROST ..	3	GEORGE W. PIPE ..	9
ALAN F. THIRST ..	4	PETER BORDER ..	10
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ..	5	JOHN A. ANDERSON ..	11
*TREVOR N. BAILEY ..	6	WILFRED WILLIAMS ..	Tenor

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

\* First peal on 12 bells.

Rung as an 85th birthday compliment to Mr. Albert Walker, of Birmingham.

## TEN BELL PEALS

BANBURY, OXFORDSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., April 29, 1961, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in E.			
DAWN V. ELSON ..	Treble	*W. DAVID WARD ..	6
ERNEST J. MUNDAY ..	2	*W. NORMAN GENNA ..	7
CHARLES COLES ..	3	*WILLIAM A. YATES ..	8
HERBERT H. ALEXANDER ..	4	GEORGE W. HOLLAND ..	9
*CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE ..	5	ALAN R. PINK ..	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

\* First peal of Royal in the method.

BECCLES, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD

On Sat., April 29, 1961, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in C sharp.			
CECIL W. PIPE ..	Treble	LESLIE G. BRETT ..	6
DIANA M. PIPE ..	2	HARRY D. LISTER ..	7
ROGER L. K. WHITTELL ..	3	RODERICK W. PIPE ..	8
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ..	4	EDWIN R. GOATE ..	9
DAVID H. BUXTON ..	5	GEORGE W. PIPE ..	Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

NOTTINGHAM.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., April 29, 1961, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 version. Tenor 35 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in C sharp.			
HAROLD LONYON ..	Treble	BASIL JONES ..	6
JOHN WORTH ..	2	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD ..	7
FREDERICK SHALLCROSS ..	3	RALPH G. EDWARDS ..	8
A. PETER WHITEHEAD ..	4	ROBERT B. SMITH ..	9
C. KENNETH LEWIS ..	5	EDWARD JENKINS ..	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

GREENWICH, S.E.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., May 6, 1961, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALFEGE.

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 23½ cwt. in D			
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ..	Treble	ERNEST J. LADD ..	6
MAXWELL F. OAKSHETT ..	2	DENNIS G. BROWN ..	7
ARTHUR G. MASON ..	3	JOHN W. SMITH ..	8
*FRED CANNON ..	4	GEORGE J. BUTCHER ..	9
PERCY J. SPICE ..	5	JACK DAFTERS ..	Tenor

Composed by C. HOLFIELD. Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.

\* First peal in the method.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.  
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., April 15, 1961, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middletown's. Tenor 10½ cwt.			
ALAN J. FROST ..	Treble	THOMAS E. SPIGHT ..	5
*PATRICIA F. CURTIS ..	2	PETER M. ADCOCK ..	6
DIANA M. LAWLESS ..	3	MURRAY A. COLEMAN ..	7
†MICHAEL R. BENNETT ..	4	GEOFFREY E. WATSON ..	Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY E. WATSON.

\* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' † First of Cambridge Major.

LONDON.  
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.  
On Sat., April 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS, TOTTEHAM,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Thurstans' Four-Part. Tenor 13½ cwt.			
JOHN PHILLIPS ..	Treble	TREVOR N. BAILEY ..	5
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD ..	2	WILLIAM T. COOK ..	6
ROBERT W. HINDE ..	3	DENNIS RANDALL ..	7
WILFRED WILLIAMS ..	4	MICHAEL J. ROWE ..	Tenor

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

First peal on the recast bells.

Rung in honour of the 35th birthday of H.M. the Queen.

STOKE-BY-NAYLAND, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., April 22, 1961, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 12 lb. in D.			
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ..	Treble	RODERICK W. PIPE ..	5
*DIANA M. PIPE ..	2	PATRICK W. SALTMARSH ..	6
*ROGER L. K. WHITTELL ..	3	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS ..	7
CECIL W. PIPE ..	4	GEORGE W. PIPE ..	Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

\* First peal of Lincolnshire.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., April 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in E.			
BRIAN HARRIS ..	Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS ..	5
CHRISTINE MACNAIR ..	2	BASIL JONES ..	6
CAROL FERNLEY ..	3	PETER LAFIN ..	7
JOHN WORTH ..	4	EDWARD JENKINS ..	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by C. K. LEWIS.

BISHOPSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.  
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., April 29, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in F sharp.			
*CAROLYN VIBERT ..	Treble	MICHAEL V. WHITE ..	5
R. ROGER SAVORY ..	2	ADRIAN J. TUMBER ..	6
†VIVIAN ROWE ..	3	DEREK C. JACKSON ..	7
DAVID E. HOUSE ..	4	TOM CHAPMAN ..	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by TOM CHAPMAN.

\* First peal. † First of Bob Major.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Albert Hill, organist at St. Mary's for 47 years.

CLANFIELD, OXON.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., April 29, 1961, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's transposition. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in G flat.			
*KENNETH LEACH ..	Treble	ROY WOOD ..	5
HAROLD W. DUNSDEN ..	2	CLAUDE CORDEROY ..	6
JAMES P. BLOND ..	3	ROBERT B. BLOND ..	7
FRANK E. GODDEN ..	4	PETER CORDEROY ..	Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT B. BLOND.

\* First peal of Stedman.

CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.  
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., April 29, 1961, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,  
AT CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5088 WARWICKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 19 lb. in F.			
MARION S. AINSWORTH ..	Treble	GEORGE S. DEAS ..	5
JOHN E. ANDERSON ..	2	KENNETH ARTHUR ..	6
CHARLES N. LEA ..	3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH ..	7
DENIS A. BAYLES ..	4	ERIC N. HARRISON ..	Tenor

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

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



## ECCLESFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 29, 1961, in 3 Hours and 57 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

LESLIE E. SMITH .. .. Treble	S. JAMES DUNN .. .. 5
WILLIAM HOLLAND .. .. 2	JOHN S. RANK .. .. 6
TOM W. SENIOR .. .. 3	DENNIS HOLLAND .. .. 7
RONALD BIRCH .. .. 4	BARRY HOLLAND .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by BARRY HOLLAND.

## EPWORTH, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 29, 1961, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

At the Church of St. Andrew.

## A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 gr., approx.

*RONALD DUCKER .. .. Treble	*JOHN POTTS .. .. 5
†JANET I. PORTER .. .. 2	KENNETH B. SISSONS .. .. 6
‡ALAN SHEPPARD .. .. 3	DAVID S. JOHNSON .. .. 7
JAMES THORLEY .. .. 4	LESLIE M. WOODHEAD .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by LESLIE M. WOODHEAD.

\* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major. † First on eight bells.

‡ 100th peal for the Yorkshire Association.

## HALSTEAD, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 29, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Andrew.

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation of Middleton's. Tenor 14½ cwt.

DOREEN A. FAIRHEAD .. Treble	ANDREW T. BECKWITH .. 5
*REGINALD J. MARTIN .. 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN .. .. 6
BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD .. 3	WALTER ARNOLD .. .. 7
HARRY J. MILLATT .. .. 4	EDWARD E. DAVEY .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

\* First peal for 22 years.

## HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 29, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary.

## A PEAL OF 5120 WARWICKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

MARION ARCHER .. .. Treble	CYRIL RUSBY .. .. 5
ELIZABETH A. WARDILL .. 2	LEONARD GOODALL .. .. 6
MALCOLM P. PHIPPS .. .. 3	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. .. 7
IAN M. HOLLAND .. .. 4	JOHN E. TURLEY .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by IAN M. HOLLAND.

First peal in the method on the bells, and by all except the ringer of the seventh.

## MEOPHAM, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 29, 1961, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

## A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in F sharp.

BERNARD GROVES .. .. Treble	*MONTY W. GILBERT .. 5
THOMAS E. SONE .. .. 2	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. 6
*JOHN D. COLEMAN .. .. 3	ERNEST J. LADD .. .. 7
*MARTIN L. HOWE .. .. 4	REGINALD L. SILLS .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

\* First peal in the method.

## KNEBWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 29, 1961, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

At the Church of SS. Mary-the-Virgin and Thomas-a-Becket.

## A PEAL OF 5088 BROADWATER SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. Treble	PATRICIA M. BOURN .. 5
ALICK CUTLER .. .. 2	GEORGE E. THODAY .. .. 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. 7
VERNON GREEN .. .. 4	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. Tenor

Composed by RICHARD F. B. SPEED

Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

First peal in the method.

## BROADWATER SURPRISE MAJOR

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## LONG SUTTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Sat., April 29, 1961, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

At the Church of St. Mary.

## A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 lb. in F.

FREDERICK WIGMORE .. Treble	*ROY SPENCER .. .. 5
FREDERICK S. PARSONS .. 2	M. ROWLAND REED .. .. 6
SIDNEY HAW .. .. 3	TREVOR A. BEVIS .. .. 7
PETER LANGTON .. .. 4	THOMAS BUSH .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by TREVOR A. BEVIS.

\* First peal of Kent T.B. Major. First in the method as conductor.

A birthday compliment to Mrs. S. Haw.

## PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 29, 1961, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

At the Church of St. Mary.

## A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt.

LEONARD STILWELL .. Treble	WILLIAM T. BEESON .. 5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY .. .. 2	RAYMOND P. WOOD .. 6
BASIL W. WHITE .. .. 3	*W. LESLIE WELLS .. 7
E. WINIFRED KEYS .. .. 4	FRANK H. HICKS .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by EDGAR R. RAPLEY.

\* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.

In memoriam John Dearlove.

## THRAPSTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 29, 1961, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

At the Church of St. James.

## A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb. in F sharp.

AVRIL IVIN .. .. Treble	WILLIAM W. WHITMORE .. 5
ARTHUR GIBBS .. .. 2	JAMES R. TAYLOR .. .. 6
STEPHEN IVIN .. .. 3	ALFRED E. RUSHTON .. 7
RONALD J. SHARP .. .. 4	BRYAN PATTISON .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.

## TOTNES, DEVON.

## THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., April 29, 1961, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.

At the Parish and Priory Church of St. Mary.

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

HERBERT C. SPENCER .. Treble	FREDERICK E. DAY .. 5
THOMAS G. MYERS .. .. 2	WILLIAM J. HARVEY .. 6
WILLIAMS G. LAVERS .. 3	D. ROY BOULD .. .. 7
*PETER A. LOCK .. .. 4	WILLIAM SIMMONDS .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.

\* First peal of Major.

## YATTON, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 29, 1961, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

## A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 4 lb. in D.

HERBERT W. KNIGHT .. Treble	LEONARD DERRICK .. 5
KATE WRIGHT .. .. 2	JOHN W. OWEN .. .. 6
MARJORIE LEGG .. .. 3	*SIDNEY G. SMITH .. 7
*THOMAS W. HARRIS .. 4	ALAN F. LEE .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. BARKER.

Conducted by ALAN F. LEE.

\* First peal of Major. First in the method on the bells, and of Major since 1912.

## TONBRIDGE, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., April 30, 1961, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

## A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. in E.

DORIS E. COLGATE .. Treble	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 5
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. 2	IAN H. ORAM .. .. 6
JOAN BERESFORD .. .. 3	JOHN R. COOPER .. .. 7
STANLEY JENNER .. .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY .. Tenor

Composed by E. A. BARNETT.

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

First 12-Spliced by all except the ringer of the fifth, first in the county, and for the Association.

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## ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 1, 1961, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

## A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

CHRISTINE MACNAIR .. .. Treble	F. JOHN NELSON .. .. 5
CAROL FERNLEY .. .. 2	PETER SCHOLFIELD .. .. 6
EILEEN M. FEARN .. .. 3	A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. .. 7
BASIL JONES .. .. 4	EDWARD JENKINS .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by BASIL JONES.

## BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

## A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt.

H. GEORGE HART .. .. Treble	*REGINALD ROWLEY .. .. 5
ELSIE K. HART .. .. 2	VERNON GREEN .. .. 6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY .. .. 3	*GEORGE E. THODAY .. .. 7
*RAYMOND G. SMITH .. .. 4	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY.

\* First peal in the method.

## WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. &amp; LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., May 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF 5120 LOTHBURY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER .. Treble	ALICK CUTLER .. .. 5
JOAN BERESFORD .. .. 2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3	JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. 7
THOMAS J. LOCK .. .. 4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

First peal in the method.

## WEEDON BEC, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., May 5, 1961, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE ROYAL FOUNDATION CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in F.

AVRIL IVIN .. .. Treble	DAVID J. MARSHALL .. .. 5
GILLIAN TAVENER .. .. 2	MICHAEL R. BENNETT .. .. 6
ERIC BILLINGS .. .. 3	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. .. 7
ROBIN WILSON .. .. 4	STEPHEN IVIN .. .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON.

Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

Rung in memoriam Alfred B. Peck and Horace M. Day.

## AMBLESIDE, WESTMORLAND.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 6, 1961, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 32½ cwt. in D flat.

THOMAS BARKER .. .. Treble	VICTOR J. C. WOOD .. .. 5
NORMAN SMITH .. .. 2	†ALAN CAPSTICK .. .. 6
G. ALEC DIMMOCK .. .. 3	CYRIL CROSTHWAITE .. .. 7
*WALTER E. WILKINSON .. 4	*ERNEST J. GOWER .. .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by CYRIL CROSTHWAITE.

