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A SIDELIGHT ON METHOD EXTENSION

MUCH consideration has been given, especially since the war, to the question of method extension. Discussions have taken place and learned articles have been written in the columns of this paper in an attempt to influence the opinion of the Exercise as to the most acceptable form for the extension of eight and sometimes six-bell methods to the higher numbers. As a result, the Methods Committee of the Central Council is making an effort to find a suitable formula for method extension that will be sufficiently acceptable to all parties to receive the general consent of the Exercise.

The Methods Committee has a hard problem, but it is not with this that we would concern ourselves in this article. Rather we would suggest that the attention given to this subject has exaggerated its importance and we point to a risk that the Exercise runs of repeating a serious error of judgment of the past.

In the earlier days of the development of change ringing three comparatively difficult methods, Cambridge, Superlative and London, were evolved. To these methods the family name 'Surprise' was attached and gradually it became the ambition of all good ringers to master the Surprise methods. In this way considerable emphasis was placed upon Surprise and the three original methods were followed by others in the same group. The theory was that the Surprise methods were more difficult than the others. Subsequent knowledge has proved that this is by no means true, although even to-day ringers generally are much influenced by this fallacy. The result of all this is that dozens of Treble Bob methods, often more musical, equally well constructed, as free of composition, are neglected because they are not 'Surprise.' Plain methods, of which some are exceedingly difficult, are almost entirely neglected.

The most amusing thing of all is that some thirty years ago it was found that Bristol, that prince of all methods, was not Surprise and the definition of a Surprise method had to be discreetly amended to overcome this anomaly. Surely much the same thing is happening to-day with regard to method extension. Practical ringers have set the Exercise a 'corker.' Supposed extensions have been rung and named and now the rules have got to be altered to suit the game instead of the game being altered to suit the rules—otherwise someone is bound to be offended.

This interest in extension seems to be resulting in a polite disregard of the Royal and Maximus methods that do not bear the names of methods already known on eight bells. That there is no lack of such methods can be seen from Mr. A. J. Corrigan's excellent collection.

Academic discussions on method extension are doubtless most diverting, but what is the real practical value of this problem child? If we consider Cambridge Surprise it is a fact that if a man were able to ring Cambridge Minor really well and could also ring on eight bells he could be told one or two simple points and would then be able to ring Cambridge Major without having previously looked it up. This would be even more true of the advance from Major to Royal, and when it comes to Maximus the only need is the ability to ring twelve bells.

Cambridge is an extension universally accepted. So also, one believes, is Yorkshire. However, although a knowledge of Yorkshire on one number certainly helps when ringing on other numbers the method has to be learned afresh on each number of bells. After these two methods none, within the writer's experience, bears much practical relationship on varying numbers of bells, even in the case of the universally accepted extension. It would seem, therefore, that the only practical value could be the similarity of name.

It is said that a rose by any other name would smell as sweet. And so, indeed, the value of a method is but little affected by its name. However, we must face the fact that this affection for names seems to be reaching incredible proportions. It seems to derive from a desire to wrap four methods into a neat little parcel, tie them up securely with stout string, and attach a label bearing the family name. The ringer is then able to say, 'I have completed the Cambridge family, the Timbuctoo family and so on ad inf.' The fact that the members of his family are squalling, howling brats whose parentage is often a matter of extreme doubt does not seem to matter!

What conclusion can we draw from all this? Surely the Exercise must look to the ringers with adequate ten and twelve-bell facilities to provide a lead to the rest of us. Such ringers would be doing a great service to the Exercise if they would for a year or two tackle some of the many ten and twelve-bell methods that Mr. Corrigan by his enterprise has made so readily and cheaply available. By so doing they might well pour oil on the troubled waters of method extension and make for themselves a more permanent mark in the history of the Exercise. P. A. C.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 20, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Comprising 672 Rutland, 1,008 Superlative, 672 Pudsey, 1,344 Cambridge, 672 Yorkshire, 672 Belgrave, with 83 changes of method.
Tenor 25 cwt.

MRS. H. J. POOLE	*Treble*	S. ANTHONY JESSON	7
DOROTHY M. UDALE	2	HARRY G. WAYNE	8
ERNEST W. RAWSON	3	*SHIRLEY BURTON	9
MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH	4	†HERRICK B. BOWLEY	10
PETER J. STANIFORTH	5	WILLIAM J. ROOT	11
JOHN R. SMITH	6	HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* 400th peal. † 200th peal. First peal of Spliced Surprise Maximus to be rung in six methods and all those taking part are members of the Cathedral service band.

TEN BELL PEALS

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 PUDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 18 cwt. (approx.).

HENRY H. FEARN	*Treble*	JOHN PINFOLD	6
*MURIEL REAY	2	*RODNEY B. MEADOWS	7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	8
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	4	FRANK E. HAYNES	9
*CLAUDIA A. HARDING	5	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

* First peal of Pudsey Royal.

CHRISTCHURCH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5093 GRANDSIRE CATERS
No. 14. Tenor 28 cwt.

CHARLES H. KIPPIN	*Treble*	*JOHN HARTLESS	6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	2	WILLIAM E. CHEATER	7
DANIEL T. MATKIN	3	*RONALD N. MARLOW	8
WILLIAM G. YOUNG	4	FRED PRICE	9
*DAVID R. REED	5	GEORGE E. EVENDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters. A birthday compliment to Philip, son of the conductor, Mr. George Preston, captain of the tower, and Ronald N. Marlow.

GLASGOW.
THE SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.
(St. Mary's Cathedral Society.)
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 32¼ cwt.

H. F. SARGENT	*Treble*	L. BOUMPHREY	6
W. H. PICKETT	2	†E. BOUMPHREY	7
*†A. C. SCOTT	3	E. A. STAFFORD	8
†MISS K. M. H. BRANSON	4	C. R. RAINE	9
†R. M. PRESTON	5	T. C. WINDERAM	*Tenor*

Composed by G. R. FARDEN. Conducted by W. H. PICKETT.

* First peal in the method. † First peal on ten bells. First peal of Stedman Caters by all except the conductor. First peal of Stedman Caters by the Scottish Association with Scottish service ringing members. Rung to mark the 50th anniversary of the bells and as a thanksgiving for the recovery of H.M. the King.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 22, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 19 cwt. 12 lb. in D.

EDWARD E. COWARD	*Treble*	BERNARD HAWKINS	6
ALFRED H. WINCH	2	ARTHUR SMITH	7
ALAN SMITH	3	ALBERT E. CHEESMAN	8
GORDON P. T. PETERS	4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	9
GEORGE L. GROVER	5	ALBERT HARMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE MARRINER. Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

First peal of Yorkshire Royal on the bells and by all the band except the conductor.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Wed., Dec. 26, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. in D.

BRYAN D. WOOLLEY	*Treble*	SQN./LDR. JOHN S. MASON	6
HENRY H. FEARN	2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	7
MURIEL REAY	3	JOHN PINFOLD	8
ERIC E. SPEAKE	4	FRANK E. HAYNES	9
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	5	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by W. PYE. Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 8, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
C.C.C. 63. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in B flat.

WALTER ALLMAN	*Treble*	DENNIS MADDOCK	5
WILFRED STEVENSON	2	CECIL RADDON	6
JOSEPH WHITTAKER	3	JOHN E. BIBBY	7
HAROLD WORRALL	4	RALPH EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.

CONGRESBURY, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's One-part. Tenor 35 cwt.

JOHN W. OWEN	*Treble*	GEORGE PRESCOTT	5
GEORGE J. HAWKINS	2	JESSE HALLETT	6
HORACE D. TAYLOR	3	SEALY S. WOODBURN	7
LEONARD DERRICK	4	KENNETH F. MEDWAY	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE J. HAWKINS.

A birthday compliment to Sealy Woodburn and John Owen.

MALPAS, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,
A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in E.

*FREDERICK G. BEDDOW	*Treble*	GEORGE H. RANDLES	5
NORAH M. BIBBY	2	†WILLIAM A. FARMER	6
JOHN W. BEST	3	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	7
DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	4	PERCY SWINDLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Surprise 'inside.'

PENKRIDGE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Mon., Dec. 17, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

SANDFORD DUMBELL	*Treble*	ALBERT D. COLLINS	5
ROGER HAWKESWORTH	2	ALBERT G. RICHARDS	6
EDMOND MALIN	3	RICHARD J. WARRILOW	7
ROY K. MOWFORTH	4	ROY BASTONE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT D. COLLINS.

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LEICE[illegible]ORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
T[illegible]ec. 12, [illegible]LN DIOCESAN GUILD.
*On Tues[illegible]*8, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT T[illegible]CH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A P[illegible]F 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
[illegible] (C.C
Tenc[illegible] Tenor 17 cwt.

FRANK LORD [illegible]	*Treble*	HAROLD MORWOOD	5
*C. AUBREY HARRI[illegible]	2	JACK BRAY	6
FRED LACEY .. [illegible]	3	GEORGE W. MOODY.. ..	7
†RONALD CHAFER [illegible]	4	PHILIP BARNES	*Tenor*

Composed by W. [illegible]ducte[illegible]. Conducted by JACK BRAY.
* First peal in th[illegible]as [illegible]ethod 'inside.' † First peal in the method. Rung in honour of [illegible]em[illegible] birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. S. Finn, both being members [illegible] the local band.

LOUGH[illegible]BOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 19, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6½ cwt.

DONALD C. PRICE	*Treble*	ALFRED BALLARD	5
HAROLD J. POOLE	2	HERRICK B. BOWLEY ..	6
ERNEST W. RAWSON ..	3	MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH ..	7
JOHN R. SMITH..	4	PETER J. STANIFORTH ..	*Tenor*

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs.. Dec. 20, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 APSLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER ..	*Treble*	THOMAS H. FRANCIS ..	5
RICHARD E. PRICE	2	ALICK CUTLER	6
RONALD J. SHARP	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
DAVID W. BEARD	4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED ..	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.
First peal in the method by all and for the Association.

ALVERSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 21, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 13½ cwt.

*RICHARD J. W. JURD ..	*Treble*	HAROLD A. NOBES.. ..	5
BLANCHE M. BALL	2	JOHN H. HUNT	6
†S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT	3	JOHN W. MEADE	7
ERNEST A. JURD	4	*ASHLEY H. E. WALTERS..	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.
* First peal. † First peal on eight bells. Rung as a golden wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. H. Reynolds and as a 51st birthday anniversary compliment to Mr. F. G. Barron, both members of the local band.

BLACKHILL, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 22, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AIDAN,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Ilkeston Variation. Tenor 10 cwt.

*CHRISTOPHER T. LAMB ..	*Treble*	THOMAS W. CROWE.. ..	5
†KATHLEEN SOFTLEY ..	2	THOMAS M. COX	6
STEPHEN THOMPSON ..	3	ERIC N. HARRISON	7
J. ALAN AINSWORTH ..	4	KENNETH ARTHUR	*Tenor*

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by KENNETH ARTHUR.
* 25th peal. † First peal on eight bells. First peal in the method on the bells and by all the band except the ringers of 5th and tenor. Specially arranged to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the ordination of Canon Jenkin Jones, Vicar of Blackhill, and Rural Dean of Lanchester.

BURNLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 22, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in F.

*NORMAN SMITH	*Treble*	CHARLES W. BLAKEY ..	5
ERNEST J. GOWER	2	ROGER LEIGH	6
CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON..	3	CHARLES CLEGG	7
*BRIAN WOOD	4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ..	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS.
* First peal of Major.

CHIDDINGSTONE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 22, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 19½ cwt.

BERNARD V. COLLISON ..	*Treble*	WILLIAM R. MANSER ..	5
ARTHUR F. LEWRY	2	LUTHER J. HONESS	6
TOM SAUNDERS	3	ERNEST J. LADD	7
BERNARD W. PANKHURST..	4	JOHN T. MEDHURST ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.
Rung as birthday compliments to the ringer of the 4th and the parents of the conductor.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 22, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

GEORGE H. PAULSON ..	*Treble*	HERBERT E. TAYLOR ..	5
PHILIP H. WHITAKER ..	2	HAROLD TAYLOR	6
FRANCIS R. LOWE	3	MARK J. BARKER	7
ALBERT E. THOMPSON ..	4	DENIS R. CARLISLE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. MIDDLETON. Conducted by DENIS R. CARLISLE.
First peal of Cambridge Surprise on the bells. A birthday compliment to Mr. George Freebrey, of Derby.

FARNDON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 22, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,
A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

JOHN W. GRIFFITHS ..	*Treble*	BRIAN HARRIS	5
*PETER E. PARRY	2	JOHN W. BEST	6
FREDERICK H. BIRKS ..	3	PERCY SWINDLEY	7
DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	4	R. GORDON CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by G. WILLIAMS (204). Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
* First peal in the method. Rung to celebrate the completion of 40 years in the ministry by the Rector, Canon G. Vaughan, who was ordained on St. Thomas' Day, 1911.

GREAT BENTLEY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 22, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 7¼ cwt, in A.

WILLIAM J. BUTTON	*Treble*	GEORGE A. ANDREWS, SEN.	5
GEORGE N. ORMAN	2	ALAN R. ANDREWS	6
ROY A. DUESBURY	3	RONALD W. STEWARD ..	7
ROBERT E. LESTER ..	4	GEORGE W. PIPE	*Tenor*

Composed by WM. J. G. BROWN. Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.

HODNET, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Dec. 22, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 24 lb.

J. NORMAN HADLEY ..	*Treble*	EDWARD V. RODENHURST..	5
ERNEST STITCH	2	WILLIAM DAVIES	6
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ..	3	MAURICE G. TURNER ..	7
THOMAS PRICE	4	HOWARD HOWELL	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

LONDON.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 22, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-IN-THE-FIELD, HOLBORN,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt.

W. NORMAN GENNA ..	*Treble*	ALICK CUTLER	5
RICHARD F. B. SPEED ..	2	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ..	6
THOMAS J. LOCK	3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ..	7
FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN..	4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ..	*Tenor*

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 22, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
At the Church of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary,
A PEAL OF 5152 HARLESTON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

George W. Howlett	*Treble*	Ernest Whiting	5
Ernest G. Shorting	2	George Sayer	6
H. William Barrett	3	William J. Flatt	7
Nolan Golden	4	Charles W. Loome	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by Nolan Golden.
The first peal in the method, which is Superlative with 8ths place at the lead-head.

RINGWOOD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 22, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18½ cwt.

Jack Mussell	*Treble*	John Hartless	5
Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay	2	Ronald N. Marlow	6
Daniel T. Matkin	3	William E. Cheater	7
Herbert H. Abrahams	4	David R. Reed	*Tenor*

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Daniel T. Matkin.

SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Dec. 22, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in E flat.

Clive M. Smith	*Treble*	†John Pinfold	5
*Muriel Reay	2	Arthur V. Pearson	6
Bryan D. A. Woolley	3	Henry H. Fearn	7
Edgar C. Shepherd	4	George E. Fearn	*Tenor*

Conducted by George E. Fearn.
* 100th peal. † 400th peal.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 24, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19½ cwt.

Joan M. Peacock	*Treble*	*Sidney Penfold	5
A. Harold Worboys	2	Andrew J. Salisbury	6
John Sitch	3	Colin E. Wright	7
David W. Beard	4	Frank V. Gant	*Tenor*

Composed by David W. Beard. Conducted by Frank V. Gant.
* First peal in the method.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 24, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (2nd observation). Tenor 12½ cwt.

Roland Biggs	*Treble*	Norman Cornwall	5
P. Donald Boreham	2	Walter Lee	6
Arthur Newton	3	A. Reginald Blaby	7
David Cox	4	Fred Cox	*Tenor*

Conducted by F. Donald Boreham.
First peal as conductor. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Anthony Cox, a member of the local band, who is in H.M. Forces in Austria.

WESTBOURNE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 25, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10½ cwt.

Fredk. W. Burnett	*Treble*	E. Winifred Keys	5
Blanche M. Ball	2	Peter N. Bond	6
John W. Meade	3	Patrick Page	7
Norman J. Smith	4	John H. Hunt	*Tenor*

Conducted by John H. Hunt.

ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 26, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours* 10 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5152 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13½ cwt.

*E. Winifred Keys	*Treble*	Peter [illegible]	5
†George Francis	2	John [illegible]	6
Ernest Treagus	3	John [illegible]	7
Norman J. Smith	4	Fred [illegible] Burnett	*Tenor*

Composed by Chas. W. Roberts. Conducted by Fredk. W. Burnett.
* 25th peal. † First peal of Major. First peal in the method on the bells.

CLANFIELD, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 26, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Stephen,
A PEAL OF 5088 CHERWELL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

Edwin G. Moore	*Treble*	Paul K. Williamson	5
Marie R. Cross	2	Edmund E. Pearson	6
Albert Diserens	3	George F. Burton	7
Herbert H. Alexander	4	Alan R. Pink	*Tenor*

Composed by E. W. Tipler. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
First peal in this method (E. W. Tipler's E. 30/4). Rung for the feast of St. Stephen-the-Martyr. The conductor's 450th peal.

MILES PLATTING, MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 26, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12½ cwt.

*James Carter	*Treble*	*Chris. N. P. Johnson	5
Derek Ogden	2	*Roger Leigh	6
Arthur Tomlinson	3	Selwyn H. Dearden	7
Charles Clegg	4	Jack Clegg	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by Jack Clegg.
* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. E. C. Birkett, of Liverpool.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 26, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

*Bernard R. Millward	*Treble*	J. Benjamin Budd	5
*Roger B. Morris	2	Harry Pye	6
Dennis H. B. Millward	3	John W. Griffiths	7
Percy Swindley	4	Brian Harris	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Thorpe. Conducted by Brian Harris.
* First peal of Major. First peal of Kent as conductor.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

CHADLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 6, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Comprising an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Double Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

Edgar J. Smith	*Treble*	*Cyril H. Kinch	4
Douglas O. Wilks	2	Edmuid E. Pearson	5
Charles Coles	3	Alan R. Pink	*Tenor*

Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* First peal 'inside' in eight methods. The first peal on the bells. Rung on the feast of St. Nicholas.

ARBORFIELD, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 8, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Bartholomew,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN IOB MINOR
C.C.C. Nos. 28, 29, 48, 49, 50, 51, 54. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*Miss B. Vass	*Treble*	‡Thomas Tilley	4
*John Mason	2	‡Laure Hall	5
†Alfred G. Street	3	†Stanley G. Day	*Tenor*

Conducted by Stanley G. Day.
* First peal. † First peal of Minor. ‡ First peal of Plain Bob Minor.

BROUGHTON ASTLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 12, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents (C.C.C. Nos. 34, 48. 49, 50, 51, 28 and 29).
Tenor 18 cwt. 7 lb. in E.

WILLIAM R. DRURY	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. WOOD	4
CECIL E. CARR	2	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON..	5
ALFRED BALLARD	3	MICHAEL E. BROWN ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL E. BROWN.
Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Harry Bird, who was captain and a loyal member of the local band.

BINFIELD, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Comprising seven extents each of Stedman, Plain Bob, St. Simon's, April Day, Reverse Canterbury and Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

FREDERICK SCOTT	*Treble*	WILLIAM BUTLER	4
BRIAN TAYLOR	2	DAVID H. PEARCE	5
STANLEY DAY	3	*FRANK TOMLINSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.
* First peal.

BRANSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents in eleven methods: (1) Alnwick and Newcastle, (2) London and Wells, (3) York and Durham, (4) Ipswich and Cambridge, (5) Hull, (6) Norwich, (7) Bourne. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

AMOS INGALL	*Treble*	RONALD APPLEWHITE ..	4
BERTIE BEE	2	LOUIS WILLDERS	5
MOSES BILLINGS	3	JOHN E. COOK	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN E. COOK
First Surprise peal in eleven methods by all the band except the 5th. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

FARNSFIELD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents, ten callings. Tenor 11 cwt. (approx.).

GEORGE E. FOSTER	*Treble*	LEWIS HEMSTOCK	3
FREDERICK G. HOOPER ..	2	CLARENCE BRIGGS	4
ARTHUR E. CHILTON ..	*Tenor*		

Conducted by FREDERICK G. HOOPER.
First peal on the bells for the Guild. A birthday compliment to His Majesty the King.

GREAT GADDESDEN, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

*NEIL E. DOLLIMORE ..	*Treble*	†ROY L. SHUTTER	4
KEITH B. GOOD	2	*REGINALD E. SHEPPARD..	5
*JANE M. PLUMBE	3	WALTER AYRE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' All the above are members of the Apsley tower.

GREAT KIMBLE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

GORDON J. STRATHDEE ..	*Treble*	VICTOR R. HOLLOWAY ..	4
AUBREY SEYMOUR	2	HARRY JONES	5
ARTHUR POULTON	3	JOHN CROSS	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY JONES.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.



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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents of Canterbury Reversed and twelve extents each of St. Simon's, Grandsire and Bob Doubles. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

PETER MASON .. .. ..*Treble*		*JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM..	3
DONALD H. METTAM .. 2		W. ROBERT PARKER ..	4
GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. *Tenor*			

Conducted by GEOFFREY R. PARKER.

* First peal of Doubles in four methods. First peal of Doubles on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to H.R.H. King George VI.

ROTHLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being one 2,160 and four different 720's. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in G.

*EILEEN M. BURTON ..*Treble*		SHIRLEY BURTON	4
BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 2		JOHN BRAMLEY	5
WINIFRED M. BURTON .. 3		WILLIAM THORNLEY .. ..*Tenor*	

Conducted by WILLIAM THORNLEY.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor. First peal of Surprise on the bells. A birthday compliment to His Majesty the King.

WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of seven different extents, viz.: Three of Plain Bob and one each of Kent, Oxford, Cambridge and Laminated Kent and Oxford. Tenor 13¼ cwt.

DOROTHY KIDD .. ..*Treble*		RONALD BARLOW	4
M. JILIAN BRIERLEY .. 2		EDWARD HOLDSWORTH ..	5
SYDNEY SAGE 3		DENIS MOTTERSHEAD ..*Tenor*	

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

Rung as a mark of appreciation of 37 years' service completed by Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Henshall, the local Sunday School superintendents, on the occasion of their retirement.

FITTLEWORTH, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Dec. 16, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 7 cwt.

E. WINIFRED KEYS .. ..*Treble*		JOHN W. MEADE	4
BLANCHE M. BALL 2		JOHN H. HUNT	5
NORMAN J. SMITH 3		FREDERICK W. BURNETT..*Tenor*	

Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT. Witness: PETER N. BOND.

First peal in the method by all, and believed to be the first peal in the method for the Association.

WATERINGBURY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 17, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

WILLIAM R. MANSER ..*Treble*		*MAVIS COOMBER	4
GEOFFREY W. ASHDOWN.. 2		LUTHER HONESS	5
DOUGLAS F. DRIVER .. 3		REGINALD L. SILLS.. ..*Tenor*	

Conducted by REGINALD L. SILLS.

* First peal 'inside.'

DARLINGTON, COUNTY DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 19, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's, viz: Bourne, Beverley, Chester, York, Durham, London and Cambridge. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in B flat.

MRS. W. N. PARK .. ..*Treble*		THOMAS COOKE	4
*FREDERICK W. COOKE .. 2		ROLAND PARK	5
W. NORMAN PARK 3		MICHAEL P. MORETON ..*Tenor*	

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

* First peal of Minor. Rung to commemorate the sixtieth anniversary of the installation of the bells.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 19, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents (C.C.C. Nos. 73, 74, 65, 66, 64, 58, 59). Tenor 8¼ cwt. (approx.) in A.

BRIAN G. WARWICK .. ..*Treble*		*S. ANTHONY JESSON ..	4
WINIFRED M. BURTON .. 2		ALAN CATTELL	5
SHIRLEY BURTON 3		ERNEST MORRIS .. ..*Tenor*	

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor. First peal in the method as conductor. A birthday compliment to Shirley Burton.

WINFARTHING, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 20, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 4 lb. in G.

*FREDK. C. ROPER .. ..*Treble*		ALBERT G. HARRISON ..	4
WALTER ELSEY 2		NOLAN GOLDEN	5
†JAMES MORLEY 3		BERT GOGLE .. .. ..*Tenor*	

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* 50th peal for the Association. † First peal.

BLANKNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 22, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in twelve methods: (1) Double Bob, Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, (2) Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's, Childwall, (3) Kent Treble Bob, (4) Oxford Treble Bob, (5) Norwich, (6) Bourne, (7) Cambridge. Tenor 10 cwt.

*DONALD H. METTAM ..*Treble*		*PETER MASON	4
*BERTIE BEE 2		MOSES BILLINGS	5
AMOS INGALL 3		LOUIS WILLDERS .. ..*Tenor*	

Conducted by MOSES BILLINGS.

* First peal in twelve methods.

IGHTFIELD, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Dec. 22, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of one 720 of Cambridge Surprise and two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in G.

*WILLIAM DAVIES .. ..*Treble*		EDWARD V. RODENHURST..	4
ERNEST STITCH 2		MAURICE G. TURNER ..	5
J. NORMAN HADLEY .. 3		HOWARD HOWELL .. ..*Tenor*	

Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.

* First peal of Minor.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 22, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and 720 Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

GEORGE BUSH .. ..*Treble*		CECIL WADE	4
HERBERT GOAKES 2		WILLIAM ROSE	5
FRANK WARRINGTON .. 3		JOHN BLUFF .. .. ..*Tenor*	

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 22, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Consisting of seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.

DAVID SMITH .. .. ..*Treble*		ALBERT H. CRAWLEY ..	4
BERNARD J. ONGLEY .. 2		A. DOREEN EDWARDS ..	5
*DOUGLAS KIRKPATRICK .. 3		HARRY W. HOWARD .. ..*Tenor*	

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor.

CATHERINGTON, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 24, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

E. WINIFRED KEYS ..*Treble*		JOHN H. HUNT	4
*BLANCHE M. BALL 2		JOHN W. MEADE	5
NORMAN J. SMITH 3		FREDK. W. BURNETT ..*Tenor*	

Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.

* 25th peal.

HANDBELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., Dec. 8, 1951, *in* 1 *Hour and* 50 *Minutes,*

At Saltley College,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being three extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and St. Simon's Bob, eight of Grandsire (six callings), and 28 of Plain Bob (four callings). Tenor size 14 in D.

Brian G. Warwick .. .. 1-2 | John R. Mayne 3-4
Brian R. Sutton 5-6

Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.

First peal in four Doubles methods by all. Birthday compliment to Mr. R. W. Warwick.

BRISTOL.

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.

On Thurs., Dec. 13, 1951, *in* 1 *Hour and* 55 *Minutes,*

In the Belfry of the Church of St. Michael (City).

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

*Jeannette A. Rose .. .. 1-2 | Alan E. Pedlar 3-4
Jack R. Worrall 5-6

Conducted by Jack R. Worrall.

* First peal of Minor 'in hand.'

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 13, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*

At 98, Evesham Road,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's Variation. Tenor size 17 in A.

Harold J. Poole .. .. 1-2 | Ernest Morris 5-6
Peter J. Staniforth .. 3-4 | Frederick E. Wilson .. 7-8

Conducted by Harold J. Poole.

A birthday compliment to Peter J. Staniforth.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Dec. 16, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*

At 26, Wellington Road,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

Reginald G. Hooper .. 1-2 | Daniel T. Matkin 5-6
Fredk. J. Sampson .. .. 3-4 | John F. Pedler 7-8

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Daniel T. Matkin.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Dec. 16, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*

At 74, Hookfield,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 16 in B.

Ruth M. K. How (Oxon).. 1-2 | E. J. Lindley (Cantab) .. 5-6
R. F. B. Speed (Cantab) .. 3-4 | Anne B. Stockdale (Cantab) 7-8

Composed by J. E. Burton. Conducted by E. J. Lindley.

50th peal as conductor.

TRING, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Dec. 16, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*

At Osmington School,

A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

*Pamela Martin .. .. 1-2 | Wilfrid H. J. Hooton .. 5-6
Christopher W. Woolley 3-4 | Brenda Fells 7-8

Composed by F. F. W. Meadows. Conducted by W. H. J. Hooton.

* First peal 'in hand' on eight bells.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 20, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*

At 26, Wellington Road,

A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS

No. 34. Tenor size 15 in C.

William G. Young .. .. 1-2 | Daniel T. Matkin 5-6
Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay .. 3-4 | Roy C. Hurst 7-8
Michael J. E. Best 9-10

Composed by M. J. Morris. Conducted by Daniel T. Matkin.

Witness: Arthur G. Janes.

Rung on the 21st birthday of Philip Matkin.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 21, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*

At The Wayside, 150, Narborough Road South,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor size 13 in E.

Harry Poyner .. .. .. 1-2 | Mrs. P. J. Staniforth .. 5-6
Peter J. Staniforth .. .. 3-4 | Alfred Ballard 7-8
Harold J. Poole 9-10

Composed by W. Pye. Conducted by Harold J. Poole.

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PRESSURE

The past week has been one of pressure in dealing with new subscribers. Should any errors in addresses have been made, will readers at once communicate with the Editor. Our aim is that 'The Ringing World' shall be delivered by the first post on Friday morning.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Leicester has produced something new in 12-bell ringing with a peal of Spliced Surprise Maximus in six methods by the Cathedral band.

Mr. S. Anthony Jesson has joined the select band of those who have rung peals of Cambridge from Minor to Maximus.

Errata.—The last course end of the composition of Double Norwich, on page 815, should read 32564.

Wickersley Modern School (Yorkshire) handbell ringers appeared in the Children's Hour T.V. Newsreel dressed in 1851 costume.

The peal of Doubles rung at Chelford, Cheshire, on November 27th, was the first peal in three methods for Arnold Worth and not his first peal, as printed.

Following the example of Mr. 'Bob' Collins, of Sevenoaks, Mr. Charles A. Bassett has forwarded us a donation toward 'Ringing World' expenses of one penny for every peal he has rung. Thank you!

Mr. R. Roger Savory's question regarding young ringing masters has prompted Miss Elizabeth Morton, of Barnton, near Northwich, Cheshire, to write that she was deputy ringing master of the Northwich Branch in 1949 at the age of 19 and ringing master in the following year. Another young leader is Miss B. N. White, of Balderton, Notts, from whom a letter appears on another page.

Congratulations to the band of St. Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow, on ringing their first peal of Stedman Caters. The issue was never in doubt, writes our correspondent, despite the fact that A. C. Scott, the young ringer on the third, had never before attempted more than a short course of Caters. He was to have rung the tenor, but the local captain insisted on ringing the tenor himself so as to give Scott an opportunity of scoring his first peal on ten 'inside.'

Next Monday Mr. & Mrs. L. W. Andrews, of Forton, Longparish, near Andover, celebrate their diamond wedding anniversary. To mark the occasion, members of the Andover District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild will attempt a quarter peal ot Doubles, with Mr. Andrews, whose 93rd birthday was last Friday, on the tenor. For 73 years he has been a ringer at Longparish.

St. Michael's, Basingstoke, at their annual meeting decided to purchase a copy of 'The Ringing World' to be placed in the tower for the benefit of probationers and visitors. If this practical method of support was adopted in other towers we would soon reach the 1.000 new subscribers mark.

'Change ringers are not musicians but merely clamorous mathematicians, who do their permutations with rather more noise than people who make out football pools to a system.' —'Glasgow Herald,' in commentary on the peal of Stedman Caters rung by the St. Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow, company.

Mr. George Preston, of Christchurch Priory, celebrated his 82nd birthday on December 18th. Alas, the quarter peal of Grandsire Cinques at the Priory, which he was calling, was not successful. Nevertheless, it was an occasion for rejoicing and congratulations to this veteran stalwart of Hampshire ringing.

Featured in the 'South Wales Echo and Express' just before Christmas was an article dealing with the bells of St. John-the-Baptist, Cardiff, and an interview with Mr. Fred Hannington, the secretary of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association. At St. John's half a dozen young people are training in preparation for the time when the bells of Llandaff Cathedral can be rung again. Veteran ringer at St. John's is Mr. Seymour R. Barker, who has been ringing for more than 40 years.

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RECORD PEAL OF ROYAL AT WORSLEY

Three Long Lengths Superseded

ON Saturday, December 15th, at the Church of St. Mark, Worsley, Lancashire, a peal of 15,480 Cambridge Surprise Royal was rung, conducted by John Worth. The church, in a beautiful setting amid the trees, in a commanding position dominating the surrounding countryside, possesses a modern ring of ten bells which is the pride of its ringers and renowned throughout the north-west for its excellence.

Another feature of the church is the liberality which is accorded to peal attempts: they seem to take place at almost fortnightly intervals. No words can convey the welcome visiting ringers receive at the hands of the local band, and in particular Mr. Percy H. Derbyshire. Nothing is too much trouble for him. When permission was sought for the attempt the matter was soon arranged through his good offices, the Vicar, Canon Colin Lamont, kindly giving his consent. The incumbents at Worsley have always been good supporters of ringers, and the present Vicar has already shown himself in the tradition.

New ropes were obtained, and on Wednesday evening before the peal several of the band went along to see if anything was needed in the way of rope adjustment, etc., but found that everything was in apple-pie order. The ropes had been fixed by Mr. Derbyshire and used once or twice to take the newness out of them. Such care on the part of the local ringers greatly encouraged the band, and it cannot be wondered that they scored an excellent peal which surpasses all the existing Royal records and is also the longest length of Cambridge Surprise yet rung on any number.

The peal itself was uneventful, the bells went off into changes at 8.5 a.m., and at the start the pace was on the slow side, but it smartened up later, and a good beat was maintained throughout. Previous records which are superseded by this peal are: 10,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal, December 26th, 1923; 14,000 Kent Treble Bob Royal, April 13th, 1914; and 12,740 Plain Bob Royal, April 7th, 1950. The longest length of Cambridge on any number was, of course, 15,312 Maximus at Ashton-under-Lyne on August 5th, 1929.

The ringers who accomplished the feat are men whose names have appeared in similar performances of late years.

Treble.—Henry O. Baker, a proud Salopian, took part in the 21,600 Bristol last year, is 43 years of age and rang his first peal twenty-six years ago.

Second.—Fred Dunkerley, ringer and aviator, well known in both pursuits; he also took part in the 21,600 Bristol and 8,032 Spliced Surprise, is 46 years old, and rang his first peal 29 years ago.

Third.—Wilfred Stevenson, another member of the Bristol long-peal band, rang his first peal 22 years ago and is 43 years of age.

Fourth.—John E. Bibby, a ringer with a list of long peals—11,232 Superlative, 6,496 Spliced Surprise, and, of course, 21,600 Bristol. Fifty years old, he rang his first peal 31 years ago.

Fifth.—C. Kenneth Lewis. Thirty-eight years of age, took part in 21,600 Bristol and 8,032 Spliced Surprise. Rang his first peal 17 years ago.

Sixth.—Walter Allman rang his first peal 14 years ago and took part in the long peal of Bristol and 8,032 Spliced; is 41 years old.

Seventh.—Edward Jenkins, a name to conjure with whenever long lengths are mentioned, for he conducted 11,232 Superlative and 17,824 Oxford Treble Bob, and rang the treble to the 15,312 Cambridge Maximus. His first peal was rung 33 years ago, and he is 56 years of age.

Eighth.—James C. E. Simpson, well known as a ringer and conductor: he called the 8 032 Spliced, but this was his first venture into five figures. He rang his first peal 25 years ago and is 43 years old.

Ninth.—Joseph Whittaker, should have taken part in the 21,600 Bristol but was prevented by indisposition. This time there was no doubt, and he fulfilled his task nobly. Thirty-four years of age, he rang his first peal seventeen years ago.

Tenor.—John Worth, known throughout the Exercise for his genial personality and ability as a conductor. He called the 21,600 Bristol and rang in the 8.032 Spliced, and is 41 years old. His first peal was rung 22 years ago.

NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS

The Editor, the Editorial Staff, the Editorial Committee and Mr. J. E. Jeater extend their good wishes to all readers for 1952.

The wide measure of practical appreciation that has been evinced since 'The Ringing World' faced its financial difficulties has convinced the Editor of the popularity of the journal and the strength and enthusiasm of the Exercise.

We have not yet reached the 1,000 postal mark of new subscribers; there is still time to send a subscription of £1 2s. 6d. to Mr. J. E. Jeater, 11 Franks-wood Avenue, Petts Wood, Kent, and enjoy the full benefits of being enrolled as a 1952 postal subscriber.

To those who send small donations with their peals and quarter peals we accord our special thanks. This additional source of revenue should enable us eventually to introduce improvements, notably in the field of illustrations. In the past few months these have only been used when contributors send a remittance to cover the cost.

Thus we enter upon 1952 full of confidence in the hope that the high tradition of British ringing will be fully maintained and the witness of the bells to the greater glory of God will add to the strength and vitality of His Church.

DEATH OF AUXILIARY BISHOP OF SOUTHWARK

As a mark of respect to the memory of Monseigneur William Francis Brown, D.D., Titular Bishop of Pella and Auxiliary in the Diocese of Southwark, who died on December 16th, members of the local band rang the bells of the Redemptorist Church of Our Immaculate Lady of Victories, Clapham Common, half-muffled, on the following Monday evening and Thursday evening, the eve of the Requiem. The ringing included Grandsire Doubles and the 'whole pull and stand.' Those taking part were P. J. Hutchings (Master), T. J. Farmer (secretary), Miss M. E. Powell, E. J. Wall, S. Whitman, P. Somers, A. J. Clifford, J. E. Twiggs and T. H. Taffender.

The Society were represented at the Solemn Requiem Mass, sung by the Bishop of Southwark, the Right Rev. C. C. Cowderoy, D.D., in the presence of His Eminence Cardinal Bernard Griffin, Archbishop of Westminster, by the Master, Mr. P. J. Hutchings.

STANFORD-LE-HOPE, ESSEX. — On December 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor, with tenor covering: S. Bull 1, A. Reeve 2, Joan Hills 3, H. Kenyon 4, Constance Chinnery (cond.) 5, A. Hammond 6. Peter Wright 8. Rung for the wedding of Guy Saunders, ringer and server at this church, to Miss Dorothy Tate, which took place at St. James the Great, Bethnal Green, on the previous day.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Farnham District

Special interest was taken in the Farnham District meeting at St. Michael's Church, Aldershot, on December 8th, when the draft form of the Guild's revised service was used for the first time.

The Vicar of Aldershot (the Rev. A. L. E. Hoskyns-Abrahall) conducted the service assisted by the Rev. G. Phipps-Neap (curate), and the address was given by Canon G. L. Cole, Rector of Bentley, who is a ringing member.

Lady ringers and friends of St. Michael's prepared and served tea to 80 persons, and Mr. W. Shepherd (Addlestone) expressed the company's thanks to these ladies. He also thanked the Vicar of Aldershot, Canon Cole, the Rev. G. Phipps-Neap, Mr. G. Goodwin (organist) and the choir.

In the course of the business meeting Hannah Butler, an 11-years-old recruit at St. Mary's, Frensham, was elected a member and welcomed to the meeting. The District officers were renominated to serve in 1952 with the exception of Mr. P. Eldridge, who has left the district. His place will be taken by Mr. W. Viggers.

Following the general business, a smaller meeting, composed of one representative from each of the District's 14 towers, discussed the past year's working and made proposals for operations in 1952. It was felt that the younger ringers should be encouraged to take over more responsibility and this is to be put into effect at future meetings and practices.

NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS

Arrangements are now well in hand for the 'Coming of Age' celebration dinner of the Guild at Leicester on Saturday, January 26th, and it promises to be up to the usual Leicester standard. Many may remember that the Guild was founded in Leicester in 1931. It is hoped on this occasion to meet once again the many friends who have in the past been associated with the Guild annual meetings and also other ringers and friends interested in the Guild activities. Every effort will be made to accommodate all who wish to come.

Ringing arrangements in Leicester will be advertised later, and in addition peals outside Leicester are being arranged. Those interested should write, giving details of methods they are able to ring and whether able and willing to conduct, to Mr. C. Knight, 51, Oadby Road, Wigston Magna, Leicester, from whom tickets may be obtained (10s. 6d. each). Early application should be made, as no tickets may be obtained after Wednesday, January 16th.

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HIS FIRST PEAL AT 69

DERBYSHIRE VICAR TELLS HIS STORY

BY LT.-COL. REV. R. J. MORRIS, D.S.O., VICAR OF MELBOURNE.

IT must be some four and a half years ago when I took up bellringing, driven, as I was, by a strong urge to study the art of campanology and learn its mysteries in practice which, after all, is the way we learn our religion.

I have learned quite a few things in 69 years, but one of the most interesting to the body, the mind, the spirit and the soul, is that of bellringing.

At my age, you do not see so well. You do not hear so clearly. Your brains and memory are certainly not too accurate. There is something else amiss, too. It is the power to keep still.

I have not, perhaps, found this quite so difficult. Maybe, my military training has helped me in this. To stand at ease for a considerable time, before coming to attention, to be inspected by a fighting general, is one thing. But to stand at ease (which is the position of the feet in a peal) for three hours is quite another thing. Try it. But try it in a peal and in a ringing chamber.

I shall always remember the startling experience when I broke my first 'stay.'

The maid at the vicarage was a learner at the same time, and what a promising pupil she was, too. How delightfully unselfish she was. 'I have rung up and down, and so must the Vicar ring up and down.' The Vicar did. But only up, while the ringing down process was so quick and unexpected that I was only half conscious of the rope leaping out of my hand and finding myself taking cover in the chancel and seeing the maid dashing up the nave; while my instructress was nonchalantly standing watching the rope dancing about like the devil in his glee.

FIRST PEAL.

Let me now come to my first peal, Stedman Triples. The day and date, Saturday, December 8th, 1951. The tower, Melbourne. I was asked by my good friend, Mr. Francis Lowe, of the Derby Association of Bellringers, of which I have the honour to be a member, to ring the covering bell in a peal in my own tower.

I thought at first he might be pulling my leg. Not at all. He meant it. I wonder if Mr. Francis Lowe realises the power of faith. I think he does. I have only one hope, that my answer was humble, and had in it the inspiring greatness of his faith in me.

I am most grateful to Mr. Francis Lowe in particular, and, indeed, to the other members of the Derby Association of Bellringers, who have been very helpful to me and my ringing learners. If we help each other in this way, we shall greatly advance the art of change bellringing to the glory of God.

But, of all my bellringing friends outside my own tower, let me mention a very distinguished ringer, Mr. Albert Ward. For 3½ years now he has not only showered me with torrents of abuse and sarcasm of a forgotten age, both at practices and more restrainedly at every service. But, even so, let me place it on record that he has also shown a high regard to my person with that dignity that is worthy of the best traditions of the Exercise. He, of course, belongs to the old school, which, I believe, is now closed. At all events, I hope so. I shall never forget his loyalty to me.

Now come and have a peep at my own ringers. Look at their ages. Mr. H. Hollingworth (84), of a renowned family of bellringers. He is our Master, and my inspiration. We go down in ages now until we reach the boys, the youngest of whom is eleven years of age. What a grand lot of boys they are, too.

Back again to December 8th, 1951. 'Look to, treble going and gone.' 'Go, Stedman Triples.' We are eight ringers. Each ringer independent of each ringer and each ringer dependent upon each ringer. The individual and the team. No hope, no success without the individual spirit and the team spirit, the bride and bridegroom of the Exercise. This is what we mean by bellringing, and it goes back down the far distant ages of our long history and our ancient tradition.

I wonder now if I might be allowed to urge the clergy to take up and pursue the art and science of bell change ringing.

Of whatever age, you will not be too old, unless you are too old to die. Bellringing will teach you not to be casual and slovenly in performing your offices. You will have no time to yawn in the midst of prayers. Bellringing will teach you to concentrate on what you are doing. You will learn afresh that God demands that your words start in open truths and come round and home in wider truths—the truth of your 'peal' to His command.

MUST RING TRUE.

For myself, the more I ring, so the more I realise that everything I do and say must ring true. Faulty and halting words, like bad striking, are discordant sounds to the ears of our hearers. In learning to ring bells, too, you will find the right environment for laughter. It is danger.

Let me take you into a ringing chamber. Here you will most assuredly learn the saving grace of humour. Our coats are off and 'Sally' waiting silently, and not so coy, for her revenge. The clown in the circus, and on the stage, and in the King's court, are for our entertainment and laughter. But for funny faces that split one's very side with laughter, I will show you in the ringing chamber.

Bellringers must be men of humble heart and spirit, and they are. How otherwise shall bellringers ring and hope their ringing may give comfort to a dying man. Our turn will doubtless come, and we only ask that God will grant us hearing enough to hear the muffled bells of our departing.

The dying change bellringer, however near to death he may be, will listen for good striking, and this will be his greatest solace and comfort at his end. It will be a new hope for his soul and, as his last breath leaves his body, his one last lingering desire will be to hear the bells come round and to know that another peal is won, both in fact and in truth. And, I think, his dying request will be—take my 'Sally' and treat her with that gentleness she so richly deserves, in spite of all her moods. Dying men do not ask questions. But I think they will ask just this one—has she not reminded all of us that God is not the God of the dead, but of the living?

MULTI-METHOD PEALS

Dear Sir,—Knowing how pressed you are for space, may I suggest that in future, when printing these multi-method peals, that you merely state a peal in 'say nineteen' methods has been rung, and for goodness sake cease to inflict all those queer names upon your humble readers, as they can have little meaning or interest to most of them.—Yours faithfully,

ALBERT E. LOCK.

Abingdon, Berks.

NOTE.—We regard the name of the methods rung as essential to the publication of the peal. —ED.

TREBLE TROUBLE AT MANCHESTER

Stephenson May Pull Off Manchester Treble

Royston trainer W. Stephenson, who saddled the Derby winner, Arctic Prince, has run up a sequence of successes with his hurdlers during the last six weeks. He may add to it at Manchester to-day, where he has excellent prospects of landing a treble with his recent purchase, Fill Gelt (Juvenile Hurdle), Tall Palm (Jupiter Handicap Hurdle) and The Moke (Weaste Novices' Hurdle).—'Daily Telegraph.'

Dear Sir,—The recent discovery of the document printed above throws new light on the question of ringing in Manchester at the close of the year 1951. The document, it is believed, is a fragment from the sporting page of a newspaper in circulation at that date. I would draw your attention to certain conclusions that can fairly definitely be stated.

Manchester ringers were clearly facing a serious problem over the handling of their light bells and had called in the veteran instructor, W. Stephenson, of the Hertford County Association, fresh from his recent success at Derby. Among the beginners at Manchester three were particularly fancied—Fill Gelt, Tall Palm and The Moke—interesting names. (In those days the term 'hurdler,' now obsolete in ringing terminology, evidently meant a beginner.)

However, 'landing a treble' is no easy operation. We know that novices (Weaste or otherwise) at the treble hunting stage are not infrequently 'too high' when coming down, and it may well have been thought that Tall Palm would have been handicapped by his failure to pull in his backstrokes. Exponents of the 'floating' backstroke in peals of Cambridge Minor are inclined to dispute this point.

Then there is the question of pulling off the treble. This, it may be thought, would not be difficult, but a ringer visiting Cassington on a certain occasion failed to pull off the tenor 'I'll try again next handstroke,' he gasped. So rounds were rung, back and hand, on the front five, and again the tenor man failed. 'I don't think it can be "up,"' he said.

Was this the cause of the trouble at Manchester?—Yours faithfully,

(REV.) ERIC B. WOOD.

The Vicarage,
Cheshunt, Herts.

FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World' of Jan. 5th, 1912

ECCLESTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 28, 1911, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 27 cwt.

Samuel Jones	Treble	Richard Jones	5
George Jones	2	James Morgan	6
Robert Sperring	3	Edwin H. Lewis	7
William Bibby	4	Henry W. Wilde	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by H. W. Wilde.

Believed to be the first peal of Major ever rung in this method.

[Some controversy arose over the naming of this now popular method, an extension of St. Simon's Doubles. The 1702 edition of 'Campanologia' was cited in its favour, and the 1753 edition against. Mr. Henry Dains, however, quoted it as 'Reading Bob,' from a Doubles method published in 1668!]

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PEALS ANALYSIS

Dear Sir,—In order to be consistent with the non-inclusion in the Peals Analysis of methods with irregular lead-ends, we do not propose to include in the Analysis for 1951 any 'peals' which either contain, or consist of:—

(a) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob,
(b) Reverse College (although printed in the Collection of Minor methods),
(c) Canterbury Pleasure Major,

unless instructed to do so by the ruling of the Central Council.—For the Analysis Committee,

W. AYRE,
Convener.

RAILWAYMEN'S PEALS

Dear Sir,—Mr. F. J. Bailey, jun., has mentioned the railwaymen's peal at St. Woolos', Newport, on May 27th, 1925. There was another—5,040 Grandsire Caters—in the same tower on June 6th, 1925, all the band being members of the Llandaff and Monmouth Association. The band was: F. J. Bailey 1, J. Bullen 2, C. Greedy 3, J. W. Jones 4, A. Pitman 5, L. Wright 6, A. Parnell 7, W. Phillips 8, F. Chamberlain (cond.) 9, B. Weaver 10.

There were many railwaymen's peals at that time, but I think we were the first to 'kick-off.' Shortly afterwards I rang the tenor to a railwaymen's peal at my home tower, Marden, Herefordshire. This was a peal of Grandsire Doubles, arranged and conducted by J. P. Hyett. In this peal there were four signalmen.

There would be no difficulty in forming a Railway Guild. There are quite a few in the Llandaff and Monmouth Association and in Hereford. At one time there were a number in Swindon. So be a Wilfred Pickles and 'have a go!'—Yours sincerely, B. WEAVER.

18, Arcot Street,
Penarth, Cardiff.

FOUR MINOR METHODS

Dear Sir,—Re railwaymen's peals, a peal in four Minor methods was rung at the Church of St. John, Cranford, Northants, for the Peterborough Diocesan Guild by six employees of the L.M.S. Railway on Saturday, July 14th, 1928. G. W. J.

Thrapston.

SILENT PEALS

Dear Sir,—I think that Mr. William A. Theobald is right off his horse in his opinion on the very fine point of non-conducted or silent peals.

He states that 'the correction of trips is obviously as much conducting as the calling of bobs.' and 'I myself regard the correction of trips as conducting.' He also states that a non-conducted peal team should obey the strictest of rules.

But do they create their own rules? What are these rules he mentions? I think they still have to be properly and officially defined by the Central Council. If, according to Mr. Theobald's stipulation, the conducting of a peal demands that **all trips** are to be corrected by the conductor only, then I contend that many hundreds, if not thousands, of peals rung in the past should be immediately withdrawn, as no doubt these peals have been claimed as **conducted**, but just 'bob called.'

Therefore, as we accept the publication of a peal 'conducted by so-and-so,' we must also be prepared to accept the publication of a completely silent peal (no signs, etc.), or a peal rung with no particular ringer calling the bobs or singles, and in the same way accept the honour of truth by the peal band in question.—Yours faithfully.

FRANCIS R. LOWE.

Derby.

SUNDAY RINGING

Dear Sir,—It is not usual for me to enter the realm of controversy, but I would like to comment on the leading article of December 14th by P. A. C.

There is much in the article which is commendable and desirable, and there are many towers where 'par excellence' in Sunday service ringing can, and should be, insisted upon.

In the writer's own tower, for instance—I think I have guessed his identity correctly—there is a band of very experienced ringers whose Sunday ringing should be beyond reproach in almost any method. In such towers the captain *can afford* to insist on good striking, etc., on a Sunday.

But my plea is for the less fortunate towers. What are they to do? A band, depleted in number, crying out for recruits, who are not easy to obtain; some willing learners, at a stage when they can just about manage to ring rounds and call changes, or at best ring the treble to a very short 'touch,' and who, unfortunately, cannot attend on practice nights, whatever arrangements one tries to make to accommodate them, on account of evening classes at school, etc. We cannot expect them to give up their evening classes for ringing practice.

Are these enthusiasts to be barred from ringing on Sunday owing to a 'no practice on a Sunday' rule, when the band is such that method ringing is possible? But when the band is depleted they are eagerly pressed into service on the vacant rope.

I have seen this 'fetish' in action, with the result that the once enthusiastic learner has become discouraged and disillusioned, and has eventually decided not to come any more.

Thus no advance has been made either in efficiency or numbers, and much teaching and patience wasted. Furthermore, more often than not, when the band is incomplete there is no ringing at all, neither practice night nor on Sunday, with the added grave risk of ringing ceasing altogether.

I am of the opinion, therefore, that we as ringers must 'cut our coat to suit the cloth,' and, however reluctant we may be to do so, relax our standards a little and accept some practice on Sunday—with discretion, of course—even to the extent of accepting a little indifferent striking until we can afford to insist on a high standard with a competent band.

One does not expect this in our cathedrals. In fact, one does not expect our cathedrals to have raw recruits at all or inexperienced ringers.

There are many very competent ringers whose ambition is to become members of such bands, who are, after all, teams of experts without the difficulties of many lesser towers.—Yours, etc.,

A. GROVE, SEN.

Abbey Wood, S.E.2.

CHRISTMAS BROADCAST

Dear Sir,—Hearty congratulations to our call-change friends at North Tawton, Devon, for giving us such a magnificent example of *perfect* striking on Christmas Day. Every bell could be heard clearly and distinctly, and the striking of 1 and 2 behind, with the tenor covering, was a joy to listen to.

When broadcasting, a lot depends on where the microphone is placed, and it appears that in most cases, especially where 10 and 12 bells are concerned, this instrument is placed *too* close to the bells.

Personally I feel that to get a really good reception eight bells are sufficient and answer the purpose required quite sufficiently.—Yours sincerely,

A. PATRICK CANNON.

Betchworth.

SUNDAY RINGING AND SERVICES

Dear Sir,—In a recent issue of 'The Ringing World' we had a very good article on the subject of Sunday ringing. In a recent 'Daily Telegraph' appeared a report of some friction between a band of ringers and the clergy in a parish in Derbyshire. Whilst some 'high' church clergy are doubtless prone to be somewhat dictatorial, your contributor, P. A. C., a ringer, points out that bellringing exists for the benefit of the church, and not vice versa.

Are there in the Exercise two kinds of ringers, namely, (a) peal ringers and (b) Sunday ringers, with peal ringers as the dominant group? Is there good striking at practices and meetings, in addition to the numerous peals for which considerable space is given in 'The Ringing World, with corresponding poor striking in Sunday ringing, because the 'spivs' are more interested in ringing as a hobby than as a form of church work?

It would be a good thing if the ringers amongst themselves could agree upon a code, as a guide to self-imposed conduct, not only in regard to attending services but also to bring home P. A. C.'s point that Sunday ringing is not just another practice. Such a code could be drafted by the Central Council and given publicity in 'The Ringing World.' I know you have a set of model rules for bands of ringers, but that is not the same as a code affecting the Exercise as a whole.—Yours faithfully,

WILLIAM BARNACLE.

Hull, Yorks.

YOUNG CAPTAINS OF TOWERS

Dear Sir,—I have no great wish to publicise myself or my brother, but I felt I could not let Mr. Roger Savory's challenge pass unanswered.

At the age of 19 my brother, Mr. Peter N. White, was asked by the Vicar to form a new band of ringers as the previous band had gradually faded out. All of our present band were taught by my brother, with, admittedly, a little help from our Newark friends. At 21, Peter was called up, my other brother and myself carrying on until he, too, at 18, had to go in the Forces. I am the present captain, only temporarily, maybe, but I'm not yet 17.

I might add that I have another brother, younger than myself, also a ringer, and the oldest member of our band is 20.—Yours sincerely,

B. N. WHITE (Miss).

Balderton, Notts.

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DEDICATIONS IN FOUR COUNTIES

SILSOE, BEDS

It was with pride that the residents of Silsoe heard their bells ring out merrily on Saturday, December 8th. after the dedication by the Archdeacon of Bedford, the Ven. D. B. Harris, of the new treble and five 'old' bells. In just under two years they had raised to within £20 of the necessary £800. (The outstanding amount was cleared on the Saturday with the collection and proceeds of a dance held that evening.)

A public meeting was first held in January, 1950, at which time they had £200 in hand. Since then there has been an unceasing campaign to raise money—in addition to donations received from the Bell Fund, local Sports Clubs, British Legion, etc., the usual dances, whist drives and draws have been held; they have been carol singing and handbell ringing at Christmastide; organised a gymkhana and horse show and revived the old Silsoe Fair (originally held annually on May 13th; they now hope to raise a further £52 to 'complete the job' by replacing the chimes.

The church was filled for the joyful and impressive service, conducted by the Vicar. During the first hymn, 'Come let us join our cheerful songs,' the procession of Bell Fund Committee, choir, visiting clergy, churchwardens, Rural Dean, servers, Archdeacon and Vicar moved to their places. The first lesson was read by the Vicar of Maulden and the second by the Rural Dean; this was followed by the anthem, 'God is a Spirit,' beautifully sung, unaccompanied, by the choir. The procession then proceeded to the tower during the singing of the hymn, 'All people that on earth do dwell,' where, following their dedication, the bells were immediately rung in rounds by the following members of the local band:—A. Martin, F. Bunker, J. Scott, T. Allen, C. White and S. Stapleton.

BELLS 'TALK'

The hymn 'Now thank we all our God' preceded the Archdeacon's address for which he took as his text 'Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings.' He reminded his hearers that bells 'talk' even to non-ringers, and it is an honour to be able to help them to do this. Among his many quotations, etc., of six syllables, he stressed mostly 'Lov'st thou Me more than these?' 'Praise my soul the King of Heaven' made a most fitting ending to the service. The local band rang rounds immediately afterwards and were soon joined by the many visiting ringers who were only too eager to have a ring and also inspect the bells, which were kept going to a variety of methods, standard up to Spliced Surprise (not forgetting rounds for the learners) until quite late in the evening.

The large gathering of parishioners and visitors assembled in the Village Hall for tea after which, before the company adjourned to their homes or the ringing chamber, the Vicar expressed his appreciation and gratitude to all who made this act of dedication possible and asked the Archdeacon to present tokens of appreciation to the chairman, secretary and treasurer for their untiring efforts.

The old bells, which were in an oak frame, have been turned, had entirely new fittings including new clappers, and been rehung (with new bell) in an iron frame by Messrs John Taylor and Co. who, all present agreed, have completed a very good and neat job.

Originally there were two bells (the present fourth and fifth) cast by Warner in 1857, a further bell (the present tenor—weight 6½ cwt.) also cast by Warner, was added in 1887 on the occasion of Queen Victoria's Jubilee and two trebles were added in 1926 in memory of Richard and Mary Eve: these were cast by Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich. The new treble is inscribed, 'With my sound will I praise Him. Restoration of the peal 1951. This treble was added through the zeal and energy of the Bell Fund Restoration Committee and many friends; A. J. Woodward, chairman; T. P. Harris, secretary; E. J. Baigent, treasurer; J. Adams, Vicar.'

Silsoe had only a stoney band but now, under the able tuition of Mr. T. Harris, has a very keen band of young ringers who are aiming to establish a change-ringing band (one has already rung his first quarter) and we wish them all every success.

ROTHWELL, YORKS

The Ven. C. O. Ellison, Archdeacon of Leeds and president of the Yorkshire Association, rededicated the bells of Holy Trinity Church, Rothwell, on December 8th. The bells have been recast and rehung in a new frame by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

Evensong was conducted by the Vicar (Canon F. E. Mercer), and during the singing of the hymn after the Third Collect a procession was formed consisting of the verger, ringers, choir, architect, representatives of the founders, churchwardens, Vicar and Archdeacon. This proceeded to the base of the tower, and the ringers only mounted into the ringing chamber. After the dedication the bells were rung in rounds for one minute by eight members of the local band. An address was given by the Archdeacon.

After the service the bells were open to visiting ringers until 5 p.m., when about one hundred sat down to tea in the Parish Hall. The Vicar gave a welcome to all present and thanked them for coming in spite of the inclement weather. The Archdeacon voiced the thanks of the company to all concerned in the arrangements, particularly the ladies who looked after the tea. He was ably supported by the chairman of the District Council, Cclr. Phillips, and Mr. J. P. Fidler. Mr. Hemming, of Evesham, expressed to the Vicar, churchwardens and local ringers the thanks of the visitors. The bells were then open again for the visiting ringers and were lowered at 9 p.m. The founders were represented by Mr. J. P. Fidler, and are to be congratulated on turning out another fine ring. The weight of the new tenor is 15 cwt. 21 lb. The second bell was given by the local ringers.

HISTORY OF THE BELLS.

There were three bells at Rothwell in the 18th century, but when they were installed has not yet been discovered. In 1836 six bells were ordered from Taylor's, of Oxford, and allowance made for the metal in the three old bells. These were opened on January 29th, 1837. In 1838 two trebles were added to complete the octave, and these did good service until the present scheme was launched. The old bell frame was unsafe and so was the floor of the bell chamber. The bells had lost all their tone and were out of tune. A new floor has been put in and the stonework rebuilt at the set-off level of the new frame. A new iron frame has been erected, mounted on steel girders, and all the fittings are new. So now all hope that the verse on the tenor will be true for another century.

THE INSCRIPTIONS.

Treble.—Holiness unto the Lord. Alleluia. Taylor's. Bellfounders. 1838.
Second.—Taylor's, Bellfounders, Oxford. 1838. The Ringers' Bell.
Third.—W: and J: Taylor, Oxford, Founders. 1836. The Revd: John Bell, A:M:, Vicar. The Revd: James Horrex, A:B:, Curate. Wm: Hulland, J. Hinchcliffe, C: Wardens.
Fourth.—W: and J: Taylor, Founders, Oxford, 1836. Raised by subscription. Collected by C: Jewison. W: Hulland, J: Flockton, Rothwell, and James Rhodes, of Pontefract.
Fifth.—Taylor's, Founders, Oxford. J: Gibson, Clerk. T: Flockton, Sexton. 1836.
Sixth.—Deo et Ecclesie. Taylor's, Founds:, Oxford. 1836.
Seventh.—This peal was cast by Taylor's, Oxford, in the year of our salvation: 1836.
Tenor.—Patrons: The Vicar. C: Blades, Esqr: J: C: Oddie, Esqr: E: Hummigway, Esqr.
To speak with mellow tone but ne'er to swear,
John Taylor taught us with a father's care,
Screw's, clapper's, wheel's & all keep well in place,
Then for an age quite sound, this tow'r we'll grace.

F. E. Mercer, M.A., B.D., Vicar. R. B. Jones, G. Armitage, W. Wormald, G. Caygill, Churchwardens. 1951.

All the eight bells bear the mark of John Taylor and Co., and 'Recast 1951.'—T. W. S.

TUNSTALL, SUFFOLK

Sunday, December 9th, was a red-letter day in the little village of Tunstall, near Woodbridge, Suffolk, when the six bells were rededicated by the Archdeacon of Suffolk and witnessed by a large congregation, including many leading ringers of Suffolk and Essex.

In his address the Venerable C. O. George congratulated the Rector and parishioners of Tunstall on the recent work completed on the church and bells, and he reminded the congregation of the uses of bells and the important work of the ringers.

The Rector, the Rev. J. Milton Thompson, thanked all those who had been connected with the work, specially mentioning Mr. A. P. Cannon, who represented Gillett and Johnston, and the Blaxhall ringers, who rang the opening rounds, and who had volunteered to teach a local band.

It was only last year that it was discovered the bell frame and all fittings were in the last stages of decay. An appeal was immediately made to raise the necessary funds. Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have retuned the bells and supplied a new iron and steel frame and all new fittings, and Tunstall is now in possession of a first-rate ring with a tenor of 7¼ cwt. in the key of A flat. All ringers present expressed their delight at the wonderful transformation the bellfounders had made, and Mr. Cannon received on behalf of his firm many congratulatory messages.

GOLDHANGER, ESSEX

The dedication of the new tenor bell and rededication of the existing ring of six took place at the Parish Church of St. Peter, Goldhanger, on December 15th, the ceremony being performed by the Archdeacon of Southend, the Ven. E. N. Gowing.

There was a large congregation, including ringers from Boreham, Broomfield, Betchworth (Surrey), Colchester, Danbury, Feering, Kelvedon, Great Baddow, Great Totham and Maldon.

A touch (three leads) was rung by the local band immediately after the dedication, and after service a 360 of Cambridge Surprise Minor was rung by the following: H. B. Gardner (Stock) 1, H. J. Mansfield (Maldon) 2, A. H. Everett (Boreham) 3, H. Stebbings (Burnham-on-Crouch) 4, H. Bradley (Broomfield) 5, A. Patrick Cannon (Betchworth) 6.

There was also quite a lot of good ringing during the evening, including a touch of Grandsire Triples.

The tower has now eleven bells and a frame ready for a new treble when it can be afforded. First of all, however, the parish has to meet an expensive job on the tower and a new heating apparatus.

QUARTER PEALS

BALDERTON, NOTTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Judson (first quarter) 1, Miss P. A. Collins 2, Miss S. M. Harper 3, Miss B. N. White 4, P. N. White (cond.) 5, E. C. White (first quarter) 6.

BALTONSBOROUGH, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Hull (cond.) 1, J. Rawles 2, H. Atwell 3, C. Toogood 4, S. Atwell 5, E. Higdon 6. First quarter for 4 and 6. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. Osborne.

BENHILTON, SURREY.—At All Saints', on Dec. 25th, 1,380 Doubles (360 Plain Bob and 1,020 Grandsire): J. Clarke (first quarter away from tenor behind) 1, W. Parrott 2, P. Richardson 3, P. Leach 4, E. Gosden (cond.) 5, E. Goldsmith (first quarter) 6.

BETHERSDEN, KENT.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Miss M. Fensome (first quarter) 1, P. Jarvis (first 'inside') 2, W. C. Marshall 3, M. W. Marshall 4, W. W. Ring (cond.) 5, C. W. Brown 6. A birthday compliment to Mary Fensome.

BOXLEY, KENT.—On Dec. 20th, 1,440 Minor (720 each of College Single and St. Clement's): W. Gosling 1, W. R. Manser 2, L. Honess 3, D. F. Driver 4, L. Newman 5, R. L. Sills (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to the Rev. Tom Prichard (Vicar of Boxley).

CARHAMPTON, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 19th, with bells half-muffled, 1,260 changes (5½ six score Doubles, 5 six score Plain Bob): Miss E. Poole 1, S. Wyburn (cond.) 2, E. Parker 3, R. Pearse 4, A. Chubb 5, A. Bellamy 6. In memory of W. V. Manning, late member of the tower, buried the same day.

CRADLEY, WORCS.—On Dec. 16th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Griffiths 1, Miss F. Raybould 2, H. J. Shuck 3, A. G. Hall 4, A. Wyre 5, L. R. Hall 6, R. Dunn 7, H. Wyre (cond.) 8. Rung for Gift Sunday.

CROWLAND, LINCS.—On Dec. 17th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: M. Strickland 1, G. Pepper 2, R. Strickland 3, W. A. Smedley 4, F. Taylor (cond.) 5, A. A. Pepper 6.

DERBY.—At St. Andrew's, on Dec. 17th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: J. B. Stennit 1, M. Barker 2, S. Walklate 3, G. Freebrey (cond.) 4, A. E. Thompson 5, P. Whitaker 6, H. Taylor 7, F. R. Lowe 8. A 70th birthday compliment to the conductor.

DITCHEAT, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Harris 1, J. Metcalfe 2, W. Higdon 3, P. Hull (cond.) 4, H. Linern 5, S. Atwell 6, H. Smith 7, E. Lambert 8. First quarter of Triples for 1, 6 and 8.

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Hill 1, R. Drago 2, A. Sanger 3, R. March 4, J. Nicholls 5, J. Badman 6, H. J. Sanger (cond.) 7, P. March (longest length) 8. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

FAVERSHAM, KENT.—On Dec. 16th, 1,316 Grandsire Triples: F. Pack 1, H. Manuel 2, Miss E. S. Wyles 3, P. R. Jemmett 4, B. Jemmett 5, W. S. Palin 6, E. Eades 7, B. Harris (first quarter) 8. Rung for Confirmation service.

FENHAM, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Sewell 1, Mrs. W. R. Smith 2, T. W. Crowe 3, J. Hedley 4, E. N. Harrison (cond.) 5, K. Arthur 6, J. A. Ainsworth 7, J. Heal 8. Rung as a wedding compliment to the ringer of the second.

FRAMPTON, LINCS.—On Christmas morning, 1,260 Minor (720 Cambridge Surprise, 360 London Surprise, 180 Plain Bob): F. Bishop 1, J. R. Kemp 2, A. Young 3, A. E. Flatters 4, T. Cummins 5, J. R. Young (cond.) 6.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLX.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. C. C. Mayne 1, P. D. Beedie 2, S. A. Warwick 3, Janet S. Bailey (first in the method) 4, H. G. Hart 5, H. D. Butler 6, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 7, C. C. Mayne 8.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Taylor (first quarter) 1, D. Coker (cond.) 2, E. R. Markham 3, F. Hayes 4, P. Baldwin 5, W. Plumridge 6, R. Coles 7, C. Wilkinson (first of Triples) 8. A 21st birthday compliment to A. E. Cox.

HOLLOWAY, LONDON.—On Dec. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Doreen Deverell (first quarter) 1, Mabel Prockson 2, E. E. Pryor 3, R. Newman (cond.) 4, W. D. Prockson 5, R. H. Harman 6, W. A. Theobald 7, H. W. Barnard 8.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Pullen (first quarter) 1, Audrey Trott 2, E. Rathborn (first 'inside') 3, J. Smart 4, S. A. Paice (cond.) 5, D. Paice 6, L. Stilwell 7, C. Denyer 8. First by local band for 25 years, and as conductor.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Dec. 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Biggs 1, L. Biggs 2, D. Boreham 3, R. Blaby 4, N. Cornwall (first of Stedman) 5, W. Lee 6, P. Newton (cond.) 7, F. Cox 8.

LANHYDROCK, CORNWALL.—On Dec. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Harper 1, A. H. Eplett 2, Mrs. A. S. Roberts 3, Rev. A. S. Roberts (cond.) 4, C. W. Jose (first on eight) 5, A. Carveth 6, W. Taysom 7, C. K. Brewer 8. Rung to mark the 40th anniversary of the first quarter peal at Truro Cathedral.

LAVENHAM, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. E. Pryke (first quarter) 1, A. F. Turner 2, G. S. Smith 3, W. Jarvis 4, F. Borcham 5, L. Pryke 6, M. T. Symonds (cond.) 7, L. Offord 8. Rung to commemorate the 140th anniversary of the augmentation of the two trebles.

LEWES, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. G. P. Elphick 1, R. C. Hide (cond.) 2, P. Best (first quarter 'inside') 3, F. J. Cress 4, H. S. James 5, G. P. Elphick 6, R. W. E. Dawe 7, T. Woolston 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the late Mr. E. Townsend, a vice-president of the Sussex Association.

LINCOLN.—At the Cathedral, on Dec. 25th, 1,311 Stedman Cinques: H. L. Pask 1, R. F. Smith 2, J. Freeman 3, H. Lowman 4, L. Snell 5, W. Tomlinson (cond.) 6, D. R. White 7, S. A. Chambers 8, J. L. Millhouse 9, C. E. Brown 10, G. M. Mayer 11, K. W. Mayer 12.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: C. W. Powell 1, E. L. Taylor 2, Mrs. C. W. Powell 3, H. G. Keeley 4, N. Mallett 5, Canon C. C. Cox (cond.) 6, G. H. Whitemore 7, G. S. Morris 8.

NORBURY, CHESHIRE.—On Dec. 9th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: I. Brentnall 1, Mrs. J. Fernley 2, Elise Brentnall 3, B. Jones 4, W. Fernley 5, R. E. Jones 6, J. Fernley (cond.) 7, J. W. Hartley 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Sylvia Cain, and also in thanksgiving for the King's recovery.

PENISTONE, YORKS.—On Dec. 16th, 1,320 Treble Bob Minor (720 Kent and 600 Oxford): J. Whitehead 1, F. Barraclough 2, R. Crossland (cond.) 3, P. Garbutt 4, H. Broadhead 5, A. Champion 6.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Barry Cook 1, Mrs. B. Sadler 2, Joan Turner 3, P. J. King (first as cond.) 4, B. Sadler 5, F. B. Lufkin 6, V. W. Grimwade 7, J. Binks 8. First quarter 1 and 2.

PORTISHEAD, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. B. Roberts (first quarter) 1, A. Lane (cond.) 2, Mrs. Welch 3, Mrs. Simmons 4, R. J. Gale 5, R. L. Way (first 'inside') 6, N. R. Phillips 7, G. E. Rowbotham 8. Rung for Holy Communion. All Sunday service ringers.

REIGATE, SURREY.—On Dec. 24th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: M. Munt 1, G. F. Hoad (cond.) 2, B. J. Mayers (first 'inside') 3, F. T. Hoad 4, C. J. Champion 5, J. W. Crouch 6, A. T. Shelton 7, E. G. Talbot 8, G. Oliver 9, M. A. Northover 10. First of Caters by 1 and 5. Rung for the Festival of Christmas.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. F. Perry 1, Mrs. J. C. Northan 2, Miss S. Booth 3, D. J. Woodhams (first quarter) 4, H. Corney 5, N. Philips 6, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 7, A. T. Langstone 8. Birthday compliment to Mrs. J. C. Northan.

ROMSEY ABBEY, HANTS.—On Dec. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Gunner (first quarter Triples) 1, C. Herbert (first quarter Triples 'inside') 2, M. Northway 3, Miss H. Kebby 4, J. Page 5, K. Jacobs 6, C. T. Drew (cond.) 7, W. Bell 8.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On Dec. 16th, 1,008 Grandsire Caters: Fred Fisher 1, A. Stamp 2, Mrs. T. C. Ryder 3, H. E. North 4, P. Coote 5, N. Chaddock (cond.) 6, C. Wright 7, A. Firth 8, P. E. North 9, T. C. Ryder 10. Longest length of Grandsire Caters by 5 and 9.

ROTHWELL, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (on the back six): L. Buckby (first quarter) 1, Miss G. Johnson (first quarter) 2, A. J. York 3, A. E. York 4, H. Baxter 5, B. Austin (cond.) 6. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Austin, parents of the conductor.

ST. BRIAVELS, GLOS.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Addis 1, Walter Reynolds 2, D. Smith 3, Wilfred Reynolds 4, L. H. Jones (cond.) 5, G. Wilce 6.

STONY STRATFORD, BUCKS.—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Hurst 1, E. Lambert 2, W. Dillow 3, J. H. Chance 4, E. Yates 5, T. Trasler 6, H. C. Edwards (cond.) 7, A. Yates 8. Rung for the induction of the Rev. C. L. G. Hutchings.

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Janet Mitchell 1, Anne Lewis 2, Roy Duesbury 3, George Button 4, George N. Orman (cond.) 5, Alan R. Andrews 6. First quarter by 1 and 2.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDS.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,440 Minor (720 Double Oxford and 720 Plain Bob): Mrs. J. Newman 1, J. Scott 2, D. Knox 3, A. Broyd 4, J. Sinfield 5, J. Newman (cond.) 6.

YARDLEY, BIRMINGHAM.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jean Chown (first quarter) 1, H. J. Fitter 2, M. G. Morton 3, P. J. Morton 4, A. H. Fitter (cond.) 5, K. Todd 6. Rung to celebrate the engagement of Kenneth Todd to Sheila Parsons, and also that of Llewellyn Lloyd to Barbara Eades.

YARNTON, OXON.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. Swadling (first quarter, aged 12) 1, Mrs. J. Green 2, Miss J. Swadling 3, H. P. Floyd 4, J. Green (cond.) 5, Mr. Jones 6. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the late Mr. W. A. Daft.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD
North Dorset Branch

Representatives from Shroton, Kington Magna, Hazelbury Bryan, Manston and Ferndown and visitors from Parkstone and Salisbury were present at the annual meeting of the North Dorset Branch on December 8th at Blandford.

The Guild service was conducted by the secretary. The address was given by the Rector (Canon B. T. Rosson), who welcomed the visitors. The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards was at the organ.

The statement of accounts, presented at the business meeting, showed a credit balance of £20.

Officers elected were the Rev. R. M. Taylor, chairman; Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, vice-chairman; and Rev. W. M. Uphill, secretary-treasurer. Messrs. W. C. Shute, L. A. Perrett and J. Gray were reappointed Ringing Masters, and Messrs. J. Ralph, B. Ridout and W. S. Trevett as branch committee. Messrs. G. Lugg, P. Lugg and E. Chaplin, Zeals, and Mrs. D. A. Whitmarsh, and Mrs. M. Stone, Mere, were elected ringing members.

Mr. G. Dennis promised to act as ringing instructor to a new team of ringers from Compton Abbas.

A grant of £2 2s. was made towards Rev. C. A. Phillips memorial, and another of £1 1s. for 'The Ringing World.'

LIGHTEST RING OF SIX

What is believed to be lightest ring of six in the country has been supplied to Mr. C. O. S. Jarvis, of Home Farm, Balscote, near Banbury, by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd.

The tenor is 17½in. in diameter and weighs 1 cwt. 28 lb., and the treble is 11½in. in diameter and weighs 1 qr. 10 lb., and the total weight of the ring only 4 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

Mr. Jarvis himself constructed the framework at his farm and carried out the hanging at the site. Although so small, it is perfectly practicable to ring these bells with all the clappers going up on the right side without serious difficulties.

LATE NOTICES

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Mary-de-Crypt, January 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5.15. Numbers for tea by January 8th, certain.—Larner, 37, Green Lane, Hucclecote, Gloucester. 76

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Ringmer (8), Saturday, January 12th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, January 10th.—B. W. White, 14, South View, Henfield. 80

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Annual meeting, Darley Dale (8), Saturday, January 19th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Cups of tea only.—D. Scott. 81

HEREFORD GUILD.—Ross District.—Annual meeting, Bridstow, January 19th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Names, please, by January 16th, to W. T. Poston, Viewlands, Walford Road, Ross-on-Wye. 77

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Gainsborough District.—The annual meeting will be held at Gainsborough on Saturday, January 19th. Bells (8) available afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea for those who notify me by Tuesday, January 15th.—Geo. L. A. Lunn. Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. (Tel. 2623.) 82

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oundle Branch.—Annual meeting Warmington, Saturday, January 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea, by Tuesday previous, to P. E. Clarke (Mrs.) 7, Bassett Place South Road, Oundle 78

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION—Western Division.—Practice, Angmering, January 19th, 3 p.m. Tea 4.30. Names, please, by January 15th, to E. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis. 79

OBITUARY

MR. WILLIAM EDWARDS

The Dunster Deanery Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association has lost one of its oldest members by the passing, on December 16th, of Mr. William Edwards, of Old Cleeve, aged 72 years.

For about 50 years Mr. Edwards had rung at St. Andrew's Church, Old Cleeve, being for 30 years towerkeeper. A devoted servant of the church, he succeeded his father as clerk and sexton, an office that was also held by his grandfather. Popularly known as 'William the Third,' he gave freely of his labour far beyond his official duties and was ever ready to help someone.

Mr. Edwards leaves a widow but no children, he having married about 12 years ago. He was the last of the Edwards family who had maintained a sequence of 200 years' faithful service to St. Andrew's Church, and it can be truly said of him that he was a true servant of his Master.

MR. G. H. HUXLEY

With regret we record the passing of Mr. G. H. Huxley, for over sixty years a ringer at SS. Peter and Paul's, Bromley, Kent. He died on December 19th, just three weeks after the death of his wife, after fifty-seven years of married life. They were both in their 87th year.

Mr. Huxley learned to ring at Bromley as a lad, and was a member of the Bromley Youths throughout his young ringing life, and deputy leader for many years. He was a good ringer in the standard methods until handicapped by increasing deafness, which in later years became total.

Since the destruction of the old bells he had done little ringing, but he managed to ascend the restored tower upon the dedication of the new ring in September last, but did not feel up to having a pull although pressed to do so. He was a most useful member, always ready to do repairs, making bookcases, bell cases, etc., all of which unfortunately perished in the bombing of the church.

Mr. Huxley was a member of the College Youths for 48 years and of the Kent County Association for about the same period. He rang in 44 peals and conducted quite a number of quarter peals of Grandsire.

The funeral was on December 22nd in the London Road Cemetery, the Vicar of Bromley officiating. The mourners were his two daughters with their husbands: Mr. I. Emery and Mr. J. Lyddiard, representing the College Youths, with Mr. E. Mounter, Mr. G. Kite and Mr. H. Knight representing the Kent County Association and the Bromley Youths collectively. May he rest in peace. I. E.

MR. H. G. MILES

We regret to report the death of Mr. H. G. Miles, a trustee of the Ancient Society of College Youths, on December 16th. Cremation was at Mortlake on December 21st.

A talented ringer and composer, Mr. Miles was born at Much Hadham, and was for many years connected with St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington.

We hope to publish a memoir at an early date.

RINGING PEALS OF CORNWALL

Dear Sir.—I hope shortly to commence a compilation of the history of 'The Ringing Peals of Church Bells in Cornwall,' and I should appreciate any help that ringers could give me. I am writing to each incumbent in due course, but as I am forced to compile this work by correspondence it will be at least three years before the book is ready for publication.
—Yours faithfully, F. STUART WORTH.
'C' Block,'
Didworthy Chest Hospital,
South Brent, South Devon.

NOTICES

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ENGAGEMENTS

SPEED—STOCKDALE.—The engagement is announced between Richard F. B. Speed, of 36, Blawith Road, Harrow, and Anne B. Stockdale, of 129, Gower Street, W.C.1. 43

PRICE—GARDNER.—The engagement is announced between Helen Gardner, of Ansells End, Kimpton, Herts, and Donald Price, of 45, Stonecross Road, Hatfield. 29

NEW YEAR'S GREETING

Instructor-Lieutenant J. Merritt, R.N., H.M.S. Bermuda, sends New Year greetings to all ringing friends in U.K. 28

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of Walter Allman is now 4, Willow Close, Runcorn, Cheshire. 65

HANDBELLS WANTED

WANTED for overseas, set of eight handbells, medium size, good condition, perfect tune. State maker, key, and price.—Rev. Prebendary E. V. Cox, West Hill, Ottery St. Mary, Devon. 46

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ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Annual general meeting, Ely (8), January 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. (Bonnetts).—Miss M. Grain, Ely. 30

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South West Division.—Annual meeting, Leytonstone (8), Saturday, January 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. To be followed by tea and business meeting. Elections, etc. Most important for this meeting that names for tea are sent to Mr. G. Dawson, 143, Norman Road, Leytonstone, E.11. 9917

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LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Mary's, Putney, Saturday, January 5th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, Gordon Restaurant, 5 (names, please). Business including nominations, All Saints', Fulham, 5.45. Ringing 7 p.m. Monday, January 7th, 7.15, practice, St. Mary's, Lambeth Saturday, February 2nd, annual meeting, including handbell competition, Southwark Cathedral, etc. Everyone welcome.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 9991

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South and West District.—Meeting, Brentford (rehung), Saturday, Jan. 5th, 3-5.30, near canal bridge. Ealing St. Mary (8), 6-9. Near South Ealing Station. Cafe near St. Mary's.—G. Dodds, Dis. Sec. 11

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Swalcliffe (6), January 5th. Service 4 p.m. Tea. Tadmarton (6).—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Oxon. 42

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Annual meeting at St. Mary's, Nottingham, Saturday, January 5th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Meeting 6 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—S. Patricia M. Lewin. 37

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WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Annual District meeting at Winchester on Saturday, January 5th. Bells available: Cathedral (12) 1—2 and 6—7; St. Maurice's (6) 7—8.30; Twyford (8) 7—8.30; Hursley (8) 7—9. Business meeting in Committee Room of Awory Tea Rooms (above W. H. Smith and Son's) at 2.30, followed by tea at 4. Service in Cathedral at 5.15. —J. A. C. King. 9973

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Practice, St. Michael's, Cornhill, Tuesday, January 8th, 6.30 p.m.; Southwark Cathedral, January 15th, 6.30. Business meeting, South Croydon, Saturday, 19th, 3 p.m.—A. B. Peck, Sec. 61

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual meeting, Barnsley, January 12th. Bells 2.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting, Royal Hotel, 6 p.m. Those requiring tea must notify me not later than January 9th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 18, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 73

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BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Frome Branch.—Annual meeting at Chewton Mendip, Saturday, January 12th. Bells 3. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please.—E. J. Chivers, Wingles, Chilcompton. 40

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DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—West Hartlepool (Stranton), Saturday, January 12th, 2.30. Names for tea, by January 10th, to Mr. W. Maughan, 110, Elwick Road, West Hartlepool.—W. Sheraton. 58

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. —Joint meeting St. Cuthbert's, Darlington, Saturday, January 12th, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by January 9th, to Mr. T. Cooke, 24, Leafield Road Darlington.—D. R. Airey. 51

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ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech Branch. — Annual meeting, Wisbech, January 12th. Bells (10) 2.30. Service 4.30 Own arrangements for tea.—J. E. Fox, Dis. Sec. 60

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—The annual meeting will be held at Harlow Town (8) on Saturday, Jan. 12th, at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to G. Blake, 96, Burford Street, Hoddesdon, Herts. 16

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch. — Annual branch meeting, Preston Parish Church, Saturday, January 12th. Bring own food; cups of tea provided.—L. Walmsley, Leyland Motors, Ltd., Leyland. 49

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LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, January 12th. Ringing: 2.30-4.30, Parish Church; evening, Bell Foundry. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in Fearon Hall. Names, by January 9th, to Mr. J. H. Grundy, Limehurst, Bridge Street, Loughborough.—C. W. Hall. 39

LEICESTER GUILD.—Syston District.—Annual meeting, Syston, January 12th. Service 4.30, followed by business meeting, elections, etc. Names for tea, by Wednesday January 12th, to E. F. Payne, 6, The Green, Syston. All members cordially invited. 35

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Annual meeting, Kirby Bellars, Saturday, January 12th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 o'clock. Names, by the 10th, to Mr. A. Hinman, Kirby Bellars.—J. H. Cook. 75

LINCOLN GUILD. — Lincoln District. — Annual meeting. Caythorpe (8), Saturday, January 12th. Bells available 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify, by the Wednesday previous. Mr. J. Cragg, Caythorpe. —John Freeman Hon. Sec. 52

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Repton (8), Saturday, Jan. 12th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meetings follow. Names to S. H. Jones, 24, Brook End, Repton, near Derby. All welcome. 13

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Annual general meeting at East Haddon, Saturday, January 12th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Institute Names for tea (early please) to E. Orland, High Street, Long Buckby, Rugby. 47

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Annual meeting, Kettering, January 12th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. All welcome. Names for tea, by Tuesday, 8th, please.—G. E. Watson, 81, Church Street, Burton Latimer, Kettering. 44

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — North Notts Branch.—Annual meeting at Retford, Saturday, January 12th. East Retford (10), West Retford (6) and Ordsall (6) from 2.30. Service at East Retford at 4.15. Tea, 3s., at 5 p.m., at Howard's Cafe, for those who notify, by January 9th, Mr. O. Street, 61, Cobwell Road, Retford.—H. Denman. 26

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Southampton District. — Annual general meeting at St. Michael's, Southampton, January 12th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea by January 8th, to M. J. Butler, 8, St. Peter's Road, Southampton. 7

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District. — Joint meeting with Beverley and District Society at Beverley Minster, Saturday, January 12th. Bells (10) from 2 p.m. Service in Minster 4.30. Tea, 3s. 6d. each, in Parish Room. Names, by Wednesday, January 9th, to Mr. L. Daggitt, 82, Minster-Moorgate, Beverley.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Sec. 62

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Glaston Deanery.—Annual meeting, St. Cuthbert's, Wells, Saturday, January 19th. Bells 3. Service 4. Tea and meeting. Notify for tea by Tuesday, January 15th. Cathedral bells available evening.—William Marsh, 4, Dovecotes, Street, Somerset. 59

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. —Annual meeting, Braintree (8), Saturday, January 19th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Names for tea, if possible, to H. A. Pratt, 6, Council Houses, Black Notley, Braintree. 67

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting, Swanscombe (8), on Saturday, January 19th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting in Parish Room. Names for tea to me by Wednesday, January 10th.—B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, near Sittingbourne, Kent. 66

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, January 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Names for a free tea, by January 16th, to V. Martin, 413, Crompton Way, Bolton. 69

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Hethersett on Saturday, January 19th. Bells (8) from 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Room. Meeting after tea. Bells also in the evening. Names for tea, by Tuesday, 15th, to Mr. R. G. Lofty, 7, Council Houses, Little Melton Road, Hethersett, Norwich. No names, no tea.—H. Tooke, Branch Sec. 41

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Culworth Branch.—Annual meeting, Culworth, Saturday, January 19th. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30. Names for tea by Tuesday previous.—A. E. R. Walker, Eydon, Rugby. 48

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WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Portsmouth District. —Annual meeting, St. Mary's, Portsea (8), January 19th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5, in St. Mary's Institute. Names, by January 15th, to John H. Hunt, 44, Bellfield, Titchfield, Hants. 55

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—A general meeting of the Association will be held at Sheffield on Saturday, January 19th. Please reserve date Full particulars next week.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Annual District meeting at Hemel Hempstead (8) on Saturday, January 26th. Annual social at Berkhamsted on Saturday, February 16th. Details later.—P. A. Martin. 68

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LEADERSHIP

THE recent leading article by P. A. C. regarding Sunday service ringing reminds the writer of the first tower to which he had the privilege to become attached. It was that of the Church of St. Paul, Burton-on-Trent, the ringers of which had made ringing history in the '80's and '90's. The conductor of that band had been dead two years when Joseph Griffin gave the writer his first lesson in rope handling. As a boy of 16, he was much impressed by what he found in the ringing chamber. What William Wakley had left behind made its presence felt. Every Sunday morning Pitstow's 408 of Stedman was rung, finishing within a few seconds of 10.25. Then the ringers descended the tower and took their places in the choir, at the altar, or in the ringers' seat. The evening ringing was much the same. Two courses of the Surprise method then being practised were rung before 6 o'clock, and shortly after the quiet 'Now, chaps,' of the late Edward Isaac Stone sent the ringers to their ropes again to ring 408 of Stedman Triples for service. E. I. Stone followed the late W. Wakley in the captaincy. The younger members of the band always addressed him as Mr. Stone, as they had a tremendous respect for him, not only as a first-class ringer, but for his sterling character and utter reliability.

One could attribute this state of affairs to several factors; a faithful priest in the shape of the Rev. J. J. G. Stockley, as he was then; the pride in the prestige of the band; or that indefinable quality, leadership, which was possessed by the Wakley family. The four of them that we knew were men of dynamic character and of singleness of purpose. It is probable that the last of these factors was the chief cause of that ideal state of Sunday service ringing. A further reminiscence may not be out of place here. The break up of the band was tragic, and due to no controllable causes. World War I. took its toll of the band. Three died through war service, one of the older members died, another removed from the town, and when those of the band who had fought overseas returned, no fewer than four of them had to leave the town to take up work in other places far removed from the home tower. A few years ago, however, it was apparent that the spirit of William Wakley and his contemporaries was returning to the tower. There was then a new band with a capable and enthusiastic leader.

It has been said that it is hard, almost impossible perhaps, to define the quality of leadership. So it is, but it is not so difficult to describe some of the qualities which make up a good leader. Obviously, he must know his job, and he must be at least the equal, as far as ringing ability is concerned, of those whom he leads. It is impossible to lead by pushing behind. He must show by example what he expects. He must insist on the best being produced if it be only rounds. It follows, then, that he should be able to recognise rounds when he hears it. So many are quite content if the bells strike roughly clear of one another, and are utterly incapable of appreciating that almost perfect accuracy in bell placing as was exemplified on Christmas morning from Birmingham and North Tawton.

A good leader should also know Church law as applied to ringers. It is so easy for a leader to assume powers to which he has no right. There is the example of a famous Gloucestershire ringer who quarrelled with his association, and indeed formed a separate district guild. He took to himself the right to give permission for peal attempts. Possibly his incumbent had delegated the right to him, in which case it was an unwise thing to do. One could get permission from him to attempt a peal there, but he always laid down the condition that the peal should be rung for any association but the one for which it ought to have been rung. He was a good churchman and in most respects a lovable man, but one always felt uncomfortable in the tower.

He should, too, be something of a psychologist. He should criticise. That is one of his jobs. If he is a good enough ringer, his criticisms are generally accepted with good grace, but, even so, his strictures should be made in a kindly manner. If he can do this without showing annoyance at the man who has been told many times about a particular fault, and who resents criticism, and still persists in going his own way, then he has one of the qualities which go to make a leader, and that is infinite patience. Ringing is so much a co-operative effort that ringers feel that Jack is as good as his master; anyway they are doing their best, so that the discipline in a belfry is of a different character from the discipline of the choir, and a good leader knows this and acts accordingly.

He should insist on properly reverent behaviour in the tower, and he should have the courage to recite the belfry prayer before all occasions of ringing. The atmosphere in towers where this is carried out is perceptibly better than in those towers where it is not done. He should have the power to breed punctuality in those who are inherently unpunctual. Constantly he should see to it that his ringers are ever aware of the character of their work, so that their

ringing is never divorced from its primary character of service. If he should make a mistake, in whatever the branch of his duties, he should be able to acknowledge his error, openly and with good grace. On the other hand, if he makes a decision which he wholeheartedly believes to be right, he should stand by that decision. In that way he can gain the respect and loyalty of those whom he leads, so that they will follow him as he takes them to better standards of ringing and service.

There have been great leaders in the past; there are good leaders to-day. Some may excel in one branch of the art, while others by their selfless devotion inspire others to greater efforts. These men are of the salt of the earth and can truly call themselves leaders, not that they would make any such claim. J. T. D.

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GEOFFREY M. MAYER	3	*CHARLES E. BROWN	9
HERBERT LOWMAN	4	H. LESLIE PASK	10
LEWIS SNELL	5	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	11
WALTER TOMLINSON	6	JOHN FREEMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.
* First peal of Stedman Cinques 'inside.' A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Pask.

TEN BELL PEALS

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Dec. 22, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

LEONARD TREVOR	*Treble*	MICHAEL CALLOW	6
ARTHUR BEAMISH	2	HUBERT ASHLEY	7
FRANK PERVIN	3	JAS. L. GARNER HAYWARD	8
FRANK PERRENS	4	FRANK HAYNES	9
ADOLPHUS ROBERTS	5	*JACK THOMPSON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by FRANK PERRENS.
* 150th peal.

BECKENHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 26, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

HILDA OAKSHETT	*Treble*	JAMES BENNETT	6
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	2	*ALLISON PURDON	7
JOHN E. LYDDIARD	3	PERCY J. SPICE	8
WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS	4	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS	9
*A. RONALD LING	5	JACK DAFTERS	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (No. 33). Conducted by JAS. BENNETT.
* First peal of Treble Ten. Rung to commemorate the 50 years of ministry by the Rector, Canon Francis W. Boyd, M.A.

SOUTHAMPTON, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 26, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 16¼ cwt.

JOYCE R. COX	*Treble*	ARTHUR V. DAVIS	6
*WALTER H. GLASSPOOL	2	MAURICE J. BUTLER	7
NELIA M. LEAHY	3	REGINALD REX	8
*ARTHUR W. J. BUTLER	4	REGINALD A. REED	9
†PATRICK PAGE	5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN	*Tenor*

Composed by F. E. DERBY. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.
* First peal of Treble Ten. † First peal on ten bells.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Thurs., Dec. 27, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 16¼ cwt.

HOWARD HOWELL	*Treble*	WILLIAM DAVIES	6
JOAN BERESFORD	2	J. DENNIS HOLDEN	7
GEORGE E. OLIVER	3	ERNEST STITCH	8
J. NORMAN HADLEY	4	MAURICE G. TURNER	9
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	5	ARTHUR S. WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.
Rung for the Christmas festival.

SOUTHAMPTON.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 21¼ cwt.

D. CECIL WILLIAMS	*Treble*	MAURICE J. BUTLER	6
JESSIE M. KIPPIN	2	†HARRY BUCKINGHAM	7
WALTER H. GLASSPOOL	3	†ERNEST BROWN	8
*ANN WEST	4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN	9
NELIA M. LEAHY	5	REGINALD A. REED	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.
* First peal. † First peal of Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

THREE PEALS OF LONDON IN THREE COUNTIES IN ONE DAY.

BARTON-UNDER-NEEDWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt.

JOSEPH WM. COTTON	*Treble*	HAROLD TAYLOR	5
WALTER G. SOAR	2	FRANCIS R. LOWE	6
FREDK. E. WILSHAW	3	SIDNEY H. JONES	7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	4	FREDK. W. GROCOTT	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by FREDK. W. GROCOTT.
The first peal of London Surprise Major on the bells.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

JOSEPH WM. COTTON	*Treble*	SIDNEY H. JONES	5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	2	HAROLD TAYLOR	6
FRANCIS R. LOWE	3	FREDK. E. WILSHAW	7
WALTER G. SOAR	4	FREDK. W. GROCOTT	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by FREDK. W. GROCOTT.
The first peal of London Surprise Major on the bells.

OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

JOSEPH WM. COTTON	*Treble*	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	5
HAROLD TAYLOR	2	SIDNEY H. JONES	6
FREDK. E. WILSHAW	3	FRANCIS R. LOWE	7
WALTER G. SOAR	4	FREDK. W. GROCOTT	*Tenor*

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by FREDK. W. GROCOTT.
The first peal of London Surprise Major on the bells.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 24, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21¼ cwt.

ELIZABETH LAYTON	*Treble*	ALBERT J. ADAMS	5
*MICHAEL F. LAYTON	2	*NORMAN HOBDEN	6
GILLIAN R. BRITTAIN	3	ALBERT E. CHEESMAN	7
DENIS N. LAYTON	4	HAROLD N. PITSTOW	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by HAROLD N. PITSTOW.
* First peal in the method.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 24, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14½ cwt. in F sharp.

PERCY GREEN	*Treble*	MRS. JEAN M. HARRIS	5
*PETER J. CAME	2	HARRY BRADLEY	6
*JOE E. G. ROAST	3	BERNARD BOVER	7
*JOHN WEST	4	FRANK L. HARRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.
* First peal.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 5, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.
A PEAL OF 5152 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

JOHN COOK	*Treble*	ALFRED BALLARD	5
MRS. J. R. SMITH	2	ARTHUR E. BODYCOTE	6
JOHN R. SMITH	3	MICHAEL BROWN	7
HAROLD KILBY	4	JOHN J. MORRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by W. P. WHITEHEAD. Conducted by JOHN J. MORRIS.
Rung as an 83rd birthday compliment to Mr. John E. Clarke.

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 19, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
The 'Barrabool' peal. Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb.

STANLEY E. BENNETT	*Treble*	JOHN G. AMES	5
BERNARD H. DALTON	2	W. ALLAN RICHARDSON	6
AUBREY D. MILLS	3	*HORACE BENNETT	7
HAROLD BARSLEY	4	C. HAROLD WHITTON	*Tenor*

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by C. H. WHITTON.
* 50th peal. Rung in honour of the completion by Mr. J. Curry of 52 years' membership of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

NORTHAMPTON.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 20, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND.
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

HARRY WOODING	*Treble*	WILLIAM YATES	5
BRIAN AUSTIN	2	GEOFFREY E. WATSON	6
GEORGE E. GREEN	3	HARRY PARKES	7
RONALD C. NOON	4	GEORGE CARE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by GEORGE CARE.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 22, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
S. Biddleston's Twelve-part. Tenor 17¼ cwt.

*ALAN PENDLEBURY	*Treble*	JOSEPH THORNLEY	5
BRIAN A. TOMLINSON	2	PETER CROOK, SEN.	6
NORMAN TOMKINS	3	EDWARD IDDON	7
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	4	JOHN F. WOOD	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.
* First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to the conductor's wife (70) and youngest grandchild (one), both on December 22nd.

BRIGHOUSE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 22, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr.

*CLIFFORD AARON	*Treble*	W. GEORGE TURNER	5
GORDON TURNER	2	SIDNEY H. BARRON	6
*ARTHUR ROGERS	3	JOHN PEARSON	7
FRANK LINFOOT	4	ALBERT W. BOND	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN PEARSON.
* First peal of Kent Major. Rung to the memory of Mr. George Drake, for 50 years ringer and conductor at this tower.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 22, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

BRYAN S. COPE	*Treble*	PHILIP JONES	5
ERNEST E. WHITMORE	2	GEORGE CARE	6
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	3	JOHN KING	7
BRIAN AUSTIN	4	GEOFFREY E. WATSON	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by GEOFFREY E. WATSON.
A birthday compliment to Brian Austin.

HARWELL, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 22, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Taylor's Six-part. Tenor 16½ cwt.

DOUGLAS JORDAN	*Treble*	CLAUDE CORDEROY	5
HENRY L. BISHOP	2	ROBERT B. BLOND	6
ALFRED R. GREENOUGH	3	WILLIAM CORDEROY	7
JOHN SEYMOUR	4	DOUGLAS BOSLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT B. BLOND.
Rung after the induction service as a welcome peal to the Rev. and Mrs. C. S. Mason.

WALMER, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 22, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 19 cwt.

*ANNE VINE	*Treble*	HUBERT H. FURMINGER	5
*PETER J. RYE	2	*THOMAS A. WICKENS	6
*JANET R. WELLS	3	FREDERICK A. RYE	7
*GEORGE E. RUCK	4	*DESMOND D. LADD	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK A. RYE.
* First peal of Triples. First peal as conductor. First peal to be rung in this tower by members of the local company.

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WHISTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
On Sat., Dec. 22, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,
A PEAL OF 5152 IPSWICH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

Philip Coote	*Treble*	Wilfred L. Robinson	5
John J. L. Gilbert	2	Gordon C. Briggs	6
Frank Reed	3	Norman Chaddock	7
Herbert O. Chaddock	4	John E. Turley	*Tenor*

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by Norman Chaddock.
First peal in the method by all except ringers of 4th and tenor.

SEVENOAKS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 24, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in E flat.

William G. Cook	*Treble*	*Thomas E. Sone	5
Ernest J. Ladd	2	William Rogers	6
Doris E. Colgate	3	John O. Weller	7
Robert Collins	4	S. Geoffrey Waters	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by William Rogers.
* 100th Surprise peal. First peal of Yorkshire on the bells. An 87th birthday compliment to Mr. W. J. Ladd, of East Grinstead, Sussex, father of the 2nd ringer.

ALDENHAM, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 26, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

Reginald Rowley	*Treble*	*Neville Jenkins	5
Cecil E. R. Evans	2	William Wenban	6
Fredk. H. Crook	3	John E. Rootes	7
D. Kay Adkins	4	Geoffrey W. Seaman	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. Burton. Conducted by Geoffrey W. Seaman.
* First peal.

ALREWAS, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD
On Wed., Dec. 26, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 12 cwt.

Dennis Beresford	*Treble*	Joan Beresford	5
Francis A. Sedgwick	2	Walter J. Cope	6
George E. Oliver	3	Peter Beresford	7
Jeffrey B. Webb	4	Henry Wm. Bailey	*Tenor*

Conducted by Peter Beresford.
First peal on tower bells as conductor and 50th peal.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 26, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Giles,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

William R. Parker	*Treble*	Sydney A. Chambers	5
*Geoffrey R. Parker	2	*John E. Cook	6
Margaret A. Swann	3	H. Leslie Pask	7
Jack F. Hodson	4	Jack L. Millhouse	*Tenor*

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First peal of London Surprise Major. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Leslie Pask, who were married in this church (then St. Peter-at-Arches) on Christmas Day, 1926.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 26, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17¼ cwt.

*Harold White	*Treble*	Thomas Price	5
Alan M. Hickman	2	Sydney Hughes	6
†Bernard Madeley	3	Frederick Price	7
Raymond Hazeldine	4	William H. Tyler	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by William H. Tyler.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' Conductor's 25th peal. Rung as a compliment to R. D. Langford, who is retiring after 30 years as secretary of the Crewe Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild. Also to welcome the Vicar home after a long illness. All the band are local service ringers.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
On Wed., Dec. 26, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 40¼ cwt. in B.

Ronald Birch	*Treble*	Dennis Holland	5
Barry Holland	2	John E. Turley	6
Frank Reed	3	Norman Chaddock	7
John J. L. Gilbert	4	Herbert O. Chaddock	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. Burton. Conducted by Norman Chaddock.
First peal of Major on the back eight, though the bells were installed in 1805.

SOUTHWELL, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 26, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral and Collegiate Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr.

*George E. Foster	*Treble*	*John Bramley	5
J. Frederick Milner	2	*John B. Bennett	6
Ernest W. Rawson	3	†Terence A. Thornber	7
Harold J. Poole	4	Peter J. Staniforth	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Harold J. Poole.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major in the method. First peal in the method on the bells and for the Guild.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 28, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. Remigius,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

Nolan Golden	*Treble*	Raymond G. Lofty	5
*Sheila Barker	2	Ernest G. Shorting	6
Charles H. Moore	3	H. William Barrett	7
Gordon Elvin	4	Bert Gogle	*Tenor*

Composed by Fredk. A. Holden. Conducted by Nolan Golden.
* First peal of Treble Bob.

BEDWELLTY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Sannan,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 14 cwt.

Thomas Yeomans	*Treble*	Rev. Ivor J. Richards	5
*Mrs. A. R. Price	2	†William Dare	6
Donald G. Clarke	3	Jack R. Worrall	7
A. Ryan Price	4	†Glyn Williams	*Tenor*

Conducted by Jack R. Worrall.
* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman on the bells.

CONISBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Containing 1,280 London, 1,312 Bristol, 1,568 Cambridge and 992 Superlative, with 106 changes of method . Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

David G. Jackson	*Treble*	William H. Jackson	5
W. Eric Critchley	2	J. Frederick Milner	6
Milton C. Fowler	3	J. Martin Thorley	7
F. Bernard Ditcher	4	Gibson Jackson	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.
First peal of Spliced as conductor, 200th peal, 50th as conductor, and 50th with ringer of 7th.

DOUGLAS-IN-PARBOLD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At Christ Church,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 12 cwt.

Jean Marshall	*Treble*	Thomas Marshall	5
Thomas Hammond	2	Thomas Hesketh	6
Jack Ashcroft	3	Edwin C. Birkett	7
Lester L. Gray	4	Joseph Ridyard	*Tenor*

Conducted by Joseph Ridyard.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, HAMPTON,
A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

WILFRED J. NEWMAN	*Treble*	†FREDK. G. NURDEN	5
*R. ROGER SAVORY	2	*GERALD C. HEMMING	6
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	3	E. TREVOR NEWBURY	7
*CLIFFORD J. DARKE	4	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by GEOFFREY J. HEMMING.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † 50th peal. A wedding anniversary peal for W. J. Newman and a compliment to David Hemming, eldest son of the conductor, on his 21st birthday.

GREASLEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Pitstow's Transposition. Tenor 14½ cwt.

CLEMENT GLENN	*Treble*	FREDK. A. SALTER	5
ALBERT H. WARD	2	J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF	6
*BRIAN BUSWELL	3	WALTER NICHOLS	7
PATRICK PRESTON	4	ARTHUR E. HOODLESS	*Tenor*

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
* First peal in the method.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat. Dec. 29, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-DE-SEPULCHRE,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. in G.

WILFRED G. SAUNDERS	*Treble*	GEORGE SAYER	5
JOHN R. SMITH	2	*HENRY TOOKE	6
H. WILLIAM BARRETT	3	*ERNEST V. BLAKE	7
NOLAN GOLDEN	4	BERT GOGLE	*Tenor*

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal in the method.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Washbrook's Transposition. Tenor 25½ cwt.

PETER N. BOND	*Treble*	PATRICK PAGE	5
BLANCHE M. BALL	2	FREDK. W. BURNETT	6
*STANLEY E. COOK	3	JOHN H. HUNT	7
†FRANK S. TAYLOR	4	JOHN W. MEADE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.
* 25th peal. † 40th peal.

PRESTWICH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

*J. DOUGLAS B. LEYLAND	*Treble*	G. ARTHUR BELL	5
REV. F. F. RIGBY	2	FRANK J. MAUDE	6
A. EDWARD REEVES	3	FRANK REYNOLDS	7
DEREK OGDEN	4	†REV. R. D. ST. J. SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by S. H. WOOD. Conducted by REV. R. D. ST. JOHN SMITH.
* First peal of Major. † 100th peal.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

BRIAN HARRIS	*Treble*	J. BENJAMIN BUDD	5
BERNARD R. MILLWARD	2	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	6
JOHN E. USHER	3	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	7
ROGER B. MORRIS	4	PERCY SWINDLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
Brian Harris has completed the 'circle' in this tower and has rung each bell to a peal in a different method.



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NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Nov. 21, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Consisting of 42 extents. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in E.

*George H. Tallis	*Treble*	J. W. Frank Trotman	4
†Ernest T. Wilson	2	‡Walter R. Beebe	5
Alan J. Twigger	3	†John Turner	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. W. Frank Trotman.
* First peal away from cover. † First peal. ‡ 25th peal.

MELDRETH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 12, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 11¾ cwt.

Fredk. C. Gifford	*Treble*	William J. Ridgman	4
P. John Wilkin	2	John G. Gipson	5
*Michael Bland	3	Peter Border	*Tenor*

Conducted by Peter Border.
* First peal of Minor.

TICEHURST, SUSSEX.
THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 21, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, two of Single Oxford and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

*Stanley G. Ponting	*Treble*	William R. Manser	4
Luther Honess	2	†Ernest J. Ladd	5
Albert Relfe	3	‡Charles A. Bassett	*Tenor*

Conducted by Albert Relfe.
* First peal in more than one method. † First peal in four methods. ‡ 75th peal. A welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. F. J. Law. First peal on the bells since rehanging by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

DODLESTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 22, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt..

*Brian Kenny	*Treble*	Jack Tilston	4
Betty Griffiths	2	Jack Hughes	5
George Case	3	Henry O. Baker	*Tenor*

Conducted by Henry O. Baker.
* First peal of Minor. A 16th birthday compliment to Miss Betty Griffiths, and a birthday compliment to the Rev. J. Kingdon, M.A.

ORDSALL, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 22, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Hallows,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven 720's: (1) St. Albans, Wragby, Charlwood, Neasden and Braintree Doubles, (2) College Bob IV., Willesden, Newdigate, Old Oxford and Marple Doubles, (3) College Exercise, Norbury, Ockley, Duke of Norfolk and Morning Star Treble Bob, (4) London Scholars Pleasure, Kingston, Capel, Sandal and Oxford Treble Bob, (5) Cambridge Surprise, (6) Killamarsh Treble Bob, (7) Kent Treble Bob.
Tenor 7 cwt.

Joan Smith	*Treble*	Harold Denman	4
Ernest Preston	2	Douglas H. Rooke	5
George Challans	3	Herbert T. Rooke	*Tenor*

Conducted by Herbert T. Rooke.
First peal in 23 Treble Bob methods by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 26, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Clement,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two 720's of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, and one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 15¾ cwt. in F.

Geoffrey F. Page	*Treble*	Douglas A. Collins	4
Robert E. Lester	2	Max P. Page	5
*Derek Woodward	3	Garnham A. Blaxcell	*Tenor*

Conducted by Max P. Page.
* First peal in four methods. First peal in four methods as conductor.

UPCHURCH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 22, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being four extents of Plain Bob and three extents of Single Oxford Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

Emily B. P. Walker	*Treble*	George Kenward	4
Cecil Bishop	2	George A. Naylor	5
Francis J. Cheal	3	Eric Naylor	*Tenor*

Conducted by George A. Naylor.
Rung as an 84th birthday compliment to William J. Walker, who still rings regularly. He is father of the treble ringer. Also for the birthday of Mrs. R. A. Cheal, mother of the 3rd ringer.

DODFORD, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 24, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being two 120's of Clifford Pleasure and ten 120's each of Reverse Canterbury, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire.
Tenor 13 cwt. (approx.).

*June M. E. Hill (12)	*Treble*	Victor A. Perry	4
*Brian D. Hill	2	Ernest G. Orland	5
Sydney G. Osborne	3	Malcolm J. V. Chown	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ernest G. Orland.
* First peal.

BOURNE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 26, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Abbey Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being one extent each of Primrose, Ipswich, Beverley, Surfleet, York, Durham and Cambridge. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

Fredk. W. French	*Treble*	James W. Haw	4
Cecil Wade	2	Leonard C. Blanchard	5
Horace M. Day	3	Albert E. Scott	*Tenor*

Conducted by Albert E. Scott.
First peal as conductor. Rung in honour of the Rev. John G. M. Scott, who was ordained deacon on Sunday, December 23rd, at Exeter Cathedral.

BRANDESTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 26, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being an extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb. in G sharp.

Ronald W. Steward	*Treble*	William J. Button	4
Geoffrey F. Page	2	Max P. Page	5
Robert E. Lester	3	Garnham A. Blaxcell	*Tenor*

Conducted by Max P. Page.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss P. M. Clarke, of Rushmere.

CHESTER.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 26, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints, Hoole.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt.

*John W. Griffiths	*Treble*	Roger B. Morris	4
J. Benjamin Budd	2	R. Gordon Corby	5
Dennis H. B. Millward	3	*Brian Harris	*Tenor*

Conducted by Brian Harris.
* 50th peal together.

IFFLEY, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 26, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being three extents each of Grandsire, St. Blaise, Fortune, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps Pleasure, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Clifford Pleasure, St. Columb, Southrepps Pleasure, Plain Bob, April Day, Old, Norfolk and Kennington. Tenor 10 cwt.

*Christine Hall	*Treble*	*Walter Fern	4
David Woodley	2	*Thomas Bowles	5
James Adams	3	Graham Webb	*Tenor*

Conducted by David Woodley.
* First peal in 14 methods. First peal as conductor. First peal in 14 methods to be rung on the bells.

MOUNTSORREL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 26, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
At Christ Church,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Single Oxford Bob and four extents of Plain Bob (different callings). Tenor 8 cwt. 27 lb. in G sharp.