\* 25th peal together. † First in the method. First in the method on the bells.

In memoriam Alfred B. Peck.

## EAST ILSLEY, BERKSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 6, 1961, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Taylor's Six-Part .. .. Treble	JOHN H. NAPPER .. .. 5
CYRIL J. HIBBERT .. .. 2	JOHN W. T. HIBBERT .. .. 6
MRS. MARJORIE C. HIBBERT .. 3	ARTHUR W. G. SAYERS .. .. 7
GEORGE W. BISOP .. .. 4	HARRY R. WELLS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. T. HIBBERT.

First peal as conductor.

Rung in memoriam Alfred B. Peck.

## FOBBING, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 6, 1961, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

## A PEAL OF 5040 HERWARD BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 12 cwt.

HARRY SMITH .. .. Treble	GERALD D. J. SANDWELL .. 5
JOHN L. FENNEL .. .. 2	MICHAEL J. HALLETT .. .. 6
WILLIAM J. ELLIS .. .. 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE .. .. 7
DAVID E. BELCHAM .. .. 4	ERNEST J. BLOWER .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by ALFRED J. HOUSE.

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

## LOTHBURY SURPRISE MAJOR

—36—14—56—38, 14—14, 38—34—38

8ths place lead-end. 4ths place bob.

## FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

## NORTH COLLINGHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

## THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 13, 1961, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb.

RUTH BLACKSHAW .. .. Treble	JOHN HIGGS .. .. 4
BRIAN MILLS .. .. 2	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER .. 5
MAURICE W. HARRISON .. 3	*WILLIAM L. EXTON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.

\* 125th peal.

## BLYTHBURGH, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., April 10, 1961, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven 720's in nine methods: (1) Norwich Surprise, (2) Ipswich Surprise, (3) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (4) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, (5) Oxford Bob, (6) Plain Bob, (7) Cambridge Surprise.

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

C. JACK GIBSON .. .. Treble	JACK PILGRIM .. .. 4
PETER S. BEDFORD .. .. 2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. .. 5
RICHARD F. PRIME .. .. 3	JOHN W. BLYTHE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

## LOCKINGTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Sat., April 15, 1961, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. in F.

*GEOFFREY BRIDGES (11) .. Treble	DAVID W. PARKIN .. .. 4
*ALAN H. BRIDGES (13) .. 2	EDWARD H. WILLOWS .. .. 5
JOSEPH C. WOOLLEY .. .. 3	DAVID K. WALKLATE .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.

\* First peal of Minor on tower bells.

Rung in memoriam Harry Shardlow (April 12th, 1947) and Frank Shardlow (April 5th, 1961).

## BRISTOL.

## THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.

On Sat., April 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-ON-THE-MOUNT, WITHOUT,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Combined Kent and Oxford T.B., Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St. Clement's College Bob and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

*S. MICHAEL J. YOUNG .. Treble	DAVID HEIGHTON .. .. 4
JOHN C. BALDWIN .. .. 2	IAN C. MAYCOCK .. .. 5
MICHAEL J. AUSTIN .. .. 3	ROYSTON BLACKLER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID HEIGHTON.

\* First peal. 75th peal for the Society.

## WOOTTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.

## A PEAL OF 5040 ST. GEORGES DOUBLES

Being 42 extents.

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

TIMOTHY A. WOODING .. Treble	RICHARD J. DANBY .. .. 3
RONALD RUSSELL .. .. 2	PERCY AMOS .. .. 4

GEORGE F. ROOME .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. ROOME.

First peal in the method.

Rung to commemorate the Festival of St. George, Patron Saint.

## BROCKWORTH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., April 24, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In two methods, being two extents Kent T.B. and five Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt.

*ROGER F. FRY .. .. Treble	*PETER CLARKSON .. .. 4
SHIRLEY M. PARSONS .. .. 2	*ALFRED LYNALL .. .. 5
GEOFFREY GREEN .. .. 3	†GEOFFREY R. DREW .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY R. DREW.

\* First peal in two methods. † 100th peal.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

## LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., April 24, 1961, in 1 Hour and 56 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 12 methods: (1) Double Court, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Thelwall and Double Oxford, (4) Childwall and St. Clement's, (5) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (6) Plain, Double and Fulbeck Bob, (7) Single Oxford and Plain Bob.

Tenor 2 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in G.

*R. KINGSLEY MASON .. Treble	RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. .. 4
ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 2	*A. JAMES POYNOR .. .. 5
G. RONALD EDWARDS .. .. 3	BRIAN G. WARWICK .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

\* First peal in 12 methods.



## YOXFORD, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., April 24, 1961, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven 720's in ten methods, viz.: (1) Beverley Surprise, (2) Norwich Surprise, (3) Ipswich Surprise, (4) Oxford and Kent T.B., (5) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (6) Single Oxford and Plain Bob, (7) Cambridge Surprise.

C. JACK GIBSON .. .. Treble	RICHARD F. PRIME .. .. 4
JACK PILGRIM .. .. 2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. .. 5
PETER S. BEDFORD .. .. 3	JOHN W. BLYTHE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

## SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., April 26, 1961, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 24 extents (ten callings) and five Morris's 240's, two Price's and two Pitman's 240's.

JAMES R. MUSSON .. .. Treble	WALTER WESTON .. .. 4
HENRY P. COLLIN .. .. 2	JAMES H. MUSSON .. .. 5
J. EDWARD BROWN .. .. 3	JOHN F. WRIGHT .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

Rung half-muffled as a last token of esteem and respect for Mr. William B. Barker, a faithful worshipper and benefactor of St. Denis' Church for the past 20 years. R.I.P.

## PACKINGTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Thurs., April 27, 1961, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY ROAD,

## A PEAL OF 5040 COLLEGE BOB IV DELIGHT MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in B flat.

JOSEPH W. COTTON .. .. Treble	RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. .. 4
JOHN K. SMITH .. .. 2	ROLAND BENISTON .. .. 5
ARTHUR E. ROWLEY .. .. 3	DEREK P. JONES .. .. Tenor

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

Believed to be the first peal in the method (C.C.C. 4D.21).  
Rung to welcome the birth of Joanne, daughter of Gordon H. Lane (Guild Ringing Master) and Mrs. Lane.

## BLABY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., April 29, 1961, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in two methods: (1 to 11) Grandsire, (12 to 22)

Plain Bob, (23 to 32) Grandsire, (33 to 42) Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.) in A flat.

*STEVEN R. BILLINGS .. .. Treble	†BRIAN C. LAW .. .. 3
BRIAN G. WARWICK .. .. 2	J. HEDLEY WALE .. .. 4
R. KINGSLEY MASON .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

\* First peal. † First 'inside.'

## BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 29, 1961, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Kent T.B. and four of Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 15 lb. in A.

GERALD M. ROUSE .. .. Treble	JAMES L. TOWLER .. .. 4
ARTHUR HUBBLE .. .. 2	HARRY S. STEBBINGS .. .. 5
*ANN VOWLES .. .. 3	SIDNEY C. EASTER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR HUBBLE.

\* First peal. H. Stebbings has now 'circled the tower' twice.

A compliment to Mary Hubble and Victor Englesakis, who were married this day at the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist, Edmonton, Alberta.

## CHARTHAM, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 29, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being extents of Norwich, Netherseale, London, Beverley, Surfleet, Ipswich and Cambridge.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in E.

RALPH BIRD .. .. Treble	IAN H. ORAM .. .. 4
*VIOLET I. E. RELF .. .. 2	JOHN R. COOPER .. .. 5
ANDREW M. MACVE .. .. 3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. .. Tenor

Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

\* First peal in seven Surprise methods. First of Surprise and seven methods on the bells.

## KEELE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 29, 1961, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being extents of Cuneastre, Wells, London, Stamford, Rossendale, Norwich and Cambridge.

K. PETER JONES .. .. Treble	CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. .. 4
NORMAN SHERRATT .. .. 2	GEOFFREY DAVIES .. .. 5
WALTER SHERRATT .. .. 3	ROY WORRALL .. .. Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN SHERRATT.

A birthday compliment to the conductor.

## KEMBLE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 29, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Four callings Tenor 10 cwt.

*PAULINE A. LANSLEY .. Treble	†SHEILA GILES .. .. 4
THOMAS R. COLLINS .. .. 2	†MICHAEL J. STANLEY .. .. 5
PATRICK A. BARTLETT .. 3	*WILLIAM R. PEARCE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS R. COLLINS.

\* First peal. † First 'inside.' ‡ First of Doubles. First as conductor.

## RUSHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., April 29, 1961, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,

## A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise, three of Oxford and three of Kent.

*E. MARION KEY .. .. Treble	MAURICE G. TURNER .. .. 4
HOWARD HOWELL .. .. 2	JAMES S. EASTWOOD .. .. 5
ERNEST STITCH .. .. 3	BARNABAS G. KEY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES S. EASTWOOD.

\* First peal of Treble Bob.

## ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 29, 1961, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in four methods: (1) Kent and Oxford T.B., (2) Kent T.B., (3 and 4) Oxford T.B., (5) St. Clement's, (6 and 7) Child-wall.

*DONALD FELLOWS .. .. Treble	†CHRISTINE RIMMER .. .. 4
†CELIA BLAND .. .. 2	†PETER FELS .. .. 5
†ALISON MACFARLANE .. 3	MICHAEL FROST .. .. Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL FROST.

\* First peal, first attempt. † First in four methods. ‡ First 'inside.'  
First peal by St. Stephen's Sunday service band since the bells were recast in 1957.

## SHORNE, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 29, 1961, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being an extent of Single Oxford Bob, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob.

*JOHN W. GANDER .. .. Treble	MONTY W. GILBERT .. .. 4
MARTIN L. HOWE .. .. 2	BERNARD GROVES .. .. 5
†JOHN D. COLEMAN .. .. 3	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD GROVES.

\* First peal. † First in seven methods.

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**MINIMUS PEAL**

NEWTOWN, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Mon., May 1, 1961, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,*

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

**A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINIMUS**

Being 105 extents.

Tenor 6 cwt., approx.

GEOFFREY K. DODD .. .. Treble	DAVID E. PAPWORTH.. .. 3
DOROTHY R. PEARCE.. .. 2	REGINALD F. CROOK .. .. Tenor

Supervised by GEOFFREY K. DODD.

First peal of Kent Treble Bob Minimus ever rung.

**HANDBELL PEALS**

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Wed., March 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,*

AT 3, SALTERS ROAD,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor size 11 in G.

JOHN E. ANDERSON .. .. 1-2	ROBIN G. TURNER .. .. 5-6
ERIC N. HARRISON .. .. 3-4	*J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. .. 7-8

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by ROBIN G. TURNER.

\* First peal of Major on handbells.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Hinckley District.)

*On Wed., April 5, 1961, in 1 Hour and 58 Minutes,*

AT 128, LEICESTER ROAD,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part.

Tenor size 15 in C.

GRAHAM T. BALL .. .. 1-2	ALFRED BALLARD .. .. 5-6
JOHN VERNON .. .. 3-4	MICHAEL VERNON .. .. 7-8

Conducted by MICHAEL VERNON.

A compliment to John Vernon, of Stoney Stanton, and Miss Elizabeth Wilcox, of Hinckley, on their engagement.

LONDON, S.W.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

*On Mon., April 10, 1961, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,*

AT 121, LILLINGTON STREET,

**A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES**

Tenor size 18 in G

JOAN BERESFORD .. .. 1-2	ALAN ROGERS .. .. 7-8
MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT .. .. 3-4	WILLIAM T. COOK.. .. 9-10
JOHN CHILCOTT .. .. 5-6	MICHAEL P. MORETON .. .. 11-12

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOHN CHILCOTT.

**DERBY.**

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Thurs., April 13, 1961, in 1 Hour and 25 Minutes,*

IN EAST WING, ST. ANDREW'S VICARAGE,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

In ten methods, being six extents each of Clifford's Pleasure and St. David's, five each of Southrepps, R. Canterbury, St. Columb and Litchurch, two each of Plain Bob, Kennington and April Day, and four of Old.

Tenor size 5 in F.

ALAN H. BRIDGES .. .. 1-2 | DAVID K. WALKLATE.. .. 3-4

GEOFFREY BRIDGES .. .. 5-6

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.

A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. S. Walklate.

HALIFAX, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Mon., April 17, 1961, in 3 Hours,*

AT 9, FIRST AVENUE.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL**

JOHN F. BRYANT .. .. 1-2	ROBERT E. MOULDS .. .. 5-6
J. HENRY FIELDEN .. .. 3-4	GEOFFREY F. BRYANT .. .. 7-8

\*J. NEVILLE PARKIN .. .. 9-10

Arranged and Conducted by J. HENRY FIELDEN.

\* First peal 'in hand.'

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Fri., April 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,*

AT 17, QUEEN STREET,

**A PEAL OF 5184 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

Tenor size 11 in G.