*R. Soars	*Treble*	*B. Stedman Payne	4
Geoffrey J. Lowe	2	J. Underwood	5
*Royston Wilmore	3	R. Beniston	*Tenor*

Conducted by R. Beniston.

* First peal of Minor in five methods. Quickest peal on the bells.

RINGWOULD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 26, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 36 extents (10 callings) and three 240's of Morris's arrangement. Tenor 5 cwt. 3 qr. in B flat.

*Valerie Wicks (16)	*Treble*	Desmond P. Ladd	3
†John F. Penfold (14)	2	†Peter J. Rye (17)	4
George E. Ruck (16)	*Tenor*		

Conducted by George E. Ruck.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside' in the method. First peal as conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., July 17, 1951, *in* 1 *Hour and* 57 *Minutes,*
In the Belfry of the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of April Day and Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire. Tenor size 11 in G.

*Hector A. Knights 1-2 | J. W. Frank Trotman 3-4
Alan J. Twigger 5-6

Conducted by J. W. Frank Trotman.

* First peal 'in hand' away from the tenors.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 9, 1951, *in* 1 *Hour and* 40 *Minutes,*
In the Belfry of the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 14 extents each of April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor size 8 in C.

Alan J. Twigger 1-2 | J. W. Frank Trotman 3-4
Walter R. Beebe 5-6

Conducted by J. W. Frank Trotman.

Rung as a farewell peal to A. J. Twigger, who is leaving to join H.M. Forces.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 16, 1951, *in* 1 *Hour and* 52 *Minutes,*
In the Belfry of the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of 14 extents each of April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor size 11 in G.

Alan J. Twigger 1-2 | J. W. Frank Trotman 3-4
Walter R. Beebe 5-6

Conducted by J. W. Frank Trotman.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD AND THE HUMPHREY PERKINS SCHOOL CAMPANOLOGICAL SOCIETY.
On Wed., Dec. 5, 1951, *in* 1 *Hour and* 44 *Minutes,*
At the Humphrey Perkins School,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Tenor size 13 in E.

F. Kevon Thompson 1-2 | B. Stedman Payne 3-4
John Chambers 5-6

Conducted by F. Kevon Thompson.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Dec. 16, 1951, *in* 1 *Hour and* 25 *Minutes,*
In the Belfry of the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Consisting of 42 extents. Tenor size 8 in C.

*Alan J. Twigger 1-2 | J. W. Frank Trotman 3-4
Walter R. Beebe 5-6

Conducted by J. W. Frank Trotman.

* 25th peal. Rung for the patronal festival.

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TO NEW SUBSCRIBERS.

We offer our apology to a limited number of new postal subscribers who did not receive their copies last Friday morning. These were attended to as soon as possible. Pressure of work on Mr. Jeater and the Editorial staff at Guildford has been very heavy.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The bells of SS. Peter and Paul's, Lavenham, have been rung for every Sunday service during 1951. The total number of changes rung was 55,940, comprising 480 Minor, 11,939 Grandsire and 14,573 Stedman Triples, 9,904 Plain Bob, 5,444 Double Norwich, 13,152 Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and 448 Superlative. Any other good records in this direction?

Mr. Daniel T. Matkin and Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay rang their 300th peal together at Bournemouth, on December 20th.

Mr. Ernest Morris and Mr. F. Watson have now twice 'completed the circle' at Croft tower, Leicestershire.

After 15 attempts Mr. Maurice J. Butler, of Southampton, and Mr. Arthur W. J. Butler, of London, have rung their first peal together.

The second 5,040 Cambridge Surprise Maximus was rung at Macclesfield on Boxing Day. The first was rung at Ipswich about 20 years ago.

Errata.—In the peal of 5,040 Minor rung at Blaxhall, Suffolk, on December 8th (see page 821), the method should read: An extent each of St. Clement's, Double Court, Oxford Treble Bob and two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. The error is regretted.

The Rev. F. Llewellyn Edwards, of Kington Magna, is still receiving practical sympathy over the plague of mice at his church, although the pests have been exterminated by the County Rodent Officer. Four traps and cheese have arrived from America, the gift of the Bishop of Montana.

Mr. G. A. Blaxcell, now 61 years old, cycled from his home at Stowupland to Ipswich to ring St. Clement's tenor to a peal on Boxing Day. He afterwards cycled to Brandeston to ring the tenor there to a peal, and then home—a total of 50 miles. An example to the Roving Ringers!

One of those erudite discussions was in process at Hackney last Friday morning when the Universities Association were in town. Unfortunately for the travelling public the argument took place on the pavement opposite a zebra crossing. The disputants were eventually brought back to more mundane things by the blare of frantic taxi-cab horns. In front of them the traffic had piled up waiting for the august pedestrians to proceed. It was indeed a Superlative Surprise to some who might have been a little woolly headed on visiting the Metropolis.

Mr. John Sansom was welcomed back from Egypt at the annual meeting of the Winchester District last Saturday.

The band who rang the peal of Grandsire Caters at St. Mary's, Southampton, on December 29th, are very grateful to Mr. Harry Buckingham, who stood in at four hours' notice.

Some good work was accomplished by Mr. Frederick A. Rye at Walmer, Kent, on December 22nd, when six of the local band rang their first peal of Triples.

Mr. L. J. Malings, who rings at Porthkerry, and is welfare supervisor to the Aberthaw and Bristol Channel Portland Cement Co., Ltd., in the course of his duties edits the works magazine. The December issue contains an interesting article from the editor's pen on ringing, written specially for the non-ringer.

Mr. Frank Oakshott, of Downsview, Lewins Road, Epsom, is compiling a record of all peals rung at Christ Church, Epsom. The bells were opened in 1880 and he asks ringers for full particulars of peals rung in the tower. The following Associations have rung peals at Christ Church:—The Surrey Association, Guildford Diocesan Guild, the Middlesex County Association, the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Universities Association.

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UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION REUNION DINNER

IMPORTANCE OF SOCIAL SIDE OF RINGING

THERE are two main dates in the year of the Universities Association—the winter reunion and the ringing week. This year's reunion took place last Friday in London. Proceedings started with ringing at St. John's-at-Hackney, followed by St. Mary's, Walthamstow, St. John-the-Baptist's, Leytonstone, and finally at St. Giles-in-the-Fields. At the last-named church the service was held, being conducted by the Rector (the Rev. G. C. Taylor) who also gave the address. The Rev. Gilbert Thurlow was organist and the lesson was read by the president (Mr. E. H. Lewis).

The evening concluded with a dinner at 'The Victoria.' The president was in the chair, supported by Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher (hon. secretary) and guests included Mr. J. G. A. Prior (Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths), Mr. G. A. Cross (Master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths) and Mr. A. A. Hughes.

Others present included the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, the Rev. K. C. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Corby, Mr. and Mrs. Ansley Fox.

The Misses Marie R. Cross, Anne Stockdale, Mary C. Payne, Elizabeth Brown, Frances Edgar, Mary Martin, Kathleen Higgins, Joyce Lewis, Messrs. A. York-Bramble, C. Woolley, E. J. Lindley, D. N. and P. A. Layton, Michael Howard, Richard Speed, — Payne, R. Clouston, R. J. Cook and brother, R. J. Stokes, F. D. Mack, Brian D. Threlfall, Rodney B. Meadows, P. Wright, F. Wright, G. F. Carter, G. W. Simmonds, R. L. Sells, C. G. Woodhead, W. H. J. Hooton, A. Pulford (Sydney), R. Rogers Savory, T. E. Richards, Ivor H. Trueman, J. Hill, A. T. Watt, Geoffrey Dodds, Stanley N. Evans, David Gallop and the Editor of 'The Ringing World.'

After the toast of 'The King and The Church,' submitted by the president, Mr. T. W. White gave the toast of 'The Universities Association.' He recalled that his first contact with the Universities Association was at the Central Council meeting at Birmingham in 1945, before he became editor of 'The Ringing World.' It was a memorable occasion in the history of the Association. Affiliation to the Central Council had not been gained without combating considerable opposition but there was no question as to the warmth of the welcome when Miss Marie R. Cross, as the Association's first member of the Council, mounted the platform to be received by the president of the Council. Since those days the Association had progressed and it seemed to him now that wherever there was a seat of learning and three or four could gather together to ring handbells a cell was started which developed into a useful adjunct in interesting others in their art. Those cells were not confined to this country. There was quite an enthusiastic little body at Adelaide University which had affiliated, and with Mr. and Mrs. Philip Gray now at Melbourne, it was possible that a development would take place at that University. In that connection it was a pleasure to welcome two Australian graduates in Tom Richards, of Queensland University, who was a pupil of Philip Gray, and Arthur Pulford.

The Universities Association was particularly fortunate in its secretary, Dr. Hatcher. His enthusiasm and hard work had resulted in a constant expansion and it was with great pleasure that he coupled Dr. Hatcher's name with the toast.

290 ACTIVE MEMBERS

In reply, Dr. Hatcher said they had, during the year, elected 45 new members from 13 Universities or University Colleges which brought the total number of members who had joined the Association to 382. Of these, 290 were on the active list. Next year they would undertake their triennial revision. In connection with that function he had circularised the 290 and he was very gratified to receive 180 replies which gave an indication of their interest in the Association. Many of those included Christmas cards and greetings; he was sorry his own stock of cards did not permit of replies to all.

That night ten Universities and one University College were represented. The ringing week at Bristol was a great success. They were guests of the University of Bristol Society and he would like to pay tribute to them and to the representative of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, their member, Mr. Joe Dyke, and also to the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association for their help

RINGING AT MELBOURNE

Last year at that gathering they had with them Philip and Joan Gray who afterwards went to Australia. He read a letter which he had received from them sending their good wishes to the Association. At Melbourne Mr. Gray regretted that they had not in their company a member of the University. In a week or two the band would be strengthened by the arrival of Valerie Willard, from Leighton Buzzard. Their band had about mastered Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob and had a two-hours' practice night each week. In the course of his work he flew to Adelaide and had contacted Philip Cooper.

Returning to home affairs Dr. Hatcher offered his congratulations to members of the Manchester University Guild, seven of whom had joined the Association in August and two more were for election that night. They were making remarkably good progress and had recently scored a peal of Bob Royal 'in hand.'

There were a number of University Association members in Birmingham and he hoped they would get together and form a Society there. It should not present difficulties with Wilfrid Moreton and Frank Haynes to support them. He welcomed members of the Leicester University College and was pleased to announce that they were electing that night their first member from Southampton University. At St. Andrew's, Donald Marshall was hoping in due course to form an association to be recognised by the University. However, 20 members were required. Last year the University of North Staffordshire came into being and he noted that the first member was at Keel Hall.

The toast of 'Kindred Societies' was proposed by the president, who said now he was retired he found there was a good deal more to do than one imagined. He was rash enough to say earlier in the past year that he would have 60 more hours a week leisure, but that had not proved the case. In the first place the chairman of his company had been kind enough to ask him to keep his seat on the Board which involved three days a month in London.

ACT AS MISSIONARIES

The Kindred Societies were really the same people as themselves and he asked members of the Universities Association to contact Kindred Societies. They were in a unique position as they had no tower to which they were attached, therefore they were in the hands of the Kindred Societies for their ringing and they owed them a great debt of gratitude. There was one way they could repay that gratitude and that was by giving their fullest support to the towers in their own districts. There were many areas where ringing was not satisfactory. He heard of a district in Surrey where out of nine eight-bell towers only two had regular ringing. In Kent he heard of a certain district where no help was given by the Kent County Association because the district was inaccessible. Consequently he appealed to all members of the Universities Association to go out as missionaries and get ringing started again in those bad districts.

In coupling the name of the Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths with the toast, Mr. Lewis mentioned that it was nearly 49 years since he first joined the Society.

Mr. J. G. A. Prior, in reply, said they in London were delighted to meet University ringers. He had a very happy association with the London University Society in 1933-34 when he was a District secretary of the London Counties Association. The Universities' headquarters was then All Hallows', Lombard Street. Mr. Lewis had mentioned work they could do as missionaries, but in London there were many bells that were never rung.

The toast of 'The Visitors' was proposed by Mr. Tom Richards, who spoke in appreciation of the way he had been received by English ringers. Of the 15 ringers in Melbourne, he said, 12 were Englishmen.

SOCIAL SIDE OF RINGING

Mr. A. A. Hughes in responding, emphasised the importance of the social side of ringing—in fact all good College Youths and a good many Cumberlands would tell them that the social side of ringing was most important and they should know because they had done it for a very long time. In the 18th century, dinners of the College Youths were of 12 to 15 courses and, looking at an old menu, he noticed that one of the courses was a leg of mutton stuffed with herrings. It was nearly 50 years ago that he rang his first 5,000 changes. His mind went back to a South Coast resort he visited frequently after the 1914-18 war. He used to attend practice meetings at three of the towers but the ringers, when they came down from the tower, said 'Goodnight' and disappeared. He said to his father-in-law, 'Don't they ever go and have a drink?' and he replied 'I suppose they go on their own. At the next practice he asked them if they ever had a drink. They admitted they did. He then asked them whether they could not go altogether and talk it over. They did, and from that time the ringing began to improve tremendously. His experience was that in the majority of cases where the social side was strong the ringing was good, but where there was no social side there was no progress.

THE ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting followed. The secretary presented the financial statement which showed that the year started with a balance of £13 7s. 6d. and concluded with one of £9 13s. 4d.

The following 31 new members from 12 Universities were elected:—Birmingham: John R. Mayne, R. Roger Savory; Bristol: P. Meriel L. Moir, Barbara J. Nix-James, Jeanette A. Rose; James G. Brocklehurst, A. James Vincent; Cambridge: Mary Buxton, Daphne Turk, C. M. P. Johnson, F. Eric Roberts, J. G. Taylor, Christopher Billington (resident Melbourne); Dublin: Adrian Bakker and one other; Leicester: Mary C. Payne, John D. Cook, Barry Cope, James Schofield; Loughborough College: D. S. Harris; London: Sally Brown (Wye), Mary Fuller, A. Blair; Manchester: Brian Harris, Wilfred L. Robinson; Oxford: R. J. Cork, John David Mozley; Queensland: Thomas E. Richards; Southampton U.C.: John H. Gilbert; Sydney: Arthur Pulford. John B. Willis (also London, resident Melbourne).

The secretary announced that the ringing week for 1952 would be at Nottingham between August 15th and 23rd. A satisfactory number of members had expressed their hope to be present. Next year's annual dinner would be held in London on January 2nd.

Mr. E. J. Lindley proposed a vote of thanks to the secretary for running the Society and to Mr. Denis Layton who had made arrangements for the London dinner.

Mr. David Gallop thanked the captains of the towers visited for having everything in readiness, the Rector of St. Giles' for conducting the service, and the president for taking the chair.

TELEVISED AT LEEDS PARISH CHURCH



The above picture shows the ringers who took part in the ringing for the first televised church service, which came from Leeds Parish Church, on October 14th, as part of the inaugural programme from the new northern transmitter at Holme Moss, Yorkshire. Reading from left to right they are as follows:—

Back row.—F. Seager, I. Slack, J. Hogg, T. W. Thirkell, F. Gibbard.

Middle row.—H. R. Parkinson, A. Cole, J. F. Hodson, H. Rollison, L. Boumphrey.

Seated.—Miss M. S. Rhodes, R. H. Dove, the Vicar of Leeds (Canon A. S. Reeve), L. Drake, Mrs. F. Seager.

The programme gave much pleasure both to ringers and non-ringers, many of whom have expressed appreciation at the demonstration of the bells in action. Although a number of ringers were able to watch the programme, no doubt the hour of the showing, 6.30 on a Sunday evening, prevented more from doing so.

Viewers saw a three-minute introductory film sequence consisting of the city as seen from the top of the University tower, a 'still' of the Parish Church, and half-minute 'shots' each of the ringers at work and the bells in motion.

For technical reasons the film was taken a month before the broadcast but the sound of the bells was a 'live' broadcast of actual Sunday service ringing by the regular service band.

The ringing was clearly audible during the entire film sequence as a course of Grandsire Cinques came home and then bells rang rounds and then stood. The ringers were as follows:

H. Rollison, treble, H. R. Parkinson 2, R. H. Dove 3, Miss M. S. Rhodes 4, Mrs. F. Seager 5, A. Cole 6, L. Boumphrey 7, J. F. Hodson 8, F. Seager 9, J. Hogg 10, L. Drake 11, F. Gibbard, tenor, and in the film, the same band but with T. W. Thirkell and I. Slack in place of H. Rollison and L. Boumphrey.

FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World' of January 12th, 1912

A 1911 RECORD

At the old Parish Church of St. Mary, Willesden, where the ringers are affiliated with the London County Association, 184 720's were rung in the following 16 methods during 1911:

Treble Bob methods.—Kent 24; Old Oxford Modernised 19; College Bob IV. 14; Woodbine 12; Oxford 12; College Exercise 7; Willesden Delight 6; Neasden Delight 3; Cambridge Surprise 3; Duke of York 1; in three methods 3; total 104.

Plain methods.—Double Oxford 25; College Single 25; Bob Minor 19; Oxford Bob 8; Double Court 2; Double Stedman Slow Course 1; total 80.

The ringers have been: H. Kilby 178 (cond. 85), T. Langdon 177 (76), G. M. Kilby 168 (6), L. Porter 158 (3), G. Chalkley 138 (8), A. Hill 119 (6), E. Dane 77, R. Kilby 63.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Western District at Liversedge

The winter meeting of the Western Division of the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers was held at Christ Church, Liversedge, on December 15th. This church is one of the few in the area which contains a crypt and was founded by the Rev. Hammond Roberson, who was a friend of the Brontes. He also ordered that all gravestones were to be the same size, which they are in this churchyard.

An excellent tea was served by the local company. Mr. P. J. Johnson occupied the chair at the business meeting and the next meeting was arranged for Brighouse during March.

Although the number present was a little disappointing, some good ringing took place on this fine ring of bells. A. P.

RUMNEY, CARDIFF.—On December 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. A. Jerrett 1, Mrs. A. R. Price 2, R. C. Lucas 3, W. R. Speake 4, J. R. Worrall 5, A. R. Price (first quarter of Minor as conductor) 6.

Three Peals of London Surprise Major in Three Counties in One Day

Twice before in ringing history this feat has been accomplished by one set of ringers. The third occasion was on Saturday, December 15th, by eight members of the Midland Counties Guild

The counties were Staffordshire, Derbyshire and Leicestershire, and the band included representatives of these counties. All three peals were conducted by Mr. F. W. Grocott and in each case it was the first peal of London on the bells.

Arrangements for the attempt were made by Mr. J. W. Cotton, who, with his Morris 'ten' and Mr. Walter G. Soar, of Ticknall, with his Austin, provided the transport.

It was a case of early rising for the whole team assembled on the massive western tower of Barton-under-Needwood, Staffs, at 9.10 a.m. They were welcomed by the local captain who wished them success in the venture

Ringing conditions in this tower are ideal; the tone and 'go' of the bells, the circle of ropes, plenty of room and last, but perhaps most important, plenty of air as the ringing room opens to the church.

No incidents occurred during the peal, except perhaps Joe's bell needed a little more handling owing to the absence of the rope guide. The conductor had the pleasure of saying 'That's all' in two minutes under three hours. Before leaving 'Uncle Joe' called and thanked the Vicar for the use of the bells.

A 20-mile trip brought the band to Measham, in Leicestershire. Here conditions are not ideal as the ringers stand elbow to elbow. It was not until after the third start that the band got into form, this being attributed to direct opposite rope sight. The peal was 20 minutes quicker than that at Barton.

The final peal was at Overseal, the home tower of the genial general secretary of the Midland Counties Guild. With 'Young Fred' on 'Matthew,' the band had this merry peal going well (the lightness of the ring has to be tried to be believed). The peal was accomplished in 2 hours and 34 minutes. It was certainly a memorable birthday for 'Uncle Joe'

The members of the band were, Frederick E. Wilshaw, Frederick W. Grocott (Stoke-on-Trent), Francis R Lowe, Harold Taylor (Derby), Sidney H. Jones (Repton), Walter G. Soar (Ticknall), Joseph William Cotton (Overseal) and W. P. Whitehead (Hinckley).

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Mr. and Mrs. Lilley's Hospitality

A number of members of the Mid-Devon Branch of the Devon Guild of Ringers held a very enjoyable half-day excursion on Boxing Day. Leaving Newton Abbot soon after two o'clock the first calling place was Coombe-in-Teignhead where there is a well-kept church and where the name of the patron saint is totally unknown. Despite rather stiff ropes some very good ringing took place to suit all tastes, the finishing touch being a well-struck course of Kent Treble Bob Minor.

The next tower visited was Stoke-in-Teignhead where a delay occurred owing to the clock hammer being left on the tenor bell and the mechanism took some time to master. The difficulty having been overcome a couple of touches sufficed, and a move was made to Bishopsteignton, the last calling place for the afternoon.

The ringing having concluded, a move was made to Perry Farm, Highweek, where, at the kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lilley, a sumptuous tea was much enjoyed. After various ringing topics had been discussed, handbell ringing was indulged in for the remainder of the evening. The members expressed their great appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Lilley for their very kind hospitality. A. L. R.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

LANCASHIRE HOSPITALITY

Dear Sir,—The Wigan Branch of the Lancashire Association is very much perturbed about the poor welcome afforded to the Guildford ringers on their visit to Lancashire.

On behalf of the Wigan Branch let me hasten to explain that this is not the general feeling of the ringers here. I think you will agree that Lancashire has long been noted for its hospitality in all ways and we in the Exercise wish to carry on with the good name. Therefore I think I am voicing the opinion of the whole of the ringing fraternity when I say we have always done and will continue to extend a very cordial welcome to any ringers who care to pay us a visit.

At the Wigan Branch meeting held recently it was unanimously resolved that this letter be sent to 'The Ringing World' and so show to the whole ringing fraternity that they can be assured of a very hearty welcome to any tower in the Wigan Branch. I trust that this will help to clear any wrong impression which may have been formed about the Lancashire Association,—Yours faithfully.

W. O. FARRIMOND
Branch Secretary.

NOTE.—The Guildford ringers in question thank the Wigan Branch for their fraternal greetings and sympathy. Although they did not ring they felt they were present on a memorable occasion. They know that Lancashire hearts ring true in matters of hospitality.—ED.

RAILWAYMEN'S PEALS

Dear Sir,—A peal by L.N.E.R. railwaymen was rung at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, London, on December 15th 1934. The ringers were:—G. Dawson 1. Alfred Prior 2. C. W. Cook 3. E. J. Butler 4. E. D. Smith 5, H. Else 6. E. G. Hibbins 7. F. Warrington tenor. It was Double Norwich Court Bob Major and conducted by E. G. Hibbins.

Let us meet and ring peals together when the opportunity presents itself, but a Railwaymen's Guild—no. I am sure the heads of the Church would not look favourably on the organisation or ringing by trades. Next we shall have the Butchers, Bakers and Candlestick Makers.—Yours, etc.,

E. G. HIBBINS.

Cambridge.

PEALS FOR SERVICE

Dear Sir,—In reference to Mr. Macey's letter of December 14th, I can bear out his statement on the two peals for divine service, and as far as I can recollect we rang two 720's for the 11 o'clock service

At that time the local band, of which I was the leader, at Tunstall, always made it the rule to meet an hour before each service and, if possible, to ring two 720's at each service or attempt them. Of course, we were not always successful, but on that particular Sunday we were, and altogether rang 16 720's.

I should like to know, through 'The Ringing World,' if that is a record for Sunday service ringing. There were four or five of us who were in the choir and attended most of the services afterwards.—Yours sincerely,

W. H. P. WILKINS.

Headington.

STEDMAN

Dear Sir,—In my humble opinion, without the distinction pause with the handstroke leads the beauty of the method is spoilt.

Tenterden. R. EDWARDS.

BRAY-ON-THAMES, BERKS.—On December 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Lidbury 1, P. Aslett 2, D. Spice 3, N. G. Bowen 4, F. J. Russell (cond.) 5, J. E. Tessier 6.

RINGING IN SYDNEY

Dear Sir,—Your issue of September 14th reprints a letter received in 1911 from Mr. Arthur E. Barnes, of Melbourne, in which he mentions the lack of enthusiasm for change ringing in Melbourne at that time and concludes with: 'I am afraid that this country will be like America—never a centre of change ringing.'

Apparently Mr. Barnes had little knowledge or contact with ringing in Sydney at that period.

I came to Sydney in 1911—on February 6th—and found vigorous and enthusiastic bands of change ringers at St. Mark's and St. Mary's, and an excellent band of call change ringers at All Saints', Parramatta, and St. Jude's, Randwick.

As public opinion was against lengthy peal ringing—as, unfortunately, it still is with us at Turramurra—few peals were rung but 720's and quarters were frequently rung on practice nights and for Sunday evening service.

St. Mark's rang several Doubles methods and two or three Minor methods. St. Mary's, having eight bells, was the rendezvous for Grandsire, Stedman Triples and Bob Major.

The standard of ringing was high and most of the ringers attended two practices a week and rang for two services on Sundays.

In 1914 the ringers were strengthened by the arrival of Mr. A. R. Botting, of Betchworth, and Mr. C. Parr, of Ilfracombe, who are still ringing regularly at Parramatta and Turramurra. St. Mary's tower was ably captained by Mr. R. H. McDonald—formerly of Birmingham—supported by his son, 'Ted,' also Mr. Harry Chown and a good band of ringers.

St. Mark's belfry was fortunate in having such able ringers as Mr. Tom Joyner (captain) and his son, Ralph: Mr. Archie Joyner and his son, Alfred: Mr. Charlie Porter and a number of other excellent ringers.

These men gave me a wonderful welcome when I came to Sydney in 1911. Most of them have 'finished the course' and been 'gathered to their fathers.'

Mr. Ralph Joyner and myself are the only two active change ringers who were ringing in Sydney in 1911.—Yours sincerely.

W. SMITH,
Captain, St. James', Turramurra.

NORTH TAWTON RINGERS

Dear Sir,—I venture to say that more perfect striking has never been broadcast than that of the North Tawton ringers on Christmas morning Set changes and no open lead, but what superlative rhythm!—Yours truly.

F. LL. EDWARDS.

Kington Magna Rectory.

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CAROLS ON EIGHT BELLS

Dear Sir,—In reply to your correspondent who wishes to know of carols that can be played on eight handbells, I hope the following list will be of some use. I have presumed that melodies of carols proper to Advent, Christmastide and Epiphany are required and that the bells form one octave of a major scale.

The following abbreviations are used:—O=Oxford Book of Carols; N='News Chronicle' 'Christmastide Melodies'; S=Songs of Praise: *=Can be played on six bells.

'A Sunny Bank' (a version of 'I saw three ships').—O 3.

'A Virgin most pure.'—1st tune N page 48; 2nd tune) 4 (second tune).

'God rest you merry.'—O 11 (not the well-known tune which unfortunately cannot be played on eight bells).

Boar's Head carol.—O 19; N page 24.

'The First Nowell.'—O 27; N page 28; S 384.

'This new Christmas carol.'—O 29*.

'The Angel Gabriel.'—O 37: N page 16.

'This endris night.'—O 39: S 72.

Cherry Tree carol.—O 66 (tune 7 in appendix).

'A child is born in Bethlehem.'—O 73.

'A little child.'—O 74: S 352*.

'A boy was born in Bethlehem.'—O 85 (tune 'Puer Natus.' S 91*).

'In Bethlehem, that fair city.'—O 120 (tune 'Puer Natus.' S 91*).

'Sion's daughter.'—O 89*.

'How mightly gleams.'—O 104: N page 47; S 90.

'Carol of the Advent.'—O 133.

'Earthly friends.'—O 135*.

'I sing the birth' (words O 168).— N page 17.

'Infant so gentle.'—Novello's Carols No. 110.

The following four carols are made playable on eight bells by a few minor alterations which do not greatly affect the shape of the tune:—

Irish carol.—O 6

'The garden of Jesus.'—O 105*.

'Angels, from the realms.'—O 119, S 71, in which, at several points, the raising of the dominant to an octave above written pitch has the desired effect, and

'A little child there is yborn.'—O 118, where an upper auxiliary note can be substituted for a lower at two of the cadences.

This list does not claim to be exhaustive in any way, but all the suitable tunes in the 'Oxford Book of Carols' have been given. In addition there are a few carols in the 'Cowley Carol Book' (to say nothing of Novello's edition of carols, one of which has been mentioned) which could be played on eight bells, but, generally speaking, the carol tunes in this collection are unsuitable for such performance, as they are mostly modal or based on plainsong. —Yours faithfully, K. W. MACKINTOSH.

Wistaston, Cheshire.

Dear Sir,—Re the enquiry 'What carols can be played on eight handbells?' Answer: Hardly any, assuming those eight bells are belfry handbells, key note being the tenor, for the purpose of change ringing.

By transposing the key, the carols 'First Nowell' and 'While shepherds watched,' tune Ancient and Modern 62, might be played

If the key note is in the centre of any tune, it simply can't be rung.

HANDBELL TUNE RINGER.

YOUTH CONGRATULATES THE VETERANS

Dear Sir,—On behalf of the band, average age 19 years, which rang a peal in 15 Treble Bob Minor methods at Nether Alderley, Cheshire, on October 6th, I should like to offer hearty congratulations to the veterans who recently rang Holt's Original 'in hand,' a most laudable performance, at Chesterfield.

I also wish to compliment Mr. John P. Fidler on his interesting account of the history of Spliced Minor ringing.—Yours faithfully,

D. MOTTERSHEAD.

Wilmslow, Cheshire

IRREGULAR METHODS

Dear Sir,—Since the report of the proceedings of the Central Council meeting at Chester on Whit Tuesday last year, published in your columns on May 25th, June 1st and June 8th, 1951, I have read with growing interest the correspondence which has arisen from this report, particularly on the subject of irregular methods, and I am now of the opinion that there is in many ringers' minds a sense of confusion as to what may or may not be rung in peals in order to secure recognition by the Central Council; or, what is more important, by the Associations for whom the peals are rung. I am further of the opinion that much of this state of affairs is due to the unbusinesslike way in which the Council conducts its affairs.

Let us consider for a moment the ringing structure of to-day. The Central Council makes the rules and the Associations in membership promise loyally to abide by these rules. But the people who want to know these rules are the rank and file all over the country who have no direct voice in the affairs of the Council but are expected to obey the rules. The rules are published in the Central Council's Handbook, now in the course of revision, but how many towers have ever seen a copy of it, and, dare I ask it, how many Association or Guild Secretaries? If the Central Council is to take arbitrary action over irregular methods, is there not a duty laid upon it to see that every ringer in membership with an affiliated Association has access to its rules? Probably this duty should be shared by the Associations also. The actual rules could be extracted from the Handbook and reprinted in pamphlet form at small cost for distribution to towers.

Now 'The Ringing World' is described as the official journal of the Central Council, but one would not gather that the best use is being made of this judging by the sequence of events following the last Council meeting. What has happened?—

(a) A report of the proceedings was published on May 25th, June 1st and June 8th, but please note that this was not the official minutes of the Council; they will not be published until 1952 is well established Yet the minutes are the **only** authority and I submit that they ought to be published at the earliest opportunity so that every reader of 'The Ringing World' knows exactly where he is. I note, for instance, that the report of the work of the Methods Committee on page 331 (May 25th), although moved and seconded, does not appear to have been adopted. Are we to assume that it was accepted? Most ringers have, judging by the resulting correspondence. If the official minutes had been published we should know for certain.

(b) The leading article of June 1st was incorrect and was put right a fortnight later by Mr. C. K. Lewis. As a reader of the 'Times,' I have a wholesome respect for leading articles and would like to put 'The Ringing World' 'leaders' on the same plane.

(c) In spite of the correspondence which had been going on since the reports of the proceedings, May 25th—June 8th, the amended decisions of the Council were not published until October 26th. On November 9th one decision was amended by Mr. E. A. Barnett, and another by Mr. C. K. Lewis on December 7th. If the official minutes had been published at an early date this would have been avoided. This procrastination might possibly have led to irregularities through ignorance.

(d) Most of the questions put in 'The Ringing World' have been answered by Mr. C. K. Lewis. Whilst I have the greatest respect for Mr. Lewis's opinions, are they to be regarded as authoritative? I should have thought that the secretary to the Council would have been the voice of authority, since presumably he is responsible for the minutes. This I believe to be common business practice. If the Council wishes other members to have authority officially to answer questions, it should say so. Remember the answers and questions are in the official journal of the Council.

The 'leader' of June 1st focused attention on unorthodox performances, some of which were pointed out by Mr. Lewis and by Mr. W. Ayre on August 17th. Mr. Lewis also wrote a 'leader' on this subject on October 19th, and drew attention to the fact that the Central Council's own publication, 'The Collection of Doubles and Minor,' contained two such irregular methods. Mr. Lewis warned us on December 7th that the Analysis Committee would probably ban peals containing Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, but how can they in all equity when the Council which appoints them encourages the ringing of the method? Even Mr. Lewis himself, on June 15th, wonders whether Plain Bob on odd numbers should not be classed as unorthodox. How lucky for him that he is not a member of the committee faced with having to make a recommendation on the matter!

I find much truth and common sense in Mr. H. Chant's letter of December 21st, and I think the whole question of so-called irregular lead heads should be re-examined. In 5-, 6- or 7-bell methods all the changes have to be rung in a peal so why is it vitally necessary to have Plain Bob lead heads? Has the Council made any pronouncement on the spliicing of regular and irregular methods? If an irregular method will splice, then surely it has a value and should not be lightly cast aside.

I hope the Analysis Committee will, in compiling its report, take note of the points I have made, and finally I would ask all members of the Central Council to consider what is the very root and being of all our ringing. We ring to the greater glory of God, nothing more nor less. This demands from us all perfection in striking and mental skill and the result is measured by the music issuing from our towers. In the face of this is it so frightfully important that all the methods should have Plain Bob lead heads, and will irregular methods, even though perfectly rung, be unacceptable to our Heavenly Father?—Yours sincerely,

ALAN R. PINK.

DEDICATIONS

MEMBURY, DEVON

Fifty years ago, when the Rev. E. V. Cox (or Mr. Cox, as he was then) attended a dedication service at Membury, Devon, he was accompanied by Mr Jack Bond, of Stockland. Mr. H. Stokes, of Woodbury, had rehung the five bells in a timber frame with a space for a sixth bell. On Sunday, December 23rd, he again came to Membury, to assist the Bishop of Crediton and the Vicar, the Rev. C. J. F. Huggins, at the dedication of the new treble bell to fill the vacant pit and complete the ring to six. On his way over, he met Mr. Bond while passing through Stockland, and thus, by a happy coincidence, established a 50-year-old link with the past.

The captain of the local ringers, Mr. J. Denslow, was particularly delighted, as he had worked hard to raise the money for the augmentation, to satisfy a lifelong ambition.

The work of restoration was carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston and the new bell weighed 6¼ cwt. with a tenor of 15 cwt. The old timber frame, being in splendid condition, was preserved, and the bells tuned and rehung in ball bearings. Everyone present seemed very pleased with the work, both tone and 'go' being excellent. The firm was represented by Mr. A. Patrick Cannon, with Mrs. Cannon.

Visiting ringers were present from Axminster, Stockland, Sidbury, Awliscombe, Churchstanton and Wellington (Somerset), including Mr. W. G. Gigg, of Taunton, who was born at Membury

HAILSHAM, SUSSEX

For centuries the small town of Hailsham has been noted for the curfew which was, until the last war, rung every day at 8 p.m. on the tenor bell.

However, of the ring of eight bells, the three trebles of which were added to commemorate Queen Victoria's Jubilee, little good could be said of them. They had a long draught of rope (70 feet) and the ropes were much too thick (the sally of a new rope was generally about eight or nine inches in diameter!). The three trebles each only weighed 3 cwt. approximately and it was small wonder that visitors rang them with great difficulty. The bells were very odd struck, the fourth being cracked and they were altogether far from being a pleasant ring.

Though Hailsham has never had a really first-class band, the local ringers were aware of all the difficulties and about two years ago, just after the neighbouring village bells of Hellingly were pronounced unsafe for further ringing, a scheme was started for the restoration of the Parish Church bells. This was ably led by the Vicar's churchwarden, Mr. A. N. Matthews, who is himself a ringer, and Mr. F. Blackman.

Over £700 had to be raised and Sunday, December 23rd, saw the result of this great effort with the rededication of the bells by the Ven. E. G. Reid, Archdeacon of Hastings.

The bells were first rung during the service by the following local ringers:—G. Gadd 1, E. E. Breed 2, F. Blackman 3, A. N. Matthews 4, R. Gadd 5, J. Beeny 6, M. Puttock 7, W. Crocker 8.

The restoration consisted of the four trebles being recast and the back four re-turned. The old oak frame, still in perfect order, is still in use, but the wheels, headstocks, clappers, bearings, etc., are new. A new set of orthodox ropes has been provided and the result is a first-class ring of bells.

The work has been ably carried out by John Taylor and Co.

The weights, etc., of the bells are as follows:—

Treble.—Weight 3 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb., note G, founder Taylor, year 1951.
Second.—3 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb., F sharp, Taylor, 1951.
Third.—3 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb., E, Taylor, 1951.
Fourth.—4 cwt. 23 lb., D, Taylor, 1951.
Fifth.—4 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb., C, Hodson, 1663.
Sixth.—5 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb., B, Lester and Pack, 1768.
Seventh.—7 cwt. 15 lb, A, Hodson, 1663.
Tenor.—9 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb., G, Hodson, 1663.

F. H. H.

CLAYWORTH, NOTTS

The dedication of two new trebles added to the existing ring of four (tenor nine cwt.) and the unveiling of a memorial tablet to Major Michael Hugh Laycock, M.C., and Captain George Arthur Jones (Notts Sherwood Yeomanry), who were both killed in action on June 11th, 1944, took place at St. Peter's Church, Clayworth, on Thursday, December 20th.

The ceremony was performed and the service conducted by the Right Rev. Anthony Otter, Bishop of Grantham, assisted by the Rev. C. D. F. Waters, Rector of Clayworth.

In performing the ceremony, the Bishop was handed the two new bell ropes by the churchwardens and then passed on to the tablet. The two bells were then chimed by the local ringers.

Immediately after the service six members of the North Notts District of the Southwell Diocesan Guild rang the opening touch of Plain Bob. The bells were kept going to various methods until seven p.m. and the visiting ringers entertained to tea at Royston Manor.

The bells have been presented to the church as a memorial by Brig.-Gen. Sir Joseph Laycock, K.C.M.B., D.S.O., and Lady Laycock.

The work has been carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, and this fine ring of six is well worthy of their already impeccable name. E. P.

BELLS OF ST. BRIDE'S

Fragments Found of Famous Ring

Widespread interest has been aroused by the finding of portions of the bells of St. Bride's, London, in a room at the south-east corner of the church, the entrance to which was blocked by large pieces of stone and the timbers of a door.

When the church was destroyed by fire during an air raid on December 29th, 1940, the bells crashed down from the steeple. It was believed that Prebendary Arthur Taylor, the former Vicar, buried the broken bells among the ruins to ensure their safety, but he died last year without revealing where they were hidden.

The original bells were cast in 1710 by Abraham Rudhall, of Gloucester, for Wren's new church, which replaced the old building destroyed in the Great Fire in 1666. They passed a critical audition by three ringers and eight other persons when they were first hung in 1711. Nine of these bells were still in the steeple at the time of the fire in 1940.

The tenor bell weighed 26 cwt. and was inscribed 'A.R. 1710.' The eleventh bell weighed 20 cwt. and was inscribed with the names of the churchwardens and the motto 'Prosperity to England.' The ninth bell bore the motto 'Prosperity to our benefactors,' and the eighth, 'God Save Church and Queen.' The second bell weighed 5¼ cwt. and the treble 5¾ cwt., and both were inscribed 'Prosperity to our benefactors, A.R. 1719' —having been placed in the steeple at a later date. The fifth and sixth bells were recast in 1736 by Samuel Knight, of Holborn. As the fragments are at present disposed, no inscription is visible, but the metal is much corroded.

The present Vicar is the Rev. Cyril M. Armitage. The restoration appeal, aiming at a total of £210,000, was launched last November, and it is hoped that work will be started next year

LIGHTEST HANGING RING IN THE WORLD

Last week we published details of the lightest ring of bells in the world which Mr. C. O. S. Jarvis, of Home Farm, Balscote, near Banbury, Oxon, has had installed.

On December 29th Mr. Jarvis had a bell warming party at which a number of ringers were invited to try out the bells and to receive hospitable entertainment from Mrs. Jarvis.

The bells are hung in an outhouse, just outside the kitchen door, and everyone present was delighted with them. After a few pulls it was quite easy to control them. The total weight of this ring of six is only 4 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb., with a tenor of 1 cwt. 22 lb. (and not as printed last week), and a treble of 38 lb.

During the evening 1,080 Grandsire Doubles was rung by the following:—F. Sharp (conductor) 1, E. E. Pearson 2, F. M. Stretton 3, H. H. Alexander 4, A. P. Cannon 5, C. Jarvis 6. This was the longest length on the bells. In addition to these, Miss M. R. Cross and Messrs. E. C. Pearson, W. Watson and K. R. Holtom were also present. Mr. Michael Howard (with Mr. A. P. Cannon) represented the bellfounders, Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Limited.

LADIES' GUILD

Wiltshire Branch

A meeting of the Wiltshire Branch was held at Melksham on December 29th. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. and continued until 8.30 with the usual interval for service and tea. The service was conducted by the Vicar, Canon Howe, with Mr. I. Trueman at the organ. There were 26 ringers present from Melksham, Chippenham, Swindon and Keynsham.

Ringing during the afternoon and evening ranged from rounds to Cambridge and Superlative.

QUARTER PEALS

ANCASTER LINCS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Towns 1, Miss J. Brandon 2, E. Towns 3, F. G. Vickers 4, J. M. Simpson (cond.) 5. Rung before the midnight service.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.—On Dec. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples. Joyce Fishlock (first quarter) 1, Jill Brittain 2, D. N. Layton 3, A. E. Cheesman 4, T. Norman 5, N. Hobden 6, H. N. Pitstow (cond.) 7, M. F. Layton 8.

BARMING, KENT.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (300 Grandsire, 240 each Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury, St. Simon's and St. Martin's). Mavis Coomber 1, W. R. Manser 2, L. J. Honess 3, D. F. Driver 4, P. C. Wright (cond.) 5.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles on the back six: C. G. Deacon (first quarter) 1, H. G. Payne 2, F. Goodearl 3, H. D. Deacon 4, A. E. Beaney (cond.) 5, R. Watts 6.

BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. K. Mayston (first quarter) 1, G. Packham 2, R. Simpsom 3, H. Gravett 4, G. Sturt 5, A. Feist 6, F. Godsmark (cond.) 7, A. Brown 8. Rung for the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Feist.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 25th, at the Norman Tower, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: J. Kersey 1, A. W. Rolfe 2, P. Everett 3, Wm. Stannard (cond.) 4, C. Stannard 5, D. Rowlands 6, A. Gillings 7, J. W. Banks 8, W. Goodship 9, F. Buckle 10. First quarter for 1, 2, 6 and 7.

CAMBRIDGE.—On Dec. 26th, at the Roman Catholic Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: D. Pepper 1, C. A. Hurst 2, G. E. Crisp 3, T. R. Dennis 4, J. G. Gipson 5, R. H. Brooker 6, J. W. R. Quinney 7, P. Border (cond.) 8.

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): A. Street 1, E. Pimlott (cond.) 2, W. McDowell 3, A. Campbell 4, R. Barratt 5, J. Lawrence 6.

CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Lewis 1, R. G. Blackman 2, J. T. Finey 3, Miss E. W. Keys 4, N. J. Smith 5, H. W. Stoveld 6, P. R. Blackman (cond.) 7, H. F. Dunford 8. First in method 1 and 3.

CHIPPING NORTON, OXON.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Francis 1, H. Cook 2, S. Pulker 3, I. Harris 4, M. Sinden (cond.) 5, R. Jarvis 6, F. Perry 7, C. Tompkins 8. Rung half-muffled to 'Ring Out the Old.'

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—At St. Peter's, on Christmas Eve for midnight service, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. P. Duffield 1, H. T. Pye 2, E. J. Butler 3, R. Talbot (Langham) 4, J. Edwards 5, C. Rouse (Cheltenham) 6, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 7, F. Oliver 8. First quarter peal in method 4 and 6.

CRANFORD, MIDDLX.—On Dec. 26th, at the Church of St. Dunstan, 1,440 Bob Minor: Barbara Thrush 1, P. J. Woodgyer 2, M. V. Chilcott 3, D. Fowles (first of Minor) 4, J. B. Sansom 5, J. Chilcott (cond.) 6. Rung to welcome home John Sansom from Egypt, and for the 59th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. F. G. F. Vincent, of Norwood Green.

DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. W. Chown (first quarter) 1, M. J. Chown 2, A. Chown 3, W. Kilsby 4, W. Moore 5, E. Furness 6, S. G. Osborne (cond.) 7, P. Abbott 8.

DERBY.—At St. Peter's Church, on Christmas Eve, 1,256 Little Bob Major: W. Shaw 1, H. Fletcher 2, J. Bailey (cond.) 3, P. Dudley 4, J. W. Glew 5, W. Lancaster 6, E. Williams 7, W. Steen 8. Rung to celebrate the birth of a grand-daughter to W. Lancaster. On Dec. 26th, 1,280 Double Norwich: J. Bailey (cond.) 1, W. Steen 2, A. Mould 3, P. Dudley 4, J. Glew 5, E. Williams 6, B. Barker 7, W. Lancaster 8. 1,376 Spliced Kent and Oxford: A. Mould 1, J. Bailey (cond.) 2, W. Steen 3, P. Dudley 4, E. Williams 5, J. Glew 6, B. Barker 7, W. Lancaster 8.

EAST CROMPTON, SHAW, NR. OLDHAM.—On Dec. 16th, 1,260 Minor (36 Plain Bob, 504 Kent Treble Bob, 720 Oxford Treble Bob): J. Butterworth (cond.) 1, J. R. Buckley 2, R. H. Byrom 3, T. Ogden 4, F. Butterworth 5, G. Abbott 6. Rung to mark the reopening of the church after being closed for decorations.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Bishop (first as cond. in method) 1, J. Gordon 2, Gill Bishop 3, A. H. Webb 4, G. Bishop 5, J. Blond 6, R. B. Blond 7, A. Woodley 8.

ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 25th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. Fuller 1, W. Bowers 2, J. Sharpe 3, Miss D. Reeve 4, W. Paul 5, S. Atkins 6, T. Stagg 7, J. Paul (cond.) 8.

EXETER, DEVON.—At St. Thomas' Church, on Dec. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Mundy 1, W. A. Wills 2, J. Hosgood 3, A. Newman 4, Rev. J. G. Scott (first quarter) 5, F. Wills 6, E. W. Biffin (cond.) 7, R. Witley 8. Rung for the festival of Christmas, also as a welcome to the Rev. J. G. Scott, who was ordained deacon the previous Sunday and is taking up his duties as assistant priest at St. Thomas'.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Dec. 30th, 1,272 Cambridge Surprise Minor: C. Young 1, F. Warrington (cond.) 2, F. R. Nicholls 3, W. Ransom 4, G. L. Perkins 5, H. S. Peacock 6. Also 1,320 Kent Treble Bob: H. S. Peacock 1, F. Warrington (cond.) 2, J. R. G. Spicer 3, C. Young 4, G. L. Perkins 5, G. H. Dunnington 6.

HUNTINGDON.—On Dec. 23rd, at St. Mary's, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: J. R. G. Spicer 1, F. Warrington (cond.) 2, C. Young 3, R. F. Baker 4, H. S. Peacock 5, A. Clements 6, W. Ransom 7, S. Gilbert 8.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Baker (cond.) 1, C. E. Hill 2, E. M. Baker 3, W. T. Hill 4, H. J. Oliver 5. Birthday compliments to ringers of 3 and 5.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLX.—On Dec. 30th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: H. W. Rogers (cond.) 1, Miss J. Lewis (first of Caters) 2, Miss S. E. Harris 3, Miss E. Farrell 4, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 5, R. P. Crump (first on 10 bells) 6, F. D. Bishop 7, D. J. Charnley 8, G. Dodds 9, H. Brooks 10. Rung to celebrate the engagement of Miss S. E. Harris and D. J. Charnley, also a birthday compliment to Miss J. Lewis and Miss Patricia Rogers.

KEYMER, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Fagg (first quarter) 1, P. Hollingdale 2, J. Backshall (jun.) 3, J. Backshall (sen.) 4, P. F. Romney (cond.) 5, C. D. Linington 6.

LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL, WILTS.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. J. Carter (first quarter) 1, J. A. Wright (first 'inside') 2, Miss C. Jones 3, J. A. White 4, W. A. Avery (cond.) 5, R. F. Jones 6.

LUDLOW, SALOP.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Walter Cox (first quarter) 1, A. E. Jones (cond.) 2, T. W. Nash 3, A. C. Nason 4, G. Randle 5, L. E. A. Davies 6, H. Jones 7, W. Nason 8. Rung with 4, 6 and 8 covering.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Dec. 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Canon C. C. Cox 1, Miss D. Keeley 2, E. L. Taylor 3, H. G. Keeley 4, Mrs. C. W. Powell 5, G. H. Whitemore 6, G. S. Morris (cond.) 7, N. Mallett 8. Rung for the festival of Nine Lessons and Carols.

MELLS, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Metcalfe 1, Mrs. G. W. Massey (first quarter) 2, D. Burt 3, E. Nash 4, F. Withey 5, G. W. Massey 6, J. T. Dyke (cond.) 7, E. Knapton 8.

NEWPORT, MON.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: J. L. Fitzgerald 1, Jacqueline S. Evans 2, C. Greedy 3, A. Ryan Price 4, D. G. Clarke 5, D. J. King 6, T. Yeomans 7, D. S. Voss 8, C. Barwick 9, J. R. Worrall (cond.) 10. First of Royal 1, 2, 4, 6, 8 and 9.

POWICK, WORCS.—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Lewis 1, D. Trumper 2, G. Morris (cond.) 3, G. Lewis 4, H. Cole 5, F. Hyde 6.

POYNTON, CHESHIRE.—On Dec. 31st, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: R. Boardman 1, Mrs. S. Hough 2, I. Jenkins 3, E. Holdsworth 4, E. A. Stafford (first quarter of Minor) 5, S. Hough, jun. (cond.) 6. Arranged for Mr. E. A. Stafford, of St. Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow, and as a welcome to Mr. I. Jenkins, formerly of Tenby, S. Wales.

RINGWOULD, KENT.—On Dec. 24th, 600 Bob Doubles and 660 Grandsire Doubles: Amos A. Furminger 1, Anne Vine 2, Desmond D. Ladd 3, Sergt. H. Furminger 4, Fred Rye (cond.) 5. Rung for the silver wedding anniversary of the ringer of the treble.

SAWLEY DERBYS.—On New Year's Eve, 1,260 Bob Minor: O. Cripps 1, Mrs. W. E. Simpson 2, M. Bailey (cond.) 3, R. Harrison 4, W. E. Simpson 5, D. J. Marshall 6.

SHEFFIELD.—At St. John's, Ranmoor, on Dec. 27th, 1,440 Bob Minor: H. Hurst 1, F. Brightmore 2, Capt. E. G. Dickens, M.C., 3, W. Holland 4, D. Holland 5, B. Holland (cond.) 6.

WANDSWORTH, LONDON.—At Holy Trinity Church, on Dec. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Maxwell (first quarter) 1, H. Belcher 2, Mrs. C. Watts 3, R. Mackerill 4, M. Chilcott 5, C. Watts 6, G. Debenham (cond.) 7, H. M. Page 8.

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Moore (first of Triples) 1, Mrs. P. Bellamy 2, F. W. Slocombe 3, A. J. North 4, G. Salter 5, G. Walford 6, D. T. North (cond.) 7, A. E. Hawkins 8. Also 1,344 Plain Bob Major: D. Lentell 1, A. J. North 2, G. Walford 3, G. Salter 4, C. J. Stevens 5, F. W. Slocombe 6, D. M. Bellamy 7, D. T. North (cond.) 8.

YARDLEY, BIRMINGHAM.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, 7, 6, 8 covering: K. Todd (first quarter away from tenor) 1, H. J. Fitter 2, B. C. Webb (first quarter) 3, A. H. Fitter 4, J. S. Walton (cond.) 5, D. F. Benton 6, R. W. Edwards 7, B. C. Webb (sen.) 8. Rung to welcome Christ, the New-Born King, and also as a compliment to the Vicar (Rev. Charles Crowson, M.A.) on the completion of twenty-one years in the ministry.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. S. Ruck 1, Miss P. Lowes 2, Miss M. Newton 3, W. P. Garner 4, P. J. Carlton (cond.) 5, A. S. Pipe 6.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Next meeting Sat., Jan. 12th, at Cartmel Priory. Tower open 2.30. Tea 4.30. Members and non-members are cordially invited. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. H. Dixon, Clogger Beck, Cartmel.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 84

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MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Repton (8), Saturday, Jan. 12th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting follow. Names to S. H. Jones, 24, Brook End, Repton, near Derby. All welcome. 13

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—At St. Peter's, South Croydon, on Jan. 19th. Bells available 3. Meeting 4.15, followed by tea. Bells, 6 till 7.30. Names for tea not later Jan. 15th to Mr. F. E. Collins, 17, Hamilton Road, Thornton Heath, Surrey.—A. B. Peck. 107

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HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Annual district meeting at St. Albans on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Ringing at St. Peter's (10) in afternoon, and the Abbey (12) in evening. Names for tea to W. J. Southam, 14, Walton Street, St. Albans. 97

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Annual meeting and dedication of memorial tablet to the late Rev. C. A. Phillips at Wimborne Minster, Saturday, January 19th. Ringing from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Address and dedication by the Bishop of Sherborne. Tea for those who notify, by January 15th, I. Davis, 109, Wimborne Road, Poole. 53

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Annual meeting Saturday, Jan. 26th. S. Nicolas' and St. Mary's 3 p.m., Holy Trinity in evening. Service 4.15 at St. Mary's. Tea S. Nicolas' Hall. Please notify for tea by previous Tuesday to R. Kenward, 7, Raymond Crescent, Dennisville, Guildford. 119

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—By-meeting Willesborough, Jan. 26th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.15. Names for tea to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 117

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SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—Annual district meeting will be held at Beddington on Saturday, Jan. 26th. St. Mary's bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Beddington Park Tea Room. Please notify Mr. F. D. Jennings, 28, Cedars Road, Beddington, by Jan. 19th. Nominations of general officers for 1952.—P. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec. 112

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.—The Society's annual dinner will be held on Saturday, Jan. 26th, in the Senior Common Room of the University Refectory at 7.15 for 7.30. Ringing arrangements later. Remittances of 7s. 6d. to Lance C. I. Watson, Hon. Sec., 10, Chantry Road, Clifton, Bristol, 8. 104

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RINGERS AND THE CHURCH

THE ringers' 'strike' at Swanwick, Derbyshire, of which many will have read in the newspapers, brings to the forefront once again the vexed question of whether or not a ringer is under an obligation to attend the service for which he has just rung. Most clergymen, no doubt, and many ringers also, will sympathise with the view of the Vicar that all ringers should normally attend the service after ringing; most ringers, surely, will maintain that their obligation to do so is no greater than that of any other parishioner who has been baptised and brought up as a member of the Church of England. Certainly only a very small minority would go so far as to insist that a ringer should be obliged to attend every service for which he rings, while most will support the Swanwick ringers in questioning the right of the parson to make such attendance a condition of membership of his ringing band.

Nevertheless, most of us would think little of a parson who did not express a desire that his ringers should go to church with at least some regularity; most of us, indeed, although we may be reluctant to confess it, admire those ringers who do attend service regularly. We realise that if they attend two services it means that they give up practically their whole day, a fact that some clergymen may overlook. For in many cases to travel, to ring, to attend service and then to journey home again will occupy 3½ to 4 hours, and with a repeat performance in the afternoon not much of the 'day of rest' will remain.

The whole question arises because of the two-fold nature of bellringing, which is at once a sporting recreation and a form of service to the Church. And the wise parson and the wise ringer alike will recognise that each aspect of bellringing reacts upon the other to their mutual advantage. Most of us take up ringing and almost all of us continue to go ringing, not because we feel an ardent desire to serve the Church, but because we find ringing a fascinating hobby and wish to make progress in our art. But at the same time, since almost all our bells hang in church towers, we should never forget that it is only 'by kind permission of the Church' that we are allowed to ring at all, and that whenever we ring we are also willy-nilly rendering a service to the Church. Likewise the wise parson will encourage his ringers, irrespective of their attendance at divine service, to practise their art, since the bells undoubtedly do remind the people around that the Church does still exist. The thoughts of one or two, especially at Easter and Christmas, may be turned to certain events of about 2,000 years ago; very occasionally some may even be tempted to venture inside the sacred building, although it is becoming less and less true to say that the primary purpose of the bells is to call the people to worship. Naturally the ringing of the bells is a convenient indication that a service will shortly take place, but, except in our country villages, there must be hundreds of churches to-day where only a handful if any of the congregation live within earshot of the bells.