GERALD PENNEY .. .. 1-2	GEOFFREY DODDS .. .. 5-6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 3-4	*JOYCE DODDS .. .. 7-8

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by GERALD PENNEY.

\* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.

SCAWBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Mon., April 24, 1961, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,*

AT GREENGATES.

**A PEAL OF 5040 GAINSBOROUGH LITTLE BOB MAJOR**

Tenor size 15 in C.

GEORGE E. FEIRN .. .. 1-2	JACK BRAY .. .. 5-6
*A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL.. 3-4	C. AUBREY HARRISON .. .. 7-8

Arranged and Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

\* First peal in the method.

Rung to celebrate the christening of Rachel Harrison.

**John Taylor & Co.****LOUGHBOROUGH****The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS**



## LONG LENGTH

**WALTON, SOMERSET.**—On May 6th, 3,360 Doubles (960 Plain Bob and 2,400 Reverse Canterbury): D. J. Barnett 1, T. J. Milson 2, A. F. Lee (cond.) 3, H. L. Parfrey 4, C. J. A. Brown 5. The longest length on the bells.

## HALF PEAL

**RATCLIFFE-ON-THE-WREAKE, LEICS.**—On April 22nd, 2,520 Grandsire Doubles: W. G. Hurst 1, T. G. Still 2, G. W. Mason 3, D. G. Wilford 4, R. K. Mason (cond.) 5. First half peal by all the band. A peal attempt brought round. Rung for Feast of St. George, and as a birthday compliment to the Vicar of Ratcliffe.

**BARNET, HERTS.**—On April 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. A. Critchley 1, G. W. Critchley 2, H. J. Eldred 3, A. M. Stacey 4, R. C. Harris 5, A. Fulwell 6, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 7, W. J. Bradbrooke 8. For Evensong.

**BARTON-IN-FABIS, NOTTS.**—On April 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Eborall (first quarter) 1, H. Harrison 2, G. Fisher (cond.) 3, M. E. Pollard 4, D. Oliver 5, L. Harrison 6.

**BATCOMBE, SOMERSET.**—On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (ten callings): B. Payne 1, D. Orledge 2, R. J. Drewson 3, A. B. Skingle 4, P. Cattermole (cond.) 5, A. Payne 6. Rung for the birthday of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II.

**BATH, SOMERSET.**—On April 24th, at the Abbey, 1,260 Double Norwich Court Bob Royal: Elizabeth Bowden 1, R. G. Hooper 2, B. A. Shackleton 3, D. G. Yeo 4, P. M. Gray 5, D. J. Hunt 6, J. Brain 7, M. J. Horseman 8, D. E. Cobb 9, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 10. First of Royal in the method for 2, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 9.

**BEDDINGTON, SURREY.**—On April 23rd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: R. Talbot (first quarter) 1, Mrs. M. V. Chilcott 2, Miss J. L. Lavender 3, J. Schofield 4, S. F. Kimber (cond.) 5, R. J. Cook 6, L. Bance 7, R. W. Hinde 8, M. V. Chilcott 9, L. A. Reece 10. For Evensong.

**BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.**—On May 7th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss L. Doone 1, W. R. Chandler 2, Miss M. Witney 3, R. J. Brown 4, Miss B. Fisher (first in 2 methods as cond.) 5. For parish Communion.

**BISHOPSTOKE, HANTS.**—On April 30th, at 10, Church Road, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. D. Elderkin (first quarter) 1-2, H. N. Evans 3-4, J. R. Goodenough (first as cond.) 5-6. A 21st birthday compliment to A. J. Tumber.

**BLETCHINGLEY, SURREY.**—On May 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sharon Northeast (first of Triples) 1, A. T. Shekton 2, W. Dunn 3, K. Game 4, F. W. Bird 5, W. H. Inwood 6, G. Olliver (cond.) 7, V. Griggs 8. For Evensong.

**BURN, CAMBS.**—On April 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. R. Hough 1, H. E. Bishop 2, H. Muirhead (cond.) 3, L. R. H. Smith 4, H. C. Lewis 5, W. J. Ridgman 6, J. R. Taylor 7, N. R. Waite 8. Rung on an outing by the Cambridge University Guild.

**BRATTON, WILTS.**—On May 6th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: L. E. J. Hawkins 1, A. Bartlett 2, E. E. Norris (first in method) 3, P. W. J. Harding 4, F. S. Slaford 5, N. G. Knece (first in method as cond.) 6.

**BURSTOW, SURREY.**—On May 7th, 1,260 Oxford Single Bob and Plain Bob Minor: G. Charlton 1, T. Padbury 2, L. Penfold 3, H. Parsons 4, W. Slaughter 5, A. J. Bull (cond.) 6. Rung for Confirmation Sunday.

**CALVERLEY, YORKS.**—On April 15th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: P. M. Lumley 1, R. J. Lumley 2, R. A. Appleby 3, J. Rhodes 4, W. Lee 5, P. Wheatley 6, P. M. Dawson (cond.) 7, R. Waddington 8. Rung by the Sunday service band to welcome Martin John, son of Joan and Peter Dawson.

**CAMBRIDGE.**—On April 30th, at the Church of St. Andrew, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: F. N. Peacock 1, J. R. Hough 2, B. C. Webster 3, H. C. Lewis 4, L. R. H. Smith 5, H. E. Bishop 6, J. R. Taylor 7, A. J. Griffin (first as cond.) 8.

**CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA.**—On April 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Ersten 1, J. Riley 2, V. Sheppard 3, L. Hewitt 4, R. Law (cond.) 5, W. Smith 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. E. Rowland, the Rector's mother.

**CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKS.**—On May 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Christine Mason (first quarter) 1, Dorothy E. Beamish 2, M. Hodgkinson (first quarter) 3, J. Draycott 4, E. Wilson (cond.) 5, W. Day (first quarter) 6.

**CHURCH GRESLEY, DERBYS.**—On April 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Barbara Measures (15, first quarter) 1, D. P. Jones (cond.) 2, Mrs. S. H. Jones 3, S. H. Jones 4, D. Eames (15) 5. Rung for the patronal festival, at the conclusion of the Swadlincote District St. George's Day Scout Parade service.

## QUARTER PEALS

**CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.**—On April 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Pearson 1, M. Armstrong 2, G. Wall 3, W. Tyson 4, R. Skelton 5, R. Oliver (cond.) 6, N. Errington (covering) 7. Also on April 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Pearson 1, G. Wall 2, M. Armstrong 3, N. Errington 4, R. Skelton 5, W. Tyson (cond.) 6, R. Oliver (covering) 7. Both for Evensong.

**CRANFORD, MIDDXX.**—On May 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Uphill (first quarter) 1, Elizabeth Negus 2, B. Bull 3, C. Mew (cond.) 4, J. Munton 5, A. Millidge 6.

**CROYDON, SURREY.**—On May 7th, at the Church of St. John the Baptist, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss H. Talbot 1, Mrs. F. E. Collins 2, E. W. Razzell 3, R. Stevens (first on 10) 4, N. G. Steere 5, N. Brown 6, G. H. Humphries 7, R. G. Abbott 8, R. Davies (cond.) 9, F. E. Collins 10.

**EAST ILSLEY, BERKS.**—On April 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Joan Carr (first of Stedman Triples) 1, Mrs. M. C. Hibbert 2, A. W. G. Sayers 3, G. Stocker 4, G. W. Bishop 5, J. H. Napper 6, C. J. Hibbert (cond.) 7, H. R. Wells 8.

**EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.**—On April 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. C. Russell 1, J. F. Atkins 2, B. M. W. Dobbie 3, L. H. Smith (first of Triples) 4, F. E. Haynes (cond.) 5, A. Timmins 6, H. Fearn 7, T. R. Russell 8.

**ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.**—On April 16th, 1,260 Oxford T.B. Minor: J. Yorke-Parker 1, Miss D. Reeve 2, H. Fuller 3, W. Paul 4, J. E. Ivings 5, J. Paul (cond.) 6.

**EUSTON, SUFFOLK.**—On April 22nd, 1,320 St. Simon's Bob Doubles: Miss R. Greaves 1, Miss M. Greaves 2, Miss A. Greaves 3, E. Daniels 4, J. E. Ivings (cond.) 5.

**GRAFTON REGIS, NORTHANTS.**—On May 7th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: C. Hall 1, E. J. Lambert 2, F. Hall 3, G. Atkins 4, E. R. Lambert (cond.) 5. For Rogation Sunday.

**HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.**—On April 25th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss M. Branch (first quarter) 1, E. R. Goate 2, Miss V. J. Cooper (first quarter) 3, W. Kerrison 4, C. Bailey 5, R. F. Prime 6, R. Bickers 7, J. W. Blythe (cond.) 8.

**HARLINGTON, MIDDXX.**—On April 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Plain Bob, Grandsire): J. James (first quarter) 1, D. C. Morgan (cond.) 2, T. Darn 3, Miss W. Smith 4, A. Corran 5, L. Grice 6. First quarter in four methods for all the band. Rung for morning service on St. George's Day.

**HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.**—On April 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: L. Whitby (cond.) 1, F. Whitby 2, J. Collins 3, F. Hoad 4, S. Clarke 5, E. Curson 6, J. Aley 7, W. Wheeler 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. J. Wood, a member of the band for more than 20 years, who died recently, aged 41 years.

**HARROW-ON-THE-HILL, MIDDXX.**—On April 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. E. Slade (first of Triples as cond.) 1, J. M. G. Anthony 2, Miss S. J. Heaseman 3, C. W. Simpson 4, R. E. Waters 5, J. Small 6, F. P. Wright 7, J. C. Pitcher 8. For Evensong.

**HASTINGS, SUSSEX.**—On April 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. A. Downing 1, Mrs. C. A. Levett 2, Miss J. M. Downing 3, S. F. Buckland 4, A. Jackson 5, A. A. Price 6, C. A. Levett (cond.) 7, E. F. P. Bryant 8. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Buckland.

**HATHERN, LEICS.**—On April 16th, 1,440 Minor (St. Clement's and Plain Bob): Miss V. Lacey 1, Miss C. Cowley 2, Miss J. Exon 3, D. Swift 4, R. Carter 5, T. Harris (cond.) 6. For evening service.

**HAVANT, HANTS.**—On Dec. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1, 2 leading): Marilyn Davies 1, Sylvia Flewin 2, E. Williams 3, D. Jones 4, H. Allberry 5, J. Hasted 6, M. Marshall (cond.) 7, N. Bridger 8. First quarter 1, 2 and 3. For morning service, and a welcome to Susan Marshall, granddaughter of conductor, born December 4th.

**INGHAM, SUFFOLK.**—On April 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Y. Parker 1, A. F. Ballam (cond.) 2, Miss D. M. Reeve 3, J. W. Paul 4, H. Ivings 5. For the christening of Steven, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cook, of Farnham Saints.

**KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.**—On April 16th, 1,260 Minor (St. Clement's Bob and Plain Bob): Miss M. Erik 1, K. D. Waples 2, R. W. Picton 3, R. J. Picton 4, D. J. Goodman 5, B. M. Barker (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on April 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Longhurst (first quarter) 1, Miss M. Erik 2, P. Harper (first 'inside') 3, K. D. Waples (cond.) 4, B. M. Barker 5, D. J. Goodman 6. For Evensong.

**LEICESTER.**—At the Prebendal Church of St. Margaret, on May 7th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: G. W. Mason 1, E. Morris (cond.) 2, E. J. Clements 3, T. H. Bent 4, T. G. Still 5, W. J. Tanser 6, G. H. Bray 7, J. E. Adams 8, G. A. Olliffe 9, R. K. Mason 10. Rung half-muffled in memory of Canon F. R. C. Payne, late of St. Margaret's, who died on May 2nd, aged 88. Rung by the local band.

**LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.**—On April 16th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: F. Mills 1, F. Gant 2, C. Hughes 3, D. Elisdon 4, Miss V. Hester 5, C. Willmington 6, H. Neill (cond.) 7, J. Crampion 8. For Evensong.

**LINTON, KENT.**—On April 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Grice 1, W. Manser 2, F. Leeson 3, L. Mannerling 4, J. Wallis 5, B. Baker 6, L. Head (cond.) 7, P. Town 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Col. R. O. Hambro, of Linton Park, for twenty years Vicar's warden and benefactor to the church, interred the previous day.

**LONDON.**—At St. Stephen's Church, Rochester Row, on May 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. W. Cecil 1, H. N. Pistow (cond.) 2, W. Rawlings 3, M. P. Moreton 4, R. W. Meadows 5, J. Phillips 6, J. R. Crampion 7, D. Randall 8. Rung half-muffled by members and supernumeraries of the Westminster Abbey band, in memory of their late colleague, A. B. Peck.

**NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.**—On May 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. King 1, Wendy Bowak 2, Ann Hancock 3, L. Cordell 4, J. McPhail 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to Wendy Bowak. Also on May 7th, 1,320 Kent and Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob Minor: H. King 1, Ann Hancock 2, S. King 3, L. Cordell 4, J. McPhail 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6. For family service.

**PENARTH, GLAM.**—On March 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Yvonne Apstios 1, R. G. Havard 2, A. F. R. Hartley 3, J. Wallace 4, E. J. R. Hartley 5, W. J. Goodfellow (cond.) 6. For Evensong, and as a farewell to Margaret Stirling, friend of all the ringers who was leaving the area. Also on March 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Rosemary Harding 1, Ruth Havard (first quarter) 2, R. Havard 3, E. Hartley 4, A. Hartley 5, Yvonne Harding 6. Jointly conducted by 3, 4 and 5. For Evensong.

**PUTNEY, LONDON.**—On April 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Mew (cond.) 1, Elizabeth Negus 2, A. Millidge (first 'inside') 3, B. Bull 4, L. Allen 5, B. Coatsworth 6. For Evensong, and in memory of the late Alfred Peck.

**STAPLETON, GLOS.**—On April 28th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: F. R. Hussey 1, Rita M. Webb 2, Gillian M. Hussey 3, I. Smith 4, M. J. Hobbs 5, W. Lampard 6. Conducted by 3, 4 and 5. A birthday compliment to Rita M. Webb.

**STREATHAM, LONDON.**—At Immanuel, on May 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Talbot 1, Miss F. Hankey 2, E. Talbot 3, R. Trebilcock 4, J. Euston 5, A. Shelton 6, A. Streeter (cond.) 7, Miss J. Hanning 8. For Matins.

**SUTTON-ON-HULL, YORKS.**—On April 27th, 720 Cambridge Surprise, 540 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. R. Ducker 1, Miss J. I. Porter 2, H. F. Gibson 3, H. Rodmell 4, L. Rodmell 5, R. Ducker (cond.) 6. Rung for the institution of the Rev. W. Richardson as Vicar.

**SWAFFHAM PRIOR, CAMBS.**—On May 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss O. B. Carter 1, Miss D. Fuller 2, A. G. Orbell 3, C. F. Sargent 4, D. G. Taylor (first as cond.) 5, P. Shieldrick (first quarter) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss D. Fuller.

**TAVISTOCK, DEVON.**—On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. S. Shepherd (first of Triples) 1, Miss S. P. Sims 2, W. G. Lavers 3, A. W. Coles 4, F. E. Day 5, D. R. Bould (cond.) 6, T. G. Myers 7, W. H. Marks 8. Arranged for Mr. A. W. Coles, on holiday.

**WEST LAVINGTON, WILTS.**—On April 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Daniels 1, Mrs. W. R. Trotter 2, A. T. Weeks 3, W. Bevan 4, S. G. Grant (cond.) 5, F. Nutland 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Melville Bailey, who was interred this day.

**WESTMINSTER.**—At St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, on May 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. D. Emery 1, I. Hughes 2, D. E. Belcham 3, C. Simpson 4, M. P. Moreton (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam A. B. Peck.

**WILLINGHAM, CAMBS.**—On April 2nd, 1,440 Cambridge and Norwich Surprise Minor: A. Denwon 1, D. Murfet 2, G. Crisp 3, G. Thoday 4, G. Lucas 5, M. Ginn (cond.) 6. For Sung Eucharist. Also on April 9th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. Denwon 1, A. Payne 2, D. Murfet 3, G. Crisp 4, G. Thoday (cond.) 5, G. Lucas 6. For Matins.

**WORTHING, SUSSEX.**—On May 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Wilson (first quarter) 1, R. P. Wood (cond.) 2, R. Wilson 3, H. Weaver 4, D. Smith 5, J. Reed 6, L. Skilwell 7, T. Horne (first on eight) 8. For Evensong.



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In connection with the Central Council's meeting at Stoke-on-Trent, Mr. Ewart H. Edge informs us that the maximum party for the visit to the establishment of Messrs. Josiah Wedgwood and Sons, Ltd., was oversubscribed very early and the full number of places on a supplementary visit to Mr. Edge's firm's factory have also been taken up.

The peal of Stedman Triples at Wareham on April 15th was Mr. L. F. Cobb's 50th peal and not 15th, as printed in 'The Ringing World.'

Although a quarter peal was not possible, the bells of St. Ann's, Stamford Hill, were rung half-muffled on Sunday, May 7th, in affectionate memory of Mr. Alfred B. Peck.

Seven of the new Gresley, Derbys, band (all under 16) have rung a quarter peal since the bells were installed two years ago. Barbara Measures, the latest, is the first lady member to do so.

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at Irthlingborough on April 15th was arranged for the visit of two Norfolk ringers—Mr. T. E. Spight (Wymondham) and Mr. P. M. Adcock (Mulbarton).

In sending us a peal of Kent T.B. Minimus, a correspondent anticipates events at Stoke-on-Trent. He writes: 'Probably the last four bell peals in view of the Central Council's motion.'

The peal of Lincolnshire at Stoke-by-Nayland on April 22nd was rung as a welcome to Diana and George Pipe, who are on holiday from Australia for three months. It was also Mr. C. J. Sedgley's first peal of Surprise Major on the treble, in over 50 years of ringing!

Because of 'undesirable characters' finding the ringers' entrance to the Church of St. John the Divine, Leicester, a new one is necessary. Visiting ringers should note that access to the church is now gained by entering through the Vicarage gate immediately adjoining the passage door of the choir vestry, thence into the passage by another side door leading from the forecourt of the Vicarage.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. E. J. Holloway, of Crewe, is among the ringers who have written to the editor of 'The Sunday Pictorial' regarding the pictures from St. Cuthbert's, Great Salkeld, Cumberland, which he regards as being in the worst possible taste. He concludes: 'I wonder if the incumbent (if there is one?) has given permission for this unseemly report.'

Ringing at Bolsover, Derbyshire, is temporarily suspended during the building of a new ringing room as part of the restoration of the church following the fire which destroyed the nave and chancel early in 1960.

Mr. John H. Gartside, a faithful service ringer at St. Laurence's, Chorley, and a stalwart of the Preston Branch for the past 50 years, is another ringer who has taken 'The Ringing World' regularly since the first issue in 1911.

Mr. J. T. Dyke, of Chilcompton, Bath, informs us that for the first time he is able to agree with Mr. Amos. 'We, too, in Somerset have suffered from tower grabbers who (1) rang without permission; (2) used electric shavers in the belfry; (3) failed to appear at towers where they had made arrangements to ring.'

For the first time since the war the bells of St. Giles', Ashted, are silent. On April 10th they were removed to the Loughborough Bell Foundry to be overhauled and quarter turned. A new metal frame is to be provided and also new fittings. Three quarter peals were rung prior to removal, one being specially arranged for three of the younger members to score their first quarter.

At the end-of-term service of St. Helena's School the front bells of Chesterfield Parish Church were rung by lady members of the tower—the Misses Dorothy Atrill, Gill Atrill, Kay Marsden, Jane Lowe, Christine Sherwood, Mrs. Elsie Silcock and Mrs. Peter Watson. The five Misses are pupils at St. Helena's School. The ringing was favourably commented upon.

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## Arrangements for Whitsun

Headquarters will be the Grand Hotel, Trinity Street, Hanley, and all members and friends will be welcome there during the weekend.

## WHIT TUESDAY

Holy Communion at the Parish Church, Stoke-on-Trent, at 8 a.m. Breakfast for ticket holders in the Town Hall, opposite the Church, afterwards.

Council meeting in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall at 10 a.m. Will members be in their seats by 9.45 a.m.

Civic reception by the Lord Mayor of Stoke-on-Trent and tea in the Jubilee Hall, Town Hall, at 5.30 p.m.

Social evening at headquarters.

## RINGING ARRANGEMENTS

WHIT SATURDAY—2-4 p.m.: Kildsgrove (6), Tunstall (8) and Wolstanton (8); 3-5: Brown Edge (6) and Norton (8); 4-6: Newcastle (10); 7-9: Hanley (10) and Stoke (8).

SUNDAY SERVICE RINGING—Morning commencing 10 a.m. Evening commencing 5.30 p.m. Newcastle (10), Wolstanton (8), Tunstall (8), Hanley (10), Longton (8), Stoke (8), Bucknall (6), Brown Edge (6), Biddulph (6), Leek (10), Kildsgrove (6), Cheddleton (6), Kingsley (6), Cheadle R.C. (8), Silverdale (8), Keele (6), Madeley (6), Audley (8), Swynerton (6), Alton (8), Beley (6) and Fenton (8) (9.30-10 a.m., 11.30 a.m.-1 p.m.) Evening commencing 5.30 p.m. Draycott-le-Moors (8) 4.30-6.30 p.m.

WHIT MONDAY.—10 a.m.-12 noon: Broughton (8) and Stone (8); 11 a.m.-1 p.m.: Eccleshall (8) and Swynnerton (6); 2-4: Leek (10), Horton (6) and Cheddleton (6); 2.30-4.30: Marchington (6); 3-5: Kingsley (6), Rochester (8) and Uttoxeter (8); 4-5: Hanley (10); 6-8 p.m.: Audley (8) and Beley (6).

E. A. BARNETT,  
Honorary Secretary.

## 40 Years Ago

May 17th was the 40th anniversary of the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus, rung by St. Martin's Guild and on the bells of St. Martin's Church, Birmingham. The peal was rung on the old 12 bells, which were on plain bearings and took 4 hours 11 minutes to complete.

The band consisted of Thomas Reeves 1, Thomas Russam 2, George F. Swan 3, Albert Walker (cond.) 4, Albert E. Norman 5, Morris J. Morris 6, Ernest T. Allaway 7, J. Frank Smallwood 8, Percy O. Laffin 9, A. Paddon Smith 10, John Neal 11, James E. Groves 12. The only survivors of the band are the conductor, J. F. Smallwood and A. Paddon Smith.

## 50 Years Ago

'R.W.' May 19th, 1911.—

A good deal of concern is again being manifested for the safety of some of London's historic buildings, particularly such churches as St. Clement Danes', on account of the timber structures which are being erected round them to accommodate spectators of the Coronation procession. There is, of course, a risk of fire, but the desire for a golden harvest, whether for private gain or church purposes, dwarfs such considerations which an opportunity occurs such as is offered by a Coronation.

Burslem bells, in Staffordshire, were hung in the year 1818. It was left to a band in the year of grace 1911 to ring the first peal upon them. There can be few towers in England in which the bells have had to wait nearly a century for the first five thousand to be recorded upon them.

The first half of a restoration and building scheme, estimated to cost £25,000 in 10 years, has been completed at West Wickham Church, Kent. On April 29th the extension was blessed by the Bishop of Croydon and a commemorative stone unveiled by Lord Dunboyn, Commissary-General of the Diocese of Canterbury; the ringers played their part in the traditional manner by ringing a peal in seven Minor methods.

## PERSONALITIES OF THE EXERCISE - 20



MR. JOSEPH RIDYARD,  
Lancashire Association.

The Lancashire Association, which is one of the largest in the country, has always been able to rely on a large number of enthusiastic ringers to enhance its reputation. Since the last war, most resident members would agree that the most successful and competent conductor, who is also a native of the county, has been Mr. Joseph Ridyard, of Southport. His range of methods has been a wide one, and he has the necessary ability to help people through their first peals in any method they wish to ring. Yet, unlike most well-known conductors, his main successes have come to him in later life, when he was over 50, and mainly due to the loyal peal ringing band he has kept together to practise Surprise methods.

Joseph was born into a keen ringing family at Worsley, near Manchester, on April 20th, 1896. He was the younger son of the late Richard Ridyard, who, with his brothers, were among the leaders of ringing in Lancashire at the end of the last century and at the beginning of this one. He was educated at St. Mark's School, Worsley, and started work, as a boy, in the gardens of the Earl of Ellesmere, at Worsley Hall, and has been a gardener ever since. His father taught him to ring in 1910, but he left home in 1912, and didn't do much ringing until after the First World War. In 1914, and early 1915, he was employed on

the Earl Manvers Estate, at Perlethorpe, North Notts, and they had a band from the estate who rang on the six bells at the private church there. (These bells were, unfortunately, sold after the last war.)

In 1919, after returning to Worsley, he took up serious ringing again, and rang the tenor behind to his first peal on January 14th, 1920. A month later he scored his first 'inside.' Both peals were Grandsire Triples at Worsley and both were conducted by his cousin, Joseph H. Ridyard. In January, 1925, he came to live at Southport, and has since been a regular service ringer at Christ Church, and captain for a good number of years.

His present total of peals is about 400, of which he has conducted 250, and most of these have been rung for the Lancashire Association. He has called peals in about 25 different Surprise methods, with a good measure of London and Bristol. These have included Cambridge, from Minor to Maximus, and Langley, from Major to Maximus. He has also called Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob on all numbers, the latter being somewhat unusual. His first peal on twelve was Stedman Cinques, rung at Walsall, conducted by the late Thomas J. Elton, about 1930. One performance which he remembers with pride, during his early years of peal ringing, was a strictly 'silent' peal of Stedman Triples, rung at Walkden on June 20th, 1931, at the third attempt. Amongst other well known Lancashire ringers in this performance were Messrs. P. Crook, C. Gudgeon and A. Tomlinson. He has had the pleasure of conducting a peal with his son and daughter together, and he has rung over 100 peals with his daughter, Margaret, including London and Bristol.