In some respects the position of the ringers is comparable to that of the members of the choir. Many choristers, if they are honest, will admit that they belong to the choir primarily not because of their love of the Church, but because they enjoy singing and love music. In other words, the singing of many a choirman is as much his hobby and recreation as ringing is the bell-ringer's. But it is only proper to add that both choirman and bell-ringer should feel some pride and satisfaction that as they are enjoying themselves they are also serving the Church or, as the Vicar of Swanwick himself puts it, taking part in an act of worship.

One difference between a choir and a band of ringers should perhaps be pointed out—in most churches a would-be member of the choir has to reach a certain standard before he is accepted, but in far too many belfries people are allowed to ring for Sunday service before they are capable of doing so properly. The resulting noise tends rather to bring the Church into disrepute than to inspire any feeling of respect or veneration. Curiously enough, too, with a few notable exceptions, the most devout of churchmen seem to make very poor ringers!

Our first duty as ringers, surely, is to see that the sounds we send forth are worthy of the great institution we serve. And even if we are not obliged to do so, and indeed feel a strong objection to any compulsion in the matter, could not more of us look upon it as a pleasant courtesy occasionally to go inside and listen in turn to those who have been listening to us? Or could we not say that while excessive religious devotion should never become a detriment to our campanological progress, yet our preoccupation with the practical and theoretical development of our art should not be allowed entirely to blind us to its religious associations?

F. E. H.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

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AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
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Tenor 25 cwt.

*DEREK G. GOODMAN	*Treble*	J. FREDERICK MILNER	7
†WILLIAM A. LACEY	2	‡JOHN B. BENNETT	8
DOROTHY M. UDALE	3	SIDNEY O. CHENEY	9
WINIFRED M. BURTON	4	JOHN R. SMITH	10
BRIAN G. WARWICK	5	ALAN E. JACQUES	11
HAROLD J. POOLE	6	ARTHUR DEBENHAM	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal of Cinques on tower bells. † First 12-bell peal. ‡ First peal of Stedman Cinques.

TEN BELL PEALS

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THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 22, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5093 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB CATERS
Tenor 30½ cwt.

*WINIFRED M. BURTON	*Treble*	PAUL LEA TAYLOR	6
ALAN CATTELL	2	COLIN HARRISON	7
EDWIN J. LINDLEY	3	JOSEPH A. FENTON	8
JOHN J. MORRIS	4	LESLIE STEVENS	9
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	5	BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
* 50th peal. First peal of Caters in the method by all except the conductor. First peal in the method on the bells for the Diocesan Guild.

LEOMINSTER, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 26, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 22¼ cwt.

LESLIE EVANS	*Treble*	REGINALD T. JONES	6
*GEORGE DAVIS	2	‡AUSTIN T. WINGATE	7
†JOHN D. ROCK	3	JOHN J. WEBB	8
‡F. ERIC ROBERTS	4	†MICHAEL P. MORETON	9
FREDERICK R. HARRIS	5	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* 50th peal. † 50th peal together. ‡ First peal of Bob Royal.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5000 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 34¼ cwt.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Treble*	NORMAN CHADDOCK	6
WINIFRED M. BURTON	2	JOHN J. L. GILBERT	7
*HERBERT O. CHADDOCK	3	T. COLIN RYDER	8
*PETER E. NORTH	4	JOHN E. TURLEY	9
FRANK REED	5	ARTHUR FIRTH	*Tenor*

Composed by G. NEWSUM. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. First peal of Stedman Caters as conductor. The ringer of the 3rd has now rung Stedman from Doubles to Cinques.

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On Mon., Dec. 31, 1951, *and Tues., Jan.* 1, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
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A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 28 cwt.

PERCY H. PIGG	*Treble*	ERNEST G. HIBBINS	6
CYRIL A. HURST	2	CHARLES W. SMITH	7
*GEOFFREY SMITH	3	T. REGINALD DENNIS	8
JOHN GIPSON	4	JAMES W. R. QUINNEY	9
WILLIAM J. RIDGEMAN	5	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.
* First peal on a working bell. 90th peal as conductor.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 5, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 WALLINGTON SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in E flat.

*BARBARA A. MITCHELL	*Treble*	WILLIAM ROGERS	6
ANNE B. STOCKDALE	2	DAVID E. PARSONS	7
LEONARD H. BOWLER	3	RICHARD E. PRICE	8
RICHARD F. B. SPEED	4	FRANK E. DARBY	9
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	5	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
* First peal on ten bells. The first peal in the method (Corrigan Collection, No. 629). In honour of the engagement of the ringers of 2 and 4.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Oldham and District Society.)
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS, MOORSIDE,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 18 lb.

*J. ANTHONY SOMERS	*Treble*	FRED PRITCHARD	5
*JOAN CORDWELL	2	GERALD DARE	6
†VERNON SYKES	3	SELWYN H. DEARDEN	7
HAROLD ARMSTEAD	4	PHILIP H. TOCOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by PHILIP H. TOCOCK.
* First peal. † 100th peal. A farewell peal to the conductor, who is leaving for service with H.M. Forces overseas.

WELFORD, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 22, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5152 PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in G.

*MALCOLM J. V. CHOWN	*Treble*	ERNEST G. ORLAND	5
BRIAN G. WARWICK	2	SYDNEY G. OSBORNE	6
WINIFRED M. BURTON	3	JOHN BRAMLEY	7
SHIRLEY BURTON	4	JOHN B. BENNETT	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal of Surprise. First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild.

ASHFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 26, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

HILDRED S. WICKENS	*Treble*	ROBERT SWIFT	5
FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP	2	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	6
WILFRED W. RING	3	WILLIAM ROGERS	7
MARK W. MARSHALL	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by E. A. BARNETT. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.
First peal of Bristol on the bells.

FRINDSBURY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 27, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

SYDNEY T. JARRETT	*Treble*	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	5
VICTOR A. JARRETT	2	*CECIL C. BISHOP	6
GLADYS K. JARRETT	3	GEORGE KENWARD	7
CYRIL S. JARRETT	4	ERIC NAYLOR	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by VICTOR A. JARRETT.
* First peal on eight bells.

EWELL, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN WHITEHORN	*Treble*	RALPH C. SPITTLE	5
EDWIN J. LINDLEY	2	DAVID E. PARSONS	6
BARBARA M. HARRIS	3	JOHN E. CHILCOTT	7
CHARLES W. MUNDAY	4	JOHN HILL	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by EDWIN J. LINDLEY.

FELTHAM, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Catherine,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt. in F sharp.

Tony Price	*Treble*	Fredk. A. Finch	5
Richard E. Price	2	Thomas J. Lock	6
*Frank T. Blagrove	3	Fredk. E. Collins	7
Alick Cutler	4	Philip A. Corby	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.
* First peal in the method.

OVER, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Chad,
A PEAL OF 5152 EALING SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13¼ cwt. in F sharp.

Henry O. Baker	*Treble*	Walter Allman	5
Fred Dunkerley	2	*John Worth	6
C. Kenneth Lewis	3	Ralph G. Edwards	7
John E. Bibby	4	James C. E. Simpson	*Tenor*

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SHERBORNE, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
At the Abbey Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's One-part. Tenor 46 cwt. 6 lb. in B flat.

Reginald G. Hooper	*Treble*	George Prescott	5
George J. Hawkins	2	George W. Massey	6
Harry J. Gaylard	3	David Hoare	7
Desmond G. Mayell	4	Roger O. Fry	*Tenor*

Conducted by George J. Hawkins.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Elloe Deaneries Branch.)
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Mary and Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

Frank Taylor	*Treble*	Aubrey D. Mills	5
William B. Dawson	2	Cyril Wander	6
John E. Allen	3	John G. Ames	7
Mrs. A. Richardson	4	Stanley E. Bennett	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Reeves. Conducted by John G. Ames.
Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Lady Mary Gleed, widow of Sir John Gleed, and to George William Simpson, a ringer at this church for many years. Both were interred the same day. Mr. F. Taylor has now circled this tower.

WHITCHURCH CANONICORUM, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. Candida and the Holy Cross,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 17¼ cwt. in D.

G. Stedman Morris	*Treble*	‡Norman Mallett	5
Henry G. Keeley	2	H. Dennis W. Bishop	6
*Harold J. Arscott	3	Joseph T. Barratt	7
†Arthur J. Scott	4	Cecil W. Poole	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. Stedman Morris.
* First peal of Triples. † First peal of Grandsire Triples. ‡ First in the method 'inside' and 25th peal.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

Joan Beresford	*Treble*	†Dennis Beresford	5
*Monica Walker	2	Peter Beresford	6
*Jane Cotterill	3	John R. Cotterill	7
J. Norman Hadley	4	Maurice G. Turner	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Nicholls. Conducted by Maurice G. Turner.
* First peal. † First peal in the method and 50th peal.

WICKEN, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

William Yates	*Treble*	Albert H. Hinton	5
Fredk. C. Case	2	*Frank J. Green	6
George W. Holland	3	†Harry Parkes	7
Thomas E. Roberts	4	*George E. Green	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Craven. Conducted by George E. Green.
* First peal in the method. † 50th peal in 1951. First peal as conductor. Birthday compliment to the ringer of the 6th.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 31, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

Hubert G. Summers	*Treble*	Frank W. Perrens	5
John W. Taylor	2	*Jas. L. Garner-Hayward	6
*David A. Carpenter	3	L. Michael Callow	7
John W. T. Taylor	4	Paul K. Williamson	*Tenor*

Composed by Henry Dains. Conducted by L. Michael Callow.
* First peal in the method. First peal as conductor.

DERBY.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 31, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5000 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

*Walter Shaw	*Treble*	William Lancaster	5
*†Miss M. Hobbs	2	*Benjamin Barker	6
*John W. Glew	3	Alfred Mould	7
*Walter Steen	4	Jack Bailey	*Tenor*

Composed by E. H. Lewis. Conducted by Jack Bailey.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the third. All are regular service ringers at St. Peter's.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 31, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

*Llewellyn Allum	*Treble*	Albert E. Whiting	5
†Charles W. Beecroft	2	Walter W. Miller	6
George A. Fleming	3	Ernest E. Grimes	7
Francis W. Corney	4	Leslie G. Brett	*Tenor*

Composed by William Wightman. Conducted by Leslie G. Brett.
* First peal of Major. † First peal of Yorkshire.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 31, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Hubbard's Five-part (No. 1). Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

*David H. Buxton	*Treble*	Ronald W. Steward	5
†George W. Pipe	2	William J. Button	6
‡Roderick W. Pipe	3	Cecil W. Pipe	7
‡George V. Buxton	4	Fredk. J. Crapnell	*Tenor*

Conducted by George W. Pipe.
* First peal. † 125th peal. ‡ First peal of Bob Triples.

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LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 31, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

THOMAS G. FOX	*Treble*	*FREDK. W. HOUSDEN	5
*MRS. R. F. DEAL	2	*CHAS. E. WILLMINGTON	6
DAVID W. BEARD	3	*JOHN F. GROVE	7
*CHARLES A. HUGHES	4	JOHN H. CRAMPION	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOHN H. CRAMPION.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells, and believed to be first in the method for the Association. Rung for the watchnight service.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 31, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

*SAM W. CHAPMAN	*Treble*	ROLAND BENISTON	5
PETER MARRIOTT	2	LEN CHAMBERS	6
ERNEST W. BEARDSMOORE	3	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	7
*JOHN A. WALTON	4	JOSEPH W. COTTON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JOHN A. UNDERWOOD.
* First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor.

PENDLEBURY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Jan. 1, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Day's Six-part. Tenor 13¼ cwt.

*MELBOURNE PRICE	*Treble*	JOSEPH THORNLEY	5
HARRY SMETHILLS	2	ALFRED LOMAS	6
GEOFFREY TAYLOR	3	PETER CROOK, SEN.	7
NORMAN TOMPKINS	4	ROBERT SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.
* First peal. Rung to celebrate the birthdays of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Tompkins.

LEEDS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Jan. 2, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

REGINALD E. LAMBERT	*Treble*	PETER C. WRIGHT	5
BENJAMIN F. BAKER	2	REGINALD L. SILLS	6
FRANK P. WRIGHT	3	MALCOLM S. CLOKE	7
ROBERT T. LAMBERT	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by THOMAS CULLINGWORTH.

HASLINGDEN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Jan. 3, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 16 cwt.

LEONARD WALSH	*Treble*	A. VICTOR WILLIAMS	5
ROGER LEIGH	2	DEREK SANDERSON	6
NORMAN SMITH	3	BRIAN H. WOOD	7
CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON	4	KENNETH HARTLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.
A transposition of the peal given in 'The Clavis.'

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Thurs., Jan. 3, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
J. Carter's No. 32, on the light eight. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in G.

DENNIS BERRISFORD	*Treble*	PETER BERRISFORD	5
JOAN BERRISFORD	2	*ARTHUR BOTTERELL	6
GEORGE E. OLIVER	3	JAMES S. EASTWOOD	7
HOWARD HOWELL	4	ARTHUR T. DUTTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES S. EASTWOOD.
* First peal of Stedman Triples.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Jan. 4, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 lb.

DORIS E. COLGATE	*Treble*	BERNARD V. COLLISON	5
*SHIRLEY V. RYMER	2	LUTHER J. HONESS	6
TOM SAUNDERS	3	ROBERT COLLINS	7
WILLIAM R. MANSER	4	ERNEST J. LADD	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN THORP. Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

MARTOCK, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(Ilchester Deanery.)
On Sat., Jan. 5, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (4th observation). Tenor 25 cwt.

HERBERT W. PEARCE	*Treble*	*ALBERT W. DYER	5
EDMUND C. ATYEO	2	ALBERT S. ATYEO	6
*RAYMOND P. SELWAY	3	WILLIAM E. TURNER	7
WALTER H. POOLE	4	STANLEY A. GUPPY	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER H. POOLE.
* First peal. A farewell to Preb. G. W. Saunders, M.A., 34 years Vicar of Martock and 32 years president of Ilchester Deanery Branch, who is retiring and leaving the district.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 5, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

*MERVYN K. KING (13)	*Treble*	JACQUELINE S. EVANS	5
FRED J. BAILEY	2	THOMAS YEOMAN	6
BRYNLEY J. PARRY (13)	3	DAVID J. KING	7
DONALD G. CLARKE	4	JAMES L. FITZGERALD (13)	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID J. KING.
* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Jacqueline S. Evans. James L. Fitzgerald is believed to be the youngest tenor ringer for the Association.

THORNE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 5, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Containing 1,600 London and Rutland, 640 Cambridge, and 480 Bristol, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 150 changes of method.
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

DAVID G. JACKSON	*Treble*	J. FREDERICK MILNER	5
*WILLIAM H. JACKSON	2	J. MARTIN THORLEY	6
F. BERNARD DITCHER	3	GIBSON JACKSON	7
MILTON C. FOWLER	4	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
* First peal of six Spliced Surprise.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BROWN EDGE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 8, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANNE,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
Consisting of two extents each of Kingston and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr.

*ROBERT CUMBERLIDGE	*Treble*	ALFRED COTTRELL	4
WILLIAM P. DEANE	2	*ALAN POINTON	5
*FRANK HOLDCROFT	3	GEORGE H. HALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM P. DEANE.
* First peal in any of the above methods. First Treble Bob peal to be rung on the bells by a regular service band.

WITHINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 14, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 16 cwt

LESLIE EVANS	*Treble*	AUSTIN T. WINGATE	4
JOHN D. ROCK	2	REGINALD T. JONES	5
FREDK. R. HARRIS	3	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
First peal in the method by all the band except the conductor. First peal of London Surprise Minor for the Guild. Rung in honour of the King's birthday.

SOMERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in G.

ROWENA TYLER	*Treble*	ROBERT GILSON	4
CHARLES E. COOPER	2	ERNEST MORRIS	5
HAROLD T. BONSHOR	3	CYRIL TYLER	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
A compliment to Miss Rowena Tyler on her 21st birthday, also to Mr. William Herbert Kenney on his 70th birthday.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 17, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being twelve ordinary 120's, and five 240's each of Morris', Pitman's and Lindoff's. Tenor 6½ cwt.

*ERNEST MORRIS ..	*Treble*	GEORGE PICKERING ..	4
WILLIAM A. WOOD ..	2	*FREDERICK WATSON ..	5
RONALD F. COLLIS ..	3	DAVID BISHOP	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* 25th peal together on the bells. A birthday compliment to the 4th and tenor ringers, also to Miss Daphne Jephson.

BOSBURY, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Dec. 18, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Fulbeck Bob, Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford Bob, and Double Bob and Plain Bob Spliced. Tenor 16 cwt.

*WILLIAM H. SYMONDS ..	*Treble*	JOHN D. ROCK	4
*†C. WILLIAM NUTT ..	2	LESLIE EVANS	5
*AUSTIN T. WINGATE ..	3	WILFRID F. MORETON ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal in eight methods. † 25th peal for the Guild. First peal in eight methods on the bells. The first peal on the bells since the rehanging of the tenor by Messrs. John Taylor and Co.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 20, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

LEONARD WALSH	*Treble*	KENNETH HARTLEY	4
A. VICTOR WILLIAMS ..	2	BRIAN M. WOOD	5
*NORMAN SMITH	3	ROGER LEIGH	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.

* First peal.

PIPE-CUM-LYDE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 21, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being one 240 and 40 extents, ten callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

*LESLIE L. QUARTERMAIN ..	*Treble*	WILFRID F. MORETON ..	4
LESLIE EVANS	2	JOHN D. ROCK	5
F. ERIC ROBERTS	3	†REGINALD BULLOCK ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by F. ERIC ROBERTS.

* First peal on the treble. † First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung for St. Thomas' Day.

SEAL CHART, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 22, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Ipswich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

MARY FULLER	*Treble*	MICHAEL FULLER	4
HILDEGARD I. G. BIRD ..	2	RALPH BIRD	5
BARBARA A. MITCHELL ..	3	JOHN E. CANNELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

LITTLE STAUGHTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 26, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Ten callings. Tenor 11 cwt.

*JEAN PELL	*Treble*	†CHARLES PELL	3
FRANK WARRINGTON ..	2	HAROLD S. PEACOCK ..	4
FRANK W. LACK	*Tenor*		

Conducted by FRANK W. LACK.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'



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MATHON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 26, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob and two extents each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

*JAMES WARD	*Treble*	C. WILLIAM NUTT	4
WILLIAM RANFORD	2	FREDERICK MERRICK	5
ROLAND E. LEWIS	3	THOMAS COOPER	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS COOPER.

* First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells since rededication in November, 1950.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 27, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four extents of Stedman, six of Grandsire and four each of New Bob, St. Dunstan's, Accrington Bob, Place Bob, St. Nicholas, Reverse Canterbury, St. Simon's and Plain Bob. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

STUART A. SMITH	*Treble*	DEREK WHITFORD	4
BRIAN H. WOOD	2	ROGER LEIGH	5
CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON	3	LEONARD WALSH	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.

BLANKNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 27, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Court, Single Court and Oxford Bob and two extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. approx.).

*SHIRLEY WISEMAN	*Treble*	†GEOFFREY R. PARKER	4
MARGARET A. SWANN	2	†WILLIAM R. PARKER	5
EVELYN M. WRIGHT	3	JOHN E. COOK	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN E. COOK.

* First peal on six bells. † 40th peal this year.

WOODSTOCK. CAPE TOWN. SOUTH AFRICA.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.
On Thurs., Dec. 27, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, 10 callings. Tenor 14 cwt.

OSWALD LAMB	*Treble*	ROBERT STICKLEY	4
CLARENCE GARDINER	2	JOHN WOOD	5
ALFRED GARDINER	3	JOHN ERNSTZEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT STICKLEY.

First peal by all the band and as conductor. Third peal in Africa. Rung as birthday greeting to the Rector, Canon W. R. Way; for the ordination as priest of the Rev. D. A. Ensor; and for the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. C. Gardiner.

BACKFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 28, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

*BETTY GRIFFITHS	*Treble*	BRIAN HARRIS	4
†L MALCOLM PARRY	2	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	5
*PETER E. PARRY	3	R. GORDON CORBY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

* First peal in seven methods. † First peal.

BARNBY DON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 28, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Westminster, Bourne and Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

FRANK REED	*Treble*	J. MARTIN THORLEY	4
*PEGGY M. LAMB	2	*FRANK LAMB	5
†JOHN WARDLE	3	*ERNEST J. PADGETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK REED.

* First peal in seven methods. † First peal in seven methods 'inside.' The conductor has now circled the tower.

BOBBING, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 28, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two different extents each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Single Bob and Plain Bob, and one of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

BERT W. MAY	*Treble*	DORIS G. DOBBIE	4
FRANCIS J. CHEAL	2	GEORGE KENWARD	5
GEORGE A. NAYLOR	3	ERIC NAYLOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.

A birthday compliment to Eileen S. Wyles, of Faversham, and Eric Naylor.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 28, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob, three extents of Plain Bob and one extent of St. Clement's. Tenor 9 cwt.

FRANK C. W. PHILLIPPO	*Treble*	T. CHARLES BROWNE	4
*KENNETH W. MUTTOCK	2	FRANK PEARSON	5
RONALD E. BURT	3	FRANK C. J. ARNOLD	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK C. W. PHILLIPPO.

* First peal 'inside' in three methods. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Fri., Dec. 28, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 9 cwt. 13 lb.

GEORGE E. OLIVER	*Treble*	PETER BERESFORD	4
*MARGARET M. LEWIS	2	†CLIVE M. SMITH	5
JOAN BERESFORD	3	DENNIS BERESFORD	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. OLIVER.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

SCOTHORNE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 28, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GERMAIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Single Court, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

MARGARET A. SWANN	*Treble*	LOUIS WILDERS	4
CHARLES V. CADE	2	WILLIAM R. PARKER	5
GEOFFREY R. PARKER	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Single Oxford, Double Bob, Childwall, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

*CHAS. J. ABRAHAMS	*Treble*	BRIAN M. WOOD	4
STUART A. SMITH	2	CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON	5
KENNETH HARTLEY	3	ROGER LEIGH	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.

* First peal on tower bells. First peal in seven Minor methods for all the band.

BIDDULPH, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Comprising seven 720's of Wells, London, Durham, York, Cambridge, Ipswich and Norwich. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

JAMES STANWAY, JUN.	*Treble*	ARTHUR W. WESTON	4
ALFRED M. COTTRELL	2	WILLIAM CARNWELL	5
LESLIE HIGGS	3	WILLIAM HAZELDINE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM HAZELDINE.

Rung in honour of the conductor's 30 years' faithful Sunday service and his first peal, conducted by him in his home tower. This is the 99th peal for Mr. William Carnwell.

CHELSFIELD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN OF TOURS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents: (1) Norwich Surprise, (2) Ipswich Surprise, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (5) Oxford Treble Bob, (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	*Treble*	*MICHAEL FULLER	4
*HILDEGARD I. G. BIRD ..	2	RALPH BIRD	5
BARBARA A. MITCHELL ..	3	FRANK E. DARBY	*Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

* First peal in eight methods. Rung as a thanksgiving for the restoration of His Majesty the King's health.

CLAYWORTH, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Norwich Surprise, London Scholars' Pleasure and Oxford Spliced, Sandal, Kent, Oxford and Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt.

*DOUGLAS H. ROOKE	*Treble*	GEORGE CHALLANS	4
†JOAN SMITH	2	HAROLD DENMAN	5
ERNEST PRESTON	3	HERBERT T. ROOKE ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

* 50th peal. † First peal in seven methods 'inside.' The first peal on the bells, which were dedicated on Thursday, December 20th.

SUTTON-ON-HULL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Oxford Treble Bob, three extents of Kent Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr.

LEONARD RODMELL ..	*Treble*	*JOHN M. HARROP	4
HENRY RODMELL	2	*JOHN A. BROUGHTON ..	5
CLEMENT R. ROBINSON ..	3	RONALD DUCKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by LEONARD RODMELL.

* First peal.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 26, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
IN ST. MARGARET'S SCHOOLS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 17 in A.

ERNEST MORRIS	1-2	ALAN CATTELL	5-6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ..	3-4	JOHN J. MORRIS	7-8

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

Rung to mark the 28th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Cattell, father of the ringer of 5-6, and the 16th wedding anniversary of the conductor.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs. Dec. 27, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT 76, COLLINGHAM ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 19 in F.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	1-2	DEREK G. GOODMAN	5-6
HARRY POYNER	3-4	*JOHN B. BENNETT	7-8

Composed by HARRY POYNER. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal of Plain Bob Major 'in hand.'

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Dec. 30, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT 26, IRON MILL LANE,
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15.

EDWIN A. BARNETT	1-2	GEORGE H. CROSS	5-6
ALFRED G. WILLIAMS	3-4	*EDWIN BARNETT	7-8

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

* 50th peal on handbells.

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Jan. 1, 1952, *in* 1 *Hour and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT CORNER HOUSE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents. Tenor size 16 in B flat.

REGINALD BEALE	1-2	JACK W. DREW	3-4
REGINALD C. BEALE ..	5-6		

Conducted by JACK W. DREW.

First peal of Grandsire Doubles 'in hand' by all. 25th peal as conductor.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

During the three years Sgt.-Major Philip Tocock has been stationed in Oldham he has made many friends. His enthusiasm for ringing and his skill as a heavy bell handler have become well known throughout the county. Now he has been posted abroad and a farewell peal was rung at Moorside, Oldham, on December 15th. This peal enabled two 15-year-olds, both of whom he had taught to ring, to score their first peal.

Mr. H. W. Howard, of Northwich, Cheshire, rang three peals while on holiday in Gloucestershire. He thanks all who helped to make his holiday enjoyable.

St. Peter's, Belgrave, Leicester, rang 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor as a farewell to 1951 and the same band rang 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor as a welcome to 1952.

Mr. B. Challen, of Shoreham-by-Sea, with 67 years of experience as a ringer, has been re-elected leader of the St. Mary-de-Haura handbell ringers.

Mr. Joseph Burgess, of Greenfield, near Oldham, writes disagreeing with the conclusions arrived at by the Central Council in regard to proposed competitive ringing at Butlin's Camps. He writes: 'I am a competitive ringer and have gloried in it, for I have heard something in those bells which I truthfully hold and realise.' He also writes congratulating Mr. H. Chant on his letter on irregular performances.

The bells of St. James' Church, Sutton-on-Hull, were dismantled early last year by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. and fitted with new bearings and are now in fine trim. The bells were ringing again by St. James' Day (July 25th). All the ringers in the peal of Minor recorded in this issue are local Sunday service ringers except L. Rodmell who rang here for 50 years before going to Patrington a few years ago.

The attempt for 11,360 Superlative Surprise Major on the Loughborough Foundry bells for December 29th had to be cancelled on account of three members of the proposed band being prevented from attending. Mr. F. W. Grocott, who was to have called the peal, writes: 'Anyone who wishes to ring the composition may do so, and has my very best wishes.'

The bells of St. Mary the Great, Cambridge, were rung in a peal in two years (1951-52). The peal of Grandsire Caters came round at 12.20 a.m.

The peal of London Surprise Minor at Metheringham was rung on Friday, December 7th, and not December 1st.

The peal of Grandsire Triples at Sherborne Abbey, on December 29th, was to have been Plain Bob Major, but owing to the late running of trains it was found that if Major was rung one of the band would miss his last train. A change was made to Grandsire Triples, with Mr. G. J. Hawkins, of Bath, conducting Parker's One Part at literally a minute's notice.

The peal at Frindsbury, Kent, on December 27th, 1951, was complimentary to four generations. It was arranged primarily in honour of the 88th birthday of Mrs. F. Jarrett, mother of the ringers of 1 and 2, and grandmother of the ringers of 3 and 4. It was also rung for the 32nd wedding anniversary of the conductor and Mrs. V. A. Jarrett, and birthday compliments to Mrs. M. Y. Reader and Ronald Reader, daughter and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Jarrett, and as a compliment to Miss Gladys K. Jarrett on her engagement to Mr. Leslie Pickles. Mr. C. C. Bishop, who has been a peal ringer since 1908—he was one of Mr. W. H. B. Wilkins' band who were the first to ring 'four peals in a day'—scored his first on eight with this peal.

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LEADING PEAL RINGERS OF 1951

Unbeknown to each other there was a neck and neck race to be the leading peal ringer in 1951. The honour goes to Mr. Harold J. Poole, of Leicester, with a total of 107. Mr. George E. Fearn, of Birmingham, who headed the list in 1950, has scored 105, one less than his total last year. Mr. Poole gained the honour in 1949 with the stupendous total of 143, and Mr. G. E. Fearn was the leader in 1948 with 108.

Mr. Poole was also the leading conductor having called 79 peals, followed by Mr. Nolan Golden, of Norwich, who had conducted 53 peals.

Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay, of Bournemouth, with 52 peals, is the leading lady, but 41 of her peals were 'in hand.' Mrs. H. J. Poole had the excellent total of 51 peals, all rung on tower bells, followed closely by her daughter, Mrs. P. J. Staniforth, with 47. Congratulations to two other ladies—Miss Margaret A. Swann, of Lincoln, with 44, and Miss Winifred M. Burton, of Leicester, with 42.

The figures in parentheses denote peals conducted.

	Tower	Hand	Total
Harold J. Poole	80 (59)	27 (20)	107
George E. Fearn	102	3	105
Peter J. Staniforth ..	60 (24)	23 (6)	83
Arthur V. Pearson ..	66 (5)	—	66
Walter Allman	65 (14)	—	65
Alfred Ballard.....	41 (2)	24 (2)	65
Richard F. B. Speed	54 (24)	8 (3)	62
Henry H. Fearn	61	—	61
Howard Howell	57 (31)	1	58
John Pinfold	57	1	58
Wilfrid F. Moreton..	49 (24)	8 (5)	57
Shirley Burton	55	—	55
Nolan Golden	51 (50)	3 (3)	54
Brian G. Warwick ..	41 (8)	13 (7)	54
Frederick W. Grocott	42 (28)	12 (12)	54
Henry O. Baker	53 (6)	—	53
Frank E. Haynes....	48 (14)	5 (2)	53
Daniel T. Matkin....	4 (2)	49 (47)	53
Frederick E. Wilshaw	42 (3)	11	53
Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay	11 (3)	41 (2)	52
Jack L. Millhouse ..	52 (38)	—	52
John Hill	49 (2)	2	51
Mrs. H. J. Poole	51	—	51
Terence A. Thornber	34	17	51
Harry Parkes	50	—	50
Maurice G Turner ..	50 (17)	—	50
John Worth	50 (24)	—	50
Joseph W. Cotton ..	47 (6)	—	47
Mrs. P. J. Staniforth	36 (1)	11	47
J. Norman Hadley ..	46	—	46
S. H. Jones	45 (3)	—	45
R. S. B. Meadows ..	45 (2)	—	45
George Sayer	44 (1)	—	44
Margaret A. Swann ..	44 (1)	—	44
Ronald W. Steward ..	43	—	43
Brian D. Threlfall ..	35 (2)	8 (1)	43
Winifred M. Burton..	42 (1)	—	42
Terry R. Hampton ..	42	—	42
Geoffrey R. Parker ..	42 (18)	—	42
W. Robert Parker ..	42 (5)	—	42
Howard W. Howard	41 (25)	—	41
J Frederick Milner..	41	—	41
Eric Naylor	41 (9)	—	41
Alan R. Fink	41 (36)	—	41
George W. Pine	41 (23)	—	41
Edgar C. Shepherd ..	34 (5)	7	41
J. Martin Thornley ..	35	6	41
H. William Barrett ..	39 (3)	1	40
Ralph G. Edwards ..	40	—	40
George Kenward	40	—	40
C. Kenneth Lewis ..	40 (20)	—	40
Jack R. Worrall	34 (22)	6 (4)	40

There are other ringers whose names should have been included in this table but their records have not been received. We are prepared to publish a supplementary list in a fortnight's time.

WEST HADDON, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Amos (first quarter) 1, P. Stephens 2, W. Adams 3, E. G. Orland (cond.) 4, R. C. Spring 5.

ST. MARTIN'S, SALISBURY

Condition of Spire Silences Bells

The condition of the spire of St. Martin's Church has been carefully considered and to do all that is necessary to make it safe for many years will cost, it is estimated, £4,000, which is a sum far beyond the resources of the Fabric Fund.

Writing on the matter in the January parish magazine the Rector, the Rev. A. D. F. McKenzie, says:—

'It may be possible to do the work in easy stages as and when money is available to meet the cost, but the difficulty of that plan is that the first stage—the demolition and rebuilding of the top 26 feet—is the most costly, and the other work would be more expensive if it was not done at the same time.

'One thing is clear, the bells cannot be rung while the spire is in its present state. We might have to take off 26 feet, seal off the opening, and leave it like that until there is money in hand to rebuild, but there are technical difficulties in that plan, too, and it would not be pleasant to look at. All aspects of the situation are being weighed with great care; but this is a heavy blow.'

HUDDERSFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY

The annual meeting held at Huddersfield Parish Church on January 5th was very successful. Although some of our members were missing, we were grateful for the help given by visitors from outside the area, especially in 10-bell compass. Methods rung ranged from Minor to Royal, so that everyone had a pull.

It is encouraging to see Grandsire, Stedman, Norwich and other simple methods attempted in an area which through the years has been a Treble Bob stronghold.

The short service was conducted jointly by Canon Woods, Vicar of Huddersfield, and the president, the Rev. A. L. Minns. In the absence of the president and vice-president at the business meeting, the chair was taken by the Ringing Master.

The secretary gave a short review of the past year's working. Meetings, he said, were held every two months and were fairly well attended. Membership stood at 49 and the financial position was sound. Quite a lot had been accomplished but much remained to be tackled. All officers were re-elected with the exception of two committee men. Mr. Gaine and Mr. Rogers were voted to the committee.

There was very little opportunity for handbells, but some members managed to stay behind for this after the tower bells were lowered at 8.30, so closing the proceedings. A.W.B.

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TRIPLES ON EXETER'S BACK EIGHT

Last Saturday a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on the back eight at Exeter Cathedral in 3 hours and 52 minutes. We join the Exercise in congratulating Mr. Frank Harris and his band on this fine achievement of heavy-bell ringing.

REOPENING OF QUEX PARK BELLS

In its picturesque setting, Quex Park, Birchington, was the scene of an interesting ceremony on January 5th. The occasion was the reopening of the ring of twelve bells after rehanging, with the recasting of the front four bells.

Members of the Quex Park Ringing Society, together with a few friends, met in the tower and were received by the present owner, Mr. Christopher Powell-Cotton. Also present in the tower were Mr. J. Graham (agent), Mr. A. A. Hughes, representing Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, Mr. B. J. Luck, representing the Kent County Association, and two members of the old band, Mr. T. Wilson, now resident at Brentwood, and Mr. A H. Sayer, Canterbury, whose first visit to Quex was as a lad, 71 years ago.

Mr. J. A. Russell, captain of the Society, welcomed the ringers to the tower and spoke of the history of the bells.

Mr. Luck spoke of the long connection between the late Major P. H. G. Powell-Cotton and the Association as a life member, and the link that was broken by his death had now been renewed by his son, who had become a member. The connection between the Whitechapel Bell Foundry and the tower was referred to by Mr. A. A. Hughes.

Mr. C. Powell-Cotton then formally declared the tower open, and the twelve bells were rung in rounds. Ringing was then carried on in various methods.

There were there, however, ringers for whom the Natural History Museum, attached to the Mansion, held more attraction and they were shown over by Mr. Powell-Cotton, who explained the various exhibits, proving himself a most excellent guide.

Tea was held in The Bungalow Hotel, and after an enjoyable meal the members retired to the lounge for their annual business meeting. Mr. Powell-Cotton and Mr. Graham were re-elected president and vice-president respectively. Mr. Russell was re-elected captain and Miss Reid secretary. Mr H Luck was also elected as vice-captain, and 'Ted' Milstead as steeplekeeper.

Following these pleasant proceedings the ringers then clambered on to the lorry to be conveyed back to the tower where they were suitably 'piped aboard' by 'A.B.' Russell. Further ringing was held in the tower and during the evening the bells were well toasted in the normal fashion. A happy evening soon passed and at ten o'clock it was once more aboard and back to the Square to catch buses.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World' of January 19th, 1912

IN MEMORIAM

Thomas Reynolds, of Birmingham

'. . . . during his career of thirty odd years [he] had rung no fewer than 98 twelve-bell peals on tower bells, of which huge total 83 were Stedman Cinques (his favourite method). . . . At first he did a bit of tenor ringing only, being in great demand when there was a tough job on hand. Such a man could not for long be content with this, but so exclusive was the St. Martin's Society of that day that when he had even rung the tenor to the [then record] peal of Stedman Cinques (9,238) on February 28th, 1881, and expressed a wish to ring inside, he was told he had "better go somewhere and get some practice first, as they could not be bothered with learners at St. Martin's"!'

[Despite this treatment, Mr. Reynolds rang 305 peals, including four which were record lengths at the time—9,238 and 11,111 Stedman Cinques at Birmingham, 9,020 Grandsire Cinques and 15,227 Grandsire Caters at Cheltenham in 1889.]

THE BELLS OF ALL SAINTS', FULHAM

By ELIZABETH MAXWELL and BROOKE KINGSMILL-LUNN

The Parish Church of Fulham, All Saints', stands on the north side of the Thames and has one of the finest towers in Middlesex, built in 1440. Far more famous than the tower, though, are the bells, which are a very pleasant ring of ten.

In 1549 there were five 'great belles and a lyttell bell in the steple and three hand belles,' which latter were subsequently sold. In 1650 four of the bells were rehung by Robert Turner, who also, during the Civil War, rehung the second bell 'over throwne by the soldiers.' In 1652 the old bells were recast by Bryan Eldridge, of Chertsey, and it was probably at this time that the bells were made up to a ring of six.

There is a story attached to this recasting, in which Eldridge, when the churchwarden paid him for his work, said that he had lost the paper showing that it had been done, and so the churchwarden overlooked the receipt. Later Eldridge produced it and demanded to be paid, taking the matter to court, where the unfortunate warden had to pay again.

By 1728 the six old bells had become very dilapidated. The tenor was broken, another bell cracked, and the rest out of tune. So, in 1729, these six were recast by Abraham Rudhall, of Gloucester, and two more were added, making a ring of eight. The bells were brought back to Fulham in a barge, which sank near the church, but the bells were recovered and rehung amidst great celebrations. Several professors of music attended the ringing, which was followed by a party in the 'King's Arms,' and everyone agreed they were a fine ring.

In 1746 a Mr. Theodore Ecclestone, of Mortlake, gave two more bells, which had to be recast to fit in with the eight, the work being done by Robert Catlin. In 1760 Mr. Ecclestone's two bells were exchanged for two from Rudhall's, one of which had been recast in 1759, thus making the present ring of ten bells, whose weights, notes and inscriptions are as follows:—

Treble.—Note, G. sharp. Weight, 5 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. Inscription, 'Recast by Ab. Rudhall, 1759.'

2.—F sharp. 5 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. 'The Gift of the Vestry by sub. 1727.'

3.—E. 5 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. 'Ex dono Gulielmi Skelton Gent. 1729.'

4.—D sharp. 5 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

5.—C sharp. 6 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. 'Peace and Good Neighbourhood, A. R.'

6.—B. 8 cwt. 3 lb. 'Ab. Rudhall of Gloucester cast us all. 1729.'

7.—A. 9 cwt 14 lb 'Prosperity to the Church of England. 1729.'

8.—G sharp. 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. 'Prosperity to this Parish. 1729.'

9.—F sharp. 13 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. 'Francis Conyers, Churchwarden 1729.'

Tenor.—E. 18 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. 'I to the Church the living call: and to the grave do summon all. A R. 1729.'

Total weight.—88 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

The back six are the old ones, 3 and 4 were added in 1729, and 1 and 2 were exchanged in 1760. In 1908 the Whitechapel Bell Foundry quarter-turned and rehung the bells with new wheels and ropes, at the same time as the tower was being repaired, and on October 4th the tower and bells were rededicated by the Bishop of London. In 1950 Gillett and Johnston gave the bells and bell frame a complete overhaul, and they were rededicated on July 9th by the Bishop of Kensington.

Since the early part of the 18th century peals have been rung at Fulham, the first recorded one being Bob Major in 1730 by the College Youths, and some are worthy of mention here: the first peal of Caters and the first peal of Royal by the Sussex Association: also of Stedman Caters and of Oxford Treble Bob Royal by the Essex Association: the first peal of Bob Royal by the Kent County Association, and the first peal of London Surprise Major rung in London, performed by the Midland Counties Association and the St. Paul's Society, Burton-on-Trent, in May, 1888; the first peal of Royal by a band of the same Christian name (William); the first peal of Union Triples ever rung, being performed in three hours and 6 minutes by the College Youths in 1733; also three long peals, i.e., 10,080 Bob Major in 6 hours 40 minutes, by the Society of Fulham Youths in January, 1735; 10,098 Grandsire Caters in 6 hours 53 minutes by the College Youths in March, 1762; and 12,096 Grandsire Caters in 7 hours 50 minutes by the St. James' Society in May, 1837. Other methods rung to peals in Fulham tower include Old Double Caters, Tittum 10 in, and Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

Fulham has its own Association—the All Saints', Fulham, Association of Bellringers, founded on Michaelmas Day, 1871, by the Vicar, the Rev. F. H. Fisher, who conducted the Association's first peal in 1879. Since then the Association has rung about 150 peals, mainly Grandsire and Stedman, including a peal for the opening of the Festival of Britain, 1951, and one for the close; Fulham being the only tower to do this.

No account of Fulham tower could be complete without reference to the splendidly appointed ringing room, which is beautifully clean and comfortable. This is due to the untiring enthusiasm of the Ringing Master, Mr. H. M. Page, and those associated with him. Mention must also be made of 'The Eight Bells' in the High Street, called thus to commemorate the increase to eight bells in 1729, and where the ringers have congregated regularly for many years. There we will leave you to think on the word a poet once wrote:—

'Old Fulham bells, sweet Fulham bells,
How oft across the pleasant meads
Your rhythmic music swells.'

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

South-West Division

The annual meeting of the Division was held at Leytonstone on January 5th. Approximately 80 members and friends enjoyed the excellent arrangements which had been made by Mr. George Dawson.

A year of progress and achievement was reported by the secretary. Sunday ringing had improved and the peal ringers had enjoyed a successful year. Peals were scored in the four standard Surprise methods together with Yorkshire and Rutland.

After 13 years of loyal and devoted service Mr. J. Chalk declined nomination as Master. Many members spoke in appreciation of the great work he had done. Mr. J. Crampion was elected to take his place and the remainder of the officers were re-elected.

NEW YEAR'S EVE AT MARDEN

On New Year's Eve the ringers of St. Michael and All Angels', Marden, Kent, held their annual dinner and meeting. Ringing took place from 7.30 to 8.30 p.m., which started the evening in fine style.

Afterwards, a very fine dinner was enjoyed by all at the Hill Tea Rooms, 14 members of the Guild being present.

Visitors included the Rev. H. B. Stephens (priest-in-charge), the Rev. C. G. Eagling (new Vicar), Mr. T. E. Sone (Paddock Wood) and Miss V. L. A. Wallis (West Malling). At the business meeting only one change of office was noted—Miss B. M. Vidler, Longridge Farm, Marden, being the new secretary. The new office of peal secretary was given to Miss J. Haffenden.

To conclude the happy evening everybody returned to the tower to ring out the Old and ring in the New Year.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD

Winchester District

About 50 members and friends, some from as far afield as Clevedon, Guildford and London, attended the annual meeting of the Winchester District at Winchester on January 5th. Previous to the meeting good use was made of the Cathedral bells, methods including Grandsire Caters and Cinques, Stedman Caters, Double Norwich and Cambridge.

The chair was taken by the Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth, supported by the District secretary (Mr. J. A. C. King) and the District treasurer (Mr. H. D. Buckingham). The chairman opened the meeting by welcoming all members and visitors and wishing them a happy New Year.

The secretary's report showed that 1951 had been an active year. Monthly meetings had been held since April most of which had been practice meetings and at which methods up to Yorkshire Surprise had been tackled.

Twenty-two new ringing members and 25 honorary members had been elected. Ringers from Kingsworthy tower, which had just affiliated to the Guild, were accorded a special welcome. Eight quarter peals ranging from Minimus in three methods at Kingsworthy to Grandsire Caters at Winchester Cathedral, and two peals of Plain Bob Minor had been rung.

Preston Candover, Sparsholt, Ropley and St. Maurice's, Winchester, were four towers which were commended for their keenness. Finally the secretary gave the District a target of 100 new members for 1952.

The statement of accounts showed the District had a balance in hand of £23 19s. 8d. as compared with £25 19s. 10d. last year. The loss was explained by the higher cost of advertising due to monthly meetings, and two grants of £5 and 25s.

All the retiring officers were re-elected. In addition, an office of assistant secretary was created and Miss Betty Edmonds was appointed to this post. Eight new ringing members were elected. They were the Misses M. Dicker, I. Jetten, P. Howlett and M. Morgan and Messrs. G. Thorne, H. Palmer, J. Wilmot and J. Phillips. Two honorary members were also elected.

It was decided that the next annual meeting should be held in Winchester on January 3rd, 1953, and quarterly meetings held at Owslebury, Cheriton and Twyford, and the next two practice meetings at Hursley and Nether Wallop with Broughton. A District outing is to be organised in the summer followed by a dinner some time in the autumn.

A company of 63 sat down to tea, including the Mayor and Mayoress of Winchester (Councillor and Mrs. A. T. Edmonds) and also the Dean of Winchester (the Very Rev. E. G. Selwyn). After tea, evensong in the Cathedral was attended, at which the Rev. W. A. MacFarlane, Rector of Bishop's Sutton, preached. During his sermon, he emphasised that when ringers were at work, everybody could hear them. That meant that everybody could hear the good and the bad striking and the true and the false peals. There should, therefore, be nothing underhand or deceitful about bellringing, but rather the bells should be rung to the glory of God alone.

The Cathedral bells were available for an hour after the service and St. Maurice's, Winchester, Hursley and Twyford bells were also rung.

CHRISTMAS QUIZ

This year's Christmas Quiz proved to be more popular than we anticipated. The Exercise has more keen mathematicians than might be thought.

Next week we hope to announce the winner and the solutions.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

LIGHTEST RINGS

Dear Sir,—I read with interest in 'The Ringing World' of the lightest ring of six bells recently cast for Mr. S. Jarvis by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. There is a light ring of six at Wormhill, Derbyshire, with a tenor 1 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. These bells are hung for ringing full circle and complete with all fittings.

There is a still lighter ring of six, hung for ringing on an oak frame, and complete with all fittings at Stillington. The tenor of this ring weighs 4 lb. 2¼ oz., diameter 6⅝ inches, and the treble 1 lb. 6 oz., diameter 4½ inches. These bells can be rung up to the set position quite easily.—Yours faithfully,

J. B. HUTCHINSON.

Stillington, York.

YOUNG RINGING MASTERS

Dear Sir,—As the subject of young ringing masters has arisen in your columns, I am enclosing a list of recent masters of the Minster Abbey Guild, Isle of Sheppey. All were taught to ring by Mr. Walter H. Dobbie, formerly of Sittingbourne, and now of Tonbridge.

Stanley M. Evans; period in office, Jan. 1947—Sept., 1948; age on election, 16¾. J. Garth Rooke; Sept. 1948—Jan. 1950; 17⅓ Peter C. W. Neal; Jan. 1950; 18¼.

Yours sincerely,

STANLEY M. EVANS.

Minster, Sheerness.

FROM SHAKESPEARE'S COUNTRY

Dear Sir,—After joyfully ringing in the New Year at Aston Cantlow, the following was composed as a fictitious summary of our activity:—

THE DRUNKEN RINGER or NEW YEAR'S EVE

(With apologies to William Shakespeare)

Is this a bellrope which I see before me,
The sally toward my hand? Come, let me clutch thee;
I have thee not and yet I see thee still.
Art thou not, double vision, sensible
To feeling as to sight? Or art thou but
A sally of the mind, a false creation.
Proceeding from the beer-bemused brain?
I see thee yet, in form as palpable
As this which now I pull. . . . .

Miss it not Ringer; or 'twill be the bell
Which summons thee to heaven or to hell.

Incidentally, this is the church in which John Shakespeare, the Bard's father, married Mary Arden, in 1557, and if ringers were not so scarce as they are to-day, the bell which is now our fifth would ring for them as they left the church. The bell was cast in a small field not far from the church in the year 1410. The hollow in the ground can still be seen to this day—Yours sincerely,

J., J. H. and H. R. FOOT.

P.S.—Please note, the verse above is fictitious and was composed after **our second** salutation of the New Year.

CARE OF ROPES

Dear Sir,—I quite agree with Mr. Louis Wilson's remarks on the care of bell ropes. I have been a ringer at Beedon for 54 years and in charge of the tower for 35 years. In 1922 our bells were rehung and a new treble added. A new rope was put on the new bell and this runs through two guides and two floors before reaching the pulley. The five remaining ropes were new about two years later. There have been peals, quarter peals, meetings and service ringing in this tower and I have never had to splice any of the ropes. I always use tallow where they pass through the guides and wheels and they are all in good condition.—Yours faithfully,

TOM CURTIS.

Beedon, Berks.

WHAT IS UNORTHODOX?

Dear Sir,—As it is possible to take the lead ends under E (see 'Ringing World' dated October 19th, 1951), and produce a 720 Treble Bob Minor with all the 5-6 at backstroke, and each row to follow one another in the same order throughout, so if lead ends under A were used, would this be classified as unorthodox?

A conductor fixes up an attempt for a peal of Minor in seven methods. One of the methods he includes is York When he gets to the tower he finds that one or more of his band cannot ring York but can ring Cambridge and London. He then instructs them to ring Cambridge when above the treble, and London below the treble. Have they rung York, or Cambridge and London Spliced?

In Mr. J. P. Fidler's 'Woodbine Group' we find all the work on one side of the treble to consist of 'Woodbine.' Are all these unorthodox? If not, why is the parent method 'Woodbine' unorthodox?—Yours faithfully,

1952.

120 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dear Sir,—The following touch of Stedman Triples contains the Tittums, Whittingtons and Queen's changes.

As we ring Oxford Bob Triples here at Darley Dale, I would like to thank Mr. R. Overy for the nice touch recently published in 'The Ringing World.'—Yours faithfully,

HERBERT E. TAYLOR.

Darley Dale, Derbyshire.

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RAILWAYMAN'S DREAM

Dear Sir,—I'm glad so many railwaymen are interested in the Exercise. There is a story of one who woke his wife up, shouting: 'Go Double Norwich Court Bob Major—London Bridge. Woolwich. Dartford. Gravesend. Strood. Gillingham—Single—Ladies' carriages near places from in front—Single—Gentlemen far places from behind. London Bridge lady? Cross the treble in 5-6, down the subway, and don't forget the driver in 3-4. Canterbury, sir? With Pleasure—Bob—Get them milk churns into the van will you? Now then, you children, Treble Bob up, leave the windows and pipe down—Bob—What's that green light doing last behind? Let's have a bit of striking, wheeltapper. Dodge, lady, dodge! Stay in 5-6 and the tenor's got you. Make places—Bob—Train's crowded like Bank Holiday—Bob—Make your places with me now. Maidstone, sir? Straight down to the front, change at Strood. Lead, driver. Full in front now with the first carriage—Bob—The guard's passed out. This is all!'

F. A. CLUETT.

Gravesend.

MINOR AND DOUBLES

The way in which those concerned have accepted the ruling that several recent performances cannot be allowed to rank as peals recalls that in the past the Central Council's decisions have not always been accepted so calmly. Many ringers will remember, or have heard of, the Council's ruling in the mid 1890's, that peals of Minor and Doubles would henceforward be published as 'Performances on Five and Six Bells.' This led to a violent controversy, in which two prominent members of the Yorkshire Association, William Snowden and George Bollard, played a leading part, and largely as a result of the pressure they exerted, with the added threat to bring their powerful Association out of the Council, the matter was dropped after a time.

It is a familiar complaint that those whose time is mainly spent in towers with eight bells or more tend to look down on five- and six-bell ringers because they are unaccustomed to ringing on the lower numbers. This is, of course, nonsense, for any ringer with, say ten years' experience of the ups and downs of a Sunday service band will almost certainly have rung Doubles and Minor ad nauseum. Similarly, the argument an expert eight-bell ringer would be ill at ease in a multi-method Minor peal is equally fallacious. For one thing there is considerably less to learn in a Minor method, compared with Major, and each one in turn leads to numerous others, differing to such a trifling extent that on the higher numbers hardly anyone would contemplate splicing them. It is quite certain that the average Spliced Surprise Major ringer could cope with multi-method Minor far better than his six-bell contemporary would acquit himself in a peal in the four standard Surprise methods.

The publication of this year's Analysis has revealed that out of 986 peals of Doubles and Minor rung in 1950, no fewer than 334 were in one method only; in other words, mainly Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor. One wonders what value the participants can possibly have attached to most of these or, indeed, whether there is much justification for regarding them, or any five- or six-bell performances, as peals.

Since the earliest days of ringing, it has always been accepted that the composition of a peal must be true. This has been applied rigidly and indeed in olden times a false peal was often the subject of considerable derision. Is it logical, one may ask, to debar a peal on seven or more bells because, perhaps, half a dozen changes occur twice, when others in which 720 changes are rung seven times, or 120 changes 42 times are cheerfully accepted—indeed, in some quarters considered absolutely praiseworthy? It will, of course, be argued that the 720's and 120's of which these efforts are built are themselves free from repetition, but this is just as illogical. If the sevenfold appearance of no fewer than 720 changes can be endured, what does it matter if some of them are rung a few times more and others correspondingly less? Moreover, why should five bells be the lower limit? In July, 1938, 210 extents of Minimus were rung on handbells, and the two who took part were surely as much—or as little—entitled to regard that as a peal as those who ring Doubles and Minor.

Individual ringers who feel strongly on the subject can, of course, act accordingly by not standing in five- or six-bell peals, except perhaps as an occasional curiosity. Possibly, however, the time has come to re-examine the motives which led the Council of the day to act as it did. It may well be that the reasoning was sound, but that the members who supported the motion were merely ahead of their time.

E. B.

WYE, KENT.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,728 London Surprise Major: H. Baker 1, M. W. Marshall 2, P. D. Huckstepp 3, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 4, W. W. Ring 5, F. G. Huckstepp 6, T. Cullingworth 7, H. Parkes 8. First quarter in the method for 2, 3, 5 and 6.

'SIDELIGHT' OR 'SEARCHLIGHT'?

Dear Sir,—The recent article, 'A Sidelight on Method Extension,' pitifully calls for a 'searchlight' on the truth of the matter. Latterly considerable evidence has been adduced to show the opposite view of points the article raises.

In each branch of ringing—teaching, conducting, method designing and analysis, etc.—there are techniques and masters of them; and it is possible (in fact more often the case) that an expert in one branch knows considerably less of another. This truth is evident from, for example, queries about method structure and extension coming from well-known conductors; also from the fact of the mistaken idea that a knowledge of composition automatically gives an understanding of the principles of method structure, or vice versa

One of the outstanding facts about method extension is still largely unappreciated among ringers; indeed, the article only serves to confirm it! Here it is: There is not, and never will be, any doubt or difficulty about whether the 'natural' or theoretic form of extension of a method can or cannot be produced in any given case. (And this applies not merely to Surprise and other hunt-controlled, but to **all**, methods.) The doubt or difficulty arises only when this 'natural' or theoretic form (i.e., if producible) fails to exhibit the two main conventional ringing requirements, namely, (a) Basic Coursing Order, and (b) the full-range Plain Course. Then the 'trial-and-error' boys get to work, invariably completely mutilating—or at best distorting—the basic method pattern, in order to produce a 'version' that may drag in those requirements. And all this is with the dubious object of trying to fill a gap in the method's family tree!

The methods of the Cambridge family, including those with Cambridge work above the treble such as Yorkshire, are not, as the article seems to suggest, the only ones with pure extensions. There are plenty of others, both inside and outside the Surprise category. For example—Plain Bob, Stedman, Duffield, Grandsire, Kent and other Treble Bob methods, also Bromley, Clacton, Devon, Essex, Leicestershire, Manchester (not yet published), Daventry (not yet published), etc., all in the Surprise group.

But, of course, it is high time that all the misnaming be stopped, and all distorted versions be given identification labels distinguishing them from the basic method of which they are no more than bastard issue. In this there is no call to the Methods Committee to attempt compromise, as the article suggests. Such was never implied in our original motion which gave the Methods Committee its mandate. On the other hand, there is ample evidence available to that committee to enable it to make recommendations to the Central Council on the only major point at issue in this extension business, i.e., the class or classes of extension to be recognised.

METHODS COMMITTEE

At this stage, when the Methods Committee is giving further consideration to the matter, it would be premature and improper to suggest what its recommendations should be; but it is both proper and needful to take a clear view of the issue. Two classes of method extension have already been noted in this letter:—

Class 'A.'—The THEORETIC, which, if it exhibits the conventional requirements, is 'Ideal' and universally acceptable.