During the war years, from 1939-1945, he was a vice-president of the Lancashire Association, and he has represented them on the Central Council since 1951. For the last two years he has been the Ringing Master at Liverpool Cathedral, and hopes, if it is at all possible, to call a peal there. At present there are a few disadvantages with regard to time, services and residents, but he hopes they will be overcome in due course.

He remembers, with gratitude, the great help and encouragement he received from the late Walter Wolstencroft and Arthur Tomlinson during the early 1920's, and also from the late Benjamin A. Knights and Edward Jenkins, the 'Wizard of the North,' in later years.

Joseph is of a friendly and modest disposition, but he can be quite sure that the skill which he uses to maintain and increase the standard of ringing in West Lancashire is much appreciated. More power to his elbow!

APACE.

## Silent And Non-Conducted Peal Attempt

On Whit Monday, eight members of the Central Council are to attempt to ring, silent and non-conducted, Mr. A. J. Pitman's 5,280 Spliced Surprise Major composition in five methods. The attempt is to be made at Silverdale, Hanley, Staffordshire, commencing at 10.30 a.m.

The composition contains 1,120 London, 1,088 Superlative and 1,024 each of Bristol, Cambridge and Pudsey, with 107 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD

Double Norwich. Cambridge Surprise Bob Major and some call changes were rung at the North-East District meeting, held at Leiston on April 29th, and attended by 30 members. The Rev. Mr. Borland conducted the service, and at the business meeting (with Mr. P. Bedford in the chair) three ringing and two honorary members were elected. Mr. J. W. Blythe was thanked for arranging the tea and Mr. Bailey for arranging bells, service and organist.

Next quarterly meeting, Tunstall and Blaxhall, July 22nd.

## 32 Towers In a Day

The record number of towers rung at in a day was raised from 24 to 32 by a band which toured Buckinghamshire on May 6th.

Twelve ringers took part, all of whom rang changes at every tower, in methods ranging from Bob Doubles to Cambridge Minor. The day was not without incident, since bells slipped wheel on two occasions, and a broken rope had to be spliced, all necessitating visits to the bell chambers. Not the least among the hazards of one of these visits was an accumulation of twigs and birds' nests, which completely blocked the narrow spiral staircase at one tower.

The band would like to thank all those who met them at the towers and other persons who contributed to the success of the day, in however small a measure.

R. K. R.

## BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Twelve new members were elected at the monthly meeting of the Bedford District, held at Felmersham on May 6th, when the service was conducted by the Rev. G. Sidebottom. Ringing continued until 9 p.m.

Next meeting, Harrold, June 3rd.



## RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD AT DARLINGTON

THE fifth A.G.M. of the British Railways Staff Association Guild of Church Bell Ringers was held at Darlington on April 29th. To visit Darlington was very fitting on this occasion as St. John's Church is reputed to have foundations of the old type stone sleepers, given to them by Mr. Pearse, who was one time the chairman of the old North Eastern Railway.

It was with regret that the local clergy were unable to come along to see us all at tea time, as they were attending a Diocesan Conference.

Mr. T. Cooke, president of the Durham and Newcastle Association, together with his wife and two daughters, and Mr. T. Cox, president of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association, who rings at Ormesby, where the peal attempt was made on Friday evening, were among the visitors. The Ladies' Guild was also represented by Miss Killingley, of Richmond, who is vice-president for the area.

Those who arrived on the eve of the A.G.M. enjoyed a full evening's programme, and although the peal attempt of Cambridge Major came to grief after 1½ hours' ringing, compensation came with a visit to Holy Trinity Church, Stockton, and a ring on the 10 (27½ cwt.). The ringing arrangements during Saturday were as follows: St. John's (8), where ringing commenced at 10.45 a.m.; Holy Trinity (6) and St. Cuthbert's (8). All ringing under the guidance of the Master, Mr. Benram Kynaston, was of a high standard.

### TEA AND BUSINESS

Tea was held in the Church Hall, where approximately 40 members, including the past Master, Mr. Harold Walker, and the late honorary secretary, Mr. Frank Stenson, were present. All regions (in spite of the long distances) were well represented.

The Master, who presided, opened the meeting with a warm welcome to the visitors. Over 30 members gave notice of their inability to attend the meeting with apologies. All stood in silence to the memory of Mr. R. Langford and others who had passed on since the last A.G.M.

After the accounts had been adopted the chairman suggested that there should be a change in the financial year and that it should start on January 1st. Mr. W. J. Thomas moved and Mr. H. Walker seconded that the honorary secretary close the accounts on December 31st each year and this was agreed to.

Mr. B. Kynaston was again re-elected to the office of Master of the Guild. The regional officers re-elected were as follows: Western, Mr. B. Kynaston; Southern, Mr. C. A. Bassett; London Midland, Mr. S. Foskett; North-Eastern, Mr. H. Walker. Mr. R. Meadows succeeds Mr. M. N. Bland as Ringing Master of the Eastern Region. Mr. Harold Walker moved the re-election of Mr. J. A. Hoare as honorary secretary, the seconder being Mr. W. J. Thomas. The re-election of Mr. Brough, as the auditor, was proposed by Mr. Foskett, and also Mr. F. Morgan to fill the vacancy of assistant auditor, seconded by Mr. Frank Stenson.

Mr. Foskett moved that the A.G.M. be held at Derby in April, 1962, and this was carried. Taunton was selected for the autumn meeting.

The honorary secretary raised the subject of affiliation to the Central Council. Mr. F. Stenson moved that the honorary secretary take the necessary steps to make application for affiliation. This was seconded by Mr. Bassett. Mr. Meadows opposed the motion, as he thought it was not really necessary, and further the Guild was not in a position to

pay expenses. The motion was then put to the vote and was lost.

The programme for the autumn meeting, already prepared by Mr. Tomlin, was read, giving particulars of travel, also members were asked to advise the honorary secretary of their wish to stand in a peal attempt on Friday evening prior to the meeting. Free passes for wives of members attending was again discussed, and Mr. W. J. Thomas moved that the honorary secretary write to the joint secretary of the British Railways Staff Association regarding this matter.

Three new members were elected, viz., Mr. R. White, Mr. R. Leighton and Mr. W. Norrott.

The Master, in closing the meeting, expressed in no small way sincere thanks to Mr. Fred Hodgson for the arrangements made, also those who helped at the Church Hall during tea time, and to the honorary secretary.

J. A. H.

## A SUCCESSFUL YEAR BY THE SUFFOLK GUILD

A SUCCESSFUL year was reviewed by the Suffolk Guild at the annual general meeting held at Ipswich on April 8th and attended by over 60 members. Ringing was available to suit all tastes, the following towers being open: St. Mary-le-Tower, St. Margaret's, St. Matthew's and St. Clement's and St. Andrew's, Rushmere. The Guild service was held in St. Margaret's Church and was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. H. Marks).

Mr. C. W. Pipe, vice-chairman, presided at the meeting. The Ringing Master (Mr. Leslie G. Brett), in his report, said it was a much improved year, with 110 peals rung against 79 in 1959. With only one peal of Maximus recorded there were 11 of Royal, including two of London. Also Grundisburgh Surprise, by C. J. Sedgley, was rung for the first time as was the Major. The 29 peals of Major were made up by a variety of Surprise methods and Double Norwich was not entirely forgotten.

It was, undoubtedly, an interesting year for Minor, with 62 peals. Of these, 18 were in seven methods, two of seven Surprise, 11 in more than seven methods.

Whilst congratulating the conductors, and all who took part in these peals, special mention should be made of the 11 Surprise at Blythburgh, only surpassed by 14 Surprise at Barkling. Likewise the 12,240 in 17 methods at Ashbocking, also a record.

The peals were rung in 42 towers; there were 30 conductors, headed by Rodney Pipe, with 24.

### INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP

Mr. John W. Blythe, general secretary and treasurer, reported a membership of 514—an increase of 21. 'We must do all we can to attract young people to take up the art and there are signs of improvement from various parts of the Diocese, which we hope will lead to more bells being rung regularly for Sunday service.'

The report expressed sympathy with the relatives of the following losses by death: Rev. Paul Greaves, Rev. F. S. W. Simpson, James Ramsay, George Pryke and William Weedon.

Mr. R. W. M. Clouston, the technical adviser, reported that during 1960 he had submitted a further 21 reports on the contents of Suffolk church towers, bringing the total inspection to date to 208. Nine of these reports related to rings of bells at Stowmarket.

## KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

When the Rochester District met at Rainham on April 15th, a fine eight cast by Robert Mot in 1582, it was the local captain, Mr. F. J. Cheal, who did the honours in the belfry and saw to the needs of younger members. He had his reward in being able to welcome several old friends.

The Vicar, the Rev. J. Clifford, not only conducted the service, but presided at the meeting, when four new members were elected. Mr. T. Barton, the District secretary, proposed the vote of thanks and this included the organist and all members and lady friends at Rainham, who had helped with the tea, which was enjoyed by between 80 and 90 ringers.

Main business at the meeting was the need for the Kent County Association to increase its present subscription of 3s. per annum. This was stressed by Mr. B. May, the Association's treasurer. After hearing the views of Messrs. B. Dunk, E. Barton and S. Rayfield, besides some visitors from Canterbury, a motion in favour of the increase was passed.

St. Mary's, Ipswich, St. George's, Bradfield, Barnardiston, Elmwell, Burgate, Glemsford, Wissett and Stradishall. Of these St. George's, Bradfield, Barnardiston and Elmwell were quite George, Barnardiston and Elmwell were quite unringable and the others, though ringable, were in need of attention from the bell-hanger. Burgate has, unfortunately, a badly cracked tower.

A faculty had been granted to Aldeburgh to recast all except the present second bell of 1622, and to rehang the six bells in a new timber eight-bell frame. At Wickham Market it was proposed to put in a new first floor to the tower, some 10 feet above the ground, to make a new ringing chamber. This will allow the ground floor of the tower to be used as part of the church and will make the bells easier to handle.

Eye bells were still at the foundry. The bell frame and support beams needed to be repaired. If more money was not forthcoming then the alternative was putting the bells back in the existing frame and support structure, which would not make a satisfactory job.

The meeting approved the revised rules, which had been redrafted to meet present day requirements.

## DURHAM UNIVERSITY GOES WEST

Durham University Society visited Carlisle on March 4th, ringing en route at Hexham and Allendale, where on the light ring of eight Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise were successfully brought round.

Ringing at Carlisle Cathedral was preceded by a hazardous ascent through the gallery overlooking the sanctuary and the reward was not disappointing. Everyone enjoyed the bells and some useful ringing was accomplished. We were fortunate to ring at St. Stephen's, Carlisle, as the church is shortly to be demolished. After an excellent tea, Brampton was visited. Here we managed to struggle through a course of London and Plain Bob Minor was almost denied us: Stedman, Cambridge and Kent were successfully rung, not forgetting rounds of quite high class.

Our thanks are due to incumbents and captains of towers visited. John Thorley (honorary secretary) deserves to be congratulated on this very successful tour.

N. D. J. W.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### WASHING OF BELLS

Dear Sir.—In answer to the good ringing friends of St. Mary's Basilica, Sydney Australia, we also, at St. Andrew's, Wiveliscombe, washed down every bell after being rung a few years ago. Two other ringers also washed down the ringing chamber.—Yours faithfully,

W. J. NURCOMBE.

Wiveliscombe, Somerset.

### COMMENT INVITED

Dear Sir.—I imagine most ringers were a little dismayed at the picture in 'The Sunday Pictorial' of April 30th, purporting to show ringing instruction at Great Salkeld.

Whilst making allowance for the journal in question, perhaps someone at the receiving end of the camera might like to comment on the publication of the results.

The pictures, as usual, do no credit to the Exercise, and it seems surprising that the opportunity to take them should have arisen.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN BRAIN.

Backwell, Somerset.

### XINGU SURPRISE MINOR

Dear Sir.—I have followed with interest the recent correspondence regarding the apparent falseness of the above named method.

I have in my possession the figures for Cranford Surprise, which is almost identical to Xingu, in that the fourth bell makes five sets of 3rds places in the first lead of the plain course, and I am, consequently, wondering if this method also does not comply with the ruling of the Central Council.

I append the notation for Cranford below.  
—36.—14.—12.—1236—34—3.

6th place. L.E. 156342.

Yours faithfully,

DONALD LAWSON.

Preston.

### 'SO NARROW-MINDED'

Dear Sir.—Reading F. Hopgood's letter ('R.W.' page 287), I was dismayed to find him so narrow-minded. If we are not allowed to ring half-muffled in Holy Week for our Lord's death, then may I suggest we do not ring for anyone else's. Surely if anyone deserves this token of respect, He, who died for our salvation, does.

To say that to ring on Good Friday is a lot of hokey is an unchristian attitude and has nothing to do with the fact that a ringer cannot keep his hands off a rope. Surely it is our duty to ring the bells half-muffled for the death of our Lord.—Yours faithfully,

MICHAEL R. MEADOWS.

Wentworth, Yorks.

### COUNTING YOUR PLACE

Dear Sir.—I am still learning ringing, and as there appear to be two ideas as to how I should count the place my bell is striking in, I wondered if anyone could give me advice on the correct procedure, if any.

If I am ringing six bells do I count 123456 at every change, and put accent on the place I am in, or do I just count the place I am in and ignore the other five.

As an example; suppose I am ringing the third to Plain Bob Minor, do I count 123456, 123456, 123456, 123456, 123456, and so on, or do I just say 3-4-5-6-5, etc.—Yours faithfully,

F. AITCH.

Co. Durham.

### BELL RINGING BADGES

Dear Sir.—Having seen the references to the above in recent issues of 'The Ringing World,' I hope the conditions given below will clarify a few points:

#### BOY SCOUT BADGES

The following are the qualifications as laid down in 'Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Boy Scouts' Association.'

Bellringer Badge for under 15 years.—

#### (A) TOWER BELLS.

- (1) Have a knowledge of the parts of a bell and fittings;
- (2) Demonstrate maintenance and rope splicing;
- (3) Be proficient in 'handling' a bell, up to say 6-7 cwt., to keep it in full control and be able to 'set' it, as required by the examiner;
- (4) Be able to ring a bell in 'rounds,' in proper time, and to 'stand' when ordered.

#### ALTERNATIVE

#### (B) HANDBELLS.

- (1) Have a knowledge of the construction of handbells, and their tuning;
- (2) Demonstrate, as a member of a team, that he is capable of giving a performance of simple tunes in harmony;
- (3) Be able to ring a pair of handbells in 'rounds.'

Senior Bellringer (over 15 years).—

#### (A) TOWER BELLS.

- (1) Pass or have passed the Bellringer Badge (as above);
- (2) Be able to give the name by which methods are identified on different numbers of bells;
- (3) Be able to write out the changes of two simple methods; one on an odd number, and one on an even number of bells, and to describe the working of any one bell in these methods;
- (4) Be able to ring a plain course in the method in 3.

#### ALTERNATIVE

#### (B) HANDBELLS.

- (1) Pass or have passed the Bellringer Badge;
- (2) Be able to give the names by which methods are known on different numbers of bells;
- (3) Understand what is meant by the 'position' of a pair of bells in 'plain hunting' on six bells;
- (4) Be able to ring a pair of bells in either the plain course of Bob Minor or the plain course of Grandsire Triples.

The local Association of Boys Scouts to which the Scout belongs has the power to appoint suitable examiners. The examiner appointed decides if a sufficiently high standard has been achieved and usually takes into account, not only the actual standard achieved, but the mental standard and whether the examinee has the amount of effort shown, etc. Standards generally should not be too high, neither should they be too low, but above all they should be consistent.

#### GIRL GUIDES

The qualifications for this were published recently. The above remarks about examiners are true for Guides.

#### DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

The ringing part of this award is not one of a test, but one for the Public Service section. Six months' actual service is required.

Ringing is only one possible section; acting as a server will also qualify, as service with the Church, almost every form of public service can count. Some other alternatives are:

- (a) Service within the Scout Movement;
- (b) Helping in the Award Scheme;
- (c) Help in Youth Service;
- (d) Public Service (i.e., Ambulance, Fire Service, etc.);
- (e) General Social Service;
- (f) The Church;
- (g) Special Projects;
- (h) Animal Welfare.

This information comes from the Duke of Edinburgh handbook, published for the use of the Boy Scouts, but the conditions are similar for the normal youth scheme.—Yours faithfully,

H. A. PLUMB.

Evesham, Worcs.

### A WEST COUNTRY VIEW

Dear Sir.—With reference to Mr. Hopgood's letter it may be of interest to your readers to know the views of my father (late Vicar of Buckland Newton). To ensure that the ringers would give of their best on Easter Sunday, he always expected normal service and practice ringing to continue during the first five weeks of Lent. To proclaim to the parish that Good Friday was something more than the customary day for planting potatoes, he asked for the bells to be rung half-muffled before both services. For other week night services during Holy Week the bells were chimed.

Incidentally, my father had very firm views regarding ringing on Remembrance Sunday. For Matins the bells had to be rung half-muffled as a token of respect to those who did not return and for Evensong open in thankfulness for peace and those who were spared.—Yours sincerely,

E. T. PAUL FIELD.

Knole, Langport.

### To Tom Lane

The following verses are dedicated to Tom Lane, clerk and sexton at Hallow Church, Worcestershire, who died in 1942. From 1917 to 1939 he was a very loyal bellringer.

Who is it from the old church tower  
Sends forth the chimes at evening hour  
To keep th: milk from turning sour?

TOM LANE!

Who is it in the steeple high  
Some strange new method off will try,  
Until the nearby stream runs dry?

TOM LANE!

Who it is tries, on summer's night,  
To cheer us up with music bright—  
But makes us shut our windows tight?

TOM LANE!

Who finds an outlet for his skill  
By ringing peals and peals, until  
The people cry out, 'Peace, be still!'

TOM LANE!

Who rounds the bells while we're abed  
On Sunday morn, with tired head,  
Until we wish that he were dead?

TOM LANE!

Who gives a welcome to the brave,  
Who often makes the public rave,  
And tolls us lastly to the grave?

TOM LANE!

KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.—On April 23rd, 1.260 Plain Bob Doubles: N. D. Kirk 1, D. A. Kirk (cond.) 2, E. A. Harrison 3, M. J. Kirk 4, J. A. Harrison 5, For St. George's Day.

OXFORDON, NORTHANTS.—On April 23rd, 1.260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): T. Roy (first quarter) 1, S. Brown 2, T. Gillott 3, C. Swann 4, D. Griffin (cond.) 5.

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## OBITUARY

MR. E. E. BARBER

AN APPRECIATION

By the passing of Mr. Ernest Edgar Barber, at the age of 87, on April 9th, the Western Branch of the Worcestershire Association of Change Ringers lost one of its outstanding members of this century. He was perhaps the last survivor of the original Malvern Link band, formed in 1900.

The writer, together with many others, came under his influence in the early years of the century, and it was due largely to his tuition that we made good progress in Siedman Triples (his favourite method). It was not, however, only his knowledge of campanology that endeared him to everyone who came in contact with him, but his old world courtesy and the way he had of making the veriest novice feel at home in his company.

It was nothing to him to walk the eight miles from Malvern to Worcester to ring at All Saints' or St. Helen's, when there was no ringing at Malvern, and no bus service like the present time. He would laughingly say it was only about six miles as the crow flies, but he couldn't come that way.

He was a great example to all ringers in his service to the church, chorister, server, sidesman, ringer and, for 17 years, churchwarden. I know of no one to whom that 'end of the road' eulogy could be more deservedly applied than to Ernest Barber.

'Well done, thou good and faithful servant.'  
W. H. L.

## MR. WILLIAM OLIVER

Mr. William ('Bilby') Oliver, of the Holy Trinity, Darlington, band, passed away in hospital on May 4th, at the age of 86 years. He was employed at the railway wagon shops in Darlington until his retirement, 21 years ago, prior to which he worked at a similar establishment in Shildon. He went to Darlington to reside in 1923, but before this he had lived in the village of Heighington practically all his life. He always loved the country and had an unending fund of anecdotes about country life and people generally.

He learned to ring on the six at Heighington, and for many years was a member of the band which regularly rang Bob Minimus on the middle four, with the treble leading and tenor covering. On moving to Darlington his interest in ringing led him to Holy Trinity and although not a young man he persevered until he was proficient in ringing into teens of Surprise Minor methods as well as Plain and Treble Bob methods.

He rang about 50 peals, mostly of Surprise Minor, and although he rang a few of Triples and Major he was never really happy on more than six bells. He was stricken with deafness a few years ago, which got progressively worse and this, coupled with the complaint to which he succumbed, interfered with his ringing. However, he used to visit the tower whenever he felt inclined, to have a pull and to regale us with his usual stories. He was an amusing and cheerful colleague and we shall miss him.

The funeral service took place on May 6th, followed by cremation.

R. P.

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## SOME SPRING OUTINGS

### CATTISTOCK, DORSET

Ever since the arrival of the new incumbent at Cattistock, just two years ago, the local ringers have been slightly sceptical of the merits of what they considered must be 'those sheep bells' at Preston Candover (6), tenor 3 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb.

At long last they know, because they have 'had a go.' Tom Lippitt, the former captain at Cattistock, mastered the treble (less than 2 cwt.) first go, and after a bit of tuition by the P.C. captain (Michael Slater), the bells were going fairly well in rounds and call changes. (Of course, we had to break a stay, which had hastily to be renewed for the two handed peal so successfully rung later in the day.)

Among those who welcomed us was Mr. Lewis Cockey, late of St. Stephen's, Ealing, who gave much time, one Whitsun holiday long ago, in training the post-war band at P.C. to handle a bell. Lunch was provided by local friends, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dicker, Margaret and Susan (Margaret had the doubtful honour of breaking the only other stay since the recasting and rehanging in 1955) and a call at the 'local' made the visit perfect.

Tea at Bitterne Park, Southampton, was provided by the local band, and the party was welcomed by the Rev. R. O. Stephenson, the Vicar. Rounds and call changes on their light eight showed the added opportunities for ringing in Southampton since the end of the war.

The rest of the tour included Coombe Bissett, where sleepy honey bees dropped languidly through the sally holes; Old and New Alresford, the latter where the writer learned his first change ringing under the late Mr. Newnham and Leslie Tremere; Fordingbridge and Cranborne. We thank all the incumbents who gave us permission to ring and those tower captains who welcomed us to their towers.

Cattistock is a 'country tower,' typical of perhaps any diocese or county. There's not much chance of learning method ringing and the older members are committed to 'call changes,' but Cattistock has ten ringers under their captain, George Gorringe, who sees to it that there is Sunday ringing for morning or evening service on six or eight bells. The 'method' of ringing is by calling the letters of the alphabet by which each ringer knows which bells he must follow from a card in front of him.

C. E. C. B.

### MERROW, SURREY

The annual outing of Merrow ringers and friends from other nearby towers took place on April 29th, when seven Sussex churches were visited. The first tower was Henfield (8), where a course of Cambridge Major was brought round. A touch of Kent Major was one of the methods rung at Shoreham (8).

The last ring of the morning was on the ten bells of St. Peter's, Brighton, where Kent Royal and Grandsire and Siedman Caters were good practice for those who do most of their ringing on six or eight bells.

The first tower after lunch was Seaford (8), where Double Norwich was rung for the only time during the day. At Alfriston (6) ringing takes place in the middle of the church, in full view of the congregation, and several visitors to the church sat down and watched the ringing. After tea ringing was at Hurstpierpoint (8) and West Grinstead (6), where Cambridge and London Surprise Minor were rung, although the long draught caused a certain amount of difficulty.

Grateful thanks to the ringers who made us welcome and to incumbents for giving us permission to ring.  
R. I. V.

### MARCH ST. WENDREDA

Bellringers of St. Wendreda's Church, March, held their outing on May 6th, visiting churches in Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire and Northants.

St. Mary's Church, Eaton Socon, rebuilt in the 1930's, has a very fine octave of medium weight, and having rung these the tourists headed for Blunham—a ring of six, tenor 19 cwt. The treble in the sturdy tower makes an all-out attempt to outspoke its neighbours!

At Bedford, the ringers partook of lunch, and then visited the Church of St. Mary and St. Helena, Elstow. Poor John Bunyan! The immortal tinker was a ringer in this pleasant village, and he would be familiar with one of the six bells. Yet he regarded bells and the ringing of them as sinful! As a buoyant youth he was imaginative and fearful. This great man, who pulled a rope before taking up a pen, was a Puritan. The bells 'go' well, the tenor turning the scales at 8 cwt.

Newport Pagnell has a musical ring of eight bells (tenor 21 cwt.) and it was a joy to ring them. At Wollaston, the ringers were confronted with a restored church, set attractively amid a well-cared-for garden. A fine steeple houses a heavy and noble ring of six and these are rung from the ground floor, the ropes being arranged in a circle around the altar. The bells demand much strength to ring them and the rope draught is tricky (25 feet), but their tonal qualities can only be described as superb.

Having partaken of tea at Wellingborough, the tourists entered All Hallows' Church and rang the eight bells (tenor 28 cwt.). How does one describe the qualities of this ring? The stentorian voices of the bells are ethereal and these, with the splendour of a magnificent, mediaeval church, bathed in evening sunlight, provided a fitting end to an enjoyable day.

Many thanks to clergy and towerkeepers, who met the visitors.  
T. A. B.



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## REDEDICATION

### HARROW-ON-THE-HILL

As reported in this issue, the bells of St. Mary's, Harrow-on-the-Hill, rang out their first quarter peal of 1,260 Grandsire Triples after a silence of more than four years, on April 16th.

The tower is an old one, having a Norman foundation and, early in 1957, it was found that the main structural timbers in the upper portion of the tower and in the spire were being subjected to the ravages of the death watch beetle. On further investigation, the main timbers supporting the bell frame were found to be in a poor state and it was considered that it would be unsafe to ring the bells until some major repairs had been carried out.