Class 'C.'—The VERSION, invariably exhibiting structural mutilation of the basic method, with little similarity to its 'blue line' (Anyway, it 'rings' as a quite different method!)

Latterly a third class has been distinguished, through a rational process of analysis of the basic method, depending on the geometric rather than the arithmetic approach, which process, in fact confirms the theoretic extension itself. (For the less technically minded this may be put in the form of an analogy—the extension thus derived is not unlike the photographic enlargement of an original picture.) This is:—

Class 'B.'—The PROXIMATE, which is the mathematically corrected theoretic form that lacked the conventional requirements, and which has no distortions, a similar blue line, and 'rings' as the same method. The method name always includes the adjective, e.g., Dulchester Major, and Dulchester Royal Proximate.

Now here lies the tragedy of it all. Many Class 'C' extensions have been published, and some even rung to peals, when in fact the preferred Class 'B,' and even in some few cases the perfect Class 'A' extensions obtain. On this discovery is the focusing of attention demanded, and not, as the article suggests, on some abortive and useless attempt to group as a united family certain Class 'C' extensions. Thus it is evident that too little and not, as the article suggests, 'too much,' attention has been given to this, the real core of the matter. Investigation of published basic methods is now well advanced and a schedule of extension Classes is in preparation. This, with a Central Council decision on 'acceptables,' should determine the whole business.

So clearly, all this is not, as the article suggests, mere academic theorising over a 'problem child,' but is the fundamental stuff of which are born the very methods that 'P. A. C.' conducts. Manifestly it is now our duty to purge the Art of all this higher-stage dross, and to establish, without further culpable delay, those firm foundations on which ringing posterity may securely build.—Yours very truly,

A. YORK-BRAMBLE.

RAILWAYMEN'S PEALS

Dear Sir,—I believe the first peal by railwaymen was rung at Christ Church, Swindon, and a board in the tower records the performance. The board reads: 'On Saturday, February 19th, 1898, a peal of Bob Major, 5,040 changes, was rung in 2 hours 57 minutes. T. Lawrence 1, G. C. Iles 2, A. Lawrence 3, T. Robinson 4, C. J. Gardner 5, T. Ricketts 6, O. W. Layng 7, J. H. Shepherd 8. Composed by J. Carter. Conducted by T. Ricketts.'

All the band worked on the Great Western Railway and were members of Christ Church tower. The peal was rung for the Gloucester and Bristol Association, and Mr. C. J. Gardner, still a regular ringer at Christ Church, is the sole survivor of the band.—Yours faithfully,

W. B. KYNASTON.

'MIDDLETON'S'

Dear Sir,—May I suggest the time is ripe for peal reports of Middleton's peal of Cambridge Major to be booked simply as 'Middleton's'? It is surely time this composition was joined up with other 'immortals,' such as Thurstans, Holt, Parker, etc.

I am further tempted to suggest this, for during the past few weeks an epidemic appears to have broken out—mainly in Cheshire and Shropshire—to record it as 'composed by C. H. Middleton.' My complaint is that neither Middleton's parents nor the people who signed the necessary documents at his funeral knew anything of this second initial!

Other recent reports have also gone astray with names of composers. Thus we had Jas. Mott at Saffron Walden, J. Thorpe at Pulford, and even the Central Council librarian called a peal at Tring purported to be the composition of F. F. W. Meadows.—Yours truly,

OLD RINGER.

A HERTFORDSHIRE OUTING

Once again the short winter season of ringing for the younger set (organised from the Bedford District headquarters) included a day outing to a neighbouring county, this year to Hertfordshire. On December 27th the Bedford contingent consisting of Christopher Woodhead and the Stephens trio, met with cycles at the railway station and boarded the 8.40 a.m. train to Henlow Camp where we were joined by Daphne Hare. A four-mile cycle ride brought us to Pirton Church, dead on time. The church has an anticlockwise ring of five hung in a central tower and rung from an upstairs ringing chamber; the circle is such that the ringers of the treble and fourth view each other behind the tenor ringer's back. We rang several Doubles methods here and as the time of departure drew near, Joan Ashton, the last member of our party, arrived just in time to ring a short touch before the bells were lowered.

With a bracing side-wind we arrived at St. Ippolyt's on time and began our programme of quarter peal attempts with a Delight method learnt for the occasion—Ely Delight. A shift course in the last part of the 720 put an early end to this and the remainder of our visit was spent ringing short touches. After an early lunch in Hitchin we cycled along a very muddy country lane to Graveley, where we rang a good quarter of Treble Bob. The six bells here are rung from the ground floor.

At Great Wymondley we were greeted by a young member of the local band who was patient enough to stand by while we rang a quarter of Cambridge Surprise, this being the first of Surprise by all except the tenor ringer, and the first 'inside' by the ringer of the second. We returned to Hitchin for a light snack and, with a following wind, freewheeled most of the way to Arlesley. In spite of the tenor man's request for a leisured pace, the bells soon settled down to a fast rate of striking. This quarter of Plain Bob was, it so happens, the first touch the conductor had called.

The day's ringing was rounded off with a high tea provided by Mrs. Hare, a thought which was highly appreciated by all, and it was with great reluctance that we left the blazing fireside to combat the howling gale outside.

The quarter peal details are as follows:—Graveley, Herts.—720 Oxford, 576 Kent: Mary Stephens 1, Daphne Hare 2, Joan Ashton 3, R. Stephens 4, C. Woodhead (conductor) 5, M. Stephens 6. Great Wymondley, Herts.—1,272 Cambridge Surprise: C. Woodhead 1, Mary Stephens 2, R. Stephens 3, Daphne Hare 4, Joan Ashton (conductor) 5, M. Stephens 6. Arlesey, Beds.—1,260 Bob Minor: Mary Stephens 1, C. Woodhead 2, Daphne Hare 3, Joan Ashton 4, R. Stephens (conductor) 5, M. Stephens 6.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

One of the bright centres in Suffolk is All Saints', Easton, where Mr. Sidney Wightman has a band of 12 ringers. Their weekly programme is ringing twice on Sundays and a practice on Wednesdays. On New Year's Eve the ringers, their wives and children and the churchwardens, numbering in all 38, had their annual supper, a very happy function. Easton is a village which observes the old traditions with 6 a.m. ringing on Easter Day and Christmas Day.

Mr. Wightman has trained three separate teams and is now engaged on the fourth at Tunstall.

In a letter of appreciation to Mr. Wightman, Mr. C. W. Pipe, secretary of the Suffolk Guild, writes: 'When one thinks that a little village like Easton can find 13 ringers and towns like Framlingham, Beccles, Bungay, Saxmundham, Sudbury and many more cannot, it speaks highly of Easton and yourself.'

POYNTON, CHESHIRE.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss L. Gosling 1, Mrs. S. Hough 2, I. Jenkins 3, R. Boardman 4, E. A. Stafford 5, E. Holdsworth (cond.) 6.

QUARTER PEALS

BOSTON, LINCS.—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Brian 1, A. Freeston 2, S. Jessop 3, D. White 4, R. Brown 5, F. Dewey (cond.) 6, W. E. Clarke 7, J. Petch 8. To commemorate the conductor's 38th year as a service ringer at this church.

BRITFORD, SALISBURY.—On Jan. 1st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: R. Lowe 1, J. Sutton 2, M. Page 3, J. Lewis 4, H. Abrahams (cond.) 5, L. Page 6. First quarter of Minor for 3 and 4.

BROMLEY, KENT.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Hilda Oakshett 1, M. F. Oakshett 2, T. Brett-Smith 3, G. James 4, E. Bishop 5, Allison Purdom 6, J. Lyddiard (cond.) 7, E. E. Mounter 8.

CRANFIELD, BEDS.—On Dec. 20th, 120 each of Winchendon, St. Nicholas, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, St. Simon, St. Martin, Plain, Old, April Day, Kennington, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Grandsire: B. Pattison 1, P. Chapman 2, Joan Ashton 3, C. Woodhead 4, M. Stephens (cond.) 5. First quarter in 12 Doubles methods by all the band.

CRAYFORD, KENT.—On Jan. 6th, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples: E. A. Barnett 1, E. Barnett (cond.) 2, Miss B. Thompson (first 'inside') 3, A. G. Williams 4, J. W. Eden 5, C. Popple 6, W. J. Lemon 7, G. Huckstepp 8.

EBBW VALE, MON.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Stephens 1, A. Evans 2, T. Stephens 3, R. Alsop 4, R. Stephens 5, J. Alsop (cond.) 6, B. Werry 7, J. Jeynes 8.

EVESHAM, WORCS.—At the Bell Tower on Dec. 30th, 1,231 Grandsire Cinques: R. W. Kyte 1, J. Thomas 2, J. D. Johnson (cond.) 3, G. C. Hemming 4, F. G. Nurden 5, R. Harriss 6, R. R. Savory 7, E. T. Newbury 8, J. E. Newman 9, P. Harriss 10, G. J. Hemming 11, W. J. Newman 12. First quarter on 12 bells for 1, 4, 7 and 12.

FULHAM, MIDDLX.—On Jan. 6th, 1,680 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. Maxwell 1, H. Belcher 2, J. Phillips (cond.) 3, R. Mackerill 4, C. Watts 5, H. M. Page 6. Rung on the front six.

GRAVESEND, KENT.—On Dec. 23rd, at St. George's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. W. Constant 1, R. E. Constant 2, J. Constant 3, R. C. Constant (first 'inside') 4, J. Burles 5, F. Cluett 6, R. A. Constant (cond.) 7, W. Gorringe 8. Last quarter peal before closing of the church.

GREAT HORWOOD, BUCKS.—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Savage 1, E. Barrs 2, A. Sheppard 3, M. Jamison 4, G. Colman (first as cond.) 5, M. Moore 6. First quarter 1, 2, 4 and 6. First quarter on bells since being rehung. Rung by the local band.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—On Jan. 6th, at S. Nicolas', 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Arnett 1, R. Kenward 2, Miss P. Warren 3, R. Morant (first quarter) 4, F. Oldwyd 5, C. Hazelden (cond.) 6, W. R. Morey 7, S. Breeze 8.

HAMPTON, MIDDLX.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Woodcock (first quarter) 1, R. G. Lay 2, F. C. Price 3, P. C. Ridgway 4, S. J. Woodcock 5, T. H. Blunt (first as cond.) 6. Also on Dec. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Janet Lawrence (first quarter) 1, R. G. Lay 2, T. H. Blunt 3, P. C. Ridgway 4, P. A. Lawrence 5, S. J. Woodcock (cond.) 6.

HENLOW, BEDS.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Fuller 1, R. G. Bywaters 2, L .H. Bywaters 3, D. J. Hare 4, F. S. Beaumont 5, J. Mayes 6.

HORBURY, WAKEFIELD, YORKS.—At SS. Peter and Leonard's, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: H. Rowley (cond.) 1, E. Atkinson 2, J. W. Milner 3, R. Axford 4, E. C. Axford (first quarter) 5, M. T. J. Axford 6, M. Hunt 7, J. Dews 8.

HORNSEY, MIDDLX.—On Dec. 24th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: M. Fenson 1, J. Nash 2, R. P. Crump 3, W. Kingston 4, D. Kingston 5, J. E. Crump (first in method as cond.) 6. First in method by 4 and 5, and first quarter of Surprise on bells.

IBSTOCK, LEICS.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,440 combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor: Joan Bolt 1, A. E. Rowelly 2, Ivy Jordan 3, Roland Beniston (cond.) 4, R. Tonks 5, R. E. Manton 6. Rung for the engagement of R. E. Manton and Miss I. M. King.

KERESLEY, COVENTRY.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Sibley (first quarter, aged 10) 1, Miss R. Griffiths (first quarter 'inside') 2, H. Folwell 3, B. Ellender 4, H. E. Sibley (first quarter of Doubles as cond.) 5.

LINCOLN.—On Dec. 30th, at St. Giles', 1,280 Grandsire Triples: Brenda M. Swann (first quarter) 1, Nancie E. Swann (first 'inside') 2, Mrs. F. Metham 3, Margaret A. Swann 4, G. R. Parker 5, N. E. Chambers 6, J. L. Millhouse (cond.) 7, J. F. Hodson 8. The ringers of 1, 2 and 4 are sisters, and it was their first quarter together.

MELKSHAM, WILTS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. W. C. West 1, A. W. Angel 2, Miss R. Gibbons 3, Miss M. Hunt 4, Miss M. Kennelly 5, C. F. Andrews 6, W. C. West (cond.) 7, A. W. J. Hunt 8.

NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS, LANCS.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rev. J. J. Broadhurst (first quarter) 1, R. Phillips 2, P. Millward 3, K. Edwards 4, J. Ashcroft (cond.) 5, J. Mawdesley (jun.) 6.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Jan. 3rd, at St. Edmund's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. A. Gamage 1, T. Tebbutt (cond.) 2, T. Haynes 3, B. O. Soden 4, W. R. Hammons (first in the method) 5, B. E. Frost 6, E. Nobles 7, H. Marlow 8. Rung for the golden wedding of Mr. A. Deacon, an old ringer of St. Edmund's.

OCKBROOK, DERBY.—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Doubles, being 720 Grandsire and 540 Plain Bob: J. Harrison (first quarter) 1, C. J. Gibbs 2, J. Salisbury 3, R. Harrison (first quarter as cond.) 4, M. Bailey 5. A farewell to M. Bailey who is leaving to join H.M. Forces.

OLD WARDEN, BEDS.—On Dec. 21st, 1,440 Minor (720 Oxford Treble Bob and 720 Kent Treble Bob): Miss E. Steele 1, C. H. Harding 2, B. Pattison (first of Treble Bob Minor) 3, A. Smith 4, B. F. Sims 5, B. S. Cope (cond.) 6.

OXHEY, HERTS.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 of Doubles (480 Bob, 480 Grandsire, 300 Stedman): Gillian Flitton 1, Mary Flitton 2, T. Clark 3, Freda Attwood 4, F. W. Brinklow (cond.) 5, Mary Delderfield 6. Birthday compliment to ringers of 1 and 2. First quarter peal in three Doubles methods by all.

PEBMARSH, ESSEX.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles: M. Pritchard (first quarter) 1, V. Buttle 2, Mrs. G. Trendell 3, G. Trendell 4, T. Bird (cond.) 5.

PENDLETON, LANCS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,280 Double Norwich Major: J. Wheadon 1, Jean C. Brown 2, Frances M. Laflin 3, R. Barlow 4, N. A. Brown 5, S. Hough (jun.) 6, D. Ogden 7, D. Mottershead (cond.) 8.

PIDDLEHINTON, DORSET.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Doris M. Walden 1, N. B. Davis 2, Ruth Jeanes 3, F. C. Davis 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5, B. Cheeseman 6. Rung half-muffled for the passing of 1951.

POPLAR, LONDON.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,257 Stedman Caters: J. A. Hales 1, T. H. Taffender 2, S. H. Lott 3, J. Bullock 4, E. E. Holman 5, J. Bennett 6, C. A. Hughes 7, C. W. Ottley 8, E. D. Smith (cond.) 9, F. L. Blewer 10.

POWDERHAM, DEVON.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Burnett 1, Miss P. Willmington 2, D. Panter 3, G. Walford (cond.) 4, R. T. Perry 5, L. Burnett 6.

RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Doubles, being 2 extents each of Norfolk, April Day, Old, Plain Bob and 300 of Grandsire: R. Youdle 1, D. Hoare (cond.) 2, A. Jones 3, J. Holbrook 4, F. Carter 5, D. Youdle 6. Also on Dec. 31st, 1,620 Doubles, being 6 extents of Plain Bob, 2 of April Day, 2 of Old and 60 changes of Plain Bob: J. Holbrook 1, D. Hoare (cond.) 2, E. Brown (first quarter) 3, A. Jones 4, F. Carter 5, R. Youdle 6.

ROYSTON, YORKS.—On Jan. 1st, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: F. Mitchell 1, Miss M. Perkins 2, D. M. Hall 3, S. Dance 4, P. Carbutt 5, E. Atkinson (cond.) 6. A farewell compliment to the Rev. W. A. Jubb (curate) on preferment to the living of Monk Bretton, Yorks.

SAPCOTE, LEICS.—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Turner (first quarter) 1, T. Cooper 2, Mrs. M. Abbott 3, M. Abbott 4, M. Brown (cond.) 5, R. Hall (first quarter) 6. First quarter by a Sunday service band. First quarter on the bells since rehanging. Also 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Hall (first of Minor) 1, Mrs. M. Abbott 2, Miss D. Page (first quarter) 3, T. Cooper 4, M. Abbott (first of Minor) 5, M. Brown (cond.) 6. First of Minor by a Sunday Service band.

SAWLEY, DERBYS.—On Jan. 8th, 1,440 Bob Minor: D. J. Marshall 1, Sheila Kilbourne 2, W. E. Simpson 3, Mrs. W. E. Simpson 4, R. Harrison (first of Minor as cond.) 5, M. Bailey 6. Rung as a farewell to Maurice Bailey, who is taking up his military service.

SUNBURY, MIDDX.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Nicholas, Grandsire, Chase, Antelope, Old, Reverse Canterbury, Plain): E. Pizzey 1, Janet S. Bailey 2, A. Bone 3, F. Blagrove (cond.) 4-5.

THETFORD, NORFOLK.—On Dec. 26th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. Fuller 1, Miss D. Reeve 2, J. Sharpe 3, W. Bowers 4, W. Paul 5, S. Atkins 6, T. Stagg 7, J. Paul (cond.) 8. Rung for the wedding of the daughter of the captain of the local band.

TICKNALL, DERBYS.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. T. J. Marriott 1, T. J. Marriott 2, G. S. Hill 3, P. Marriott 4, W. G. Soar 5, A. J. Marriott (first quarter as cond.) 6.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On Dec. 30th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob: D. Rooke 1, Jean Haynes 2, D. Chadwick 3, Joan Smith (first in the method) 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6.

WHITE WALTHAM, BERKS.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Aslett 1, B. Gregory 2, D. Spice 3, D. Hague 4, F. J. Russell (cond.) 5, J. E. Tessier 6.

WOOL, DORSET.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. G. N. Williams 1, E. Williams 2, F. Precey (cond.) 3, A. Dorey 4, H. H. Runyard 5, J. Williams 6. A farewell to 1951.

WOOKEY, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Hall 1, A. Weare 2, R. Gardiner 3, D. Robinson (first quarter 'inside') 4, V. Roberts (cond.) 5, A. Carver 6.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

North-East Branch

The annual meeting of the North-East Branch at Tiverton, on January 5th, was attended by over 50 members and visitors, many of the latter coming from over the Somerset border. Full use was made of the bells during the afternoon and evening. Of the many touches successfully brought round the two which perhaps best brought out, by the excellent way in which they were struck, the full beauty of this glorious ring were one of Grandsire Triples, in which the Guild president and two branch chairmen took part, and one of Bob Major, mainly by Somerset visitors.

The service was conducted by the Rector, Canon R. C. Worsley, who gave an address which, while avoiding the subjects of bells and ringing, was most appropriate to the occasion and made a deep impression on all present. The collection, in aid of the Guild Belfry Repair Fund, realised £1 9s. 3d.

At the business meeting the annual report showed that despite the difficulties, mainly due to distance and isolation, with which change ringers in this area of Devon have to contend, the Branch had continued to hold its own. Regular Sunday service ringing had been the rule in all Branch towers, there was a slight gain in membership, and an increase of £2 10s. in the balance in hand. It was decided to transfer £5 to the Instruction Fund in order to assist the Stoodleigh band to learn change ringing.

The retiring chairman, Mr. A. J. Taylor, stated that he did not wish to seek re-election as he felt that the Guild, in which he held two offices, would be strengthened, and greater interest in the cause of change ringing stimulated, if he relinquished one of them. The meeting accepted the resignation with regret and elected as its new chairman the Rev. J. F. Jones, the Rector of Huntsham, according him a very hearty welcome and wishing him every success during his term of office. The remaining officers were re-elected en bloc and the meeting closed with the customary votes of thanks.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

A very pleasant meeting was held at Snitterfield on January 5th when about 35 ringers representing no less than 13 towers attended. These included visitors from the Worcestershire, Peterborough and Surrey Associations.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, and the organist was Mr. J. Holden, a member of the Ladbroke band. An enjoyable tea was supplied by Mrs. Smith, of Snitterfield.

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HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District. — Annual meeting, Church Stretton, Saturday, February 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Freiston, Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5, in Parish Hall. Names for tea to me by Monday, Jan. 28th.—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec., 99, Norfolk Street, Boston, Lincs. 150

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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.—Annual Henry Johnson Dinner, Imperial Hotel, March 15th. Chairman: Alderman A. Paddon Smith, J.P., Deputy Mayor of Birmingham. Tickets 13s. 6d. Early application (accompanied by remittance) essential.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Phone: SPR 1025. 163

Mr. W. E. Critchley's 200 Peals

Mr. W. E. Critchley, of Doncaster, has rung his 200th peal, at Conisborough. His list is appended:—

Doubles.—Grandsire 2 (conducted 1).

Minor.—Plain Bob 3, Cambridge 4, London 1, three methods 3 (2), four methods 2, five methods 1, seven methods 1, seven Surprise 1.

Triples.—Grandsire 8 (5), Stedman 6 (5).

Major.—Plain Bob 13 (5), Spliced Plain and Little Bob 1 (1), Spliced Plain and Gainsborough Little Bob 3, Little Bob 2 (2), Gainsborough Little Bob 1 (1), St. Clement's 1 (1), Kent 1, Double Norwich 4 (3), Oswald Delight 1, Yorkshire 19 (4), Cambridge 6 (4), Lincolnshire 4, Superlative 4 (1), Pudsey 2, Rutland 5, Bristol 13 (1), Dublin 2 (1), London 17 (1), Four Spliced Surprise 6 (1), Six Spliced Surprise 1, one each of Norfolk, Ealing, Ashtead, Aldenham, Rochester, Sandringham, New Cambridge, Liverpool, Tavistock, Darlington, Reverse Dublin, Double Dublin, Brereton, New Gloucester, Doncaster, Conisborough, Wakefield, Leeds, Bradford, Rotherham.

Caters.—Stedman 1.

Royal.—Cambridge 6, Yorkshire 9, and one each of Plain Bob, Oxford, Lindsey, Rochester, Lincolnshire, New Cambridge, Pontefract, Aldenham, London.

Cinques.—Stedman 1.

Maximus.—Cambridge 1, Yorkshire 2.

Handbells.—Plain Bob Minor 1, Plain Bob Major 11 (10), Kent 1 (1)

Totals.—Tower bells 187, handbells 13, conducted 50.

THORVERTON, DEVON.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. L. Baker 1, H. Butt (cond.) 2, R. Ford 3, G. Court 4, M. Butt 5, F. Gilpin 6. First quarter 1, 4 and 6.

WEMBDON, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Brooks (first quarter, aged 13) 1, M. Stone (13) 2, B. Chappell (first 'inside', 14) 3, H. Davis 4, F. Sweet (cond.) 5, E. Norman 6.

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MORE ABOUT CHESTER'S BELLS

WHILE most of our readers are practical ringers, many share the antiquarian's interest in bells. To them 'Cheshire Bells,' Part II., by Mr. J. W. Clarke, Master of the Chester Diocesan Guild, is a volume they will enjoy browsing over. When the Central Council visited Chester last Whitsun a number of members were enthralled with Mr. Clarke's knowledge of the Abbey, the bells of which formed the main part of the first volume of this series. Mr. Clarke enthuses life and understanding into his treatment of churchwardens' accounts, thus giving a valuable background.

This volume deals, as did Part I., with the bells of Chester city. Behind the eight at St. Mary-on-the-Hill, the church within the shadow of the Castle, there is a wealth of history. These bells were rehung and returned and a new tenor provided by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. in 1939. A fairly consistent record of this ring going back to 1536 is in being through the usual medium of the Churchwardens' Accounts. The first item relates to a new clapper for the 'Anthem' bell, which was rung in that early rising age at 4 a.m. Mr. Clarke reminds us that the word 'Anthem' is a corruption from 'St. Anthony,' the hermit, whose attendant pig carried a small bell suspended from its neck. The bell was also in pre-Reformation days known as the sanctus bell. When the Commissioners visited St. Mary's in 1553 there were 'five great bells in the steeple and an anthem bell and a clock bell.'

Evidence of control of the ringing of bells existed in Chester even in the 17th century. After St. Mary-on-the-Hill bells had been recast by Jeffery Scott, of Wigan, in 1657, they proved very popular with the ringers—so much so that the parishioners met two years later and limited their use mainly to important national occasions. Later on these occasions were more specifically described as royal birthdays, accessions, victories on land and sea and, of course, November 5th and 'Oak Apple Day,' May 29th. Even to-day royal birthdays are extensively observed by the peal ringing fraternity, but May 29th seems to have dropped out of the ringer's calendar.

Rudhalls, of Gloucester. were well represented in the city of Chester. By 1783 they had three rings of six in the city. It is difficult to estimate the big contribution to English ringing this firm made, having cast well over 5,000 bells in little more than a century. They introduced modern business methods; ready-made rings of five and six—minus the tenor—were always available, so that when the order for a new ring was received, only the missing tenor, which usually carried the wardens' names or initials, had to be cast. The sentiment of goodwill, such as 'Prosperity to the Parish,' that adorned the bells was also in keeping with the times.

There were times when Rudhall's bells did not come up to the firm's high reputation for their musical qualities; the tenor at St. Mary-on-the-Hill was a poor job and, states Mr. Clarke, its leaden sound marred the ring until recent years, when it was recast. When Rudhall supplied the new six at St. Michael's, the weighing-in ceremony — payment was by weight at 15d. a lb. — was marked by liquid refreshment. Two significant items in the accounts: Given for to drink when the bells were weighed, 2s.; More for drink, 2s. This was not the only occasion for a drink. Donations to the bell fund were marked by 'Your very good health, sir.' Thus when Sir Richard Grosvenor paid his donation of £20 there was 3s. entered in the expenses account, and when Mr. Ormes paid his he was given a pint of wine costing one shilling. St. Michael's to-day presents a dismal picture, and Mr. Clarke writes of the desolation of rusty ironwork about the bells, two ropes dangling in the ringing chamber and handbells black with grime standing on a table in the corner. The neglect arises from a fracture in the west wall of the tower that appeared in 1897. The swinging of the bells was then regarded as unsafe. Mr. Clarke suggests that the damage was brought about by faulty bonding in the stonework.

Peals frequently appear in our columns from the bells of St. Mary-without-the-Walls. This is a modern parish church, the ring of eight being provided by Mears and Stainbank in 1887 with a tenor of 19 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. The bells are hung in two tiers in a timber frame, the treble and fifth being above.

Rudhalls at one time had a six at St. Peter's, which were rung for the last time in 1897. Attention by a bellhanger would probably then have saved them. In 1921 the bells were recast by Taylors, who fitted an Ellacombe chiming apparatus. Thus the bells are still sounded until a satisfactory restoration can be effected.

'Cheshire Bells' is reprinted from the 'Transactions of the Lancashire and Cheshire Antiquarian Society.' Part II. can be obtained from the author, J. W. Clarke, Mollington, Chester (price 2s.).

TWELVE BELL PEAL

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Jan. 10, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 31 cwt. in D.

HENRY H. FEARN	*Treble*	TERRY R. HAMPTON	7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	2	FRANK E. HAYNES	8
*CLAUDIA A. HARDING	3	WILFRID F. MORETON	9
ALBERT WALKER	4	*ROGER O. FRY	10
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	5	LEONARD TREVOR	11
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	6	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus.

TEN BELL PEALS

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 26, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5000 OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 16 cwt. in D sharp.

JOHN BEARDMORE	*Treble*	RONALD T. BARLOW	6
*JUNE M. HENSHAW	2	EWART H. EDGE	7
FREDK. WM. GROCOTT	3	†G. ARNOLD MOORE	8
ARTHUR PEAKE	4	FREDK. E. WILSHAW	9
GEOFFREY C. BEECH	5	CHARLES H. PAGE	*Tenor*

Composed by G. R. NEWTON. Conducted by FREDK. WM. GROCOTT.
* 50th peal. † 25th peal with the ringers of 3, 4 and tenor. 100th peal as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells and by all the band except Mr. C. H. Page. Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to Mr. S. Myatt, J.P., who has been associated with St. Giles' Church all his life.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Furness and Lake District Branch.)
On Tues., Jan. 1, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 22 cwt.

*JOHN C. FORD	*Treble*	JOHN BAGNALL	6
†NORMA ROBERTS	2	WILLIAM WALL	7
JOHN WOODS	3	JAMES E. BURLES	8
SYDNEY B. USHER	4	†HAROLD WILSON	9
NICHOLAS M. NEWBY	5	THOMAS METCALF	*Tenor*

Composed by RICHARD F. DEAL. Conducted by JAMES E. BURLES.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside' in the method. Rung to welcome the New Year.

BECCLES, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Jan. 2, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 25 cwt. 53 lb. in D flat.

CECIL V. EBBERSON	*Treble*	NORMAN V. HARDING	6
F. CHARLES GOODMAN	2	ERNEST H. MASTIN	7
NOLAN GOLDEN	3	BERT GOGLE	8
*STANLEY W. COPLING	4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	9
ARTHUR G. BASON	5	CECIL W. PIPE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal in the method and of Caters.

MILDENHALL, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(The Society of Cambridge Youths.)
On Sat., Jan. 5, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 17 cwt.

ERNEST G. HIBBINS	*Treble*	T. REGINALD DENNIS	6
*PETER BORDER	2	CHARLES W. SMITH	7
FRANK E. HAYNES	3	HARRY L. MARTIN	8
CYRIL HURST	4	JAMES W. R. QUINNEY	9
†WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	5	JOHN G. GIPSON	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.
* Fiftieth peal. † First peal of Stedman.

SWINDON, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 5, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 22 cwt. 9 lb.

*MARGARET E. RICHARDS	*Treble*	WALTER H. TRUEMAN	6
†PAULINE MANNING	2	W. BERTRAM KYNASTON	7
*MARION J. SKINNER	3	E. JOHN BERRY	8
†B. ENID LLOYD ROBERTS	4	THOMAS TOWNSEND	9
†BRIAN BLADON	5	WILLIAM W. T. DANIELL	*Tenor*

Composed by G. R. FARDON. Conducted by W. BERTRAM KYNASTON.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal of Caters. Rung to mark the centenary of Christ Church.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 5, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,
A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 24 cwt.

*LESTER L. GRAY	*Treble*	*FRANK VARTY	6
JULIA M. PRESTON	2	*RALPH G. EDWARDS	7
†ALAN P. CAVE	3	EDWIN C. BIRKETT	8
*GEORGE H. HESKETH	4	PERCIVAL W. CAVE	9
*THOMAS W. HESKETH	5	*FREDK. S. ALMOND	*Tenor*

Composed by RICHARD F. DEAL. Conducted by PERCIVAL W. CAVE.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First peal on ten bells. First peal of Grandsire Caters as conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

UTTOXETER, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 22, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5072 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

RONALD T. BARLOW	*Treble*	*IVOR R. NICHOLS	5
JUNE M. HENSHAW	2	FREDK. E. WILSHAW	6
FREDK. WM. GROCOTT	3	SIDNEY H. JONES	7
RICHARD J. WARRILOW	4	CHARLES H. PAGE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by FREDERICK WILLIAM GROCOTT.
* First peal in the method. First peal of Double Norwich on the bells.

HANLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 26, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
C.C.C. 99. Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in E.

MICHAEL SLANEY	*Treble*	RONALD T. BARLOW	5
JUNE M. HENSHAW	2	G. ARNOLD MOORE	6
JOHN BEARDMORE	3	CHARLES H. PAGE	7
FREDK. E. WILSHAW	4	FREDK. WM. GROCOTT	*Tenor*

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by JUNE M. HENSHAW.
First peal as conductor.

SILVERDALE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in A flat.

JOHN BEARDMORE	*Treble*	*G. ARNOLD MOORE	5
ERIC NIXON	2	FREDK. E. WILSHAW	6
RONALD T. BARLOW	3	FREDK. WM. GROCOTT	7
JUNE M. HENSHAW	4	CHARLES H. PAGE	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by FREDK. WM. GROCOTT.
* 50th peal. First peal of Cambridge Surprise on the bells.

BURNHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Jan. 1, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

MISS M. PEMBERTON	*Treble*	MISS F. MURKITT	5
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	2	CYRIL A. BURGESS	6
MISS J. HEARN	3	*ERNEST E. GOSLING	7
MISS M. R. JAYCOCK	4	GEORGE GILBERT	*Tenor*

Composed by FRED DENCH. Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.
* First peal in the Oxford Variation.

PENSHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Jan. 3, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17¾ cwt.

*TOM SAUNDERS	*Treble*	BENJAMIN J. BAKER	5
GEOFFREY W. ASHDOWN	2	†LUTHER HONESS	6
PETER C. WRIGHT	3	FRANK P. WRIGHT	7
†WILLIAM R. MANSER	4	REGINALD L. SILLS	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by REGINALD L. SILLS.
* 225th peal. † 50th peal together.

CHESWARDINE, SHROPSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 5, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Washbrook's Variation of Thurstans'. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in G.

*FREDK. E. WILSHAW	*Treble*	†JOHN BEARDMORE	5
JUNE M. HENSHAW	2	†DENNIS KNOX	6
RONALD T. BARLOW	3	ARTHUR PEAKE	7
*FREDK. WM. GROCOTT	4	ALBERT LAWTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK WILLIAM GROCOTT.
* 150th peal together. † First peal of Stedman. Rung as a compliment to Mr. C. H. Page on his retirement after 44 years' service with the North Staffordshire Railways, L.M.S. and B.R.(M.).

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Jan. 5, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

CLIVE M. SMITH	*Treble*	†J. NORMAN HADLEY	5
STANLEY PRESTIDGE	2	SAMUEL BIRCH	6
*‡ERNEST STITCH	3	MAURICE G. TURNER	7
WILLIAM DAVIES	4	‡HOWARD HOWELL	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.
* 50th peal for the Society. † 75th peal. ‡ 50th peal together.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 5, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

JAMES A. MILNER	*Treble*	NEIL D. LOMAS	5
ANNE WORTH	2	PETER LAFLIN	6
WILFRED STEVENSON	3	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	7
BASIL JONES	4	JOHN WORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

READING, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 5, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25¾ cwt.

ALBERT DISERENS	*Treble*	REGINALD W. REX	5
*MRS. C. LEWINGTON	2	JOHN HILL	6
AUDREY B. DISERENS	3	FREDK. E. COLLINS	7
NOEL J. DISERENS	4	WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
* First peal in the method.

SWINESHEAD, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 5, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Bruerton's Twelve-part. Tenor 18 cwt. (approx.).

WILLIAM B. DAWSON	*Treble*	CYRIL WANDER	5
SYDNEY JESSOP	2	JOHN P. MORRISS	6
*ARTHUR T. RANDALL	3	ALBERT H. BENNETT	7
WILLIAM E. CLARKE	4	HORACE BENNETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL WANDER.
* First peal on an 'inside' bell. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

TILEHURST, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 5, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19½ cwt.

THOMAS J. FOWLER	*Treble*	KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER	5
SYLVIA COKER	2	PERCY NEWTON	6
GEORGE MARTIN	3	ROLAND BIGGS	7
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER	4	W. LEE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by W. LEE.

WYE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 5, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. GREGORY AND MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20½ cwt.

*WILLIAM C. MARSHALL	*Treble*	*WILFRED W. RING	5
*MARK W. MARSHALL	2	*FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP	6
*PETER D. HUCKSTEPP	3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	7
THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	4	HARRY PARKES	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.
* First peal of London. First peal of London on the bells.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Jan. 7, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

CHARLES H. MOORE	*Treble*	F. CHARLES GOODMAN	5
ERNEST G. SHORTING	2	ARTHUR G. BASON	6
SHIRLEY BURTON	3	BERT GOGLE	7
GEORGE SAYER	4	NOLAN GOLDEN	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Jan. 9, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's Variation. Tenor 10 cwt.

E. CHARLES TURNER	*Treble*	HARRY G. WAYNE	5
HAROLD J. POOLE	2	†BRIAN AUSTIN	6
*S. ANTHONY JESSON	3	PETER J. STANIFORTH	7
JOHN R. SMITH	4	FREDK. T. BINDLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First peal of Stedman. A birthday compliment to F. T. Bindley (local captain) and Herrick B. Bowley. A compliment to Eric Adnitt and Mrs. Adnitt on the birth of a daughter.

BOURN, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Jan. 10, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. HELEN AND MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14¼ cwt. in F.

*MICHAEL N. BLAND	*Treble*	*WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	5
*CYRIL A. HURST	2	T. REGINALD DENNIS	6
RONALD D. EDGE	3	PETER BORDER	7
ELIZABETH LAYTON	4	*JOHN G. GIPSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First peal of Triples. First peal of Grandsire as conductor.

EXETER, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Jan. 12, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 72 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in B flat.

STAFFORD H. GREEN	*Treble*	DAVID R. REED	5
MRS. JEAN M. HARRIS	2	FRANK L. HARRIS	6
FREDERICK WREFORD	3	A. PATRICK CANNON	7
JOHN HARTLESS	4	S. GEOFFREY WATERS	
		RONALD N. MARLOW	*Tenor*

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.
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HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 12, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. in E flat.

*BERNARD E. WOODALL	*Treble*	WILLIAM DAVIES	5
JOSEPH H. COX	2	STANLEY PRESTIDGE	6
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	3	MAURICE G. TURNER	7
J. NORMAN HADLEY	4	HOWARD HOWELL	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.
* First peal.

PENSNETT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Jan. 12, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 8½ lb.

*CLIVE M. SMITH	*Treble*	ERNEST STITCH	5
ALAN ELSMORE	2	WILLIAM DAVIES	6
STANLEY PRESTIDGE	3	†HOWARD HOWELL	7
J. NORMAN HADLEY	4	†MAURICE G. TURNER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.
* First peal of Plain Bob Major. † 125th peal together.

READING, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 12, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

ALBERT DISERENS	*Treble*	REGINALD W. REX	5
MRS. P. LEWINGTON	2	FREDK. E. COLLINS	6
*DAVID E. PARSONS	3	WILFRED WILLIAMS	7
NOEL J. DISERENS	4	*JOHN E. CHILCOTT	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
* First peal of Major in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

STAGSDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 22, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5040 HEREWARD BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in G.

*ROY A. WARD	*Treble*	J. MICHAEL STEPHENS	4
RICHARD W. STEPHENS	2	CHRIS. G. WOODHEAD	5
ALAN S. SMITH	3	CLIFFORD W. IZZARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. MICHAEL STEPHENS.
* First peal of Minor. First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.

HUNTON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 28, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

*BETTY M. VIDLER	*Treble*	FRANK W. TOMLIN	4
MARGARET A. TOMLIN	2	†MALCOLM S. CLOKE	5
PETER CARTER	3	S. GEOFFREY WATERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by MALCOLM S. CLOKE.
* First peal. † 50th peal.

DAVENHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, and two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

ALBERT H. BOOTH	*Treble*	*DOROTHY OSBORNE	4
KENNETH W. MACKENTOSH	2	†ALBERT H. CRAWLEY	5
A. GORDON LAWRENCE	3	DAVID SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID SMITH.
* 50th peal. † 270th peal.

DUNSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being six extents each of St. Nicholas', St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Winchendon, Canterbury Pleasure Reversed, Old and Grandsire.
Tenor 8¾ cwt.

*AMOS INGALL	*Treble*	†GEOFFREY R. PARKER	3
MARGARET A. SWANN	2	†WILLIAM R. PARKER	4
JOHN E. COOK			*Tenor*

Conducted in alternate 240's by GEOFFREY R. PARKER, WILLIAM R. PARKER and JOHN E. COOK.
* First peal on five bells. † 50th peal together. First peal in seven Doubles methods by all the band, and on the bells.

EARLS CROOME, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

*MURIEL WILLETT	*Treble*	EDWARD MAUND	4
ERNEST F. CUBBERLEY	2	ARTHUR JOPP	5
*MRS. A. JOPP	3	CHARLES J. CAMM	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES J. CAMM.
* First peal of Minor. First peal on the recast and augmented bells.

ELSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

*LEWIS HEMSTOCK	*Treble*	FREDERICK G. HOOPER	4
GEORGE E. FOSTER	2	ARTHUR E. CHILTON	5
FRANK VERNON	3	*W. NEVILLE BROWN	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK G. HOOPER.
* First peal of Minor.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven different 720's. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in F sharp.

*MRS. EVELYN M. HICKS	*Treble*	†GEORGE BEENEY	4
*BENJAMIN STEPNEY	2	†E. GAVAN D. TONKIN	5
*WILLIAM M. STEPNEY	3	†FRANK H. HICKS	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor. First peal of Treble Bob by the local band. Rung for the coming-of-age of Miss Helen Gorringe, of Hawkhurst. Also for the christening of Alan Waters, grandson of the 2nd ringer and nephew of the 3rd.

MADELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 26 lb.

FRANK WM. GROCOTT	*Treble*	JOHN BEARDMORE	4
*DONALD BOURNE	2	ERIC NIXON	5
MICHAEL SLANEY	3	RONALD T. BARLOW	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK WILLIAM GROCOTT.
* First peal.

UPCHURCH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Oxford Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

HARRY SPRINGATE	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT	4
GLADYS K. JARRETT	2	CYRIL S. JARRETT	5
CECIL C. BISHOP	3	VICTOR A. JARRETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL S. JARRETT.
First peal in five methods as conductor.

WANBOROUGH, WILTSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Cambridge and two each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 18¼ cwt.

*JEANETTE A. ROSE ..	..*Treble*	ANTHONY R. PEAKE	4
BRIAN BLADON	2	WILLIAM A. T. CARTER ..	5
*THOMAS F. STONE	3	PETER ANGER	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER ANGER.
* First peal in four Minor methods. First peal in four Minor methods as conductor. First peal of Minor on the bells. Rung for the engagement of Mr. Ellis Boardman and Miss Bernice Thomas.

WILLOUGHBY. LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Double Court, Single Court, Childwall, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

*PERCY JERVIS	..*Treble*	ALBERT E. FLATTERS ..	4
*JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM..	2	EDWIN FISHER	5
ARTHUR YOUNG	3	JOHN R. YOUNG ..	.. *Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. YOUNG.
* First peal in seven methods.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sun., Dec. 30, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents. Tenor 6¼ cwt.

*ROBERT E. TALLIS ..	..*Treble*	ANTHONY AGER	4
BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY ..	2	GEORGE E. FEARN	5
ARTHUR V. PEARSON ..	3	MURIEL REAY	.. *Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.
* First peal.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 31, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 12 extents of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt.

*MOLLIE TILBURY ..	..*Treble*	F. ERIC ROBERTS	4
REGINALD POSTON	2	WILLIAM POSTON	5
*SHIRLEY GREEN	3	ARNOLD G. HAZELDEN ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM POSTON.
* First peal.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 31, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different 720's. Tenor 13 cwt.

CHARLES T. PAYNE ..	..*Treble*	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ..	4
*AUDREY M. BAILEY ..	2	WILLIAM J. ARNOLD ..	5
WILLIAM J. SOUTHAM ..	3	FRANCIS KIRK	.. *Tenor*

Conducted by FRANCIS KIRK.
* First peal of Minor. Quickest peal on the bells.

WICKWAR, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 31, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Consisting of seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

*DORIS SHEPPARD ..	..*Treble*	A. DOREEN EDWARDS ..	4
†MARY DREW	2	CHARLES E. WATTS	5
‡JOHANNA BARBROOK ..	3	HARRY W. HOWARD ..	.. *Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.
* First peal of Minor. † 25th peal. ‡ First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Betty Nation, a local ringer.

WINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 31, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

ALBERT LAWES	..*Treble*	GEORGE FILBY	4
BARBARA FILBY	2	GEORGE C. J. FILBY ..	5
CHARLES BROWN	3	ROBERT PLUMMER ..	.. *Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT PLUMMER.
First peal as conductor.



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THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Jan. 1, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 15 methods: (1) London Surprise, (2) Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise, (3) Fulbeck, Reverse, Canterbury, Double and Plain Bob, (4) Thelwall and Double Oxford Bob, (5) Childwall and St. Clement's Bob, (6) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, (7) Oxford Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

A. BRYAN ELLSMORE	*Treble*	MICHAEL P. MORETON	4
F. ERIC ROBERTS	2	*WILFRID F. MORETON	5
JOHN D. ROCK	3	*LESLIE EVANS	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* 100th peal together. First peal of Minor on the bells. First peal in 15 methods by all the band, except the conductor, and for the Guild. Rung on the Feast of the Circumcision of our Lord.

BENTLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Jan. 2, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four extents each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, New Bob, Stedman, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Giles', Winchendon Place Bob, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob, and six extents of Grandsire. Tenor 6 cwt.

DENNIS A. CHAPMAN	*Treble*	J. MARTIN THORLEY	3
DOREEN SMYTHE	2	RONALD J. SANDERSON	4
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	*Tenor*		

Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

First peal of Doubles in ten methods for all the band, in the county and for the Association.

HOLYWELL, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Jan. 2, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Beverley, Norwich and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.

FRANK WARRINGTON	*Treble*	ARTHUR CLEMENTS	4
FRANK W. LACK	2	R. FRANK BAKER	5
HAROLD S. PEACOCK	3	G. HENRY DUNNINGTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

SUTTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Jan. 2, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being eight extents each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, Old Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, and ten extents of Grandsire (ten callings). Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN D. ROCK	*Treble*	†F. ERIC ROBERTS	4
*REV. BERNARD AP IVOR	2	MICHAEL P. MORETON	5
LESLIE EVANS	3	CLEDWYN W. JENKINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL P. MORETON.

* First peal in five methods. † First peal of Doubles in five methods. First peal in more than one method, and of Doubles, as conductor.

ARLESEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Jan. 3, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 10½ cwt.

C. HENRY HARDING	*Treble*	ANDREW C. SINFIELD	4
RONALD J. SHARP	2	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	5
BRIAN S. COPE	3	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. HENRY HARDING.

A 21st birthday compliment to Mr. L. J. Clarke, of Eaton Socon, Beds.

CROMHALL, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Jan. 3, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, four different callings. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*DORIS SHEPPARD	*Treble*	HARRY W. HOWARD	4
MARY DREW	2	A. DOREEN EDWARDS	5
MRS. HONOR PRATT	3	D. ROY HOLPIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

* First peal of Bob Doubles. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

DISLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Jan. 3, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Consisting of twenty-one methods spliced into seven extents, viz.: (1) St. Werburgh, Crowland, Combermere and Vale Royal Delight, (2) Willesden, College Bob IV., Old Oxford and Newdigate Delight, (3) Wragby, St. Albans, Neasden and Charlwood Delight, (4 and 5) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley Treble Bob, (6 and 7) Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Sandal, Capel and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*STEPHEN W. J. PENNEY	*Treble*	*NEIL D. LOMAS	4
*ANNE WORTH	2	JOHN WORTH	5
JAMES FERNLEY	3	JAMES A. MILNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal in 21 methods. Rung with the bells fully muffled in memory of Robert Marsland, who was attached to the above church for forty years.

WINTERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Jan. 3, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and St. Clement's and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

HAROLD MORWOOD	*Treble*	RONALD CHAFER	4
*BRIAN CUTHBERT	2	JACK BRAY	5
C. AUBREY HARRISON	3	HARRY HALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal 'inside.'

YATE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Jan. 4, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Consisting of seven different extents. Tenor 20½ cwt.

*GERALD J. VIRGO	*Treble*	S. JOHN COX	4
JEAN E. SHELLARD	2	†HERBERT T. FERRIS	5
A. DOREEN EDWARDS	3	HARRY W. HOWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal. First peal on the bells.

CAPEL, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 5, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, Cambridge, Oxford, Kent and Plain Bob. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

MRS. F. FULLETT	*Treble*	GEORGE GROVER	4
EDWARD E. COWAN	2	ARTHUR H. SMITH	5
ALFRED H. WINCH	3	ALBERT HARMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

First peal on the bells for 24 years.

PULVERBATCH, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 5, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDITH.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 6 cwt.

*WILLIAM H. JONES	*Treble*	HARRY EDGE	4
RICHARD F. DAVIES	2	CHARLES E. EDWARDS	5
ALFRED E. G. OWEN	3	LEO EVANS	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES E. EDWARDS.

* First peal. First peal on the bells since being rehung. A 71st birthday compliment to Mr. Evans, father of the ringer of the tenor.

PURLEIGH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 5, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise, three of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

*DAVID WALLIS	*Treble*	†JOE E. G. ROAST	4
†JOHN WEST	2	MRS. JEAN M. HARRIS	5
ELIZABETH BROWN	3	FRANK L. HARRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

* First peal of Minor in three methods. † First peal of Minor.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Oct. 31, 1951, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
At St. Margaret's Select Vestry Hall,
A PEAL OF 5077 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor size 15 in C.

Harold J. Poole .. .. 1-2 | G. Stedman Morris 5-6
Alfred Ballard .. .. 3-4 | Ernest Morris 7-8
Josiah Morris 9-10

Composed by Frederick H. Dexter. Conducted by Harold J. Poole.

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 24, 1951, in 1 Hour and 55½ Minutes,
In the Belfry of the Church of St. Giles,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
C.C.C. 99. Tenor size 17 in A.

Ronald T. Barlow .. .. 1-2 | Fredk. E. Wilshaw .. 5-6
Michael Slaney .. .. 3-4 | *Fredk. Wm. Grocott .. 7-8

Composed by Cornelius Charge. Conducted by Fredk. W. Grocott.
* First peal on 7-8 and 50th handbell peal.

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 24, 1951, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,
In the Belfry of the Church of St. Giles,
A PEAL OF 5120 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

*Michael Slaney .. .. 1-2 | †Fredk. E. Wilshaw .. 5-6
†Fredk. Wm. Grocott .. 3-4 | †Ronald T. Barlow 7-8

Composed by J. Reeves. Conducted by Fredk. Wm. Grocott.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major in the method, on handbells, also for the Association. Tenor size 17 in A.

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Jan. 1, 1952, in 2 Hours and 2½ Minutes,
In the Nave of St. Peter's Church.
A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 10 in A.

Fredk. E. Wilshaw .. .. 1-2 | Ronald T. Barlow 5-6
Fredk. Wm. Grocott .. 3-4 | *Michael Slaney 7-8

Composed by J. Reeves. Conducted by Frederick Wm. Grocott.
* First peal in the method. This peal was rung in two years (1951-52), commencing at 10.38 p.m. and finishing at 12.40½ a.m.

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Jan. 2, 1952, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
In the Belfry of the Church of St. Giles,
A PEAL OF 5152 ST. CLEMENT'S BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

Ronald T. Barlow .. .. 1-2 | Fredk. E. Wilshaw 5-6
Fredk. Wm. Grocott .. 3-4 | Michael Slaney 7-8

Conducted by Frederick William Grocott.
First peal in the method, by all the band and for the Association. Composition: 24 course block with two Singles at M and three H's omitted in one part.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Jan. 4, 1952, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
At Trentwood,
A PEAL OF 5152 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 20 in E.

Mrs. J. Bray .. .. .. 1-2 | Jack Bray 5-6
George E. Feirn .. .. 3-4 | Philip Barnes 7-8

Composed by E. Wightman. Conducted by George E. Feirn.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Jan. 6, 1952, in 2 Hours and 2 Minutes,
In the Belfry of the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different callings. Tenor size 15 in C.

*Brian H. Wood .. .. 1-2 | Roger Leigh 3-4
Charles W. Blakey 5-6

Conducted by Charles W. Blakey.
* First peal 'in hand.'

GALBORNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Jan. 6, 1952, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
At 7, Barn Lane,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

Kenneth Edwards .. .. 1-2 | Gordon Halls 3-4
John Ashcroft 5-6

Conducted by John Ashcroft.
First peal 'in hand' for all the band.

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SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER

A substantial number of regular readers will be disappointed this morning at not receiving their 'Ringing Worlds.' When their subscriptions for 1952 are received by Mr. J. E. Jeater, 11, Frankswood Avenue, Petts Wood, we shall be delighted to add them to our mailing list. Subscription rates are quoted above. New postal subscribers also welcomed.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Ringers' dress has at times been under discussion. The New South Wales Association have given a lead by adopting an official blazer in black with silver braid and the Association's badge embroidered on the pocket.

Will 'Old Ringer' please send his address to the Editor?

The meeting of the Newbury Branch of the Oxford Guild to-morrow, is at Compton and not Beedon as was announced in our last issue.

Through a typographical error, the initials of Mr. F. E. W. Meadows were wrongly printed on page 7. The error is regretted.

The peal of Grandsire Doubles at Ringwould on Boxing Day was rung in 2 hours 30 minutes.

Mr. Percival W. Cave, of Liverpool, started 1952 well with a peal of Grandsire Caters in which six of the band were ringing their first of Caters in the method.

Mr. H. Broughton, of Leicester, informs us that a peal of 5,040 Cambridge Surprise Maximus was rung at St. Margaret's, Leicester, on March 12th, 1938. It seems, therefore, that the peal at Macclesfield was the third.

In the peal of 23 Treble Bob methods at Ordsall, published on page 22, the words Braintree Doubles and Marple Doubles should read Braintree Delight and Marple Delight. The error is regretted. Will correspondents sending in peals not use contractions. Copy should be written as they desire a peal to appear in print and in accordance with the recognised style.

Another advance in handbell ringing has been set the Exercise by Mr. H. G. Cashmore. With Messrs. C. W. Woolley, E. C. S. Turner and F. W. Brinklow, he rang the first peal in 14 Spliced Surprise Major methods 'in hand' at Stanmore, Middlesex, on January 14th. The peal contained 144 changes of method. Details, together with the umpire's report, will appear in our next issue.

A large number of subscribers with their annual renewal of postal subscription to Mr. Jeater sent donations. These were acknowledged by personal receipts. Acknowledgments in 'The Ringing World' are for those sent direct to the Editor and in lieu of receipts. We are truly grateful to all who have helped us. Will all please accept the Committee's very best thanks.

All tickets for the Coming-of-Age Dinner of the National Police Guild at Leicester tomorrow have been sold.

The bells of Horsham, Sussex, are to be renung on ball bearings and have been sent to John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

We are pleased to hear that Mr. Frank Blondell, who is in hospital, is making satisfactory progress and hopes to be out soon.

A Suffolk Guild toach tour of Devon is arranged for August 3rd to 9th inclusive, and all who are interested should **immediately** communicate with Mr. Cecil W. Pipe, Grundisburgh, Woodbridge, Suffolk.

In reply to University Student, arrangements are made for those who are postal subscribers to have their copies redirected to their home address during vacation. We like a fortnight's notice.

Mr. C. A. Bassett writes: 'Congratulations to the band who rang for the service, broadcast from Ottery St. Mary's, in the West of England Home Service on Sunday, January 13th. A lovely ring of bells and almost perfect striking.'

In some towers a quarter peal was rung as a welcome home to Mr. R. J. Stannard, on leave from the Royal Navy. It gives us pleasure to record these personal rejoicings, but there are two essentials to publication: the name of the town and tower and the name and address of the sender.

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SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

A Satisfactory Year Reviewed

THE Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, at their annual meeting in St. Martin's Vestry on Saturday, had a satisfactory year to report with 29 new members and nine peals scored. The Master (Mr. G. H. Cross) presided, supported by the secretary (Mrs. C. J. Matthews) and the treasurer (Mr. W. R. Winterton.

In welcoming the company the Master reported an apology from Mr. A. H. Pulling, a letter from Mr. Rowe sending good wishes to the Society from Australian ringers and another from Mr. Warnett, jun., thanking the Society for their letter of sympathy in the death of his father, Mr. Harry Warnett, who was for many years Master of the ringers at Lewisham.

Arising from the minutes, the Master reported that he had seen the Vicar in regard to the tenor at Shoreditch. 'It is becoming worse,' he said. 'We hope to get another opinion to find out what is wrong.'

Presenting the balance sheet, the treasurer said they started the year with a balance of £97 11s. 9½d. and finished with one of £108 2s. 4½d. After the war the Society had only a balance of £45. The accounts were adopted.

The secretary's report mentioned the following peals rung during the year:—Cambridge Major at Bexley; Bob Major at Burnham; Yorkshire Royal at Kingston; Bob Minor at Brockenhurst; Yorkshire Major at Maulden; Double Norwich Court Bob Major at Bexley; Bristol Major at Crayford; Stedman Triples at Burnham; Stedman Cinques at St. Martin's.

Meetings had been held at Reading, Guildford and Barnet and a very successful dinner held in October which showed a slight profit. Thanks were due to those who supported and helped.

The election of the following new members was notified:—D. Verrier (Winchester), P. N. Corfield (Winchester), T. H. Tocock (Winchester) and F. S. Macey (Sutton Valence). New members elected at the meeting were Miss Betty Edmonds (Winchester), Miss Mabel Prockson (Clerkenwell), Cyril E. Palmer (Sidcup) and Miss Ann West (Southampton).