During the following years, much consultation took place between the ringers and the Parochial Church Council and eventually it was decided to have the bells (tenor 21 cwt. approximately) recast and hung in a new cast-iron frame. Before the work was put in hand by Taylors, of Loughborough, it was noted that the existing 3rd and 6th were both of 17th century origin, having been cast in 1654 and 1683 respectively and it was suggested that, if it were possible, these two might be retuned only.

In August, 1960, Taylor's began the work of removing the bells from the old wooden frame and, by January of this year, news was heard that a new ring of eight bells (tenor 19½ cwt. in E) was ready at the foundry, the two 17th century bells having been successfully retuned to form the 4th and 7th of the new ring. The original inscriptions were reproduced on the recast bells, together with the names of the present Vicar, the Rev. H. C. Blackburne, and churchwardens, Messrs. K. W. Hollier and V. A. A. Elgood. Moreover, at this time, the frame (to take ten bells) was almost complete on the foundry floor and only sundry fittings were required for completion of the job.

At long last, on March 25th (Lady Day, appropriately enough) the bells were rededicated by the Rev. G. C. Taylor, president of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, at an impressive service, conducted by the Vicar. The Rev. Taylor gave the address, which was in 'The Ringing World' of April 14th. The service was attended by Mr. Paul L. Taylor, principal of the Loughborough Foundry and a large number of parishioners and visiting ringers from the county; afterwards, about 120 were entertained to tea in the Church Hall by the local ringers.

During the remainder of the evening, good use was made of the new bells, the ringing ranging from rounds to Surprise methods. To conclude an enjoyable occasion, the local band provided an excellent supper, with suitable liquid refreshment, which was much appreciated by about sixty ringers and friends.

C. E. S.

## RINGERS' SUNDAY AT CARBIS BAY

Sunday, April 30th, the day after the local Branch festival, was set aside at Carbis Bay as Ringers' Sunday. This was the first time such an observance has been kept, and it appears to have been very much appreciated.

The ten bells were rung before the 8 a.m. celebration of Holy Communion, which the ringers attended and at which a special intention was made. At the morning service the lessons were read by Evangeline Roberts and Peter Fincher, and at Evensong by Anne Olds and Margaret Gollop.

The Vicar (Rev. A. S. Roberts) devoted his morning and evening sermons to matters concerning bells and ringers, and in the evening made special reference to the subject of new churches, so many of which were not planned even for the addition of a tower for bells, and by way of interest read from 'The Ringing World' the resolution to be brought before the Central Council at its next meeting in connection with this matter, which he said he hoped would be brought to the notice of all concerned.

It is hoped to make such a Sunday an annual occasion.

## PULLING MEMORIAL BELL



THE ALFRED H. PULLING MEMORIAL BELL arriving at Guildford Cathedral on May 12th from Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. Contributions are still required to meet the cost of its installation, and these should be sent to Mr. C. W. Denyer, 15, Crondall Lane, Farnham.

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## TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

The spring festival of the Penzance Branch held at Gwinear on April 29th was as well attended as ever when nearly 100 turned up from the majority of the towers in the Branch, as well as some Truro Branch members, including Mr. W. H. Southard (vice-president). The Diocesan Ringing Master (Mr. Douglas Burnett) sent an apology owing to his Branch, the Mid-Cornwall, holding its meeting the same afternoon at St. Dennis.

The service was conducted by the Vicar of Gwinear, Rev. J. A. Croft, who also gave an address and welcomed the members. Miss Margaret Faulk, a local ringer, was at the organ. A collection for the Branch Fund amounted to £3 7s. 6d. and a splendid tea was provided.

Miss Eileen Symons, Branch chairman, presided at the business meeting, and Paul was proposed for the autumn festival.

The chairman asked those present to stand in memory of Mr. Bob Woolridge, who had recently died, and who was one of the old and faithful Madron ringers. She also referred to the loss St. Mary's, Penzance, would sustain by the departure of the Rev. G. W. Ruming, who, since coming as curate, had done much to help the local ringers' progress. He was going to Calstock as Rector, and would there have a ring of six.

The Rev. A. S. Roberts, Branch secretary, thanked the Vicar for his welcome, and Mr. C. Stapleton, local captain, for making such excellent arrangements, as well as Mr. W. Shepherd, Phillack, and Mr. Harry Miles, Lekant, for arranging, respectively, for the eight and six to be available also. Carbis Bay tower was also open. With two sixes, an eight and ten available, everyone got plenty of ringing.

**WRAXALL, SOMERSET.**—On May 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. R. Hussey 1, B. Huddleston 2, P. E. Parry 3, A. W. T. Cleaver (cond.) 4, C. Abbott 5, S. G. Riches 6, J. A. Bennett 7, C. Rugman 8. In memoriam D. M. L., laid to rest this day.

## SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

### Newark District

The Newark District of the Southwell Diocesan Guild decided to hold the District elimination contest for the Crawford Cup on the normal May meeting day, at Orston on May 6th.

Since the contest was not due to commence until 6 p.m., Staunton-in-the-Vale bells were available in the afternoon, and approximately 18 ringers gathered there, and a variety of Doubles and Minimus methods were rung.

Tea was kindly arranged at Orston by Mr. Foster and his lady helpers and after the plates were emptied a short business meeting was held, presided over by the chairman, Mr. F. W. Midwinter. Sutton-on-Trent was confirmed as the place for the July meeting, to be held on the first Saturday.

Four teams entered for the contest and the winners were Whetton-in-the-Vale, with 80 faults. The other bands scored as follows: Balderton 112 faults, Sutton-on-Trent 117, and Newark 133. The standard of striking was good and the contest created a great deal of interest. The judges were Mr. and Mrs. F. Bradley, of Holme Pierrepont.

Whetton band now goes on to the final to compete with the winning team from the other three Districts of the Guild.

B. M. R.

## Society Of Sherwood Youths, 1672

The first joint meeting between the Sherwood Youths and the Derbyshire Association, at Sawley on April 29th, was a great success and about 60 members sat down to a really excellent tea kindly arranged by the Sawley Ringing Master, Mr. D. Marshall, and prepared by the ladies of the church.

Methods rung included Yorkshire, Bristol, London and a very fine touch of Stedman. Both Societies expressed a desire for a joint meeting annually.



## NOTICES

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## BIRTH

JACKSON.—On May 9th, 1961, to Derek and Ruth (nee Carey), a son, Timothy Charles, 78, Atherley Road, Southampton. 8226

## DEATH

BURROW.—On May 5th, 1961 (suddenly at 'The Nook,' Bampton, Devon, late Brook Street), Victor N., aged 57. Interred Bampton Churchyard, May 9th. 8229

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Bounphrey have now left Hazel Grove and live at 35, Brighourne Drive, Seaton, Workington, Cumberland. All ringers welcome, especially peal ringing bands, seven strong, within 50 miles. 8239

The address of Mr. Harold J. Hazell is now 278, Carterhatch Lane, Enfield, Middlesex.

## PERSONAL

... LET us run with patience the race that is set before us.' (Heb. xii. 1b.)

MARRIAGE THRO' SOCIAL INTRODUCTION.—The only social service of its kind enjoying the warm approval of both Clergy and Press. It is completely confidential and operates throughout Great Britain. Interesting free brochure under plain sealed cover from The Bournemouth Bureau, 176, Old Christchurch Road, Bournemouth. 2731

## HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

EXETER, DEVON.—Bed and Breakfast, 10s. 6d.: £3 5s. per week. Central area. Car parking space. Near bus routes.—Mrs. Dilnutt, 18, South Avenue, Exeter. 8153

## MISCELLANEOUS

NORTH WEALD.—Will the ringer of the 4th bell in the quarter, rung on April 16th, please send his name and address to H. King, 158, High Road, North Weald, Essex, and will Dennis Ellesdon, ringer of the 4th in the peal on April 15th, also send his address.

NO practice at St. Michael's, Bray, Berks, on Thursday, May 25th.—J. E. Norsworthy, Ringing Master. 8222

PEAL CARDS AND QUARTER PEAL CARDS, minimum 12 in set, price 6s. 6d. post free. For quarter peal cards, second copy written out in style of a peal is essential.—'The Ringing World' Office, Guildford.

## MEETINGS

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting at Esher, Saturday, May 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to J. Maybrey, 24, Torrington Road, Claygate, Esher. 8192

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Tewin, May 20th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Special method: Double Oxford. Own tea arrangements (no cafes).—M. A. Coburn, Dis. Sec. 8180

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Practice meeting, Winfarthing, Saturday May 20th. Bells (6) 6 to 9 p.m.—C. F. W. Philippo, Hon. Sec. 8179

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Practice meeting, Saturday, May 20th, Horsham St. Faith. Bells (6) from 6 till 9 p.m.—C. Bird, Hon. Sec. 8174

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting on Saturday, May 20th, at Thakeham (6). Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to E. W. Keys, 'Greystones,' Salthill Road, Fishbourne, near Chichester. 8199

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Newick (6), Saturday, May 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify numbers for tea.—Geo. North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 8210

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Annual meeting at Wakefield, May 20th. Cathedral bells (12) available from 4 p.m. onwards. Crofton (6) and Felkirk (6) each from 2.30-4.30. Tea in the Social Service Hall, Providence Street, Wakefield, at 5 p.m. Names to Mr. W. F. Moreton, 37, Thornes Lane, Wakefield. New reports will be available. All welcome.—J. J. L. Gilbert, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8204

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Walpole St. Andrew, Whit Monday, May 22nd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 8187

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Chelmsford, on Whit Monday, May 22nd. Service in Cathedral at 11 a.m. Address by the Archdeacon of Southend. Annual meeting immediately after service. Light refreshments in Cathedral Hall from 10.15 a.m. Lunch 1.30 p.m., cost 5s.; tea, as a running buffet, from 5 to 6.15 p.m., cost 2s. 6d. Admission to lunch and tea by ticket only, to be obtained from general secretary. Ringing: Cathedral from 9.30 to 10.45 a.m. Service touch at 10.45 a.m. Further ringing from 4 p.m. From 3 to 6 p.m., Widford (8), Great Baddow (8), Writtle (8), Sandon (6), Little Baddow (5). From 6-9 p.m., Great Waltham (8), Broomfield (6), Little Waltham (6), High Easter (6), Springfield (6).—F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch, Essex.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Meeting, Aldford, Saturday, May 27th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea, before Thursday, May 25th, please, to R. C. H. Sibley, Hon. Sec., 35, Appleyards, Lane, Chester. 8240

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winnal Branch.—Bidston, May 27th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea provided free for those notifying by Wednesday previous.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 8241

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting on Saturday, May 27th, at Shardlow. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—W. A. Morley, Dis. Sec. 8243

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, May 27th, Tickhill. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Cannings, 15, Northgate, Tickhill.—R. Stephenson, Hon. Sec. 8227

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Hatfield Broad Oak (8), on Saturday, May 27th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at The Cock, 5.15 p.m. Sorry, cannot guarantee tea unless names are sent to G. Blake, Dis. Sec., Hamlet House, Rovedon Hamlet, Harlow. 8186

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Wickham St. Paul, Saturday, May 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Preacher, the Archdeacon of Colchester. Names for tea please, to Mr. T. Bird, Brickfields, Bulmer, near Sudbury, Suffolk. Letch's bus leaves Sible Hedingham, 1.55 p.m., returning 9 p.m., also 9.20 bus to Halstead. Halstead bells also available from 7.45 p.m. 8178

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural and City Branches.—Sat., May 27th, Filton (6 bells) 3 p.m. Service and tea to follow. Notice of teas to Mr. D. Voss, 59, Station Road, Filton. 8220

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Stretton Grandison, May 27th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. Ward, Woodfields, Codrington, Ledbury. 8223

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Meeting, Saturday, May 27th. Ewys Harold. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by May 24th, to T. Wood, 75, Redhill Flats, Hereford. 8244

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—Meeting, All Hallows', Bisham, Parish Church, Sat., May 27th. Bells (8) 3 p.m.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Brookland, Saturday, May 27th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. Velvick, 15, West Place, Brookland, Romney Marsh, by previous Thursday.—C. T. H. 8185

LADIES' GUILD.—Beds and Northants District.—Meeting at Raunds (Northants), on Saturday, May 27th. Bells from 3 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea, Service 7.30 p.m. 8242

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Batley, Saturday, May 27th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, 25th, to Miss S. Mudd, 129, Healey Lane, Batley. 8217

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Meeting, Stoke Golding, Saturday, May 27th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, followed by business meeting, 5 p.m. Names for tea please by Wednesday previous, to Mr. H. Hill, Gables, Wykin Lane, Stoke Golding, near Nuneaton. 8230

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Branch.—Annual meeting, Caythorpe (8), May 27th. Service 4 p.m. Methods: Double Norwich. Superlative. Names for tea by the Wednesday previous, to S. A. Chambers, 64, Goldsmith Walk, Lincoln. 8202

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Meeting, Whitchurch, Saturday, May 27th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—R. E. Coles. 8219

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Swaffham, on Saturday, May 27th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by the business meeting. Names for tea by Wednesday, 25th, please, to C. Tovell, 18, New Road, Gaywood, King's Lynn. 8203