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Before vacating the chair, Mr. G. H. Cross thanked the members for their support during the year. At some of the meetings in the country he had been disappointed at the attendance of their own members. He felt that when the Society visited a town their own members should give them a welcome.

On the proposition of Mr. J. Martin Page seconded by Mr. F. E. Hawthorne, Mr. G. E. Cross was re-elected Master. With a hearty vote of thanks for her services Mrs. C. J. Matthews was re-elected hon. secretary. Mr. W. R. Winterton was re-elected treasurer.

Mr. T. Bevan regretted that he had not been able to carry on his duties as senior steward on account of ill-health.

Thanking Mr. Bevan for his services as senior steward for the past 24 or 25 years, the Master said there had been nasty jobs like sweeping the belfry and oiling the bells. He hoped his health would improve.

Mr. C. J. Matthews endorsed the Master's thanks and said he happened to be, with Tom, as the oldest in point of years, at St. Martin's and had worked with him since 1920. If anything wanted doing, Tom was there to give a helping hand.

Mr. F. E. Hawthorne was elected senior steward and Mr. Frank Matthew junior steward. Other elections were:—Trustees, Messrs. C. J. Matthews and A. R. Ling; hon. auditors, Mrs. R. F. Deal and Mr. T. H. Francis.

Mr. C. J. Matthews suggested that the Society approach the Vicar and fix the annual meeting on a static date. He proposed that the annual meeting be held on the third Saturday in January. Mr. T. H. Francis seconded, and this was agreed to.

Mr. G. Carter said he had a very kind invitation from the Vicar and Mr. Russell for a meeting to be held at Bray. The Master said they visited Bray a couple of years ago and they had a very nice time. It was decided to hold a meeting there on June 21st.

The Master said he had had an invitation from Mr. Percy Spice to visit St. Paul's, Bromley, which had a new ring of bells. It was agreed to hold a meeting there on Sept. 20th.

Mr. Butler asked whether the Society would like to visit Southampton—they would give them a very warm welcome and there were three ten-bell towers available.

The Master suggested that Southampton should be reserved for an all-day outing, and this was agreed to.

It was decided to hold the first quarterly meeting at Finchley on March 22nd.

Mr. Frank Matthews, who reported on the dinner, said he was very pleased to say that they had recaptured their enthusiasm for this function. The organisation would be easier this year if he could bank on the same members selling tickets. He asked the members to book the date—October 4th.

Upon the Master's suggestion, Mr. Frank Matthews again undertook the duties of organiser.

AN INTERESTING BOOK

On behalf of Mr. A. Brighton, Mr. E. Smith presented to the Society the book of Henry Thomas. There were two brothers Thomas, explained the Master, who had quite a lot to do with the Cumberlands. Whilst they were not 'terrific' as ringers, they did much for the Society. He thanked Mr. Brighton for his gift, and said he started ringing in the early nineties. Alf Brighton was very keen in those days but slow at learning. He was told that the best thing he could do was to keep away from the belfry. Brighton persevered and became a fine ringer and conductor of London, Bristol and Stedman Cinques. Although a small man he was a fine heavy-bell ringer.

Mr. Winterton suggested that the trustees should present an annual report and inventory of the books in the library.—Agreed.

The meeting decided to ask Mr. John Hill (Belvedere) to give an estimate for rebinding the books needing attention and the trustees were authorised to spend not exceeding £10 on repairs to the books.

The need for a re-issue of the rule book with a revision of the history of the Society was stressed by Mr. Geoffrey Carter.

Mr. C. J. Matthews said 500 copies of the rules were printed in 1934 and with Mr. R. Ling he promised to bring an estimate for reprinting the rule book to the next quarterly meeting.

The meeting entrusted the Master and the two trustees with the task of revising the history of the Society.

The Master expressed thanks to Miss Prockson for arranging for the ringing at St. James's, Clerkenwell. 'They are a lovely ring of bells,' he commented, 'and although I rang there on the opening day and was presented with a little bell as a memento. I have never been invited to ring a peal there.'

Mr. F. E. Hawthorne and the Master made an appeal to those present to become postal subscribers to 'The Ringing World' and thus improve the finances of the journal.

The Editor thanked them for their references and said a most encouraging thing had been the contributions from peal ringers and quarter peal ringers. These small amounts made a big difference to their revenue and, if maintained, would ensure that the accounts would balance.

A collection was taken for 'The Ringing World' which resulted in one guinea being received.

GRANDSIRE TRIPLES AT EXETER CATHEDRAL

The peal of Grandsire Triples at Exeter Cathedral on January 12th was the first recognised peal on the back eight bells there. These are the heaviest ring of eight to be rung to a peal.

Success only came after some perseverance, for this was the third time the peal had been attempted. The first occasion was about a year ago when well over 4,000 changes were rung; the second, last summer when the full extent was achieved but not accepted as a peal due to the use of an extra ringer taking over the tenor; it was at the third attempt—as can be seen from the peal columns—that unqualified success resulted.

The band was substantially the same as on former occasions, one exception being Geoffrey Waters on the tenor box.

After the onerous task of raising the bells and the usual preparations, the peal got under way at 4.20 p.m. After a short settling-down period a good beat was achieved and maintained throughout, a good, well-struck peal being accomplished in 3 hours 52 minutes.

(An interesting coincidence lies in the fact that the first peal on these bells which was rung nearly 50 years ago, the method being Grandsire Caters, also occupied exactly the same length of time.)

Perhaps special mention should be made of the fine manner in which the two very young men on the tenor handled that massive bell, of the comparative youthfulness of most of the band, and A. P. Cannon's ringing of the 11th—a performance which **almost** made us believe that he is as good a heavy-bell ringer as he says he is!

The majority of the band paid a visit to St. Thomas's, Exeter, on the following Sunday morning and thanks are due not only to the Exeter ringers for their very hospitable welcome but also for the privilege of ringing a peal on their magnificent bells at the Cathedral.

F. L. H.

CONGRATULATIONS

Dear Sir,—Congratulations to the successful peal band at Exeter, with a special word of praise for the 'Old Man' on the treble and the 'Young Man,' farmer's boy Waters, on Grandisson.

It will be remembered that almost the same band rang the same peal some time ago, but called a third man in to help on the tenor, thereby invalidating the performance as far as the Central Council were concerned. Let us hope that the Central Council find no flaws this time, but will give to this magnificent effort of perseverance the honour it deserves.—Yours faithfully,

K. R. HOLTOM.

Byfield, Rugby.

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CHRISTMAS QUIZ, 1951

Question No. 5, the conundrum, proved to be the deciding factor in Christmas Quiz, 1951, despite its mathematical nature.

The prize has been awarded to:—John F. Rigby, 100, Hall Road, Smallshaw, Ashton-under-Lyne.

His answer to Question 5 was: 'Because they both try unsuccessfully to dodge, then go in slow, and after making a half-turn, come out quick, without waiting for whole pulls.'

This, Kewsett and the Editor consider perhaps better than the official answer!

Five other competitors sent in correct solutions to the other questions and are highly commended. They are:—

D. W. Beard, 159, Clements Road, East Ham, E.6.

E. G. Beynon, 55, Alexandra Road, Sheerness, Kent.

D. A. Carpenter, 78, Earlsdon Avenue, Coventry.

T. G. Hawkins, Cherry Orchard Close, Stoke Poges, Bucks.

P. K. Williamson, 7, Cornwall Road, Coventry.

Why is a bad Stedman ringer like a man with toothache?

Some of the attempted answers to this important problem were very amusing:—

'The former tries to do two-thirds after his whole pull quick and the latter tries to get a quick pull after his holed tooth hurts.'

'They both leave it to the last moment to find their way in, and they both want to get out quickly.'

'They both need several pulls to get right.'

'They both need Pulling (Alfred H.).' This with apologies to ringers other than Guildford ones.

'Because the 2th should have been out quick but was kept in the front too long.'

'Both seek quick relief from slow suffering.'

'Because he is jumpy to the touch.'

'Because he mustn't forget to go in quick and have it out of course at the first call.'

ANSWERS

1.—78243165, course 63524. The other solution is 68243175.

2.—44.

3.—Kate Crosby.

4.—33¼ cwt. E-W.

5.—Because he dodges behind too long, then goes in slow. There is an agonising whole pull, a snap, then he runs out quick.

6.—25 and 55

7.—Tittums.

8.—Number ringers 1 to 13. First peal band is 1, 3, 4, 8: second 2, 4, 5, 9, etc., and rotate band cyclically.

9.—4,608

10.—November 2nd, A.D. 2007.

11.—58 days, 16 hours, 24 minutes, 46 seconds.

12.—120 'changes'!

OUTLINE OF SOLUTIONS

1.—All the changes are divisible by 3 and 9. Since $7\times11\times13=1,001$, we need only trouble about 5 and 1.001. Since the change must end in 5, let it be abcdefg5. Divide this by 1,001 algebraically and the remainder is 100 $(f-c)+10(g-d+a)+(5-e+b)$ which is either 0 or a multiple of 1,001. Obviously $(f-c)$ cannot be 10 so that the remainder is 0. On further thought this gives $f-c=-1$, $g-d+a=9$, $5-e+b=10$.

This gives, on considering possibilities, either 68243175 or 78243165, the latter being the solution as the tenors are unparted.

2.—There are 24 changes with 5-part relationship to rounds and 20 with 6-part relationship, 44 in all.

3.—Each number represents a letter, 1234567890 being KATECROSBY. 3214 meaning 'take,' etc.

4.—Let the treble weigh x cwt.; then the second weighs x+1 cwt., etc., the tenor weighing x+28 cwt. The equation is then $3(4x+10)=4x+74$, whence $x=5\frac{1}{2}$ and the tenor weighs 33½ cwt. The only way of dividing them up into fours of equal weights is 1467, 2358.

5.—To solve this, extract the square root.

6.—If the ages are x and y, the equation (after factorising and cancelling) is $x^2+xy+y^2=5025$. Examination of the units figures of x, y shows they must both be five. From hereon it can be solved by trial. Or, writing the equation as a quadratic in x, the discriminant is $5^2\times(804-3n^2)$ where $y=5n$. Thus $804-3n^2$ must be a perfect square, giving $n=5$ or 11.

7.—Just a matter of transposing Rounds as Tittums is to Queens. Answer—Tittums.

8.—Space out numbers 1 to 13 equally round a circle. There are thus 6 distinct lengths of diagonals joining pairs of numbers and one has to find a set of four numbers such that the 6 joins among the four are all different lengths. On rotating this pattern, all 13 bands are found.

9.—All are divisible by 9, hence trouble only about 11. The rule is that the odd digits have the same total as the even ones. Since the sum of all digits is 36, we have to divide 12345678 into two sets adding up to 8. This can be done in four distinct ways, 1278/3456, 1368/2457, 1458/2367, 2358/1467. Thus there is a choice of eight ways of placing the sets, and having done so each can be arranged in 24 ways. Result. $8\times24\times24$.

10.—Every 28 years the pattern of dates repeats itself throughout the year. The rest—just a slog.

11.—This is solved by a fluke! Supposing the bells carry on, then they toll together periodically given by the L.C.M. of 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, etc., i.e., 10,140,585 seconds. Now, since all the numbers are odd, exactly halfway through this period will be half way through the period of each bell and so shortly after, the bells toll in order, the treble 6½ seconds later, and so on. Since the bells start in such an order, the answer is half the L.C.M. minus 6½.

12.—As three of the bells sound alike, the usual changes become alike in 6's, and the total extent is 720 divided by 6=120 changes.

Mathemeticians interested in No. 8 might try solving it for 21 ringers, 21 peals, 5 per band.

S O S Can anyone find a change on eight bells that is a perfect square?

RINGING RHYMES

No. 1—CONTROL

To ring at all, first learn control
Of bell, so that you'll make it toll
With balanced pause, twixt hand and back
And back and hand. Without this knack
Forbear to try e'en rounds to ring,
For bell-control is the foremost thing.

But pray beware of habits bad
Acquired at this stage—very sad!
The worst is pulling short and sharp
Without full reach from high to low,
The rope—like twanging string of harp—
From side to side will loosely go.

And what is more, on a heavier bell
Your striking will be all to —— blame!

But with a *good style* from the start
You'll play a *steady* ringer's part.

A. Y-B.

WARBOROUGH, OXON.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (960 Plain Bob, 300 Grandsire): W. Absolom 1, T. Selwood 2, F. Smith 3, J. Goodman 4, J. Berry (cond.) 5, J. Holliday 6. Rung for wedding of Miss Joan Wade and W. Bond.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD

Annual Meeting in City Council Chamber

The members of the St. Martin's Guild were again privileged to hold their annual meeting in the historic City Council Chamber on January 5th, by kind invitation of the Deputy Mayor of Birmingham (Alderman A. Paddon Smith, J.P.).

From early afternoon the 12 bells of the Cathedral were in use, the spacious ringing chamber being crowded to full capacity with ringers from surrounding districts. It is very encouraging to observe that practically every tower in the Diocese was represented.

In the beautiful banqueting room at the Council House, tea was provided for about 40 members, a privilege that was greatly enjoyed by all present. A course of Stedman Cinques was rung on handbells in which the Deputy Mayor took part.

The meeting in the Council Chamber was presided over by the Master (Alderman A. Paddon Smith, J.P.) who expressed his pleasure at the opportunity of inviting the Guild to that historic building.

The following new members were elected:—Miss Jean Chown, Yardley; Messrs. Anthony Ager, Fred Newton, Robert Tallis and Alfred Allwood, all of Packwood; Joseph Lightfoot, Knowle; and David Barr, of Shenstone.

The tower elections of the following life-members were duly ratified:—Mrs. H. J. Poole, Leicester; Messrs. Brian Sutton, Stourbridge; John Rock and Leslie Evans, Eardisland; and Michael Moreton, Hereford.

With the exception of the librarian the whole of the officers were re-elected, viz.—Master, Alderman A. Paddon Smith, J.P.; Ringing Master, Mr. G. W. Critchley; trustees, Alderman A. Paddon Smith, J.P. and Mr. E. T. Allaway; auditors, Mr. H. H. Fearn and Mr. S. O'C. Holloway; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. G. E. Fearn.

Mr. E. C. Shepherd was elected to the office of librarian in place of Mr. J. F. Harvey. Mr. Harvey had recently been prevented from practical ringing by reason of a serious illness, but was now, happily, well on the road to recovery. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to him for his past services.

The ringers of Aston Parish Church invited the Guild to their tower for the next meeting which will take place on April 5th.

The Master (Alderman A Paddon Smith J.P.) was invited to be chairman at the Henry Jonnson dinner which will take place on March 15th.

Mr. Albert Walker proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Deputy Mayor for his kind invitation to tea and for allowing the Guild the opportunity of holding their meeting in the Council Chamber. He hoped that the time was not far distant when the duties of Deputy Mayor would allow him to take a rope in Stedman Cinques at St. Martin's on Sunday mornings.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Wisbech Branch

Visitors from as far afield as Cambridge, Ipswich and Peterborough attended the annual meeting of the Wisbech Branch at Wisbech on January 12th. The service was conducted by the curate, in the absence of the Vicar.

Officers elected were:—President, the Rev. J. Sturgiss Jones; secretary, Mr. J. E. Fox; Ringing Master, Mr. C. Cousins; Deputy Ringing Master, Mr. E. H. Mastin; Repair Fund treasurer, Mr. F. Bowett.

The secretary reported a membership of 69, seven new members having been elected during the year. Twenty-two peals had been rung for the branch. Two rings had been restored—the six at All Saints', Tilney, and the five at Emneth. From the Repair Fund £15 had been donated towards these restorations.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CENTRAL COUNCIL MINUTES

Dear Sir,—As an old officer of the Council I should like to comment on a part of the letter which you published on Jan. 11th from Mr. Alan R. Pink, wherein he makes complaint as to the Council's minutes being published so late in each current year.

Upon my taking over from the previous secretary, the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies, he advised me that the minutes should be published in the spring, thus securing the advantage of 'coming hot out of the oven,' in view of the many annual meetings which occur at that time. Our joint experience of 30 years seems to be confirmed by that of our successor, Mr. G. W. Fletcher, with his record length of 21 years as honorary secretary. And, incidentally, one can reflect that many years must pass ere only three such officers, of mature age, shall have served for half a century.—Yours very truly,

Bromley, Kent. E. ALEX. YOUNG.

ST. MARY'S, WILLESBOROUGH

Dear Sir,—The ringers of St. Mary's, Willesborough, wish to congratulate the Lavenham ringers on their fine effort, but would like to put forward the claim of a six-bell tower. They, too, have rung for every service in 1951, and for service ringing in that year scored 19 quarter peals and 41 other touches of 720 changes or over, a total of 54,092 changes in nine Minor and three Doubles methods. No record is kept of any touch of less than 720 changes, but unrecorded touches certainly total more than 10,000 changes and probably exceed 15,000 changes. Even so, 1951 has not been a particularly outstanding year for the St. Mary's ringers, for in 1950 they scored 20 quarter peals and 31 other touches of 720 changes or over, in addition to many unrecorded touches.—Yours faithfully,

R. J. CARLTON, Secretary.
St. Mary's Society of Change Ringers.
Willesborough, Kent.

BURES, SUFFOLK

Dear Sir,—With reference to Belfry Gossip remarks on service ringing for 1951 at Lavenham, I will point out that, apart from the war years, this happy position has existed there since 1912. Your request for other records has prompted us at Bures to summarise our own tower for the last year.

We have rung for every Sunday service possible, namely, 98, as our bells were in the hands of the bellfounders for five Sundays, one of these being Easter when we should have rung three times, commencing at 6.30 a.m. Two of our company have rung their first peal, a third being unlucky. Five have rung their first quarter and two have conducted their first touch. We have been glad to welcome nearly 300 visitors.

Three hundred and sixty-four copies of 'The Ringing World' have been purchased, representing nearly fourpence per day. With a population of 1,200 we have raised an average of £8 per week and cleared the cost of our new bells and the reconditioning of the ringing chamber without any cost whatsoever to our Parochial Church Council.

The first quarter peal by an all-local company has been rung.

Thus we rang out 1951 with a feeling of satisfaction to us all.—Yours sincerely,

Bures, Suffolk. LESLIE D. MILLS.

CHERWELL SURPRISE

Dear Sir,—The composition given by Mr. E. W. Tipler for Cherwell Surprise was published by Henry Dains as a peal of Superlative in the issue of 'Campanology' dated October 14th, 1896.—Yours faithfully, E. A. BARNETT.

Crayford, Kent.

[Mr. R. F. B. Speed also calls attention to the same composition.]

CHANGE RINGING IN SOUTH AFRICA

Dear Sir,—A church in Pretoria has been presented with a set of tubular bells for calling people to worship. It is a set of 13 chromatic scale, in key of C. I have been requested by the organist there to provide music for these bells. I hesitated at first, thinking it might be considered as canned bell-ringing and heretical in the eyes of 'The Ringing World.' But it is not on a par with gramophone records, for the tubular bells of Pretoria are worked from a keyboard like a piano, a carillon, so to speak, on a small scale, but not to be compared with Taylor's four- or five-octave carillon at Loughborough, which requires a skilled musician.

I was reminded of my boyhood days, watching the chimer pulling the chords at Peterborough Cathedral, and recently, the apparatus at Exeter Cathedral, also that at Hazelbeech, near here. So I concluded it was not heretical for a man to chime the tubular bells from a keyboard instead of cords.

I decided to write out and send to Pretoria Mr. J. Bennett's Grandsire Triples touch of 266, which was published a week or two ago in 'The Ringing World,' which, I believe, is the shortest that brings in Queen's, Whittington's and Tittums. I hope Pretoria will hear a musical touch of English change ringing.

J. MAURICE TURNER.

Moulton, Northants.

NOTE.—It was with great pleasure that we recorded a peal at Woodstock, Capetown, last week. We hope others will follow. There are two towers at Durban and one at Grahamstown with bells hung for change ringing as well as at Woodstock.—ED.

HAD BILBIE A SECRET FORMULA?

Dear Sir,—For a couple of years, immediately after the war, I was a ringer at Publow, Somerset, where there is a heavy, tuneful ring of six. Some of the bells were cast by Bilbie—I remember that the 5th bore the inscription: 'I am a good bell and Bilbie built me.'

I was told there that Bilbie's was a local foundry—situate, I believe, at Chew Stoke. I was also told that the Bilbies had a secret formula for bell-tuning and that when the family died out, the secret died with them. Have any of your readers any information on this subject? There is no doubt that people in and around the Chew Valley believe there are no bells like Bilbie's.—Yours faithfully,

A. J. GOULD.

Portishead, Bristol.

PLAIN BOB ON ODD NUMBERS

Dear Sir.—Mr. Alan R. Pink, in his letter of January 11th, states that Mr. Lewis wonders whether Plain Bob on odd numbers should not be classed as unorthodox. If he will look up Rules and Decisions of the Central Council, published in 1904, he will see on page 17 the definition of a legitimate method. No bell moves up or down more than one place at a time and no bell lies more than two consecutive blows in any one place. That, I think, proves that Plain Bob on odd numbers is not only irregular, it is illegitimate.

Why not do the same to Plain Bob as is done in Double Norwich Caters, put the extra bell in the hunt and move the places to fit?

Take the formula: At each treble lead a place is made immediately above the bell or bells in the hunt and the remainder dodge, and you have a perfectly legitimate method for odd or even bells.—Yours faithfully,

A. TURNER.

Barnsbury, London, N.1.

IRREGULAR METHODS

Dear Sir,—The letter of Mr. H. Chant on December 21st contains some pungent remarks and demands an answer. Let me take some of his points.

(1).—**Campanological Balderdash.** This is extremely unfortunate because the contents of 'The Ringing World' are subject to the scrutiny of the Editor and the Editorial Committee. Surely these gentlemen know which is common sense and which is balderdash. Again, somebody has to write on different subjects or 'The Ringing World' would be merely blank paper.

(2).—**Cartwheeling.** A simple question here. 'Do you cartwheel your rounds?' If you don't, then be logical and give a lead in the changes.

(3).—**Woodbine, etc.** These methods can be put right or regular (as pointed out by C. K. Lewis) by the simple addition of 5ths when the treble is behind. To go on doing things because you have always done so is not progressive. If someone shows you a **better** way, why not adopt it?

(4).—**6-5's at back stroke don't matter.** As a Yorkshireman you are going against the greatest name in ringing literature, viz., Snowdon. Both Jasper and William condemned close leads and 6-5's at back stroke.

(5).—The Council is a democratically-elected body and not a band of theoretical nobodies who just ring eight, ten and twelve bells. They are mostly an advisory body and one of their jobs is to guide our ringing art along the right lines. In this they have been successful, but they cannot compel any ringer to do anything. Neither shall we get the best out of the Council by sarcastic remarks as to their qualifications.

In conclusion let me make it plain that I am not a member nor am I likely to be. And as I have a mortal dread of being added to the list I must sign myself

M. R. P.

P.S.—All good wishes to 'cartwheelers' and others for 1952.

IRREGULAR LEAD-ENDS

Dear Sir.—I cannot understand why the ringing of methods with so-called irregular lead-ends should be discouraged by the Central Council.

If it is only the fact that they produce lead-ends different from Plain Bob, then surely it is only making rules for the sake of rule-making.

If these methods, as has been suggested, make the calling more difficult, then they have an added attraction. All organised sports and pastimes must have some rules to govern them and change ringing is no exception. These rules should be framed (and if necessary altered from time to time) so that only the best of the many sides and branches of our art is encouraged. One of the most objectionable features of Minor ringing is when 5-6 comes the wrong way on at back stroke especially when open ends are the rule.

In the Central Council 'Collection of Minor Methods' there are 8 Treble Bob methods, 11 4ths place Delight methods, 17 3rds place Delight methods and 11 Surprise methods, a total of 47. All these methods are incapable of producing a 720 without 6-5's coming up at the back stroke. On the other hand there are a number of methods which do not produce the magic Plain Bob lead-ends, but which are capable of producing 720's with all the 5-6's the right way.

Which of these two sets of methods are the most desirable? The 'official' ones with the 6-5's or the 'outcasts' with all the 5-6's the right way? If the members of the Methods Committee can prove that the former are still desirable, I, for one, am quite willing to learn.—Yours sincerely,

H. T ROOKE.

Warsop, Notts.

THE CURFEW IN ENGLISH LIFE

By ERNEST MORRIS

ONE of the oldest customs connected with our English bells is the ringing of the Curfew. Its origin is well known. It was heard in Normandy at an early date and its use was enforced in this country—where it appears to have been partially instituted by King Alfred, who is said to have ordered its use in Oxford, at Carfax— by William the Conqueror, probably for the purpose of preventing nocturnal assemblies. On the first point we have evidence in Peshall's 'History of Oxford,' page 177, where the following passage occurs:—

'The custom of ringing the bell at Carfax every night at eight o'clock (called Curfew or Cover-fire bell) was by order of King Alfred, the restorer of our University, who ordered that all the inhabitants should, at the ringing of that bell, cover up their fires and go to bed, which custom is observed to this day, and the bell as constantly rings at eight, as Great Tom tolls at nine. It is also a custom added to the former, after the ringing and tolling this bell, to let the inhabitants know the day of the month by so many tolls.'

Henry, in his 'History of Britain' 4 to iii. 567 tells us:—

'The custom of covering up their fires about sunset in summer and about eight at night in winter, at the ringing of a bell called "couvre feu" or curfew bell is supposed by some to have been introduced by William I., and imposed upon the English as a badge of servitude. But this opinion doth not seem to be well founded, for there is sufficient evidence that the same custom prevailed in France, Spain, Italy, Scotland and probably in all countries of Europe in this period, and was intended as a precaution against fires, which were then very frequent when so many houses were built of wood.'

PURELY SECULAR AT FIRST

Originally purely a secular custom, it did not acquire a religious significance, as we have seen, till the later Middle Ages. There are few points in ancient jurisprudence of England which are enveloped in more obscurity, or which have given rise to more conflicting opinions as to their origins and intentions than the 'couvre feu' law. Although there is no evidence to show that it originated with the Norman Conqueror, yet it appears certain that in 1068 he ordained that all people should put out their fires and lights at the eight o'clock bell, and go to bed. But that it was not intended as a badge of infamy is evident from the fact that the law was of equal obligation upon the foreign nobles of the Court as upon the native-born Saxon serfs. And yet we find the name 'Curfew bell' employed as a by-word denoting the most odious tyranny, and historians, poets and lawyers speaking of it as the acme of despotism levelled alone at the vanquished English. However well intended the 'couvre feu' law may have been, it appears to have met with much opposition, as in 1103 we find Henry I. repealing the enactment of his father. Blackstone says that though it is mentioned a century after it is rather spoken of as a time of night than as a still subsisting custom. Thus Chaucer:—

'The depe slepe, for every besinesse,
Fell on this carpenter, right as I gesse
About curfew time, or litel more.'

Thompson has immediately described its tyranny:—

'The shiv'ring wretches, at the curfew sound,
Dejected sunk into their sordid beds;
And, through the mournful gloom of ancient times,
Mus'd sad, or dreamt of better.'

Its continuance, however, is to be attributed to a religious and not to a civil purpose. The evening 'Hail Mary' was ordered by Pope John XXII (1316-1334) to be said at the sound of a bell called the Angelus, and it is probable that the Curfew was continued as a warning to all to say Ave to the Blessed Virgin before retiring to rest. This is indicated by the inscription on the fine bell hanging in the clock tower at St. Albans, given by Roger de Norton (who died in 1290) 'to be struck every night at the time of Curfew.' The inscription is one found on 'Gabriel bells,' of which there is good reason for thinking were used for ringing the morning and evening Angelus. 'Thrice every day (writes Polydore Vergel, c. 1550) the bells are rung that everyone may kneel and respect the Angel's salutations to the Blessed Virgin.' We gather from this statement, as well as from 'Hooper's Injunctions' in 1551, that the ringing of the Curfew was, in some places, accompanied by, or replaced by, the ringing of all the bells in the steeple.

Although since the Reformation the custom of ringing the Curfew, or last Angelus, has been gradually waning, the practice still lingers in many places all over England. Still further abandonment of the practice was caused by the first war of 1914-18 during which, of course, it was not permissible to ring bells at eventide. Thus, here in Leicester, at St. Martin's Church (now the Cathedral). I myself have rung the old ninth bell for Curfew, but this was discontinued during the war and never reintroduced.

CURFEW BY-LAWS

The usual time for ringing the Curfew was eight o'clock. A bye-law passed at Tamworth in 1390 provided that no man, woman or servant should go out after Curfew from one place to another, unless they had a light in their hands, under pain of imprisonment; and its sound was, for a long period, the signal for closing all the taverns and alehouses. In 1291 no wine was to be drawn after it had rung; and although until about the time of Henry VII. ale was sold without any restriction, still all public houses had to be closed at the tolling of Curfew (Palmer—'Perlustration of Great Yarmouth,' Vol 1, pages 30 and 85). It would appear to have been frequently, and perhaps on that account, rung at nine o'clock in the larger towns. That was the hour at All Saints', Stamford; Stamford-Baron; All Saints', Northampton; and at St. Martin's, Leicester (noticed above), where a bye-law was passed in the 25th year of Elizabeth, inflicting a fine upon any alehouse keeper who suffered any townsman to remain in his house after the Curfew bell had rung.

The ringing at nine o'clock in the evening of Bow-bell, in London, was also, in 1469, the signal for closing of shops. In the second mayoralty of Sir Henry Colet, Knt. (father of Dean Colet), A.D. 1495, and under his direction, the solemn charge was given to the Quest of Wardmote in every ward, as it stands printed in the Customary of London:—

'Also yf ther be anye paryshe clerke that ryngeth curfewe after the curfewe be ronge at Bow chyrche; or Saint Brydes Chyrche or Saint Gyles without Criplegate; all such to be presented.'

In the 'Articles for the Sexton' at Faversham, agreed upon and settled, in 22 Henry VIII., we read:—

'Imprimis, the Sexton, or his sufficient deputy, shall lye in the church steeple; and at eight o'clock every night shall ring the curfewe by the space of a quarter of an hour, which such bell as of old time hath been accustomed.'

A relic of yet earlier use of the bell meets us in the direction for the bellman of Loughborough in the 15th century, that 'at viij of ye cloke at night in the whinter and somer' he should ring the Curfew 'and then go to bed.'

(To be continued)

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World' of January 26th, 1912

THE PEALS ANALYSIS

'At a much earlier date than ringers for many years, at any rate, have been given the information, we were able, last week, to announce the list of the first eight Associations in the Peals Analysis. It must be understood, of course, that the list is unofficial. . . .

'For the first time the Winchester Guild has come out at the top, and with a fairly substantial lead. . . . The Middlesex Association [came second] after a remarkable finish to the year . . . . during November and December 29 peals were rung out of, so far as is known, 36 attempts. . . .

'Of the conductors, many of the old names will be found among those leading the way, but Mr. A. H Pulling has taken a big jump to the front by calling 67 peals in the year. Mr. William Pye, first in 1910 with 45, was second last year with 46, and among others well up in the list are: Messrs. B. Prewett 30, F. Bennett 28, G. Williams 25, J. Motts 21 and C. Glenn 20. One other feature to which we must allude is the advance of Miss Edith Parker, who, out of 21 peals rung during 1911, conducted 17, including seven peals of London, four of Superlative, three of Cambridge and three of Stedman. . . .'

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Devizes Branch

In extending a welcome to the ringers at the branch's annual meeting at Devizes on January 5th, the Vicar (the Rev. E. S. Dabbs) expressed his pleasure at seeing so many young people present. 'In every tower,' he said, 'it is the same cry—we do want younger people to keep the ancient craft of bell-ringing alive.' A former Vicar, the Ven. C. A. Plaxton (Archdeacon of Wiltshire), also attended.

The secretary, in his annual report, stated that Bromham bells were now in working order but owing to the state of the tower could not be rung. A fund had been opened to rectify this. He paid tribute to the late Mr. W. Hart (Westbury) and Mr. Mees (Hilperton), who were the branch's oldest members.

All the branch officers were re-elected:—Mr. W. C. West (chairman), Mr. A. T. Weeks (vice-chairman) and Mr. F. Slatford (secretary).

It was decided to hold the next annual general meeting at Devizes, with the next three monthly meetings at Hilperton, Potterne and Warminster.

A membership of 213 ringing members, 11 life ringing members and 5 honorary members was reported. Accounts showed a balance in hand of £15 7s. 3d.

Before the meeting, ringing took place in the three towers in the town. A service followed at St. John's, conducted by the Rector, tea being served in the Parish Room.

Ringing during the afternoon and evening ranged from rounds to Cambridge Surprise Major.

THE MEMBURY DEDICATION

Dear Sir,—According to my records the five bells at Membury were dedicated in June, 1900, not December, 1901, as remembered by the Rev. E. V. Cox. After ringing a quarter peal at Axminster, those members of the Devon Guild who attended the dedication at Membury were conveyed by horse brake from Axminster.

I do not remember ringing with Mr. Cox or Mr. Bond on this occasion, but I am sure the date was June 21st, 1900, therefore the interval is 51½ years instead of 50.—Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Addlestone, Surrey.

QUARTER PEALS

ABERAVON, GLAM.—On Jan. 5th, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: A. Hannington 1, A. J. Pitman 2, J. A. Hoare 3, G. I. Lewis 4, F. C. Lasbury 5, T. M. Roderick 6, J. J. Lovett 7, J. R. Worrall (cond.) 8. First in method for 1, 3, 4, 6 and 8.

ANSTEY, LEICS.—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Disney 1, Miss J. M. Simpson (first quarter) 2, Miss J. M. Hooke 3, R. Copson 4, W. A. Lacey 5, R. F. Elkington 6, D. S. Harris (first quarter as cond.) 7, Miss K. M. Hutton (first quarter) 8. Rung by an all-local band.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. B. Scoot 1, T. Holehouse (first quarter) 2, S. Bonnett 3, E. G. Buck 4, W. Collins 5, W. D. Pooley 6, J. S. Dear (first in method as cond.) 7, L. B. Hughes (first quarter) 8.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.—On Jan. 9th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: J. Wood (first quarter) 1, H. Baker 2, H. D. Deacon 3, W. P. Garner 4, H. G. Payne 5, H. S. Wickens 6, M. S. Lancefield 7, T. Cullingworth (cond.) 8. First quarter of Bob Major by 3, 4 and 5.

BISHOP'S CANNINGS, WILTS.—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mary Baker 1, S. G. Grant (cond.) 2, W. G. Mortimer 3, J. Romain 4, R. J. Combes 5, F. A. Wilshire 6, F. W. Hale 7, T. Merritt 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Mr. A. T. Eden, churchwarden.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Wacey 1, E. Garbet 2, W. T. Prior 3, H. M. White 4, H. Bird 5, R. Hayden 6, F. Bird (cond.) 7, H. Wacey 8. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th.

BROMLEY, KENT.—At St. Luke's Church, on Jan. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: A. Purdom 1, G. Klle 2, Miss H. E. Oakshett 3, G. James 4, E. Bishop 5, T. Brett-Smith 6, C. Cullen 7, M. F. Oakshett (cond.) 8.

BUCKERELL, DEVON.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Clapp 1, F. H. Parr 2, W. Webb 3, J. J. Wheaton (cond.) 4, F. Warren 5, J. Real 6. First quarter for 1, 3, 5 and 6.

BURMARSH, KENT.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (40 Reverse Canterbury, 240 each of Old, Norfolk, April Day and Plain Bob, 260 Grandsire): Miss M. Ventom 1, Miss O. Boulden 2, R. Swift 3, J. Cooper 4, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 5, M. J. Martin 6. First quarter in six methods by all the band and on the bells. A birthday compliment to Miss Janet E. Longhurst, a ringer at St. Nicholas', Newington.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Bob Doubles by local girls' band: Miss V. Meadowes (first quarter) 1, Miss G. Downes (first 'inside') 2, Miss M. R. Jaycock 3, Miss J. Hearn 4, Miss F. Murkitt 5, Miss M. Weekes 6. Conducted by 4 and 5.

CROYDON, SURREY.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, on Jan. 6th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: N. Brown 1, Mrs. F. E. Collins 2, D. Cooper 3, P. Humphries 4, C. Parks 5, H. G. Pratt 6, G. H. Humphries 7, F. E. Collins 8, R. Davies (cond.) 9, F. E. Mitchell 10.

DITCHEAT, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. W. Drew 1, Miss B. Look 2, Mrs. E. S. Powell 3, Miss A. Look 4, P. H. Hull 5, D. V. Gare 6, H. J. Gaylard (cond.) 7, A. J. Lintern 8.

DOWNTON, WILTS.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss J. Gray 1, Miss E. Brown 2, H. Abrahams 3, J. Hartless 4, D. R. Reed 5, J. Mussell 6, R. N. Marlow (first in method as cond.) 7, C. Churchill 8.

EGERTON, KENT.—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (60 Original, 240 Stedman, 240 St. Simon's, 240 Plain Bob and 480 Grandsire): Mrs. N. W. Withers 1, Miss S. Rowley 2, Miss D. Turk 3, A. Waddington (cond.) 4, K. Burbidge 5, Miss D. Rowley 6. With good wishes to Keith Burbidge on joining the R.A.F.

EVESHAM, WORCS.—At St. Andrew's, Hampton, on Jan. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. M. Smith (first quarter) 1, G. J. Hemming (cond.) 2, E. A. Andrews 3, C. J. Darke 4, G. C. Hemming 5, C. N. Edwin 6, W. J. Newman 7, A. H. Smith (first quarter) 8.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—On Dec. 31st, at Holy Trinity Cathedral Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. W. White 1, H. Hutton 2, W. J. Robinson 3, F. A. Munday (cond.) 4, A. H. Pulling 5, C. A. Hopper 6, G. L. Clode 7, T. Mark White 8. Rung half-muffled for the passing of 1951.

HALIFAX, YORKS.—At All Souls' Church, on Jan. 5th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. F. Bryant 1, P. Birkett 2, M. R. Mann 3, R. E. Moulds 4, R. Beaumont 5, V. Bottomley 6, C. Sweeney (cond.) 7, S. Longbottom 8. First quarter of Major for 1, 4, 5 and 7. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. E. C. Henderson, who was inducted on that date.

HAMPTON, MIDDLX.—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Stanley 1, R. G. Lay 2, S. J. Woodcock 3, G. D. Ingham 4, P. C. Ridgway 5, P. A. Lawrence (first quarter as cond.) 6.

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD.—On Jan. 6th, 1,280 St. Clement's Bob Major: Miss E. Bate 1, J. J. L. Gilbert 2, W. H. Taylor 3, Mrs. J. E. Turley 4, J. H. Brothwell 5, E. Holdsworth 6, J. G. Brothwell 7, J. E. Turley (cond.) 8. Firth in the method by 1 and 6.

HELMDON, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Yates 1, W. J. Hinton 2, W. J. Chester (cond.) 3, M. Saunders 4, C. Hinton 5, H. Batchelor 6. Rung for the occasion of the wedding of Miss Lavinia Lees and Mr. John Millais.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Wilkinson (first quarter away from tenor) 1, F. Hayes (cond.) 2, Sylvia Coker 3, W. Plumridge 4, P. Baldwin 5, R. Hunt 6, R. Coles 7, A. L. James 8.

HOLLOWAY, LONDON, N.7.—At St. Mary Magdalene's, on Jan. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Deverell 1, E. F. Pryor 2, W. D. Prockson 3, R. Newman 4, A. F. Lancaster 5, R. H. Begrie (cond.) 6, D. F. Harman 7, H. W. Barnard 8. Rung as a compliment to the 51st wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Haddon.

HOOLE, CHESTER.—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Roselyn Crewe 1, E. C. Crewe (first quarter) 2, Dilys Jones 3, J. W. Griffiths 4, R. G. Corby (cond.) 5, J. W. Jones (first quarter) 6.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Lynn (first quarter) 1, Audrey Trott 2, J. Smart 3, E. Rathborn 4, S. A. Paice (cond.) 5, I. Windwood 6, L. Stilwell 7, C. Denyer 8.

HUNTINGDON.—On Jan. 6th, at All Saints', 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: A. T. Howes 1, H. B. Bull 2, H. S. Peacock 3, J. Witney 4, A. Clements 5, S. Gilbert (cond.) 6.

KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Jan. 13th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: A. M. Flynn 1, C. E. J. Blake 2, H. W. Haslam 3, Enid M. Roberts 4, Molly P. Flynn 5, R. D. Wilson (first of Caters) 6, W. C. Dowding (cond.) 7, P. Williams 8, N. J. Goodman 9, E. W. Blake 10. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

LEICESTER.—At St. John-the-Divine's, on Jan. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. C. Turner 1, Miss E. Burton 2, H. G. Hebborn 3, S. Harrison 4, W. H. Clarke 5, W. A. Wood 6, G. A. Olliffe (cond.) 7, A. Cook 8. Rung half-muffled.

LONGPARISH, HANTS.—On Jan. 7th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor (2 different 720s): G. Brown 1, R. Tolman 2, O. J. Smart 3, R. Smith 4, A. Mitchell 5, J. A. Hill (cond.) 6. Rung to celebrate the diamond wedding of Mr. L. Andrews, of Longparish, who was 93 on December 28th last, and has been a local ringer for 76 years.

LYMINSTER, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10 callings): Miss J. Elliott 1, C. Shepherd 2, H. Hunt 3, J. Doughtry 4, G. Lee (cond.) 5, Miss J. Mills (first quarter) 6.

NORTON, HERTS.—On Jan. 13th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Miss A. Willes (first quarter, aged 14) 1, F. E. Putwain 2, R. Dixon (first 'inside' of Major) 3, R. V. Webb (cond.) 4, J. F. Collins 5, W. J. Hitch (first quarter) 6, M. A. Collins 7, H. E. Werrett 8.

ROTHWELL, YORKS.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. W. Steel 1, A. G. Wood 2, J. Wormald 3, G. Copley 4, P. Massam 5, A. Strangeway (first quarter in method) 6, T. W. Strangeway (cond.) 7, E. Spencer 8. First quarter on the recast bells.

SALISBURY, WILTS.—On Jan. 5th, at St. Paul's, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: W. C. Shute 1, Miss J. M. Gray 2, H. Abrahams 3, R. N. Marlow 4, D. R. Reed 5, J. Mussell 6, W. E. Cheater 7, J. Hartless (first quarter of Major as cond.) 8.

SEALE, SURREY.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mary Downes (first quarter) 1, Shirley Corke (first of Doubles) 2, John Carter 3, Peter Sherwood 4, John Wells (cond.) 5, Rex Corke 6.

SOUTH CROYDON, SURREY.—At St. Peter's, on Jan. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Franklin 1, Miss V. Potter 2, Miss M. Christopher (first 'inside') 3, P. Davis 4, J. Relf 5, T. A. Blow 6, J. Hayward (first as cond.) 7, D. Oliver (first quarter) 8.

STANMORE, MIDDLX.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,256 Cambridge Surprise Major: E. J. Leversuch 1, R. Stoddard (first quarter of Surprise) 2, R. Rowley 3, W. Wenban 4, T. Clark 5, A. Wenban 6, J. Rootes 7, C. Woolley (cond.) 8.

TIVERTON, DEVON.—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. W. Payne 1, F. Norrish 2, L. H. May 3, W. H. Ware 4, W. J. Stevens 5, E. J. Taylor (cond.) 6, J. Upton 7, A. Kerslake 8. Rung for the service of rededication of the restored Greenway Chapel by the Lord Bishop of Exeter.

TURRAMURRA, SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Rainsford 1, Miss Betty Sloan 2, J. Clark (cond.) 3, K. Stacey 4, N. Smith 5, L. Butcher 6. Longest touch in method for 2 and 6.

UPTON PYNE, DEVON.—On Dec. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Moore 1, Miss J. Tattersall 2, G. Gammon (cond.) 3, B. Slocombe 4, G. Walford 5, F. Taylor 6.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On Dec. 13th, 1,260 Double Court: R. J. Carlton 1, L. C. Smith 2, J. B. Guy 3, W. P. Garner 4, W. J. Lancefield 5, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 6.

WOOD GREEN, LONDON, N.13.—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Yardley 1, Miss L. Fox (first quarter 'inside') 2, Miss E. Bettridge 3, Miss W. Bettridge 4, R. Stoud 5, H. Kirby (cond.) 6.

PAKEFIELD, SUFFOLK

To Be Augmented To a Ring of Eight

Pakefield Church, Suffolk, standing right on the edge of a cliff, was destroyed, with the exception of the tower, by incendiaries on April 21st, 1941. It was the first war-damaged church in England to be rebuilt and was rededicated on January 29th, 1950.

Its bells, an old ring of five, are shortly to be rehung in a new metal frame with new fittings. Three new trebles are being added to complete the octave, with a tenor weighing just under half a ton. The contract was placed with Messrs. John Taylor and Co., who removed the bells last October.

The old five bells are being turned and retuned. The work will be finished by the end of March and the dedication of the three new bells, the new organ and part of the new roodscreen will take place on Thursday, April 3rd, by the Lord Bishop of Norwich.

The old five bells were cast as follows:—

Treble.—Thomas Gardiner, Norwich, 1749

Second.—William Brend, Norwich, 1618.

Third.—William Brend, Norwich, 1621.

Fourth.—Thomas Newman, Norwich, 1728.

Tenor, replacing an earlier bell by Thomas Newman, of Norwich, dated 1728, was hung by George Day, of Eye, in 1873, and was cast by Warners. The tenor of 1728 was broken in 1816 and the metal was sold, the money being used for new pews in the church. Raven, in his 'Church Bells of Suffolk,' only mentions the front four bells. The church was thus without a tenor for nearly 60 years.

The approximate cost of rebuilding the church, the improvements and the new bells is approximately £12,500 towards which the War Damage Commission have contributed £6,506 3s. 7d. More money has still to be raised before the bells are to be paid for. Those familiar with this church, dedicated to All Saints and St. Margaret, and other friends are asked to send donations to the Rector, Canon B. P. W. Stather Hunt, The Rectory, Pakefield, Lowestoft.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Tonbridge District

A successful meeting was held on January 5th at Penshurst, beginning at 3 p.m. A service was held at 4.30 with a brief but pleasant and instructive address by the Rector, the Rev. S. G. Hooper.

At the business meeting Messrs. S. Wenban, B. Woolley, L. Goater, M. Potter and R. Brown and Miss B. M. Vidler were elected new members.

Methods rung were Grandsire, Little Bob, Stedman and Plain Bob. About 26 ringers attended. A. W.

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OBITUARY

MR. GERALD LOCKE

The death occurred on January 10th, after a short illness, of Mr. Gerald Locke, aged 74, captain of the Langport tower, Somerset.

The funeral took place on January 14th and the large congregation included the following ringers: Messrs. H. G. Westlake, G. R. Mills, A. Wetherall, M. Clarke, P. Fox, H. Taylor, A. Rothwell, C. Sandford and J. Martin. The service was conducted by the Vicar. The local band rang the bells half-muffled after the interment.

AN APPRECIATION

Mr. Locke had been a regular and keen service ringer at All Saints', Langport, for the past 54 years and his passing leaves a gap which will be very difficult to fill. He was not a keen peal ringer, his chief pride being in good service ringing and he was always ready to assist anyone who needed help in ringing.

He will be greatly missed, not only by the All Saints' band, but also by the numerous friends he made amongst the ringers in the district.

Much sympathy has been extended to his widow, son and daughter in their sad bereavement. H. W.

MR. JOHN GIBSON

One of the oldest ringers in the country, Mr. John Gibson, died on January 15th at the home of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. S. Hollowood, 44, Bargates, Whitchurch, Shropshire, aged 93 years.

After serving his apprenticeship as a pattern maker he joined the staff of Messrs. J. B. Joyce and Co., Ltd., Whitchurch, and examples of his craftsmanship can be seen all over the British Isles and all over the world. He helped to build the famous Sydney (Australia) clock, which is second in size only to that of Westminster.

Mr. Gibson learnt to ring at Chester Cathedral over 60 years ago, in the days of Freeman Ball, and rang a number of peals with the Cathedral band. He came to Whitchurch about the time that the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies was curate there. He was a great walker, and would walk the 16 miles to Wrexham for peal attempts and also to Ellesmere, 12 miles away.

He took over the captaincy of the Whitchurch ringers on the death of Thomas Baron, about 25 years ago, and retired just before his 90th birthday.

MR. R. SHARPINGTON

The Essex Association has lost by death a very old and respected member in the person of Mr. Roger Sharpington, of Galleywood, who died on January 16th, aged 84 years.

Over 60 years ago he learned to ring at All Saints', Springfield, where he continued to give service until moving to Galleywood in 1914. Here he immediately joined the band, rendering faithful service in his quiet, unassuming way.

On his 80th birthday the local ringers gathered around him many of his ringing friends, and with the boys of his younger days he turned the tenor in to Bob Minor. Deafness had been a great handicap for many years but what he did was done to the best of his ability.

LT.-COL. M. E. G. R. WINGFIELD

Patron of the united benefices of Great Barrington and Taynton, Glos, Lt.-Col. M. E. G. R. Wingfield was a great friend of local ringers, and his death on January 2nd is deeply regretted. It was mainly due to him that the excellent light six at Great Barrington were rehung before the war.

The funeral took place on January 5th and as a token of respect after the service 1,260 Grandsire Doubles was rung half-muffled by T. S. Stratford 1, W. J. Dixon 2, H. C. Parker 3, M. C. F. Collett 4, T. W. Timms (conductor) 5, C. R. Stratford 6. First quarter of Doubles by all the band; first quarter for ringer of tenor at 78 years.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

Rochdale Branch

On January 12th the Rochdale Branch held their annual tea party at Christ Church Schools, Healey, near Rochdale.

Members were present from a wide area of South-East Lancashire. Towers represented were St. Chad's, Rochdale Parish Church; All Saints', Hamer; St. Mary's, Balderstone; St. Bartholomew's, Whitworth; St. Leonard's, Middleton; St. Mary's, Oldham; St. Mark's, Glodwick; St. Thomas', Moorside; St. James', East Crompton; Christ Church, Todmorden; St. Paul's, Cross Stones, and, of course, the local band at Healey.

Commencing at 2.30 p.m., the proceedings were opened by several touches on the bells (six, tenor 16 cwt.), methods rung ranging from Oxford, Kent and St. Clement's Minor to Plain Bob, Grandsire Doubles, call changes and rounds.

At 4.30 there followed a ringers' service, at which the preacher was the Rev. R. D. St. John Smith, president of the Lancashire Association, an enthusiastic and capable change ringer himself. He spoke of the message of joy or sorrow expressed at different times by the bells, and of the service performed by the ringers to the community of churchpeople.

After an enjoyable tea, whist and dancing were enjoyed in the Schoolroom, upwards of 200 ringers and friends being present.

The high spot of the evening's entertainment, however, was provided by the Oldham handbell ringers, who were in tip-top form for the occasion. They faultlessly rendered a grand selection of melodies, including such well-known favourites as 'Home Sweet Home,' 'The Legend of the Bells' 'Scotch Reel,' Mozart's 'Gloria,' and as a grand finale 'Auld Lang Syne.'

The proceedings closed about 11 p.m., with many expressions of thanks to Mr. Brian Coop and the Healey ringers for the excellent tea and arrangements, and to Mr. Ivan Kay, for arranging transport home for visiting friends.

DEDICATION

HAZELBURY BRYAN, DORSET

Although the work of rehanging the six bells at Hazelbury Bryan, Dorset, was completed in December, 1950, it was decided to wait until the new ringers' gallery and vestry were completed before holding the dedication and thanksgiving service. This was eventually held on Sunday afternoon, January 13th, and the ceremony was performed by the Bishop of Sherborne, assisted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. Munro) and other visiting clergy.

The church was packed with parishioners and subscribers to the Bell Fund, and arrangements for the occasion were ably carried out by Miss V. N. Cross, secretary to the Parochial Church Council. Immediately after the actual dedication, the bells were rung for a few moments by the local company under the leadership of Mr. W. E. Trevett, captain.

Later the bells were rung during the afternoon and evening by the seven visiting ringers who were invited to the ceremony. They were kindly entertained to tea at the Rectory, a gesture which was much appreciated.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., were entrusted with the work, and the bells were retuned and rehung with ball bearings together with new fittings, and the existing iron bell-frame considerably strengthened. The tenor weighs 16 cwt. 1 qr.

During the evening 720 Oxford Bob Minor was rung by the following:—W. C. Shute (representing Salisbury Diocesan Guild) 1, Mrs. F. Vacher 2, S. Weeks 3, B. Ridout (representing North Dorset Branch) 4, A. P. Cannon (representing the bellfounders) (conductor) 5, C. Chant 6. First 720 in the method on the bells and for ringers of 2, 3 and 4.

NOTICES

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The engagement is announced between Mark, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. White, of Guildford, and Audrey, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Morrison, of Byfleet. 170

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THE LATE-COMER

AMONG the many trials and tribulations attendant on the pursuit of ringing, the late-comer must be regarded as the one perhaps the least capable of being endured with equanimity and tolerance. We encourage the learner, although he may be troublesome to us; we sustain the timid ringer, and we often tolerate the poor striker. It is our duty to be patient in these matters, for reflection shows us in some ringing matters we are all beginners, many of us timid at times, and very few of us not guilty on occasion of striking bad blows. Provided we are in earnest we cannot be taken seriously to task because human failing sometimes causes us to be a nuisance to our fellows.

But the habitual late-comer occupies a prominent place in an entirely different category, for he may be classed among the social evils. In all walks of life the late-comer is met with, and in most instances the harm he does is not confined to himself, but extends to his colleagues. In ringing matters this is particularly so, for the absence of one member of the band renders the projected work impossible. The choir may get along with the lack of one soprano, or the cricket team may at a pinch commence its match one short; but the band that meets for Cambridge Maximus must await the arrival of the twelve men before anything can be done. To the habitual late-comer such a consideration never seems to present itself, nor does he seem to mind keeping his friends waiting about, although they may have four hours of ringing before them.

In Sunday service ringing unpunctuality can be an even greater embarrassment. Here the time is limited, of course, and among the things the late-comer ignores is the unfairness of his action, not only to the band, but to the conductor, who must, perforce, adjust the length of his touch to the time available.

The late-comer and the reason for his persistence are problems nobody has solved. There may be, although it is extremely unlikely, unfortunates for whom everything goes wrong at the last minute, and who are doomed, through all their lives, to be hindered by forces outside their command. But this theory will, one is sure, never be accepted by the thoughtful. There is, without doubt, the person with the mentality that imagines that to come late is to assume an importance in the eyes of his fellows; and it must be said that this person achieves a measure of success among the timid and undiscerning. With the normal and thoughtful he brings himself near to being contemptible. There is the third type of late-comer, he who, through his own slackness and lack of preparation, cannot leave home at the proper time. He is perhaps the least pernicious, but he is none the less a nuisance.

Here is a view of this problem presented by the writer of a letter on the subject: 'To fail deliberately in an appointment with others seems to me an act of gross discourtesy. . . . If a man undertakes to meet others at a particular time and in a particular place, he is morally bound to be in that place at the time, and not at such time after the appointed hour as happens to suit the whim of the moment.' These words, written in 1892, would seem to express what every right-minded ringer thinks on this question, and remind us that however far we have advanced in change ringing we have not yet conquered this particular evil.

The psalmist counted among the virtuous 'he that sweareth unto his neighbour and disappointeth him not, though it were to his own hindrance.' We, in this age, surely need not consider ourselves priggish if we believe, with the Hebrew poet, that punctuality is a social duty and part of the make-up of a good citizen. E. C. S.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World' of February 2nd, 1912

SINGULAR ACTION AT BRIGG

'It is, happily, such a curious and, as ringers will think, retrogressive action as that which has occurred at Brigg, in Lincolnshire, has to be recorded. The church and bells were in need of restoration, and the authorities, fearing that they would not be able to raise sufficient funds to pay for the work, sacrificed two of the bells to help meet the expenditure. The bells were formerly a light ring of eight, with a tenor of about nine cwt.; they are now but a ring of six. . . . But the irony of it all is that now all the work has been completed, there is a balance in hand on the repair fund of £100. . . .'

[In the next issue, a correspondent recalled the selling, in 1883, of the two trebles of the then ring of twelve at St. Peter's, St. Albans, to defray the cost of recasting two other bells—the only time a ring of twelve has been lost in this fashion.]

TWELVE BELL PEALS

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Jan. 12, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 33 cwt.

G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	*Treble*	JOHN PINFOLD	7
CLAUDIA A. HARDING	2	FRANK E. PERVIN	8
GEORGE E. FEARN	3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	9
ALBERT WALKER	4	FRANK E. HAYNES	10
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	5	HENRY H. FEARN	11
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	6	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(Southern Branch.)
On Sat., Jan. 19, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL TOWER,
A PEAL OF 5037 GRANDSIRE CINQUES
Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

*REGINALD W. KEYTE	*Treble*	*ROGER R. SAVORY	7
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	2	†E. TREVOR NEWBURY	8
*GERALD C. HEMMING	3	‡JOSEPH E. NEWMAN	9
MRS. J. THOMAS	4	*PATRICK HARRIS	10
FREDERICK G. NURDEN	5	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	11
RALPH HARRIS	6	*WILFRED J. NEWMAN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.
* First peal on twelve bells. † First peal of Grandsire Cinques. ‡ First peal of Grandsire Cinques 'inside.' The first peal on the new ring of 12, and rung on the anniversary of the first peal of Grandsire Cinques.

TEN BELL PEALS

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 19, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 25¼ cwt.

*JOHN H. ANDERTON	*Treble*	†BRIAN WOODS	6
BRIAN A. TOMLINSON	2	ERNEST J. GOWER	7
CHARLES W. BLAKEY	3	ROGER LEIGH	8
W. J. LANGHORN	4	CHARLES CLEGG	9
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	5	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS
* First peal of Royal. † First peal on ten bells.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.
LONDON COUNTY ASSOC. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 19, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PUDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

EDWARD C. HOLTON	*Treble*	THOMAS E. DAVIES	6
SHEILA E. HARRIS	2	SQUIRE CROFT	7
R. JOYCE PETT	3	FRANCIS D. BISHOP	8
MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS	4	WILFRID G. WILSON	9
MRS. KATHLEEN PARR	5	HAROLD W. ROGERS	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by HAROLD W. ROGERS.
First peal in the method by all and for the Association. First peal of Pudsey Royal on the bells and in the county of Middlesex. All ringers except the ringer of the 9th are members of the local company.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

AMBROSDEN, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 12, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR
Comprising 3,072 Plain Bob and 2,048 Double Bob with 128 changes of method.
Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E flat.

CYRIL H. KINCH	*Treble*	FRANCIS S. BEAUMONT	5
DOUGLAS O. WILKS	2	EDMUND E. PEARSON	6
HARRY P. FLOYD	3	EDGAR J. SMITH	7
HERBERT H. ALEXANDER	4	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
The first peal of Spliced Major in these two methods by the Guild and the first peal of Spliced Major by all the band except the ringers of 4th and tenor. Rung for the festival of Epiphany.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 12, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 28 lb.

FRANK LORD	*Treble*	GEORGE W. MOODY	5
GEORGE E. FEIRN	2	*HARRY HALL	6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	3	*ERNEST BRITTAIN	7
JACK BRAY	4	PHILIP BARNES	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JACK BRAY.
* First peal in the method. The conductor's 500th peal. In memoriam Rupert Richardson.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 12, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¾ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT	*Treble*	FREDK. J. CULLUM	5
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	2	RALPH BIRD	6
MRS. J. THOMAS	3	RICHARD E. PRICE	7
JOHN THOMAS	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

HINDLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 12, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Original. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON	*Treble*	LAURENCE WOOD	5
BRIAN A. TOMLINSON	2	ALBERT GREENHALGH	6
*MAURICE ASPINALL	3	JAMES L. WRIGHT	7
HARRY S. COOPER	4	JOHN PLATT	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.
* First peal on an 'inside' bell. Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Cooper.

RADCLIFFE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 12, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Carter's Twelve-part. Tenor 15½ cwt.

MARJORIE BROWN	*Treble*	JOSEPH THORNLEY	5
RAYMOND JOHNSON	2	PETER CROOK, SEN.	6
ANNIE POTTER	3	JACK CLEGG	7
NORMAN TOMPKINS	4	HENRY PRESCOTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.
Rung as a farewell to Mr. Joseph Boyer, a ringer at the Walkden tower, who is leaving the district for Southport.

TURNERS HILL, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 12, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5152 CASSIOBURY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb. in F.

ALBERT E. LAKER	*Treble*	RAYMOND OVERY	5
DORIS E. COLGATE	2	WILLIAM ROGERS	6
ROBERT COLLINS	3	WILLIAM T. BEESON	7
LEONARD STILWELL	4	FRANK H. HICKS	*Tenor*

Arranged by W. W. WOLSTENCROFT. Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.
First peal in the method by all except L. Stilwell. First peal of Surprise as conductor. First peal in the method in the county and by the Association.

WILTON, TAUNTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 12, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb. in A.

*GORDON WALFORD	*Treble*	WILLIAM G. GIGG	5
ARTHUR H. REED	2	GEORGE PRESCOTT	6
WALTER H. POOLE	3	ERIC NAYLOR	7
†RONALD D. SHORT	4	ROGER O. FRY	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.
* Twenty-fifth peal. † First peal on eight bells and first 'touch' in the method.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Hinckley District.)
On Mon., Jan. 14, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

KATHLEEN M. PROCTOR	*Treble*	EDWARD SOWMAN	5
*SHEILA PROCTOR	2	WILLIAM A. WOOD	6
ALFRED BALLARD	3	MICHAEL E. BROWN	7
IRIS PROCTOR	4	CURZON CLARKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL E. BROWN.

* First peal. The conductor's first peal of Grandsire Triples on tower bells and first in the method as conductor. A birthday compliment to Kathleen M. Proctor. Believed to be the first peal with three sisters taking part.

MAYFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Jan. 15, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

C.C.C. 164. Tenor 21½ cwt. in E.

BERNARD V. COLLISON	*Treble*	‡ERNEST J. LADD	5
*FREDK. J. LAMBERT	2	ALBERT RELFE	6
†ARCHIBALD GRIMWOOD	3	*CHARLES A. BASSETT	7
‡ARTHUR F. LEWRY	4	WM. A. KITCHENSIDE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

* 25th peal together. † First peal of Major. ‡ 50th peal together. Rung to welcome home Mr. A. Miles after a serious illness. Also for the birthdays of Mr. C. Brasier and Miss N. Lambert, and for the 27th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Kitchenside.

LODDON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Jan. 16, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5024 WATH DELIGHT MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

F. CHARLES GOODMAN	*Treble*	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	5
WILLIAM LOVE	2	GEORGE SAYER	6
NOLAN GOLDEN	3	ARTHUR G. BASON	7
*STANLEY W. COPLING	4	BERT GOGLE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* 100th peal for the Association. First touch in the method by all, on the bells and for the Association. Probably the first peal of Major in the method. A silver wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Bert Gogle.

LYE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Wed., Jan. 16, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 3½ cwt.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Treble*	GEORGE E. FEARN	5
J. MARTIN THORLEY	2	MURIEL REAY	6
*ARTHUR V. PEARSON	3	†JOHN R. MAYNE	7
CLAUDIA A. HARDING	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* 100th peal of Surprise. † First peal of Lincolnshire.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Jan. 17, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE WATERLOO TOWER, QUEX PARK.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Bruerton's Twelve-part. Tenor 15¼ cwt.

EDWARD MILSTED	*Treble*	JOHN RUSSELL	5
*NELLIE BRIDGES	2	LESLIE EVEREST	6
HENRY T. WILSON	3	ARCHIE HINKLEY	7
HERBERT LUCK	4	THOMAS DAY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN RUSSELL.

* First peal of Triples. First peal on the bells since their rehanging. Rung by the Quex Society of Change Ringers.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 19, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

JOHN E. ROOTES	*Treble*	ALICK CUTLER	5
C. EDWARD LANKESTER	2	LEONARD H. BOWLER	6
FREDK. W. BRINKLOW	3	FRANCIS KIRK	7
WILLIAM WENBAN	4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.
First peal in the method on the bells.

CHIPPING NORTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 19, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Ilkeston Variation. Tenor 14 cwt.

ALAN R. PINK	*Treble*	*WILLIAM J. CROSS	5
HERBERT H. ALEXANDER	2	*GEORGE F. BURTON	6
CHARLES COLES	3	*EDMUND E. PEARSON	7
*DOUGLAS O. WILKS	4	*EDGAR J. SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal in two Treble Bob Major methods; also on the bells.

COLERNE, WILTSHIRE.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 19, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT	*Treble*	GRAHAM R. EYLES	5
*RUBY GIBBONS	2	GILBERT C. WEEKS	6
GEORGE J. HAWKINS	3	ERIC NAYLOR	7
PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING	4	ROGER O. FRY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.

* First peal of Major. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Philip W. Weeks.

FARNWORTH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 19, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

S. Biddleston's Twelve-part. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALAN PENDLEBURY	*Treble*	JOSEPH THORNLEY	5
*GEOFFREY PEARSON	2	PETER CROOK, SEN.	6
LESLIE D. OWEN	3	JOHN F. WOOD	7
NORMAN TOMKINS	4	HENRY PRESCOTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.

* First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Joseph Drinkwater and Mr. Frank Tonge, both regular worshippers at the Parish Church.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 19, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

GEORGE W. PIPE	*Treble*	ROBERT E. LESTER	5
CECIL W. PIPE	2	FREDK. J. CRAPNELL	6
RODERICK W. PIPE	3	JOSEPH W. H. PREASTNER	7
RONALD W. STEWARD	4	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL	*Tenor*

Composed by EDWIN TIMBRELL. Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 19, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 31 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in C.

HARRY BAKER	*Treble*	WILFRED W. RING	5
PERCY PAGE	2	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	6
THOMAS E. SONE	3	HARRY PARKES	7
WILLIAM C. MARSHALL	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by THOS. CULLINGWORTH.
First peal in the method on the bells.

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MOORSIDE, OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 19, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

SELWYN H. DEARDEN	*Treble*	FRED PRITCHARD	5
HAROLD ARMSTEAD	2	*ARTHUR HIBBERT	6
*FRANCIS M. LAFLIN	3	IVAN KAY	7
GERALD DARE	4	*ERIC CASTERTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by IVAN KAY.
* First peal in the method. Rung with the bells muffled as a tribute to Mr. T. Newton, late churchwarden.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 19, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 12 methods, being 960 each of London and Rutland, and 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Cray, Eastcote, Lincolnshire, New Gloucester, Pudsey, Superlative, Wembley and Yorkshire, with 139 changes of method. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

JAMES A. MILNER	*Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS	5
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	JOHN WORTH	6
WILFRED STEVENSON	3	PETER LAFLIN	7
JAMES FERNLEY	4	JOSEPH WHITTAKER	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN (reversed). Conducted by C. K. LEWIS.
A birthday compliment for Mrs. E. V. Parker, of Disley.

SHIPLAKE, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 19, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.

ALBERT DISERENS	*Treble*	*ALFRED K. STREET	5
RONALD F. DISERENS	2	NOEL J. DISERENS	6
MRS. P. LEWINGTON	3	REGINALD R. REX	7
RAYMOND G. BURTON	4	†JESSE SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT DISERENS.
* First peal of Triples. † First peal.

WINCANTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 19, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in F sharp.

H. PERCY SPARKS	*Treble*	REGINALD A. HIGGINS	5
ROBERT G. FIELD	2	FREDK. J. SYMONDS	6
ERIC A. RAYMOND	3	HENRY J. SANGER	7
FREDK. L. ANDREWS	4	JOHN H. CHILCOTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by HENRY J. SANGER.
Rung by members of the Cary Deanery Branch as a welcome to the new Rector of Wincanton, the Rev. P. A. Allen, whose induction took place on January 12th.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BLANKNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 27, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Court, Single Court and Oxford Bob, and two extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

*SHIRLEY WISEMAN	*Treble*	†GEOFFREY R. PARKER	4
MARGARET A. SWANN	2	†WILLIAM R. PARKER	5
EVELYN M. WRIGHT	3	JOHN E. COOK	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN E. COOK.
* First peal on six bells. † 40th peal in 1951.

THURLASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 5, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.

JOSEPH TAYLOR	*Treble*	MICHAEL E. BROWN	4
ALFRED BALLARD	2	JOHN J. MORRIS	5
*PETER HALLAM	3	FRANK K. MEASURES	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK K. MEASURES.
* First peal in the method.

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 5, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

GEORGE CHALLANS	*Treble*	ERNEST PRESTON	4
JOAN SMITH	2	*STANLEY SLANEY	5
DOUGLAS H. ROOKE	3	HERBERT T. ROOKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.
* First peal of Cambridge Minor.

SHIPLEY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Jan. 6, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

*W. LESLIE WELLER	*Treble*	JOHN W. MEADE	4
BLANCHE M. BALL	2	JOHN H. HUNT	5
†PETER N. BOND	3	FREDK. W. BURNETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.
* First peal. † First peal in the method.

STRETTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Jan. 7, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Consisting of one 2,160 and four 720's. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

WALTER ALLMAN	*Treble*	*DENIS MADDOCK	4
HAROLD WORRALL	2	WILLIAM ALLMAN	5
CECIL RADDON	3	HARRY W. HOWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

WINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., Jan. 7, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

ALBERT LAWES	*Treble*	LEWIS J. BATLEY	4
BARBARA FILBY	2	GEORGE FILBY	5
CHARLES BROWN	3	ROBERT PLUMMER	*Tenor*

Conducted by LEWIS J. BATLEY.
A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Jan. 10, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

KENNETH HARTLEY	*Treble*	ROGER LEIGH	4
BRIAN WOOD	2	CHARLES CLEGG	5
A. VICTOR WILLIAMS	3	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Conducted by LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS.
First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Minor for all the band.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Thurs., Jan. 10, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, and two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 13 lb.

*CLIVE M. SMITH	*Treble*	*†J. NORMAN HADLEY	4
ERNEST STITCH	2	†MAURICE G. TURNER	5
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	3	HOWARD HOWELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.
* First peal in five methods. † 75th peal together. First peal as conductor in five methods. A welcome to the new Rector, Rev. Henry H. Follis, B.A.

WIGTOFT, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Eastern Branch.)
On Thurs., Jan. 10, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Childwall and St. Clement's and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

PHILIP H. REYNOLDS	*Treble*	LESLIE H. TAYLOR	4
ARTHUR YOUNG	2	JOSEPH W. BAILY	5
THOMAS CUMMINGS	3	EDWIN FISHER	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH W. BAILY.
First peal as conductor.

HOLBROOK, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., Jan. 11, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents all 5-6's the right way (2-2 part, 2-3 part and 3-6 part). Tenor 8 cwt.

GEOFFREY F. PAGE ..	*Treble*	DEREK A. WOODWARD ..	4
*GILLIAN GOLDING	2	MAX P. PAGE	5
ROBERT E. LESTER	3	DOUGLAS A. COLLINS ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by MAX P, PAGE.
* First peal 'inside.' A 16th birthday compliment to Miss G. Golding.

SPONDON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Jan. 11, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 15 cwt.

*W. RODNEY HARRISON ..	*Treble*	FRANCIS R. LOWE	4
JACK BAILEY	2	DENIS R. CARLISLE	5
*DAVID MARSHALL	3	MAURICE BAILEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by MAURICE BAILEY.
* First peal in the method. First peal as conductor in the method. An 80th birthday compliment to Mr. Henry Fletcher, 'G.O.M.' of Derby's Sunday service ringers. A farewell to the conductor.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 12, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.

CHARLES W. BLAKEY.. ..	*Treble*	BRIAN WOOD	4
NORMAN SMITH	2	ROGER LEIGH	5
A. VICTOR WILLIAMS ..	3	KENNETH HARTLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by KENNETH HARTLEY.
First peal as conductor.

KEMPSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 12, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 19¼ cwt.

FRANCIS J. CUBBERLEY ..	*Treble*	*JOHN MOULE	4
HAROLD WILLETT	2	ARTHUR JOPP	5
ERNEST F. CUBBERLEY ..	3	CHARLES J. CAMM	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES J. CAMM.
* First peal of Minor.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 12, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. T. KING ..	*Treble*	*T. W. ROBINSON	4
WILLIAM E. SIMPSON ..	2	R. ALLEN HICKTON	5
DAVID J. MARSHALL.. ..	3	ALFRED MOULD	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED MOULD.
* First peal in three methods. Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to H. Fletcher, of the St. Peter's (Derby) band.

NOCTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 12, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 HULL SURPRISE MINOR
Being two blocks of 2,160, C.C.C. Nos. 127 and 128, and one 720. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

FRED INGALL	*Treble*	PETER MASON	4
LOUIS WILLDERS	2	RONALD APPLEWHITE ..	5
AMOS INGALL	3	MOSES BILLINGS	*Tenor*

Conducted by MOSES BILLINGS.
First peal in the method by all the band.

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 12, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents of 720. Tenor 13¼ cwt.

LEWIS HEMSTOCK	*Treble*	*CLARENCE F. BRIGGS ..	4
GEORGE E. FOSTER	2	†F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER..	5
FREDERICK G. HOOPER ..	3	W. NEVILLE BROWN ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK G. HOOPER.
* 25th peal. † First peal of Minor. Rung as a birthday compliment to both the wife and elder son of the ringer of the 4th.



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POYNTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 12, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In 21 methods: (1) Crowland, Combermere, Vale Royal and St. Werburgh Delight, (2) Willesden, Newdigate, Old Oxford and College Bob IV. Delight, (3) Ockley, College Exercise, Duke of Norfolk and Norbury Treble Bob, (4) Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans and Wragby Delight, (5) Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob, (6) Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston Treble Bob, (7) Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 13½ cwt.

JAMES A. MILNER .. ..*Treble*	SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. 4
ERIC SIMPSON 2	ALEXANDER RICHARDSON.. 5
*EDWARD HOLDSWORTH .. 3	*DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. *Tenor*

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

* First peal in 21 methods. Mr. S. Hough has now 'circled' the tower.

RIPPINGALE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 12, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in ten methods: Cambridge and Primrose Surprise, Double and Single Oxford, Double and Single Court, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

ALBERT E. SCOTT.. .. ..*Treble*	*DENIS A. FRITH 4
HORACE M. DAY 2	WILLIAM OLDMAN .. 5
CECIL WADE 3	†JAMES H. MUSSON .. *Tenor*

Conducted by HORACE M. DAY.

* 50th peal and first in ten methods. † 100th peal.

ST. IPPOLYTS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 12, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HIPPOLYTUS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Oxford Bob, Plain Bob and Cambridge, and two extents of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

ALFRED C. HARRIS ..*Treble*	LEWIS R. RUNNACLES .. 4
PETER W. CROFT 2	FRANK W. CROFT 5
*DAVID L. GULLICK .. 3	EDGAR W. WINTERS .. *Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK W. CROFT.

* First peal.

WOODCHURCH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 12, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 15 cwt.

HARRY BAKER .. .. ..*Treble*	MARK W. MARSHALL .. 4
WILFRED W. RING 2	MARK S. LANCEFIELD .. 5
WILLIAM C. MARSHALL .. 3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. *Tenor*

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

PORTHKERRY, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Jan. 13, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CURIG,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being nine extents of St. Simon's, ten of Southrepps, eleven of Plain Bob and twelve of Grandsire. Tenor 7¼ cwt. (approx.).

*MALGWYN WILLIAMS ..*Treble*	*ROLAND J. CURTIS .. 4
*HARRY GREEN 2	*H. DOUGLAS DIMOND .. 5
†GEORGE FRANCIS 3	*HAROLD W. DIMOND .. *Tenor*

Conducted by H. DOUGLAS DIMOND.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal on the bells. Above band contains the two churchwardens, two sidesmen, and the organist. One of the first-pealers is 56 and another 60.

WISBOROUGH GREEN, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Jan. 14, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AD-VINCULA,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Norwich Surprise and Oxford Treble Bob and one each of Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

HAROLD F. WOOD .. ..*Treble*	ERNEST TREAGUS 4
EDGAR R. RAPLEY 2	BASIL W. WHITE 5
LEONARD STILWELL 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON .. *Tenor*

Conducted by EDGAR R. RAPLEY.

Rung to welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. Mr. Penney.

MELBOURN, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Jan. 15, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 15 cwt.

STANLEY E. DASH .. ..*Treble*	*RONALD D. EDGE 4
FRANK HARPER 2	JOHN G. GIPSON 5
DENIS PEPPER 3	PETER BORDER .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

* First peal of Surprise. First peal of Surprise Minor as conductor. First peal on the bells for 21 years.

TUDDENHAM ST. MARTIN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., Jan. 18, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of Grandsire, New Doubles, St. Nicholas', St. Simon's, Winchendon Place, St. Martin's and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

GILLIAN GOULDING .. ..*Treble*	GEOFFREY PAGE 3
DOUGLAS A. COLLINS .. 2	DEREK WOODWARD .. 4
MAX P. PAGE .. .. ..*Tenor*	

Conducted by MAX P. PAGE.

First peal of Doubles in seven methods for the Guild.

HARDWICKE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 19, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, 13 callings. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

*LESLIE BARRY .. .. ..*Treble*	JACK R. WORRALL 4
S. THOMAS PRICE 2	*THOMAS R. BOREHAM .. 5
†JOAN BUSSEY 3	*CHARLES C. LARNER .. *Tenor*

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

* First peal of Stedman Doubles. † First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman on the bells. Leslie Barry has now 'circled' the tower for the second time. Thomas Boreham completes Stedman from Doubles to Cinques.

HANDBELL PEALS

LONDONDERRY, IRELAND.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 18, 1951, *in* 1 *Hour and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT 116, FOUNTAIN STREET.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of 21 extents each of Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor size 8 in C.

JOHN J. FIELDING 1-2	FREDK. E. DUKES 3-4
JACK CAMPBELL 5-6	

Conducted by FREDERICK E. DUKES.

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 5, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR

In six methods, containing 3,136 Plain Bob, 512 Double Bob, 512 St. Clement's, 384 Gainsborough, 320 Ashbourne College, 160 Little Bob, with 208 changes of method. Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

ERIC NIXON 1-2	MICHAEL SLANEY 5-6
FREDK. WM. GROCOTT .. 3-4	RONALD T. BARLOW 7-8

Arranged and Conducted by FREDERICK WILLIAM GROCOTT.

First peal of Spliced Plain Major by all the band and for the Association.

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Jan. 6, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5044 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR

In nine methods, containing 2,992 Plain Bob, 444 Gainsborough, 432 St. Clement's, 432 Double Bob, 320 Ashbourne College, 160 Reverse Bob, 120 Wellington Little Court, 104 Little Bob, 40 Kent Little Court, with 224 changes of methods. Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

ERIC NIXON 1-2	MICHAEL SLANEY 5-6
FREDK. WM. GROCOTT .. 3-4	RONALD T. BARLOW 7-8

Arranged and Conducted by FREDERICK WILLIAM GROCOTT.

First peal in nine Major methods by all the band and for the Association.

WELLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Jan. 6, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
At 53, Leys Road,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Ronald C. Noon	1-2	Robin G. Turner	5-6
John King	3-4	*Patrick I. Chapman	7-8

Composed and Conducted by Robin G. Turner.
* First peal 'in hand.' Rung as a birthday compliment to Patrick Chapman

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Jan. 7, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
At Trentwood,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED MAJOR
Being 12 methods: Double Oxford, Pershore, Double Norwich, Hereward, St. Clement's, Crayford College, Double Bob, Reverse Bob, Gainsborough Little Bob, Wellington Little Court, Little Bob and Plain Bob, with 281 changes of method. Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

Mrs. J. Bray	1-2	Jack Bray	5-6
George E. Feirn	3-4	Philip Barnes	7-8

Arranged and Conducted by George E. Feirn.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Jan. 10, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
At 98, Evesham Road,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor size 18 in G sharp.

Harry Poyner	1-2	Alfred Ballard	7-8
Mrs. P. J. Staniforth	3-4	Harold J. Poole	9-10
Peter J. Staniforth	5-6	Fredk. E. Wilson	11-12

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Harold J. Poole.
In memoriam Rupert Richardson.

EPSOM, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Jan. 11, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
At 74, Hookfield,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 16 in B.

Albert J. Adams	1-2	Gillian R. Brittain	5-6
Edwin J. Lindley	3-4	Ralph C. Spittle	7-8

Composed by E. M. Atkins. Conducted by Edwin J. Lindley.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Jan. 13, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
At 26, Wellington Road,
A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED MAJOR
In eight methods, comprising: 1,712 Plain, 768 Double, 592 St. Clement's, 444 each of Wellington and Gainsborough Little Bob, 384 each of Reverse, and Little Bob, and 296 Crayford Little Bob, with 330 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

William G. Young	1-2	Daniel T. Matkin	5-6
Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay	3-4	Roy C. Hurst	7-8

Composed by Nolan Golden. Conducted Daniel T. Matkin.
Witness: Arthur G. Janes.

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Jan. 14, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
At 73, Braithwaite Gardens,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Consisting of 640 each of London and Ealing, 320 each of Wembley, Watford, Rutland, Eastbury, Ashtead, Berkshire, Radlett, Bristol, Superlative, Cambridge, Yorkshire and Pudsey, with 144 changes of method.

Christopher W. Woolley	1-2	Harold G. Cashmore	5-6
Ernest C. S. Turner	3-4	Fredk. W. Brinklow	7-8

Composed and Conducted by Harold G. Cashmore.
Umpire: William Wenban.
The umpire checked every lead-end throughout the peal. The first peal in 14 Surprise methods on handbells.

RISLEY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Jan. 16, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
At 85, Derby Road,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents.

Denis R. Carlisle	1-2	*Maurice Bailey	3-4
		Jack Bailey	5-6

Conducted by Jack Bailey.
* First peal 'in hand.' A farewell peal to Maurice Bailey, who is joining H.M. Forces.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

At the meeting of the Rochester District on January 18th, the secretary (Mr. B. W. May) was asked to write to Mr. G. Spice, general secretary of the Kent County Association sending the company's best wishes for his speedy recovery from illness. We feel sure that his many friends in the Exercise desire to be associated with this expression.

After a lapse of 25 years the Quex Society were re-formed last year The resurrected Society have now rung their first peal.

Three sisters—the Misses Kathleen, Sheila and Iris Proctor—rang in a peal at Claybrooke, Leicestershire, on January 14th. Have three sisters rung in a peal before?

'The Belfry,' the quarterly journal of the Maidstone District, has issued a very good number, with a foreword by Mr. E. H. Lewis, president of the Central Council.

Mr. P. Dickinson, of Llangefui, Anglesey, sends us a picture from the 'Daily Sketch' of June 24th, 1911, showing ringers at St. Mary-le-Bow ringing for the Coronation of George V. Can any of our readers identify the band?

The peal at Rippingale, Lincolnshire, on January 12th, was a silver anniversary. Twenty-five years ago Mr. H. M. Day conducted Mr. J. H. Musson and he called the anniversary peal this year.

Ill-luck attended Philip W. Weeks, of Colerne, Wilts, on the occasion of his 21st birthday. Stationed in the Army at Malvern, he was to have taken part in a birthday peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major at his home tower, but the powers that be decided to cancel his leave at short notice. A change was made to Plain Bob Major and the peal was successfully rung. Mr. G. C. Weeks, Philip's father, was ringing his third 'touch' of Major, his previous 'touches' being a quarter peal and a peal!

An important advance in Spliced Surprise Maximus ringing is the peal in seven methods rung at Leicester Cathedral on January 21st. The methods were Rutland, Pudsey, Lincolnshire, Cambridge, Yorkshire, Belgrave and Superlative. Congratulations to the Cathedral band on a fine achievement.

The peal of Stedman Caters at Rotherham, published on page 34, was composed by Mr. G. Newson, a famous Cumberland of 50 to 60 years ago.

Mr. D. Woodward and Mr. D. Collins, of the Suffolk Guild, have now rung peals of Minor from one to seven methods. All these peals have been called by Mr. M. P. Page.

Mr. H. S. Morley, secretary of the Eastern Division of the Yorkshire Association, has recently undergone a serious operation in Leeds Infirmary. The latest report is that he is progressing very favourably.

Bolsover Parish Church bells will be re-opened on March 1st. After rehanging, the bells will be dedicated to the memory of John Flint, Charles Mason, Jesse J. Moss and Rhemaliah Coupe, who gave valuable service to the tower over a long period of years.

The bells of St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, have been replaced by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and the Wednesday practices have been resumed. Sound control has been introduced to meet complaints of nearby residents. Thanks are expressed by the band to the various ringers who subscribed to help pay for the work.

The band who rang the peal of Bristol at Crayford on January 12th would like it to be regarded as a compliment firstly to the Rev. H. H and Mrs. Hurwood on the birth of a granddaughter, and secondly to Mr. John Wheadon, for many years a ringer at Dartford but now resident in Cheshire, who celebrated his 80th birthday a week previously.

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COMING-OF-AGE OF THE NATIONAL POLICE GUILD

LEICESTER EXCELS IN HOSPITALITY — POLICE REPRIMANDED FOR PEAL FAILURE — VALUE OF THE POLICE HELMET — LEICESTER AND BIRMINGHAM RIVALRY

LEICESTER has a big reputation in the Exercise not only on account of its prowess in the art of peal ringing but in the development of a strong social side. It was, indeed, fortunate that for the Coming-of-Age celebration of the National Guild of Police Bell-ringers the Guild's president should be a Leicester ringer in the person of Inspector Harold J. Poole, who is also president of the Leicester Diocesan Guild.

The resources of Leicester were, it seemed, at Inspector Poole's disposal to make the occasion memorable in the history of the Guild. Support at the dinner, attended by a company of 160 and held in St. Philip's Hall, on Saturday, was forthcoming from the Lord Mayor (Alderman R. Hill) and the Lady Mayoress, the Bishop of Leicester (the Right Rev. Guy Vernon Smith), the Chief Constable of Leicester (Mr. O. J. B. Cole), the Chief Constable of Leicestershire and Rutland, Alderman Freer (chairman of the Watch Committee), the Bishop of Rangoon and the Provost of Leicester.

As to ringers present it could truly be called a representative gathering with Station Sergeant J. G. A. Prior (Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths), ex-Chief Inspector W. Bottrill (founder-president of the Police Guild) and such veteran ringers as Mr. J. W. Jones (Newport) and Mr. Josiah Morris (Leicester) present. Mr. Paul L. Taylor and Mrs. Taylor also attended. Toastmaster for the evening was Mr. E. C. Turner and it was with great cordiality that the company received the president and Mrs. Poole and their distinguished guests.

WHY A TAILOR?

After the Loyal Toast submitted by the president, the Chief Constable of Leicestershire and Rutland (Mr. John A. Taylor) proposed 'The City of Leicester,' and coupled with the toast the 494th Mayor. 'I have yet to find out,' said the Chief Constable, 'what the ancient art of bell-ringing has to do with a Taylor and one of my bright boys produced for me a book of detective fiction called "The Nine Tailors." Why is there a link with Taylors? Perhaps the president could tell us.'

The Lord Mayor (Alderman R. Hill), who replied, said all he knew about bellringing was when he used to spend his school holidays in a Leicestershire village. Bell-ringing was a memory in the minds of all English men and women, wherever they might be—in the wilds of Australia, the backwoods of Canada or in far places in Africa. Whenever they thought of England their minds went back to the countryside and the church bells. Even in mediæval England bells played a big part, as was told by a famous poet: 'The Curfew tolls the knell of parting day.'

They all remembered the tragic years of the 1939-45 war when the bells were silent. He had a vivid memory of a Sunday morning in 1945 when he heard the bells of his parish church ringing again. There was a little boy of seven or eight listening to the bells he had never heard before. He was listening in wonderment. Yes, bell-ringing was truly a part of English life and it gave him great pleasure to know that the National Police Guild of Bell-ringers were carrying on this great tradition.

'The National Guild of Police Bell-ringers' was proposed by the Chief Constable of Leicester (Mr. Oswald J. B. Cole), who said in the past 21 years he had spoken at many gatherings of bell-ringers but all he could tell them was to give them an explanation of change-ringing which was in a book their president lent him: "A series of mathematical problems caused by bells of different tones being rung consecutively.' Now they knew as much as he did. (Laughter.)



INSPECTOR HAROLD J. POOLE
President of the National Guild of Police Bell-ringers

CAUTIONED AND REPRIMANDED

He was told that the first meeting of the Police Bell-ringers was at Leicester, in 1928, when 29 police ringers met under the chairmanship of Mr Bottrill. The details of that meeting, and also one at Birmingham, were recorded, and of a peal attempt of Stedman Caters at King's Norton, which unfortunately came to grief after 2 hours and 50 minutes through a change course. When 'Stand' had been called, stated the official minute, the culprits were reprimanded and cautioned. Those policemen present, who knew the police code, would know that there was a great difference between a reprimand and a caution.

The next meeting showed that there was some relinquishment of that stern discipline because it stated that an attempt to ring Cambridge Maximus came to grief because too many of the band wanted to dodge in 15-16. (Laughter.) There was not a word about a caution and he was wondering if it was the beginning of trade unionism among the ringers.

Mr. Bottrill was elected the first president of the Guild in 1931 and throughout the 21 years they had had only four presidents, the others being Mr. Williams, of Manchester, Mr. Hilton, of the Surrey Constabulary, who was president for five years, and Inspector Poole, who had been president for seven years Before becoming president, Inspector Poole was secretary for 14 years. He was sure their president would like him to mention ex-Sergeant Jelley, who gave him a great deal of help in the early years, and whom they were all pleased to see with them (Applause.)

Mr. Poole had brought a great deal of enthusiasm to bear on the National Guild of Police Ringers for it was not easy to get people to come together from the four quarters of England and Wales. Personally, he was very proud to have their president as a member of his Force.

THE GUILD'S STALWARTS

The president, in reply, said it was a great privilege and no less an honour to be in the chair at this coming-of-age celebration of the National Police Guild. It was very easy to commence something when the enthusiasm was all of a glow, but it was not quite so easy to keep it going after the original enthusiasm had died down and it needed stalwarts to keep it afloat. They had plenty of such stalwarts in the Police Guild. They had Superintendent Williams, of Manchester, who was responsible mainly for the enthusiasm of the Manchester Force, and Mr. Bottrill, who was in the Metropolitan Force and was the mainspring in the south. There were also such keen centres as Leicester and Birmingham. There were two names he would like specially to mention—ex-Sergeant Lawrence, of St. Albans, a founder of the Guild, and P.C. Claydon, of Reigate. It was a great honour to have with them Station Sergeant Prior, who had been elected Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, one of the greatest honours that could be conferred on any ringer.

Station Sergeant J. G. A. Prior, who proposed the toast of 'The Church and State,' said the toast should be really 'Clergy and State' because it would have given him an opportunity of saying 'thank you' for the privileges they gave them. They did not say 'thank you' for Sunday service ringing because that was their work for the Church of which they were all members, but for the pleasures of other ringing. If it was not for their co-operation their peal totals would be down—and some people might say 'a very good thing, too.'

He need not say much about their relationship with the State except to say that he hoped the State would never make them into a National Police Force. (Applause.) He also hoped that the State would never interfere with their ringing; they, on their part, must be watchful and avoid excessive ringing, thus giving the public cause for complaint.

THE SIGHT OF THE HELMET

The Lord Bishop of Leicester, in his reply, cited incidents of the close relationship between clergy and police. There was, he said, an admirable clergyman who lived on a high road passed by many people in the habit of calling at his house for financial assistance, causing him a degree of embarrassment. As a solution he bought a policeman's helmet and a pair of white gloves and put them on the table by the front door. When visitors called, the housekeeper would answer 'The Vicar is engaged.' That helmet and pair of gloves were of great assistance to him for the visitor would never wait. (Laughter.)

Although the subject 'Church and State' was a controversial one as they thought of the long history of the Church of England, he would say there was nothing controversial between members of their Guild who served both equally well by ringing their bells for the great festivals of the Church, that they all delighted to keep, or on those great occasions in the life of the State such as when the nation rejoiced at the recovery of the King.

The toast of 'The Visitors' was proposed by ex-Chief Inspector W. Bottrill, the first president of the Guild. After complimenting the band that rang a touch of Stedman Cinques, Mr. Bottrill said so far as bell-ringing was concerned, Leicester was one of the most prominent places in the world. There was a reason for it. He now lived in the Diocese of Canterbury. Can-

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Police Guild Coming-of-Age—Cont.

terbury Cathedral should lead in all Church matters, but to his regret it did not lead in Church bell-ringing. There were various causes, one being that they were in the front line during the war and lost many of their people.

LEICESTER'S TRADITION

He was a Leicestershire man and in his younger days Leicester was noted for the enormity of its policemen. There was one named Stevens who weighed 23 stones, and was the heaviest policeman, and another, whose name he believed was Warrington, who was six feet six inches tall. In regard to Leicester ringing he had been in touch with it for 45 years and it had reached a pitch of excellence during the past 10 or 15 years under Inspector Poole. There was another reason for that excellence—the tradition of the City's ringing set by those great stalwarts of old such as George Cleel, Charles Fowler, William Wilson and later by Mr. Frederick Dexter. Those people laid the foundation of the bands of ringers they had to-day.

After mentioning the various guests by name Mr. Bottrill coupled with the toast the name of Mr. Albert Walker, past Master of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham. There was, he said, a great friendly rivalry in ringing between Leicester and Birmingham.

Mr. Albert Walker expressed the pleasure of the visitor in being present on such an historic occasion in the life of the National Guild of Police Ringers. He complimented the Guild on providing one of the best dinners he had attended. While there was friendly rivalry between ringers there was also good friendship; they were all very proud of their social side which helped to build up their ringing.

The Leicester ringers had a reputation which had to be admired, but Birmingham also had a big reputation. The Society he represented, the St. Martin's Guild, was founded in 1755 and in Birmingham they had three rings of twelve.

He congratulated the Police Guild on the splendid way they had kept together; they appreciated the work they were doing because it was much harder than the work of a territorial Guild. He well remembered the first dinner of their Guild at Birmingham which he was invited to attend. The dinner finished up with a visit to the mortuary. (Laughter.)

Interludes during the speeches included tunes rung on handbells by ex-P.C. Wilson, his wife and daughter, and Mr Harry Poyner, and a touch of Stedman Cinques in which the president, his daughter, son-in-law and other Leicester ringers participated.

The dinner was followed by a concert by the Leicester City Police concert party and a sketch by the dramatic section. Finally the very full day which had started with peal ringing ended with a dance.

The evening concluded with a vote of thanks to the president, proposed by the Rev. J. R. Collins, Vicar of St. Mary's. He also thanked Mr. Poole for his work in teaching the ringers of St. Mary's and for his splendid effort in raising personally £200 to meet the cost of installing the new bells at St. Mary's.

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CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Mr. R. D. Langford's 31 Years as Secretary at Crewe

Christ Church, Crewe, with its ten bells, is always a popular venue for the annual meeting of the Crewe Branch and over 70 members from towers in the Branch, and many visitors, were present at the meeting on January 19th.

The Vicar (the Rev. W. Gwynne John) presided at the business meeting, supported by the Master of the Chester Guild (Mr. J. W. Clarke). Mr. H. Hazeldine and Mr. F. Chatfield, churchwardens, Mr. R. Owen, secretary of the Church Council and Mr. R. D (Dick) Langford, hon. branch secretary.

The hon. treasurer (Mr. W. Kerr) presented the financial statement showing a satisfactory balance of £5 14s. 6d. Ten new members were elected—two honorary, four ringing and four junior. The hon. secretary reported that the monthly meetings had been well attended and the ringing of good quality.

Election of officers produced some changes. The Vicar said it was probably his last time of presiding as Vicar of Christ Church, Crewe, as he had been appointed to Christ Church, Alsager. He had always enjoyed the company—and the confidence—of his ringers, and those of the Branch. The Vicar was re-elected chairman.

Mr. Langford expressed his wish to relinquish his job as secretary after 31 years; he would like someone younger to have the job; his resignation was accepted with deep regret.

Mr. Wilfred Kerr, hon. treasurer, was proposed as hon. secretary and asked to combine both offices; Mr. Kerr said he was very sorry, but his awkward turns of away duty would not permit him combining the two offices. Mr. Kerr was appointed secretary and Mr. F. Stenson hon. treasurer.

The Vicar asked Mr. R. D. Langford to accept, on behalf of the ringers of the Branch, a pocket watch, suitably inscribed, as a memento and as some slight recognition and appreciation of his services for 31 years. The Vicar said Mr. Langford had been a stalwart of ringing not only in Cheshire but in many other counties, and a loyal ringer, conductor, teacher and leader of the Sunday service band at Christ Church.

Mr. Clarke, Ringing Master of the Chester Guild, said he would like to pay tribute to Mr. Langford on behalf of the Guild, who appreciated both his character and ability.

Mr. William Holding, in paying his tribute, coupled the name of Mrs. Langford, who had sacrificed many hours of her husband's company, and said the Branch was greatly indebted to her.

Mr. Stenson, in support, made a strong appeal for better support of the ringers' own paper, 'The Ringing World,' without which, as without the bells, there would not be any ringing.

Mr. Langford, on rising, received a very cordial ovation, and was obviously taken aback. He said he had had wonderful experiences, some humorous, some not so humorous. He had called over 400 meetings and had only missed 11, and could tell some very amusing stories, only one of which he would like to tell.

He had advertised a meeting and had received between 50 and 60 replies and anticipated a good meeting. However, nature intervened in the way of a terrific thunderstorm lasting most of the afternoon, and only 16 turned up. Despite this, at tea time the incumbent came into the tower and announced dinner was ready. The ringers, rather surprised, trooped into the dining room and sat down to a five-course dinner, to which ample justice was done.

On returning to their various towers, a mental note was made of this meeting. The following year when the meeting was announced, between 50 and 60 attended. So off they went, and ringing went on during the hot summer's afternoon: 5 o'clock came—nothing doing; 6 o'clock came—nothing doing; at nearly 7 o'clock the incumbent appeared round the belfry door and said, 'Surely you must be ready for something to eat; come down and into the "local."' They once again trooped—but this time into the bar, among the sawdust. 'What are you having?' asked the incumbent—and answered—'A glass of beer all round, and some bread and cheese.' And off he went.

The ringers looked at each other, then at the secretary, then at 'mine host,' but no one dared—by the look on his face— to ask him what was wrong, until Mr. Langford ventured to ask why the change. Then 'mine host' spluttered out that the old so-and-so had not paid him for last year's dinner.

Thus ended another very happy meeting and ringing went on till nearly nine o'clock. In the afternoon an hour's ringing was enjoyed at Wistaston, under the eye of Mr. Albert Crawley.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

Wellingborough Branch

A pleasing feature of the annual meeting of the Wellingborough Branch at Irthlingborough on January 19th was the election of Mr. W. Loveday, of Ontario, Canada, to life honorary membership. Mr. Loveday, who was present, had presented, on a previous visit, a new set of ropes to St. Peter's, Irthlingborough, and recognised his election by a donation of £2.

The meeting was well attended. A company of 90, including Miss E. Steel, of the Bedfordshire Association, sat down to tea following the Guild service conducted by the Rector (the Rev. L. V. Rogers). A collection for the Guild Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £1 19s.

The Rector presided at the business meeting. Twelve new ringing members were elected and two honorary members were transferred to ringing members. Mr. A. Bigley (secretary and treasurer) presented his report and the accounts which showed a balance in hand of £4 16s. Bozeat was selected for the next quarterly meeting.

Mr. C. Clifton thanked the Guild for assisting Rushden St. Mary's Youths and a vote of thanks to the Rector and others who contributed to the success of the meeting was proposed by Mr. L. R. Main, of Finedon.

ONLY A FEW LEFT!

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

STAND UP FOR WHAT IS RIGHT

Dear Sir,—With reference to the leading article of January 18th, I feel there are many ringers who would wish to dissociate themselves from such sentiments as were therein expressed. I agree that it is a vexed question and that many may hold different views from those expressed by me. There is however, only one correct attitude and no excuses can be made for any relaxing of standards.

If we ring for a service we ought to stay for it: there may be occasions when it is not possible for all ringers to stay to all the services for which the bells are rung. If however the ringers make a point of staying to at least one service on a Sunday and what is more important, are practising churchmen and regular communicants, such situations as that referred to will not arise.

That the argument that three and a half hours or even fours hours may be taken to travel, ring and stay for service should be used is simply unworthy. The service is given to God —the fact that it is the 'day of rest' is by the way; many ringers do much more to obtain a peal than 'lose' seven hours on a Sunday.

No, let us stand up for what is right, we may not all practise it, we may not all be able to do it—the fact remains clear and simple. If we ring for service, we ought to stay. Far too many ringers, the majority in fact—if a cross-section of the community is anything to go by—never darken the doors of a church except to climb to the tower.

I fully support any Vicar or Rector who stands up for what is right. I am proud, too, to have been trained in my ringing by two such men who I know feel as I do in this matter of church attendance. Let us realise that our first duty as ringers is to support the church we belong to and not any other. First things first, please.—Yours faithfully,

E. F. M. SAMSON, Capt.

Shrivenham, Wilts.

RINGERS AND THE CHURCH

Dear Sir,—I read F. E. H.'s leading article of January 18th with mixed feelings. It is right we should remember, as he states, that most of us ring because we find it a fascinating hobby, and I have little patience with those (including some clergy) who regard it as a sufficient act of worship.

It is also realised that a ringer cannot invariably attend every service for which he rings, but the two-fold nature of ringing does, to my mind, lay a greater obligation upon us than upon other parishioners to attend. It is a present-day disease to expect privileges without their attendant obligations, but let us hope Church workers will be the last to fall victims to it.

F. E. H. says it is a 'pleasant courtesy occasionally to go inside' the church, and that 'excessive religious devotion should never become a detriment to our campanological progress.' Is this the faith which Christ proclaimed and for which martyrs in every age have died, in the arena, at the stake, in the mission field, and in concentration camps?

The Church has existed for centuries in a hostile or indifferent world to bear witness, however imperfectly, to a living faith. Nothing less than whole-hearted service to the Church should be good enough for us. Whatever view we take of week-day practices and peal ringing, let us at least for Sunday ringing be mindful of our fellowship 'with that great multitude which none can number,' and join with them in a corporate act of worship.

L. J. MALINGS.

Rhoose, Glam.

A WORD TO THE SECULAR

Dear Sir,—In your leader of January 18th the writer states that bellringing is at once a sporting recreation and a form of service to the Church; and one notices the order in which these two aspects of the Exercise are given.

The pious givers of ancient bells, and those who to-day give prayers and work and money to restore the old bells in our towers and perhaps add new ones, did and do so for one purpose only—the glory of God, and not to provide an inexpensive pastime for non-churchgoers.

It may indeed be difficult for ringers to attend all the services for which they may ring on a Sunday; there is no sufficient reason why they should not attend one.

Let those who regard bellringing as primarily a secular recreation buy their own bells and build towers in which to hang them.—Yours faithfully, ERNEST SHOLL (Rev.).

Holford Rectory,
Somerset.

A CHURCHGOING REMINDER

Dear Sir,—In view of the recent articles in 'The Ringing World' regarding ringing and 'churchgoing,' I thought that the enclosed rhyme, to be found on the belfry wall at St. George's Church, Littleport, Cambs, would be of interest. The tower also contains a fine ring of eight bells, cast by Warner and Sons in 1891, although I believe they have recently been restored.

'Do not ring and run away,
Leaving other folk to pray,
For when a ringer doeth so,
Hand says "come," but foot says "go."'

Yours faithfully,
M. J. HORSEMAN.

Nailsea, Somerset.

CONCENTRATION OF SIX-BELL RINGING

Dear Sir,—I do not know how much six-bell ringing 'E. B.' (in 'The Ringing World' of January 18th, 1952) has done, but for my own part I can say most truthfully that I find Spliced Surprise Major easier than Spliced Minor! In Major and above one has plenty of time to think of what one is doing. In Minor, on the other hand, the work is almost continuous. I suggest that the writer rings a peal in 105 methods (with trifling differences in groups of methods) just to show how awfully simple it all is!

I have rung peals in single Minor Surprise methods and in single Major Surprise methods and can assure your correspondent that I have found that the former require more concentration.

With regard to mighty eight-bell men lowering themselves to ring on six bells, I have seen many eight-bell giants flounder hopelessly in Spliced Surprise Minor.

I will agree that in Minor you can only obtain six changes and hence have to repeat seven times for a peal, but at least you do not get a whole group of bells monotonously plain coursing.

Finally, I find that in six-bell towers you generally get better-struck and more numerous methods rung than in the average eight- and above bell towers, where Grandsire and Plain Bob and perhaps very shoddy Stedman are the sum total of their achievements.

If the Central Council ever discountenanced six- and five-bell peals, I am sure that almost all these ringers would have nothing further to do with the Central Council.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN E. COOK.

University College, Leicester.

NOTE.—There is no intention on the part of the Central Council as at present constituted to discourage five- or six-bell peals. Their policy is to encourage peals on all numbers of bells from five to twelve.—ED.

PEAL ANALYSIS

Dear Sir,—If a person is dismissed these days for a minor offence without previous warning and, in most cases, investigation, there would probably be a strike called by the offender's colleagues.

Bell-ringers are, I am sure, not going to strike because they rang peals for periods of from one and a half to three and a half hours at a time, with lead ends of the three specified methods in the letter of the Peal Analysis Committee of January 4th, although they had no previous warning that they would not be included in the analysis for 1951.

It is rather unfortunate that the committee should bring down 'fire and brimstone' on their heads from the members of the five- and six-bell towers in particular, especially after all the hard things said at recent Councils in regard to their action in omitting peals, which although true and complete in accordance with the Council's Decisions, had leading or too many covering bells.

As a member of the Council, I must in all fairness oppose the Peal Analysis Committee's recommendation, and instead, suggest that they would have been well advised to insert the year '1952' instead of '1951,' then those of us who had rung peals in the methods with condemned lead ends would have been warned and not had to suffer the indignity of being 'dismissed without previous warning.'

All peals rung in these methods have been accepted by Councils in the past, and it is difficult to understand the Committee's recommendation without first going to the Council before excluding them.—Yours faithfully,

FRED E. DUKES.
Hon. General Secretary,
The Irish Association.

A POINT FOR VISITING PEAL RINGERS

Dear Sir,—A problem which I constantly experience and feel ought to be known is the difficulty in obtaining permission for peal attempts at towers where the locals are not change ringers, as a large percentage are, here in the West Country.

Recently I have been refused three towers because previous peal ringers had left the ropes at a different length from how they found them, necessitating the locals spending some time on a Sunday morning arranging the ropes to their normal length before they can ring for service.

Surely this is not the way to treat our call-change friends who have so kindly, with the Vicar, given consent to our ringing a peal on their bells. We are doing our best to encourage these ringers into our own method of ringing rather than make enemies and treat them with disrespect.

The peal band with which I ring have always made a special effort to leave the tower exactly as they find it, and where the locals are very particular, have knotted the ropes above or below the sally rather than untuck the end, or, alternatively, arranged the ringers to suit the ropes.

Finally, it is my hope that in future, visiting peal bands to the West Country will take this precaution, thus leaving a good impression for our call-change friends and also making things easier for peal ringers here.—Yours sincerely,

NORMAN MALLETT.

Axminster, Devon.

THE EMBLEM

Dear Sir,—Ringers will, no doubt, congratulate those of us who are 'mentioned in despatches,' having scored 40 or more peals in 1951. Soldiers, when mentioned in despatches, receive an oak leaf. Could not the Editor of 'The Ringing World' be empowered to make a similar award to leading peal ringers? A suitable decoration suggests itself: 'The Emblem of the Loose Screw.'—Yours faithfully,

R. B. MEADOWS.

Penarth, Glam.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD DINNER

Ringers—An Honoured Place in Church Life

THE fourth annual dinner of the Southwell Diocesan Guild was held in the Albert Hotel, Nottingham, on January 19th. The chairman of the Guild (Canon R. F. Wilkinson) presided and was supported by his officers.

Amongst the 62 diners were Canon R. H. Hawkins, Vicar of St. Mary's, Nottingham, and the Rev. K. Thompson, Vicar of Hucknall, also Mr. A H. Ward (Derby), Mr. Chorlton and Miss Oldershaw (Spalding), Mrs. Turley (Handsworth, Sheffield), Mr. W. C. Rhodes and two friends (Birmingham) and Mr. Sidney Briggs (Rotherham).

The important toast of 'The Church' was proposed by Mr. J. Kenneth Wagstaff, who emphasised the need for freedom to-day and the great part the Church had to play in upholding the liberty of the individual. It was essential, maintained the speaker, that the subject should have freedom of speech, freedom of religious worship and freedom to choose own form of government.

Parents and teachers had a vital duty to perform to see that children were brought up in the Christian faith. It they were to have the country they all desired it was essential that the children of to-day—who were the citizens of to-morrow—should be brought into that faith.

Mr. Wagstaff concluded by saying that as churchmen they should take part in the Church's activities; as citizens they should take a keener interest in local government affairs and use their vote and do all they could to foster mutual trust and confidence between Church and State.

In his reply, Canon R. H. Hawkins said that the parish churches and bells were amongst the country's greatest heritages. The bells summoned people to worship whether they did or did not go to church. Ringers made their act of worship by ringing the bells. There was great difficulty in keeping up their numbers. Ringers occupied an honoured place in church life—as much as wardens, choirmen and the Church Council.

He (the speaker) had always found a complete readiness to ring on any occasion and he was glad to pay tribute to his own ringers. Canon Hawkins made special mention of Mr. Walter Nichols (Guild treasurer) for his energy, cheerfulness and ability in the exercise of his duties as Ringing Master of St. Mary's, Nottingham. (Applause.)

'The Southwell Guild' was proposed by Mr. F. W. Vernon who stated that it was a young guild compared with some of the mature and powerful ores of the Exercise, but judging from the activities of the past, the initiative, energy and zeal of its stalwarts, he was sure the Guild compared favourably with them and could look forward to a happy future.

PEALS NOT THE YARD STICK

If the Guild was to be judged by the number of peals that were rung—and he believed that to be done by a few— then it did not rank very high, but surely that was not the yardstick by which the Guild wished to be valued. Their object must and should be service to the Church. What must be the parson's thoughts when his bells were rung hour after hour on a weekday and then to find them strangely mute on Sunday? Their duty was to see that every ring was manned.

He counselled aid to struggling bands as the surest way of helping the Guild, and indeed, the whole Exercise. The seasonal bogey of 'canned bells' would then disappear. He was sure that it was the firm desire of those present that the Guild remained loyal to the Church and achieved that end by regular service ringing, by insistence upon good striking and by happy fellowship.

Mr. J. W. Raithby (general secretary), in reply, stated that the Guild meant something to them. Without its protective mantle they would exist as small, scattered groups without any interchange of ideas. They would miss the friendly gatherings on meeting days and very often the desire to see how Mudlecomb in the Marsh was getting on. Without the Guild, who would trouble to arrange meetings or a dinner of that nature? asked the speaker. The Guild cost money to run. Expenses were high. At 2s. 6d. the subscription was not on a realistic footing.

He (the speaker) would be glad if someone would tell him how to attract recruits as he had tried almost everything without success. His own tower had a great tradition of Sunday service ringing but he was worried as to the future and what the position would be in ten years' time when the older ringers retired.

In conclusion, Mr. Raithby advised those present to cultivate esprit de corps. Make their tower the best in the District, make their District the best in the Guild and their Guild the finest in the land. The speaker had no doubt that his were!

The toast of 'The Visitors' was admirably proposed by Mr. Clement Glenn and replied to by Mr. W. C. Rhodes.

The latter said there were three kinds of visitors: (1) trespassers; (2) licensees; and (3) invitees. He had no doubt that the visitors were in the last category as he had been warmly welcomed and made to feel at home. A function of that nature enabled them to exchange ideas and renew old acquaintances and make new friends. He wished continued prosperity to the Southwell Guild.

During the afternoon the bells of St. Mary's, Nottingham, and St. Paul's, Daybrook, were available for visitors.

A touch of Grandsire Caters was rung on the handbells as the company sat down to dinner. Afterwards tunes were rung on handbells by Miss Pat Lewin's team. The other entertainment consisted of a delightful recitation in the Yorkshire dialect by Mr. Clement Glenn and a talented display of conjuring by Mr. D. Gardner.

J. W R.

FINE HANDBELL ACHIEVEMENT

Peal of 14 Spliced Surprise Major Methods

Our peal columns this week record the ringing of a peal of 14 Spliced Surprise Major Methods 'in hand' conducted by Mr. Harold G. Cashmore at Stanmore, Middlesex, on January 14th. The progress of this band has been watched by the Exercise and we are sure they deserve the warmest congratulations on their success.

Mr. W. Wenban, of Harrow Weald, writes:—

'As umpire of the eight, nine and twelve methods, now 14 Spliced Surprise Major peals upon handbells. I feel I must not let this occasion pass without recording my congratulations to the bands who have rung these peals, the ringing of each peal being of a very high standard throughout.

'I very carefully checked every bob, every change of method and every lead end throughout each peal; they were all very clever performances of handbell peal ringing.

'January 14th was the selected date for another attempt upon this elusive 14 Spliced Surprise. The bells went off to the tune of Wembley, then changing from method to method in a perfect rhythmic beat, maintained to the successful end of a very fine peal.

'Successes only come after many failures, indeed the 14 Spliced peal had been rung before, but owing to a rather rough lead, 3rd lead from the end, the band was determined to ring it again and the near-perfect peal was the result.'

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Ringing to most standard methods was enjoyed at St. Mary's, Hitchin, on the occasion of the annual meeting of the Northern District on January 19th.