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Branch.—Annual meeting, Shipton-under-Wychwood, Saturday, May 27th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by 23rd, to J. Keyte, Freeland, Oxford. All ringers welcome. 8182

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practice at Binfield, on May 27th, at 6 p.m. Special method for practice: Stedman Doubles.—B. C. Castle. 8212

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Meeting at Windsor, Saturday, May 27th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by 23rd please.—Miss Hague, 6, Stompits Road, Holyport, Maidenhead. 8175

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—There will be a meeting at Roade, on May 27th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by May 24th, to Mr. A. Cozens, 13, Grafton Road, Roade, or to me.—T. M. Haines, 10, Northampton Lane North, Moulton. 8237

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—Meeting, Preston (5), May 27th. 3 p.m. Names for tea to W. C. A. Clark, Middle Street, Wing, by Tuesday previous. 8228

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—May 27th, practice meeting at Semley. Tea (2s. 6d.) for those who notify by Tuesday, 23rd.—Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 8190

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Evening meeting at Stoke-on-Tern on May 27th, 6.30 p.m. 8165

SOCIETY OF FRAMLAND RINGERS.—Meeting at Buckminster, near Grantham, Saturday, May 27th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Hon. Sec., Mr. F. J. Williams, Church Lane, Eaton, Grantham, by May 23rd. 8224

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Mansfield District.—Cup contest at Selston (6), on Saturday, May 27th. Draw 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. L. Rawson, 14, Lindley Street, Selston, not later than Wednesday, May 24th.—D. H. Rooke, Hon. Sec. 8218

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Quarterly meeting at Rotherfield, on May 27th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea please to F. Beene (Sec.), Hillbrae, Carters Corner, Hailsham. 8238

WATFORD GRAMMAR SCHOOLS' SOCIETY.—Meeting at Chenies (6), May 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by 24th, to Miss J. Bunyan, 139, Millway, Bushey. 8234

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting, Sydmonton (6), May 27th. Echinswell bells also available from 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. Service, Sydmonton, 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., to those who notify 'D. Papworth, Boundary Hall, Tadley, Burghclere (6) after tea.—G. Dodd, Sec. 8248

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Evening practice meeting at Walkern, on June 3rd, at 5.30 p.m.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 8221



## A POT-POURRI FROM 'CHURCH BELLS'

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*'The Tocsin.'*—The expression Tocsin is derived from two old French words, *tocque-sing*, from *toquer*, to strike, and *sing*, little bell. This name is sometimes given in bellfries to a certain bell struck only in case of alarm, such as fire, the arrival or approach of an enemy, the outbreak of revolution and, in former times, as the signal for religious massacre. The manner of ringing the Tocsin is hurried and more hurried (yet regular and with but occasional intermittence) according to the urgency of the occasion. . . .

*New Ring of Bells at Nuneaton, Warwickshire.*—This ring has been augmented and spliced—two new trebles added to the old six, three of which have been recast—work by Messrs. Warner, of London, and hung by Boswell, On Sat., April 10th, 1873, seven members of the St. Martin Society of Change-ringers of Birmingham, assisted by Mr. Boswell, rang 5,040 Stedman Triples in 3 hrs. 9 mins.

*Mr. Elijah Roberts, the change-ringer.*—Mr. Elijah Roberts' exploits with hand-bells fixed in a box and struck with a pellet are the most extraordinary of all. He was the most accomplished change-ringer upon hand-bells the world has yet produced. He commenced the study and composition of changes when about 12 years of age. In 1824 (when in his 17th year) he rang his first peal which consisted of courses of various methods commencing with changes on 7 bells, viz.: Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob Triples, Stedman Triples. Treble Bob Triples.

'Changes on 8 bells—Grandsire Major, Plain Bob Major, Treble Bob Major; on 9 bells—Grandsire Caters, Plain Bob Caters, Stedman's Caters, Treble Bob Caters; on 10—Grandsire Royal, Plain Bob Royal, Treble Bob Royal; on 11—Grandsire Cinques, Plain Bob Cinques, Stedman's Cinques, Treble Bob Cinques; on 12—Grandsire Maximus, Plain Bob Maximus, Treble Bob Maximus; and finishing with a course of Double Treble Bob Major on 16 bells, the whole containing 5,186 changes in 3 hrs. 27 mins. rung at Birmingham.'

Also, on Oct. 14th, 1827, 5,040 Treble Bob Maximus with the Kent variation, 3 hrs. 22 mins., at Birmingham. Also, on April 9th, 1830, 7,536 Kent Treble Bob Maximus, 4 hrs. 51 mins., at Birmingham.

Then, June 30th, 1833, 'a very intricate peal of that much-admired and musical method, Stedman's Cinques, with the bells in the titmuses and every musical position,' 5,016 changes, 3 hrs. 24 mins., at Birmingham.

On March 23rd, 1837, 19,440 Kent Treble Bob Maximus, 'being the full extent of changes with the large bells at home,' 13 hrs. 43 mins.

'Thus Mr. Roberts has, solely and unassisted, surpassed by many thousands of changes the longest peals that have been rung on 12 bells by any 12 men in the world. Besides, he has composed, conducted and rung upwards of 100 peals on 8, 10 and 12 bells in various churches of the United Kingdom. He died in 1865.'

*St. Peter's, Sandwich, Kent.*—Quex Institution, Isle of Thanet, J. Powell Powell, Esq., Patron and Founder, On Sat., Dec. 27th, 1823, 5,040 Grandsire Triples, 3 hrs. 1 min. 'The first (or maiden) Peal on these bells and conducted by W. Shipway.'

*St. Nicholas', Ash, next Sandwich, Kent.*—Quex Institution . . . . On Sat., Feb. 18th, 1826, 5,040 'Holt's True and Complete Peal of Grandsire Triples. This was the first true peal ever rung in this Steeple though the bells have been hung 36 years.'

'Christ Church, Bath.—Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have lately [i.e., to May 10th, 1873] added two trebles to the former ring of six. They are the gift of the Miss Hallidays. . . .

*New Ring of Bells at Gorleston, Suffolk.* (Gorleston, for administrative purposes, is now included in the borough of Great Yarmouth, Norfolk.—C.R.) Special Service, Easter Day, 1873, to open the new ring of six bells presented by Miss M. Chevallier Roberts, of Wykeham Lodge, Hershham, Esher. Founders, Mears and Stainbank. Tenor 10 cwt, in G.

The steeple was dressed with flags and all turned out to hear the joyous sound which had been silent for more than 50 years.' Dr. Raven, of Yarmouth, preached the sermon.

*Variance between the Bishop and Prior of Worcester for not Ringing at the Bishop's Coming.*—Of the like matter also, we read in the said Register falling between the Bishop of Worcester and the Priory of the said town for not ringing at the Bishop's coming into the church, whereupon much suit and contention was between them till at length the Archbishop of Canterbury took up the matter. The like stir for bell-ringing and for processions had almost happened between the Archbishop of Canterbury successor to this Thomas Arundel, named Henry Chichester on the one part and the Abbey of St. Albans on the other part. . . .

*Holy Trinity Church, Hull.*—Easter Monday, 1873: 5,040 Holt's Ten-part Grandsire Triples, 3 hrs. 25 mins. Tenor 25 cwt. 'This is the first or maiden peal on these bells.'

*The First True Peals of Triples.*—The first true peal of Grandsire Triples containing 148 bobs and two doubles was rung at St. Margaret's, Westminster, July 7th, 1751. This peal was composed and called by Mr. John Holt, who was seated in the belfry with the manuscript in his hand. The first true peal of Stedman's Triples containing 732 bobs and 22 singles was rung on Wed., May 22nd, 1799, at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, London, composed and called by Mr. John Noonan, who was seated in the belfry with the manuscript.

'*Ne Plus Ultra*' Peal at Braughing, Herts. —Sat., May 10th, 1873 (being the anniversary of the Braughing Ringing Society), the Benington Company and ringers from London and neighbouring towns and villages "enjoyed the very best day's ringing that was ever known on this fine ring of eight bells"—tenor 20 cwt, in F—Double Norwich, Cambridge, Superlative, London, Kent, Stedman and Double London Court Bob Major, all adding up to 3,948 changes.

*New Clock and Chimes at Winchester Town Hall.*—Clock by Gillett and Bland, Croydon. 'The bells are very superior and clean castings by Warner and Sons of London. Fifth bell 16 cwt, in F, the others 7 cwt. 2 qrs., 5 cwt. 2 qrs., 5 cwt., and 4 cwt. 2 qrs.

'Messrs. Gillett and Bland are now manufacturing a new clock for Bradford Town Hall to play 14 tunes on 13 bells and weighing nearly 17 tons, which will cost about £4,500.'

*Leatherhead, Surrey.*—July 30th, 1792: four true and complete peals of Treble Bob. 'The above is the last ever rang on the six old Bells.' May 17th, 1808: 10,080 Oxford Treble Bob Major, 6 hrs. 4 mins.

*'Prostitution of Church Bells.*—Mr. Skipworth, who was imprisoned at Holloway for contempt of Court in the Tichborne Case, returned to his residence, Moorton House, near Caister last week. [i.e., about May, 1873.] The church bells were rung, bands of music played in the streets and triumphal arches were erected along the route from the railway station to his residence.'

*New Ring of Eight Bells at St. Mary's, Dundee.*—By Mears and Stainbank. Tenor 20 cwt, in E. On Wed., May 21st, 1873, they were handed over to the Town Council on behalf of the community. Same day opened by the College Youths—5,040 Holt's Grandsire Triples, 3 hrs. 7 mins.

'We hope the Youths of Dundee will vie with those of Aberdeen and learn to strike Grandsire Triples, as they did, soon after the ring of 8 was set up in that city.'

*'Toledo.*—Of all the bells in Spain, that belonging to the Cathedral of Toledo is most celebrated for its size and the stories connected with it . . . fifteen shoemakers, they say, could sit under it and draw out their cobblers' thread without touching. Weight said to be 17 tons. . . .

*St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark.*—The Society of Southwark Youths on Sat., June 29th, 1861, Rang a Funeral Peal in memory of the late Mr. James Braidwood, late Supt. of the London Fire Brigade, who lost his life at the Great fire in Tooley Street, London Bridge, June 22nd. . . .

*St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, Middlesex.*—College Youths, Oct. 6th, 1788: 6,204 Cinques on Stedman's Principle. 4 hrs 47 mins. ' . . . this great performance being the first in this method on twelve bells is an instance of that unrivalled merit to be equalled by a similar assiduity and perseverance'

(To be continued)

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Ash-by-Wrotham, Saturday, June 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday please, to Mr. J. Muller, School House, Ash, Sevenoaks. 8233

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—A by-meeting will be held at Seal and Seal Chart on June 3rd. Bells of both towers available at 3 p.m. Service at Seal at 4.15. Tea at 5 p.m. Please notify for tea by May 31st, to Mr. E. Drawbridge, 7, Zambra Way, Seal, Sevenoaks. 8245

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern Branch.—Next meeting, Morton, Saturday, June 3rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., for those who notify the Rev. E. G. Close, The Vicarage, Morton, Bourne, Lincs, by Monday, May 29th.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 8235

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Lindsey Branch.—Meeting, Caistor (6), June 3rd. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by May 31st, to Mr. T. Richards, Nettleton Road, Caistor, Lincs. 8231

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—S.W. District.—Meeting at Polstead (6), Saturday, June 3rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, May 31st, to Mr. C. Woods, 'Broomside,' Polstead, Colchester, Essex. 8216

## ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX

Considering the weather, the F.A. cup tie and the rather out of the way position of Cross Stone Church, Todmorden, the meeting on May 6th was really well attended. Methods rung included London, Yorkshire, Pudsey, Cambridge and Superlative, and it is believed that this was the first time five Surprise methods had been rung at an Archdeaconry Guild meeting.

A pleasant service was held in the church and tea was at the Bay Horse Inn. After the business meeting some perfectly struck handbell ringing was given by members of the All Souls' Sunday service band.

D. S.

## PORTBURY (SOMERSET) RINGERS' SUNDAY

To mark the completion of redecoration work in the ringing chamber, Portbury ringers held their first Ringers' Sunday on April 23rd. Members of the congregation visited the belfry at the conclusion of both morning and evening service, and in the evening visiting ringers were welcomed from Portishead, Wrington, Winford, Long Ashton, Weston-in-Gordano and Nailsea. Evensong was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Jack Ramsay, and the lessons were read by Audrey Frost and Gerald Skelly. The hymns and prayers were taken from the Bath and Wells service sheet, and ringing continued for about an hour at the conclusion of the service.

## LEICESTER RINGERS' WEDDING

In the presence of many Leicester ringers the wedding took place on April 15th at St. Andrew's Church, Aylestone, Leicester, of Miss Patricia A. Wardle and Mr. R. S. Morris, Ringing Master of the Aylestone bellringers.

The bride, who is secretary to the Aylestone band, is the younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Wardle.

In the evening a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major was rung at Aylestone in their honour.

## NEW MASTER OF LINCOLN GUILD

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