At the business meeting, which followed tea, Mr. J. Dear was elected Ringing Master, Mr. E. Buck District secretary, and Messrs. L. Fidler, H. Werrett, F. Croft and W. Houghton committee. A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. A. E. Symonds, the retiring secretary, for the very good work he had done during the past 14 years.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Farnham District

Nearly 100 members attended the annual meeting of the Farnham District at Farnham on January 19th, when the Guild's new form of service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. G. N. Selby-Lowndes).

Mr. A. J. Stedman presided at the business meeting, supported by Mr. A. Harman (Master of the Guild), Mr. G. L. Grover (general secretary), Mr. C. W. Denyer (District Ringing Master), Mr. G. S Joyce (District secretary), Major E. J. Bragg (assistant Ringing Master) and Mr. R. H. Mills (assistant hon. secretary). The District officers were re-elected.

New ringing members elected were Messrs. J. F. Hickox, K. C. Williams, B. J. Barlow, A. J. Barlow, L. Ward, E. E. Wright, and R. Jordon, Misses B. Heskins, D. Tylecote and P. Marleton.

The Ringing Master's report stated that the District had forged ahead during the last 12 months and was now benefiting from the hard work put in during the past few years.

The report recalled events during the year—the four Guilds' festival, the ringing of 12 quarter peals on May 5th for the Festival of Britain, the rededication of Frensham bells and two successful outings.

Mr. Denyer concluded his report as follows:

'Finally, a word or two about our policy in the year ahead. As was said at the Aldershot meeting, it is my intention to delegate control of some of the ringing at practices and meetings to younger members in order that they may experience what is required of an official of a district. It is hoped that more variety at meetings, combined with a better knowledge and judgment of individual capabilities in ringers attending, will improve the relationship amongst us, whilst at the same time encouraging our youth to take more responsibility in our affairs. It is not the intention of your elected officers to pass their work on to others, but we also are not intending to hold office indefinitely.

'The ringers of the Farnham area in common with others, are travelling an endless road and we must not allow ourselves to be retarded in any way. We believe we are well forward in the affairs of the Guildford Guild, and recently we were told by a well-known Surrey Association member that, for our size, we were probably the most live district in any ringing Association. A good reputation can easily be damaged. We want to keep to the fore, but can only do so by the concerted efforts of everyone. We have worked hard in the past; we are happy in our present; we can and must be united to enjoy our future. May the year 1952 be even better than 1951.'

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Six new practising members and one honorary member were elected at the meeting of the Rochester District at Swanscombe on January 19th. About 50 members and friends from 10 towers enjoyed some good ringing under the leadership of the new Ringing Master (Mr. V. A. Jarrett), and a fine tea prepared by Mrs. Ring and her helpers.

The Rector (the Rev. A. J. Weller) conducted the ringers' service, and Mrs Newbury, wife of a local ringer, was organist.

QUARTER PEALS

ALVERSTOKE, HANTS. — On Jan. 20th, 1 260 Grandsire Triples: J. H. Hunt (cond.) 1, Miss B. M. Ball 2, Miss S. K. M. Knight 3, E. A. Jurd 4, H. A. Nobes 5, F. G. Barron 6, P. Page 7, A. H. E.-Walters 8.

ASHCOTT, BRIDGWATER, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mervyn Bagg (first quarter) 1, K. Prime 2, G. Bird 3, E. Skinner 4, W. Cavill (cond.) 5, W. Somers 6.

BACKWELL, SOMERSET.—On Jan 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Lewis 1, T. Phillips 2, M. Horseman 3, J. Young 4, L. Derrick (cond.) 5, C. Kortright 6, E. Shearn 7, J. Lott 8.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. Holehouse 1, W. Collins 2, L. B. Scoot 3, R. T. Newman 4, E. G. Buck 5, W. D. Pooley 6, J. S. Dear (cond.) 7, H. E. Werrett 8. First in method for 1, 2 and 3.

BUCKINGHAM.—On Jan. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Spokes 1, G. W. Holland 2, W. Townsend (first quarter 'inside') 3, H. Jones 4, C. Gough 5, F. Vickers 6, W. Yates (cond.) 7, W. H. Yates 8. Rung for the wedding of Mr. David Wesley (local ringer and tower secretary) and Miss Elizabeth Baybutt.

CAMBERWELL, LONDON.—At St. George's, on Jan. 13th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: F. R. L. Blewer 1, J. A. Hales 2, T. H. Taffender 3, Miss A. M. Castle 4, E. T. Beauchamp 5, C. W. Ottley 6, W. D. Grainger 7, J. Bullock (cond.) 8.

CAVERSFIELD, BICESTER, OXON.—On Jan. 21st, At St. Laurence's, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Sharpe 1-2, W. J. Baggett 3, Patricia J. Ayris (first quarter) 4, C. H. Kinch. First quarter on the bells.

DANBURY, ESSEX.—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: I. Saunders 1, R. Gardiner 2, E. W. Roast 3, P. J. Came 4, J. West 5, J. E. Roast (cond.) 6.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—At St. James' Church, on Jan. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Yates 1, J. Potter 2, M. Hunt 3, P. Hunt 4, J. S. Weeks (cond.) 5, P. Winchcombe 6. Rung half-muffled for Mr. F. J. Dight, 37 years sexton of the church.

DINDER, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 18th, 1.260 Doubles (360 Stedman, 540 Grandsire and 360 Plain Bob): E. Lambert 1, P. Hull (cond.) 2, H. Smith 3, T. Harris 4, S. Atwell 5, R. Morgan 6. First quarter in three methods for 1, 3, 4 and 6.

DITCHLING, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. A. Killick 1, H. Branston 2, G. J. Killick 3, C. D. Linington 4, W. Small 5, A. Tomsett (first quarter) 6, P. F. Romney (cond.) 7, A. W. Turner (first quarter) 8. Rung with the 4th, 6th and 8th covering.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—On Dec. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Olive Deadman 1, J. Seymour 2, Mrs. Wiggins 3, Mrs. R. Seymour 4, H. Thomas (first as cond.) 5, F. Hughes 6. First quarter 'inside' 3 and 4.

ELLAND, YORKS.—On Jan. 19th, 1,968 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. F. Bryant 1, H. Brown 2, A. Rodgers 3, G. F. Bryant 4, F. Lunfoot 5, A. Bond (cond.) 6. First in method by 2 and 4.

EWELL, SURREY.—On Jan. 20th, 1.260 Grandsire Triples: A. Reid 1, Babara Pottinger 2, Gladys Anderson 3, R. C. Spittle (cond.) 4, J. Whitehorn 5, J. E. Beams 6, C. W. Munday 7, G. Hill 8. First quarter for 1 and 8.

FARNWORTH, LANCS.—On Dec. 9th, at St. John's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Rushton 1, Annie Potter 2, N. Tompkins (cond.) 3, J. Boyer 4, O. Davies 5, A. Lomas 6, J. Thornley 7, H. Prescott 8. Rung after the reopening of the church.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLX.—On Dec. 13th, 1,440 Pudsey Surprise Royal: C. T. Richards 1, Miss S. Harris 2, Miss R. J. Pett 3, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 4, Miss E. Farrell 5, T. E. Davies 6, S. Croft 7, F. D. Bishop 8, W. G. Wilson 9, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 10. Also on Dec. 16th, 1,440 Pudsey Surprise Royal: R. G. Lay (first quarter) 1, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 2, Miss R. J. Pett 3, Miss E. Farrell (first quarter in method) 4, Miss S. E. Harris 5, T. E. Davies 6, S. Croft 7, F. D. Bishop 8, D. J. Charnley 9, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 10. Also on Jan. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Maguire (aged 12, first quarter) 1, C. T. Richards 2, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 3, S. Croft 4, M. Helps 5, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 6, E. C. Holton (first in method) 7, H. Brooks 8.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.—On Jan. 21st, 1.320 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: F. Whiterod 1, J. Papworth 2, J. Elliott (cond.) 3, C. Button 4, C. Burton 5, A. Elliott 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. Ernest Beckwith, of Coggeshall.

KNUTSFORD, CHESHIRE.—On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Hough (sen.) 1, Mrs. S. Hough (jun.) 2, Mrs. R. Hough (first quarter in method) 3, N. Hough 4, R. Hough 5, S. Hough (jun.) (cond.) 6. Rung by father, 3 sons and 2 daughters-in-law.

LAMBETH, LONDON.—At the Festival Church, on Jan. 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. R. Blewer 1, T. H. Taffender 2, Miss A. M. Castle 3, J. Bullock (cond.) 4, J. H. Lott 5, E. T. Beauchamp 6, C. W. Ottley 7, W. D. Grainger 8.

LUPPITT, DEVON.—On Jan. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. H. Parr 1, W. Webb 2, J. J. Wheaton (cond.) 3, C. Churchill (first quarter) 4, F. Warren 5, E. Thorne (first quarter) 6.

LUTON, BEDS.—On Dec. 31st, at St. Mary's a quarter peal of Stedman Caters: A. King 1, June Gladman 2, Enid Preston 3, J. Scott (first of Stedman) 4, H. Burton 4, A. Smith 6, L. Goodenough (cond.) 7, H. Wood 8, A. Rushton 9, C. Mann 10.

MAPLEDURHAM, OXON.—On Jan. 14th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss M. Smith (first quarter) 1, Miss M. Hart 2, C. Smith 3, L. Fogg 4, C. Pocock (cond.) 5, D. Watkins 6. First quarter of Plain Bob Doubles for all.

MARGATE, KENT.—On Jan. 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. Dadds 1, Miss B. Solly 2, Mrs. N. Bridges 3, R. G. Dadds 4, L. Twyman 5, A. J. Dadds 6, F. J. Gadsden (cond.) 7, H. Lade 8. Rung half-muffled for the funeral of Alderman C. B. Hoskings, J.P., Mayor of this Borough, 1950-1952.

MIDDLEZOY, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Keirle (first quarter away from tenor) 1, R. Short (cond.) 2, F. Sweet 3, C. Clarke 4, E. Bowden 5, S. Emery 6. Rung for the induction of the Rev. W. G. Griffin.

POYNTON, CHESHIRE.—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Hall (aged 11, first quarter) 1, Mrs. S. Hough 2, R. Boardman 3, I. Jenkins 4, S. Hough (jun.) 5, E. Holdsworth (cond.) 6.

SIDCUP, KENT.—On Jan. 13th, 1.260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Green (first quarter) 1, Miss M. Kotting 2, Miss B. Thompson 3, P. Brown (first quarter) 4, C. E. Palmer (first quarter as cond.) 5, C. Sayer 6.

SOMERSHAM, HUNTS.—On Jan. 13th, at St. John's, 1,296 Kent Treble Bob: A. Clements 1, F. Warrington (cond.) 2, J. Parish 3, W. Ransom 4, H. S. Peacock 5, E. Wakeling 6.

ST. IVES, HUNTS.—On Jan. 6th, at All Saints', 1,272 Kent Treble Bob: J. Parish 1, H. W. Pratt (first 'inside' Treble Bob) 2, F. Warrington (cond.) 3, G. Nicholls 4, L. W. Fisher 5, G. H. Dunnington 6.

STANWELL, MIDDLX.—On Dec. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Antelope, Kennington, Reverse Canterbury, Old, Norfolk, Plain): Rev. Hoyal 1, Doris Thompson 2, F. Blagrove (cond.) 3-4, K. Frith 5, Rita Thompson 6. First in seven methods for all and on the bells. Also on Dec. 16th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Antelope, April Day, Kennington, Reverse Canterbury, Norfolk, Old, Plain): Rev. Hoyal 1, Doris Thompson 2, F. Blagrove (cond.) 3-4, K. Frith (first in 8 methods) 5, Rita Thompson 6.

STROUD, GLOS.—On Jan. 15th, 1.259 Grandsire Caters: Miss D. Sheppard 1, Miss J. Bussey 2, S. T. Price 3, T. Pritchard 4, G. Wiggins 5, J. R. Worrall (cond.) 6, W. Richings 7, A. Cotterell (first quarter of Caters) 8, W. Dean 9, L. Barry 10.

SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.—On Jan. 14th, 1,320 College Exercise: Miss M. Bradley (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Smith 2, G. Challans 3, F. Bradley 4, D. H. Rooke (cond.) 5, H. T. Rooke 6. First quarter of College Exercise by all and on the bells.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.—On Jan. 20th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. Gould 1, B. Cleveland 2, C. Dod 3, R. Amor 4, A. Boyce 5, R. Gould 6, W. Baxter 7, E. Parker (cond.) 8, G. Harding 9, J. Lucas 10. A 72nd birthday compliment to the conductor, also to C. Butchers.

UPPER CLAPTON, LONDON.—On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: J. A. Hales 1, Miss G. L. Friswell 2, Miss J. H. Friswell 3, Miss M. A. Prockson 4, R. K. C. Wilkings 5, W. D. Prockson 6, G. A. Parsons 7, D. Neal (cond.) 8.

WALKERVILLE, ADELAIDE, AUSTRALIA.—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. W. Heyes (first quarter) 1, R. Nogare 2, P. L. Cooper (cond.) 3, F. Smeaton 4, W. Wilson (first quarter) 5, F. Staude 6.

WALTHAM-ON-THE-WOLDS, LEICS.—On Jan. 15th, 1.260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. J. Hurton 1, F. J. Williams 2, C. Matthews 3, G. Bowcutt 4, J. H. Cook (cond.) 5, W. Smart 6. First quarter for 1, 4 and 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Canon Percy Robson, former Rector, who was buried there same day.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (one extent each of Oxford and Kent): Barbara Mitchell 1, Mary Fuller 2, A. S. Richards 3, M. Fuller 4, J. Cannell (cond.) 5, Ralph Bird 6. A compliment to the Rev. M. J. Rippengal (curate of West Wickham), who was ordained priest at Canterbury Cathedral the previous Sunday. Also on Dec. 31st, half-muffled for the passing of the year, 1,260 Doubles (St. Simon, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Sheila Gramson 1, Marry Fuller 2, A. S. Richards 3, M. Fuller 4, J. Cannell (cond.) 5, Anne Holmes 6.

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Moore 1, D. T. North 2, A. J. North 3, G. J. Gammon (first as cond.) 4, G. Walford 5, D. M. Bellamy 6, F. W. Slocombe 7, A. E. Hawkins 8.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.—On Jan 1st, 1.260 Doubles (240 Stedman, 240 Plain, 240 St. Simon, 540 Grandsire): D. Mills 1, E. Leggett 2, A. Cansdale 3, E. Hynard (cond.) 4, L. Mills 5.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Jan. 20th, 1,440 Minor (one extent each of Double and Single Court): A. S. Richards (cond.) 1, L. W. Skinner 2, Barbara Mitchell 3, R. Bird 4, M. Fuller 5, J. Cannell 6. First extent in these methods by 2, 3, 5 and 6.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Memorial to Late Rev. C. A. Phillips

The Wimborne Branch annual meeting was held at Wimborne on January 19th when there was a large attendance of members and friends.

At a service in the Minster, which was conducted by the Vicar of Wimborne, Canon T. W. Page-Phillips, the Bishop of Sherborne, Dr. Maurice Key, M.A., dedicated a last bellmetal memorial plate, which is to be placed on the wall of the ringing room, bearing the inscription:—'To the memory of Charles Augustine Phillips, M.A., Priest for 48 years, the devoted honorary secretary of the Wimborne Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers, who died at Bournemouth, March 27th, 1950. Aged 78 years.'

As no ringing was possible on the Minster bells owing to repairs to the west tower, and as the late Mr. Phillips was a great lover of tune ringing on handbells, a tribute was paid to his memory by the St. Peter's, Bournemouth, handbell ringers under Mr. Arthur Davis, who gave a selection of sacred tunes in the Minster before and after the service. Other members also rang Grandsire Caters and Spliced Plain Major on handbells. The late Rev. C. A. Phillips' family was represented by his niece, Miss Phillips, and an old friend of the family.

The Earl of Shaftesbury (Lord Lieutenant of Dorset), who is President of the Salisbury Guild and a ringer himself, unveiled the memorial and in a few well-chosen words asked the Bishop to dedicate it in memory of one they all remembered with great affection.

The Bishop, in a brief address, said they met in special memory of one who had served the Church and Guild in faithful service for many years. Many had learnt from him the music and art of the bells, and had kept faithful in their service to God and their delightful employ of bell-ringing. 'May we ring the bells of Heaven here and there.'

At a business meeting which followed tea, the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, on behalf of the branch, presented to Canon Eddrup, of Corfe Mullen, a table lamp as a mark of their appreciation of his services as chairman for 23 years.

The branch officers, with Mr. L. J. Lockyer as chairman, were all re-elected.

In the evening, the Bishop of Sherborne rededicated the six bells at Canford Magna which have been rehung by the Whitechapel Foundry, the 'go' being excellent A. R. M.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

South-Eastern Division

The annual meeting of the South-Eastern Division was held at Great Baddow on Saturday, January 12th, some 75 members and friends attending. The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. T. A. Kingdom), who extended a warm welcome to all. Dr. Armstrong Gibbs was at the organ to lead the choir and congregation in the singing. The choir is now a feature of our service and consists of Association members only. Members were the guests of Mr. M. R. French at tea, which was served in the Iron Room by Mr. and Mrs. Robinson.

The secretary (Mr. A. H. Everett) presented his report for 1951. The year had been one of steady progress; peal ringing had declined but it is hoped that this will be remedied in the coming year. Goldhanger had made a great achievement in getting the bells rehung in a new frame within 12 months and raising nearly £1,000 to meet the cost of this work. Maldon All Saints' had returned to the active list, strengthening works to the tower having been completed.

The outgoing officers were re-elected for 1952. Thanks were accorded to the Rector, Dr. Armstrong Gibbs and Mr. George Green for making local arrangements. A. H. E.

OBITUARY

MR. HENRY G. MILES
An Appreciation

As announced in the issue of January 4th, Mr. H. G. Miles, a trustee and highly respected member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, passed on to higher service on December 16th last.

He was born 82 years ago at the village of Much Adam, Hertfordshire, where he learned to ring, and came to London to take up a trusted position as a bank messenger; he looked very impressive in the top hat and uniform he wore.

He very soon joined the St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, company, and rang his first peal, 5,021 Grandsire Caters, on November 7th, 1899. He also became a member of the St. Paul's Cathedral Guild and succeeded the late Harry Pasmore as secretary.

Although his total number of peals was 125, some of them were noteworthy, viz.—5,000 Stedman Caters at Kensington on the Coronation Day of King George V. (June 22nd, 1911); 5,007 Stedman Cinques at St. Paul's, which he composed and conducted on the occasion of the Coronation of King George VI.; 5,014 Stedman Caters at Kensington for the same occasion, which he also conducted. Another noteworthy peal was at Inverary, Scotland, on July 22nd, 1939, when the College Youths rang 5,067 Stedman Caters, wheich Henry composed and conducted.

He was a notable composer and was responsible for the 21,000 Stedman Caters rung at Appleton. He also composed the 12,675 Stedman Cinques, rung by the College Youths on Whit Monday, 1923. This stood as a record for a number of years but unfortunately was found to be false. The writer well remembers Henry's distress on the night he had to announce this disappointing news at the College Youths' meeting at the 'Coffee Pot.' His last peal was 5,031 Stedman Caters, rung at Isleworth, on December 16th, 1939.

So passes another fine character, well loved by all who had the privilege of knowing and ringing with him. His wise counsel, quiet wit, sterling character and friendly disposition endeared him to all, and we shall miss him.

J. F. S.

MR. E. BECKWITH

Mr. Ernest Beckwith, of Coggeshall, Essex, who died on January 14th, was a ringer for over 60 years. He was well known in ringing circles throughout the county and had many friends. A quarter peal of Oxford Treble Bob Minor was rung to his memory at Kelvedon on January 21st.

MR. A. S. BOAR

The death is announced of Mr. Arthur Stanley Boar, of 9, Belmont Road, Sittingbourne, who died suddenly on Monday, January 14th, following a stroke late on Sunday night.

The late Mr. Boar learnt the art of ringing at an early age at the Church of St. Nicholas, Ipswich, where he conducted his first peal.

He then joined the company of St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, and it was here that he quickly mastered the more intricate methods of change-ringing, taking part in the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus at Ipswich on August 15th, 1908. A keen ringer, he rang peals on 5, 6, 8, 10 and 12 bells. He was for several years a member of St. Michael's, Sittingbourne, band of ringers.

The funeral took place at Holy Trinity Church, Sittingbourne on January 17th, followed by interment at Sittingbourne Cemetery.

Among the many floral tributes was one from the ringers of St. Michael's Church, Sittingbourne.

MR. A. E. PAYNE

The passing at Kettering on January 16th of Mr. Arthur Edward Payne severs one of the few remaining links with the band who, under the leadership of the late Mr. David J. Nichols, rang many peals of merit for the Central Northamptonshire Association between 1904 and 1923. Mr. Payne conducted two peals of Stedman Triples and took part in peals of Grandsire Triples and Caters, Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge and London, and several of Minor in various methods. His health in recent years had not permitted the long ascent to the belfry but he still retained an interest in the art, and would often comment on the standard of ringing. P. I. C.

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HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford (10) District annual, Feb. 2nd, 3. Service 5. Tea 5.30.—S. Hoare, 56, Acme Road, Watford. 173

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Saturday Feb. 2nd. Festival Church (St. John's, Waterloo Road) 3.15—4.15; St. Stephen's, Weir Road, Clapham Park, 2.30—4; Southwark Cathedral 4—5. Service in Cathedral 5. Tea, business, handbell competition, Chapter House, 5.45. Further ringing Cathedral 7.45. Names for tea, please. All welcome.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. HOU 3921 162

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MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AND LONDON GUILD.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields W.C.2 (Tottenham Court Road Station) on Monday, February 4th, 7 p.m.—T. J. Lock, Sec. 210

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Kirkthorpe, near Wakefield, February 9th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea provided for those who notify me not later than February 6th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 18, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 232

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BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Patrington on February 9th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for all who notify, by first post Wednesday, February 6th, Mr. D. Fewster, Lily Lodge, Patrington. 233

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LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting at Thurnby, February 9th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to H. L Wykes, Council Houses, Bushby.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Annual meeting Grantham, Feb. 9th. Bells (10) 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5, at The Talbot Cafe, Market Place. Names required to be sent to Mr. R. Woods, 14, Cowes Road, Grantham.—B. H. Dalton, Hon. Sec. 185

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Annual meeting St. Peter's, Brighton (10), Saturday, February 9th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Wednesday, February 6th.—B. W. White, 14, South View, Henfield. 217

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — A committee meeting will be held at St. James', Poolstock, Wigan, at 4 p.m. on Saturday, February 16th. Names for tea to be in not later than Monday, February 11th, to Mr. A. Parker, 89, Barnsley Street, Wigan 64

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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Lincoln and Gainsborough Districts.—Joint meeting at Saxilby (6) on Saturday, February 16th. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. for those who notify, by Wednesday previous, C. Brown, 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln.—L. Lunn and C. Brown, Hon. Secs. 223

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NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION — East Norfolk Branch. — Annual meeting at Gorleston-on-Sea (8) Saturday, February 16th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea, Matthes Assembly Rooms, Englands Lane, at 5 p.m. Names or numbers for tea by Wednesday, February 13th, **the very latest,** to J. Harwood, 189, Palgrave Road, Great Yarmouth. 199

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division. —Annual, Arundel, February 16th, 2 p.m. Business meeting 4.45. Service 5.45. Dinner (reservations, by February 6th, to Hon. Div. Sec.) 6.45. Social evening after.—E. Treagus. 206

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Hursley, Saturday, February 16th. Bells (8) 2. Service 4.15. Tea 5 in King's Head Hotel. After tea, Cambridge practice. Names by previous Tuesday, to Mr. J. A. C. King, 29, Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester. 207

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HOLY TRINITY, GUILDFORD

A departure was made at the annual supper of Holy Trinity Change Ringers Society, Guildford, on January 14th, by inviting wives to be present. Canon R. G. Clitherow presided, supported by the conductor (Mr. F. A. Munday).

During the year the bells had been inspected by Mr. John P. Fidler, of Messrs. John Taylor and Co. New bosses are required and some of the pulleys need renewing. This was estimated to cost £39 plus carriage. The hon. secretary (Mr. T. W. White) reported that there was no prospect in the immediate future of the Parochial Church Council meeting this expenditure. During the year a Bell Repair Fund had been launched and £12 4s. 6d. was raised. Donations received from members at the meeting amounted to £9 13s., making a total of nearly £22.

Congratulations were extended to Mr. W. J. Robinson on completing 25 years' service in the tower and to Mr. T. Mark White and Miss Audrey Morrison, two members of the Society, whose engagement was announced that day.

Mr. F. A. Munday was elected conductor, Mr. W. J. Robinson steeplekeeper, Mr. T. W. White hon. secretary, and Messrs. A. H. Pulling, H. Hutton and T. M. White committee.

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RAISING AND LOWERING IN PEAL

IN his 'Ropesight,' Jasper Snowdon expresses a doubt about any written description of raising and falling in peal being of much practical use. The subject has not been referred to very much in 'The Ringing World' and few, if any, handbooks of instruction give any hints about it. Would it be extravagant to say that many first-class ringers are strangers to the practice? Yet, as Snowdon says, the raising and falling in peal is too obvious a beauty to be neglected by anyone who has once heard it really well done. Those who take a pride in it find it well worth while, and can there be anything quite so thrilling as a perfect fall?

But there is a technique in raising and falling which does call for study and some ringers may be glad of a little guidance, however elementary.

It is taken for granted that the ringer has mastered the uncoiling and coiling up of the rope necessary for the proper control of the bell in raising and lowering. Much depends upon the neatness of that operation. Let it be noted at the outset that there are four primary needs for a correct performance : (1) Practice; (2) a sense of rhythm; (3) concentration from start to finish; and (4) accurate handling.

On the word of the treble ringer all the bells should begin to swing one after the other; the little bells, especially the second, coming in close on the treble. On a lightish ring all the bells should speak at the check on the *third* swing—on heavy bells as many as possible—keeping an equal interval between each and gradually widening out that interval as the bells get higher. The main essential is for all the bells to strike a compass from the start.

Stress must be laid on the importance of handling the sally at the earliest possible moment, also of keeping a tight rope. When the bells are about a third of the way up the control of the sally must be carefully looked after and a little more weight given to that stroke so as to ensure the feel of the bell at the backstroke. A slight check may be required every now and then at backstroke to keep the bell in the right place, but not too much, for any cutting down may widen or lessen the interval between the bell in front and the one following, with a consequent gap or clip which is likely to upset the compass.

Close concentration of ear and eye is called for all the time, no one looking about, for everyone is part of the whole effect. The compass, once felt, must be kept throughout. Until the bells are nearly up no interval should be apparent between the treble and the tenor. The open hand-lead should not really come until both hand and back-strokes are near the balance. The tenors must concentrate upon the widening interval, and where any bell is falsely clappered the ear must be relied upon so that instinct rather than ropesight is doing the work, which is really true in any case. Indeed, it is questionable whether any perfect rise and fall can be expected from ropesight alone.

Once the treble begins to rise a little weight must be given to each stroke as the rope is paid out. The bells will not swing up of themselves and any slackness will make for unevenness and, perhaps, a feeling of rush.

Now a hint or two about leading up. This is not so easy as it may appear. Once the rise has begun on no account must the treble be brought down even to the slightest extent. She may be held nearing the half-way if any unsteadiness behind manifests itself, but only for a short space until the compass is recovered. The treble man must ignore any dropping in of the tenors at any time. He is not dependent upon them but they upon him, although, of course, he will be considerate to the weight behind him. He should be able to lead up with his eyes closed, or with his back to the other bells; the ear should tell him the compass, for the gradual widening of which he is responsible.

Leading down is perhaps slightly easier. The backstroke must be looked after carefully and must never be loose. It is really the key to a good fall. The treble man must not race down. As he shortens his rope he will wait for the effect upon the back bells before shortening again. On the word 'downward' every ringer must be prepared for a gentle cut in on both strokes, especially on the middle bells. The treble should be swinging considerably when the tenor comes to the chiming position. She will not be cut right down until the leader is certain that all the bells are ready for the chiming position and that no bell is swinging too far. This takes longer than may be expected.

When all are just gently chiming a clean finish can usually be assured by a call to miss one sally blow and catch the succeeding one, holding on tight to bring the bells completely to rest. Never leave the bell to swing at all after the final catch has been made.

Where all the bells clapper truly and are well hung a good rise and fall is possible on six, eight or ten bells with tenors up to 25 cwt. On a heavy ten the tenors will probably cease to speak on one side before reaching the chiming position and, in that case, if the effort to chime them is too great, the wiser plan is to leave the front six to complete the fall. Intenser concentration will, of course, be required where bells are false struck and do not go too well.

Let it be remembered that some bells, even the lighter ones, will clapper up the wrong side unless they are made to speak at every check on the rope from the beginning until they reach the height for the double blow. The treble ringer will, therefore, keep fairly well down until he hears that all is well behind.

It is folly to assume that any expert change ringer will be able to take a bell up and down in peal if not accustomed to do so. He will soon find himself in a difficulty. Nothing but practice will make perfect, for raising and falling in peal is an art in itself, and one unpractised hand taking part may ruin the whole effect as the other ringers are really at his mercy. And nothing is more deplorable than an untidy lowering of the bells before a service.

C. C. C.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Jan. 21, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Martin,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Being 672 each of Rutland, Pudsey, Lincolnshire, Cambridge, Yorkshire and Belgrave, and 1,008 Superlative, 97 changes of method.
Tenor 25 cwt.

Mrs. P. J. Staniforth	*Treble*	S. Anthony Jesson	7
Dorothy M. Udale	2	Harry G. Wayne	8
Ernest W. Rawson	3	Shirley Burton	9
John Hill	4	Herrick B. Bowley	10
Peter J. Staniforth	5	William J. Root	11
John R. Smith	6	Harold J. Poole	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Harold J. Poole.
First peal of Spliced Surprise Maximus to be rung in seven methods. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wayman, of Surfleet, on the birth of a son.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 26, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Martin,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 25 cwt.

Derek G. Goodman	*Treble*	Alfred Ballard	7
Albert Walker	2	J. Frederick Milner	8
Margaret Beamish	3	S. Anthony Jesson	9
*Mrs. A. Beamish	4	Richard Grant	10
Winifred M. Burton	5	John Hill	11
Brian G. Warwick	6	†John Rawson	*Tenor*

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Albert Walker.
* First peal of Stedman Cinques. † First peal on 12 bells.

TEN BELL PEAL

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 26, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary, Redcliffe,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 50 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in B.

Frederick G. Leaker	*Treble*	William H. Parker	6
Alfred E. Reeves	2	†Alan A. Hilliar	7
John M. Stallard	3	Albert M. Tyler	8
*Jean Medowall	4	Emlyn F. Hancock	9
Norman H. Coombs	5	Francis C. Mogford	*Tenor*

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Emlyn F. Hancock.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal of Stedman on an 'inside' bell. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung to welcome the Rev. R. Fox Cartwright as Vicar.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Jan. 19, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
At the Roman Catholic Cathedral of St. Chad,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in F.

Edgar C. Shepherd	*Treble*	Wilfrid F. Moreton	5
G. William Critchley	2	Frank E. Haynes	6
*Claudia A. Harding	3	Henry H. Fearn	7
George E. Fearn	4	John Pinfold	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Parker. Conducted by G. William Critchley.
* First peal of Bristol.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Jan. 19, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
At Christ Church,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt 61 lb.

Muriel Reay	*Treble*	*J. Dennis Holden	5
*Arthur Pritchard	2	Arthur V. Pearson	6
Frederick E. Wilshaw	3	Eric E. Speake	7
*Richard J. Warrilow	4	John R. Mayne	*Tenor*

Composed by George Baker. Conducted by Eric E. Speake.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method for the Society. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the fourth.

HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 19, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt.

Thomas Robinson	*Treble*	Thomas W. Hesketh	5
Julia M. Preston	2	Edwin C. Birkett	6
John Roberts	3	Joseph Ridyard	7
David Vincent	4	Percival W. Cave	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Parker. Conducted by Percival W. Cave.
The quickest peal of Major on the bells.

HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Jan. 19, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

Muriel Reay	*Treble*	Terry R. Hampton	5
Henry H. Fearn	2	John R. Mayne	6
*Bryan D. A. Woolley	3	George E. Fearn	7
Arthur V. Pearson	4	Wilfrid F. Moreton	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Craven. Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.
* First peal of Yorkshire 'inside.'

WEST HALLAM, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 19, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Wilfred,
A PEAL OF 5024 CHESTERFIELD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt.

Jack Bailey	*Treble*	Mark Barker	5
Edward F. Gobey	2	Francis R. Lowe	6
Albert Thompson	3	Philip Whitaker	7
Harold Taylor	4	Denis R. Carlisle	*Tenor*

Composed by George Freebrey. Conducted by Denis R. Carlisle.
First peal in the method. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Brown, of West Hallam.

HARTLEBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sun., Jan. 20, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. (approx.).

John R. Mayne	*Treble*	G. William Critchley	5
Muriel Reay	2	Arthur V. Pearson	6
*Shirley Rymer	3	George E. Fearn	7
J. Martin Thorley	4	Wilfrid F. Moreton	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.
* First peal of Rutland.

LINDLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE HUDDERSFIELD AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Jan. 20, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr.

CLIFFORD AARON	*Treble*	FRANK RHODES	5
FRANK POPPLEWELL ..	2	ARTHUR HINCHCLIFFE ..	6
GEOFFREY GEE	3	ALBERT W. BOND	7
DEREK SHARPLES	4	ARNOLD ROTHERY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. THORPE. Conducted by ALBERT W. BOND.

Rung as a farewell to Geoffrey Gee, who is leaving the district and also as a birthday compliment to his baby daughter.

BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Jan. 22, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 10 lb. in A.

*T. JAMES LAKER	*Treble*	§DAVID J. LAKER	5
†MRS. EVELYN M. HICKS	2	JOHN H. G. GARDNER ..	6
ALBERT E. LAKER	3	ERIC H. KNAPP	7
‡ROGER S. SQUIRE	4	FRANK H. HICKS	*Tenor*

Composed by F. HOPGOOD. Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

* 25th peal. † First peal on eight. ‡ First peal of Bob Major. § First peal on eight and 'inside.' The ringer of the seventh has now completed the circle. Rung with bells half-muffled in memoriam to the Rector, Rev. A. R. Atkins, whose funeral took place at the above church in the morning.

CANNOCK, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Tues., Jan. 22, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

*ARTHUR S. WILLIAMS ..	*Treble*	SAMUEL BIRCH	5
ALAN ELSMORE	2	RICHARD J. WARRILOW ..	6
J. NORMAN HADLEY ..	3	HARRY GRIFFITHS	7
ERNEST STITCH	4	HOWARD HOWELL	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

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

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Jan. 22, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Ten-part. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in F.

GEORGE J. BUTCHER ..	*Treble*	*JOHN E. CANNELL	5
JAMES BENNETT	2	WALTER J. LEMON	6
*BARBARA A. MITCHELL ..	3	PHILIP A. CORBY	7
RALPH BIRD	4	TOM BRETT-SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

* First peal in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Jan. 23, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6½ cwt.

MRS. H. J. POOLE	*Treble*	J. FREDK. MILNER	5
ERNEST W. RAWSON ..	2	HERRICK B. BOWLEY ..	6
JOHN R. SMITH	3	ALAN E. JACQUES	7
MRS. J. R. SMITH	4	HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDK. DENCH. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Jan. 25, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

MICHAEL FULLER	*Treble*	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ..	5
RALPH BIRD	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN	6
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ..	3	*JAMES BENNETT	7
ALFRED G. HILL	4	FREDK. J. CULLUM	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by JAMES BENNETT.

* 50th peal on the bells.

ENDERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 26, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

*FRANK HANSFORD	*Treble*	NORMAN BAGWORTH ..	5
MRS. J. R. SMITH	2	PETER J. STANIFORTH ..	6
WINIFRED M. BURTON ..	3	HERRICK B. BOWLEY ..	7
BRIAN G. WARWICK ..	4	ALFRED BALLARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.

* First peal of Major. A birthday compliment to Mrs. A. Ballard.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 26, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14½ cwt.

ALBERT G. BARTHOLOMEW ..	*Treble*	PETER CHILDS	5
ARTHUR H. EVERETT ..	2	*WILLIAM J. BARRETT ..	6
PERCY GREEN	3	DR. P. T. SPENCER-PHILLIPS	7
REGINALD C. THRIFT ..	4	ERNEST W. FURBANK ..	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by PERCY GREEN.

* First peal in the method on an 'inside' bell. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. Roger Sharpington, an old and much respected ringer at this church for nearly 50 years, who was interred the same day.

GRAVESEND, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 26, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 18¼ cwt.

*RICHARD C. CONSTANT ..	*Treble*	THOMAS E. TAYLOR	5
†MICHAEL FULLER	2	RALPH BIRD	6
CYRIL S. JARRETT	3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	7
*ROBERT W. CONSTANT ..	4	RICHARD A. CONSTANT ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples.

HALSTEAD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 26, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14½ cwt.

*MRS. MAUDE E. MOORE ..	*Treble*	CLAUDE SNOWDEN	5
ALBERT CATTERWELL ..	2	RONALD SUCKLING	6
JOHN WARNER	3	HILDA G. SNOWDEN ..	7
FRANK CLAYDON	4	WALTER ARNOLD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by HILDA G. SNOWDEN.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. A. Snowden, mother of ringers of 5 and 7.

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JESMOND. NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 26, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18¼ cwt.

CHARLES MCGUINESS	*Treble*	THOMAS W. CROWE	5
J. ALAN AINSWORTH	2	THOMAS M. COX	6
*KATHLEEN SOFTLEY	3	ERIC N. HARRISON	7
KENNETH ARTHUR	4	WILLIAM E. ROBINSON	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by ERIC N. HARRISON.
* First peal in method. First peal as conductor.

LEYTON, ESSEX.
LONDON COUNTY ASSOC. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 26, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8½ cwt.

*ROBERT G. LAY	*Treble*	SQUIRE CROFT	5
MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS	2	FRANCIS D. BISHOP	6
CHARLES A. HUGHES	3	HAROLD W. ROGERS	7
THOMAS E. DAVIES	4	EDWARD C. HOLTON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by HAROLD W. ROGERS.
* First peal.

NEWCHURCH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 26, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

WILLIAM GOULD	*Treble*	JOHN J. YATES	5
*MARJORIE ABBOTT	2	†C.P.O. H. R. C. GRICE	6
SYDNEY LEATHERBARROW	3	CECIL RADDON	7
HAROLD WORRALL	4	JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major. Rung as a farewell to the ringer of the 6th, who is leaving the district.

OLNEY, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 26, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 1,472 Superlative and 3,584 Cambridge, with 90 changes of method. Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

*CYRIL H. KINCH	*Treble*	*GEORGE F. BURTON	5
FREDK. A. H. WILKINS	2	*REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG	6
*HERBERT H. ALEXANDER	3	*EDGAR J. SMITH	7
*EDMUND E. PEARSON	4	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major. Rung for the feast of the Conversion of St. Paul.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 26, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 25¼ cwt.

BLANCHE M. BALL	*Treble*	*LESLIE D. DUGUID	5
*WALTER H. GLASSPOOL	2	PETER N. BOND	6
*JOYCE COX	3	JOHN H. HUNT	7
*†MAURICE J. BUTLER	4	FREDK. W. BURNETT	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by FREDK. W. BURNETT.
* First peal in the method. † 25th peal.

SEDGLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Jan. 26, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr.

ANTHONY AGER	*Treble*	*BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	5
*SHIRLEY V. RYMER	2	TERRY R. HAMPTON	6
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	3	J. MARTIN THORLEY	7
MURIEL REAY	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by E. A. BARNETT. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.
* First peal of Pudsey.

SELLY OAK. BIRMINGHAM.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 26, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part (7th observation). Tenor 12½ cwt.

*JEAN OATES	*Treble*	*TERENCE L. ELLIOTT	5
*CLIVE P. PARKER	2	HARRY W. HASLAM	6
*KEITH H. T. HASLAM	3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	7
EDWARD LARGE	4	WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT	*Tenor*

Conducted by NORMAN J. GOODMAN.
* First peal. First peal as conductor. By the Sunday service band.

UFFORD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 26, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Original. Tenor 13¼ cwt.

RONALD W. STEWARD	*Treble*	GEORGE W. PIPE	5
MAX PAGE	2	WILLIAM J. BUTTON	6
WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN	3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL	7
CHARLES E. FISHER	4	FRANK L. FISHER	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK L. FISHER.
The conductor has now called Holt's Original from treble to tenor.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Jan. 28, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Containing 1,600 each of London and Rutland, 480 each Bristol and Cambridge, 320 each of Superlative, Lincolnshire and Yorkshire, and 160 Pudsey, with 145 changes of method.
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. in F sharp.

HENRY H. FEARN	*Treble*	JOHN PINFOLD	5
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	2	*TERRY R. HAMPTON	6
CLAUDIA A. HARDING	3	†FRANK E. HAYNES	7
*ARTHUR V. PEARSON	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY. Conducted by G. WM. CRITCHLEY.
* 100th peal together. † First peal of Spliced Surprise in eight methods.

MILES PLATTING, MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Jan. 28, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lb.

JOSEPH HALL	*Treble*	RAYMOND JOHNSON	5
ALAN WARD	2	ALEC CAIRNS	6
*STELLA P. WAIN	3	PETER E. PARRY	7
BESSIE A. CARTER	4	DEREK OGDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by HORACE HOWLETT. Conducted by ALAN WARD.
* First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor. Rung for the 72nd birthday of Joseph Hall and 31st birthday of Stella P. Wain. A birthday compliment to Frank Dawson.

BULKINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Jan. 30, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 12½ cwt.

AUDREY A. TIMMS	*Treble*	*DAVID A. CARPENTER	5
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	2	HUBERT E. ASHLEY	6
*MARGARET A. BAILEY	3	LEONARD TREVOR	7
DOROTHY E. BEAMISH	4	*F. ANTHONY ELSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by LEONARD TREVOR.
* First peal in the method. Rung half-muffled to the memory of Lovelace John Hinde (aged 77 years), clerk, verger, chorister and bell-ringer of this church, who was interred earlier in the day.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Jan. 30, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6¼ cwt.

*JANE M. HOOKE	*Treble*	†S. ANTHONY JESSON	5
ERNEST W. RAWSON	2	ALAN E. JACQUES	6
J. FREDERICK MILNER	3	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	7
JOHN R. SMITH	4	HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal of Bristol Surprise. † First peal of Bristol Surprise on a working bell.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

NORWICH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Jan. 14, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, COLEGATE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

E. G. SHORTING	*Treble*	W. LOVE	4
REV. A. G. G. THURLOW	2	H. W. BARRETT	5
D. HEIGHTON	3	A. G. BASON	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. G. BASON.

PENWORTHAM, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Preston Branch.)
On Sat., Jan. 19, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four extents of Plain Bob, all different callings. Tenor 9 cwt.

*DAVID BATTERSBY	*Treble*	FRED HOWARTH	4
*RICHARD PRICE	2	*JOHN E. BRIGGS	5
FRANK STEAD	3	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE	*Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.
* First peal.

SOMERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 19, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being eight extents each of Plain Bob, April Day and Canterbury, and 18 of Grandsire. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in G.

ALFRED HINMAN	*Treble*	CYRIL TYLER	4
HAROLD T. BONSHOR	2	DENNIS TOON	5
*REGINALD LOOKER	3	†ALBERT THOMPSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENNIS TOON.
* First peal of Doubles. † First peal. First peal as conductor.

TIMBERLAND, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 19, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Single Court, Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

MOSES BILLINGS	*Treble*	PETER MASON	4
*FRED INGALL	2	†RONALD APPLEWHITE	5
AMOS INGALL	3	LOUIS WILLDERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by MOSES BILLINGS.
* First peal in seven methods 'inside.' † 25th peal. A birthday compliment to Mrs. E. Ingall, of Timberland, mother of the ringers of 2nd and 3rd, on her 91st birthday.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Jan. 21, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 8¾ cwt.

*MRS. F. E. WILSON	*Treble*	JOHN E. COOKE	4
MRS. H. J. POOLE	2	WM. THORNLEY, JUN.	5
ALAN CATTELL	3	†FREDK. E. WILSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor in the method.

COWFOLD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Jan. 22, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise and four extents of Plan Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

BASIL W. WHITE	*Treble*	FREDERICK J. ROBERTS	4
*BERNARD G. MOORE	2	CECIL R. LONGHURST	5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	3	LEONARD STILWELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by LEONARD STILWELL.
* First peal in four methods. The conductor's 100th Minor peal.



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ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Jan. 24, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

GORDON WHEWELL	*Treble*	NORMAN SMITH	4
KENNETH HARTLEY	2	ROGER LEIGH	5
*CHAS. J. ABRAHAMS	3	BRIAN H. WOOD	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN H. WOOD.
* First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor.

ST. BRIDE'S MAJOR, GLAMORGAN.
LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Jan. 24, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

*MALGWYN M. WILLLIAMS	*Treble*	*JULIAN PAULEY	4
*HENRY GREEN	2	*DOUGLAS DIMOND	5
DAVID HOARE	3	GEORGE FRANCIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID HOARE.
* First peal of Minor. Believed to be the first peal on the bells. Rung for the conversion of St. Paul.

CARLTON-JUXTA-SNAITH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 26, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt.

JOHN J. TAYLOR	*Treble*	*ERNEST SMITH	4
MRS. W. GRAVES	2	WILLIAM GRAVES	5
*MRS. E. SMITH	3	LESLIE M. WOODHEAD	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE M. WOODHEAD.
* First peal. A 24th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. Smith.

CATFIELD, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 26, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being three extents each of Reading and St. Martin's, six each of Stedman, St. Simon's, Plain Bob and Canterbury, and twelve of Grandsire. Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

*DAVID HEIGHTON	*Treble*	KENNETH L. BROWN	3
†ARTHUR G. BASON	2	GEORGE SAYER	4
NOLAN GOLDEN	*Tenor*		

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal of Doubles. † First peal in seven Doubles methods. First peal on the bells.

LLANELLY, CARMARTHENSHIRE.
THE ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 26, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELLI,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different callings. Tenor 9¾ cwt.

D. CURTIS	*Treble*	*A. REYNOLDS	4
J. T. WILLIAMS	2	G. FRANCIS	5
R. SCUDAMORE	3	C. H. HAWKINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. H. HAWKINS.
* First peal of Minor.

NORTH CREAKE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 26, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 ST. CLEMENT'S BOB MINOR
Being seven 720's. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

ROY OWEN	*Treble*	PETER BEALES	4
JACK S. WILLIAMSON	2	JOHN COUZENS	5
ROBERT ALLCOCK	3	TONY OWEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by TONY OWEN.
The first peal in the method by all the band.

PITMINSTER, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 26, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES
Being 42 extents, 10 different callings. Tenor 16 cwt .(approx.).

GORDON WALFORD	*Treble*	BENJAMIN T. BURSTON	4
ROBERT W. SHIRE	2	WILLIAM G. GIGG	5
CYRIL J. STEPHENS	3	*A. GEORGE SAGE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM G. GIGG.
* First peal. First peal in the method on the bells.

QUEENBOROUGH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 26, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being four extents each of Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury, Stedman, and 30 extents of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt.

GEORGE A. NAYLOR	*Treble*	FRANCIS J. CHEAL	4
*WILLIAM A. WOOD	2	GEORGE KENWARD	5
*STANLEY V. RAYFIELD	3	GEORGE WOOD	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.
* First peal of Doubles. First peal of Doubles on the bells. Arranged and rung after the service of institution and induction of the Rev. H. A. Daws as Vicar of Holy Trinity, conducted by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Fisher.

HANDBELL PEALS

LONDON.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Jan. 15, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT 83, HURSTBOURNE ROAD, FOREST HILL, S.E.23,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

MRS. P. A. CORBY	1-2	*JOHN THOMAS	5-6
MRS. J. THOMAS	3-4	PHILIP A. CORBY	7-8

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conduced by PHILIP A. CORBY.
* 900th peal.

WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Jan. 16, 1952, *in* 1 *Hour and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT 9, PONSONBY ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Comprising one extent each of Single Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Reverse Bob, Double Bob. and Plain Bob. Tenor size 11 in G.

ALEX. J. WEBSTER	1-2	ERIC J. GILBERT	3-4
		FRANK VARTY	5-6

Conducted by FRANK VARTY.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Jan. 17, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT 22, YORK STREET, REDFIELD,
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

ERIC SUTTON	1-2	REGINALD G. HOOPER	5-6
FREDK. J. SAMPSON	3-4	JOHN F. PEDLER	7-8

Composed by J. CARTER (short course). Conducted by JOHN F. PEDLER.

EPSOM, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Jan. 18, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
AT 74, HOOKFIELD,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 16 in B.

GILLIAN R. BRITTAIN	1-2	RUTH M. K. HOW	5-6
EDWIN J. LINDLEY	3-4	*ALBERT J. ADAMS	7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by RUTH M. K. HOW.
* 50th peal. First peal as conductor.

NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Jan. 20, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT 97, BIRLEY STREET,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

KENNETH EDWARDS	1-2	GORDON HALLS	3-4
JOHN ASHCROFT	5-6		

Conducted by JOHN ASHCROFT.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Jan. 24, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes.*
AT TRENTWOOD,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY	1-2	JACK BRAY	5-6
GEORGE E. FEIRN	3-4	*C. AUBREY HARRISON	7-8

Composed by N. PITSTOW. Conducted by JACK BRAY.
* First peal of Major 'in hand.'

ALDERSHOT, HANTS.—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Barbara Woods (first quarter) 1, W. Viggers (cond.) 2, Muriel Lewis 3, Shirley Corke (first quarter 'inside') 4, K. Williamson 5, M. Bailey 6, Betty Stewart 7, H. Williamson 8.

AYLESTONE, LEICS.—On Jan. 20th, 1,264 Bob Major: Mrs. F. E. Wilson 1, Eileen Burton 2, J. Walton 3, T. Bollingbroke (first 'inside') 4, W. Wills 5, H. Bray 6, C. Weston 7, F. E Wilson (cond.) 8. First quarter Major 1, 5 and 7.

BOCKING, ESSEX.—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Mrs. L. James (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Strasling 2, Mrs. H. Moore 3, Miss H. G. Snowden 4, R. Suckling (cond.) 5, H. Moore 6. First quarter by a local Sunday service band since the war.

COTTON, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. Forster 1, B. Chilvers 2, Alb. Lockwood 3, Alf. Lockwood 4, T. W. Lockwood (cond.) 5, R. Ward 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of W. Goffer, a member of the company, who was buried the same day.

ECCLESTON, CHESHIRE.—On Dec. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Morgan 1, S. Jones 2, W. Pugh 3, G. Pugh 4, H. Thomas 5, S. Jones, jun. (cond.) 6, J. W. Clarke 7, W. Ince 8.

FAREHAM, HANTS.—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Dawkins (first quarter) 1, Miss B. M. Ball 2, Miss J. Sturgess 3, W. Linter 4, A. H. Sturgess 5, A. Noble 6, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 7, A. J. Dye 8.

HATTON, WARWICKS.—On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Lilian F. Stain 1, A. J. Hobley 2, D. Harrison (cond.) 3, A. R. Barret 4, A. C. Morris (cond.) 5, H. M. Windsor 6. First quarter 1 and 3. The conducting was shared.

HOLLOWAY, LONDON.—At St. Mary Magdalene's, on Jan. 27th (morning), 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. A. Deverell 1, R. Newman 2, E. F. Pryor 3, W. D. Prockson 4, A. F. Lancaster 5, G. A. Parsons (cond.) 6, R. H. Begrie 7, H. W. Barnard 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss D. A. Deverell. Also, in the evening, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. A. Hales 1, T. H. Taffender 2, Miss A. Castle 3, N. G. Hollingworth (cond.) 4, C. W. Ottley 5, E. T. Beauchamp 6, R. H. Begrie 7, J. Bullock 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. V. I. Begrie.

QUARTER PEALS

LITTLE MISSENDEN, BUCKS.—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (660 Stedman, 600 Grandsire): H. Baldwin 1, E. Howe 2, S. Orchard 3, F. Onions 4, G. R. Goodship (cond.) 5, A. Turney (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Henry Fordham, who was interred the same day.

LYMINSTER, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Elliott 1, Miss H. Haselgrove (first quarter) 2, Miss B., Haselgrove (first quarter 'inside') 3, H. Hunt 4, J. B. Daughtry (cond.) 5, Miss J. Mills 6.

MARDEN, KENT.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Heasman 1, P. Carter 2, B. M. Vidler 3, H. Dobell 4, S. G. Waters (cond.) 5, T. Pert 6, C. Clayes 7, F. Mitchall 8.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (being one extent each of Union, Old, Norfolk, Reverse St. Bartholomew, 2 of April Day, 3 of Plain Bob and 180 of Grandsire): Miss J. Abbott (first quarter) 1, J. Yeates (cond.) 2, M. Horseman 3, L. Derrick 4, E. Shearn 5, H. Hardridge 6.

NETHERTON, WORCS.—On Jan. 26th 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: S. Prestidge 1, Muriel Reay 2, G. E. Fearn 3, B. D. A. Woolley (first quarter in method) 4, A. V. Pearson (cond.) 5, T. R. Hampton 6, J. M. Thorley 7, J. R. Mayne 8.

NORTH KILWORTH, LEICS.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Bennett 1, P. J. Thomas (first quarter as cond.) 2, J. Haines (first quarter) 3, D. Allsopp 4, H. Rowlands (first quarter) 5. Rung on the eve of the Conversion of St. Paul, and as a birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

PEWSEY, WILTS.—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. E. Amor (first quarter) 1, Miss E. Bennett 2, C. Chandler (first quarter) 3, T. B. Holloway (cond.) 4, A. G. Moore 5, S. F. Ludlow 6.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss H. Haselgrove 1, Miss J. E. Curtis 2, E. Fosberry 3, B. Luff 4, L. Atfield 5, A. C. Greenfield 6, P. R. Blackman (cond.) 7, F. Lewis 8. Marks progress for 1, 2, 3 and 4.

RIPPLE, WORCS.—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (480 April Day, 540 Bob, 240 Grandsire): P. Bennett 1, C. Haylings 2, K. Spiers 3, B. Spiers 4, J. Roberts (cond.) 5, A. Williams 6. Rung as a compliment to B. Spiers and Miss E. M. Hawker on their engagement.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Peter's Church, on Jan. 27th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: M. Webb (first on ten away from tenor) 1, R. W. Darvill 2, Miss A. Bailey 3, C. F. Sayer 4, T. J. Southam 5, B. C. Johnson (cond.) 6, F. J. Spicer 7, W. J. Southam 8, H. V. Frost 9, F. J. Bailey 10.

ST. CRANTOCK, CORNWALL.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Roberts 1, Rev. W. H. R. Trewhella 2, D. Docking 3, J. B. Blond 4, A. H. Eplett (cond.) 5, D. M. Stephens (first quarter) 6. Rung to welcome Canon Peeke, a ringer, as Vicar to the neighbouring parish of Newquay.

SANDHURST, BERKS.—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (540, 720): Miss J. J. Burdett (first quarter) 1, W. J. Paice 2, Mrs. F. Wilcox 3, C. Fennell 4, A. Arlott 5, W. J. Parker (cond.) 6.

SHOREHAM, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: B. Chalen 1, F. Green 2, R. Wood 3, R. Wilson 4, H. Weaver 5, M. Thomas 6, F. Page (cond.) 7, R. Chalen 8.

SILSOE, BEDS.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (240 St. Simon's, 240 April Day, 360 Plain Bob, 420 Grandsire): D. R. Brazier (first quarter) 1, S. J. Ivin 2, R. J. Sharp (cond.) 3, T. P. Harris 4, A. C. Sinfield 5, T. W. Allen 6. First quarter on the bells.

STEEP, HANTS.—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. Rosemary Howard (first quarter) 1, Mrs. F. Bowden 2, Miss C. C. Roberts 3, F. Bowden (cond.) 4, H. Gauntlett 5, A. D. Howard 6.

SYSTON, LEICS.—On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. A. Brooks 1, Miss A. Mansfield 2, A. Mansfield 3, Miss M. C. Payne 4, B. S. Payne (cond.) 5, H. M. Payne 6, H. Humphreys 7, E. F. Payne 8.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCS.—On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. A. Jopp (first quarter on 8) 1, F. Hawkes 2, A. Jopp (first 'inside' on 8 bells) 3, H. Willett 4, J. Moule (first quarter on 8) 5, E. F. Cubberley 6, C. J. Camm (cond.) 7, E. Maund 8.

WOOD GREEN, LONDON.—On Dec. 20th, 1,440 Oxford Bob Minor: C. Yardley 1, Miss E. Bettridge 2, Miss W. Bettridge 3, T. Yardley 4, R. Stroud 5, H. Kirby (cond.) 6. Also on Dec. 27th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Minor: Miss E. Bettridge 1, Miss L. Fox 2, Miss W. Bettridge 3, T. Yardley 4, R. Stroud 5, H. Kirby (cond.) 6.

YATTON, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Miles 1, E. A. Price 2, D. E. Vowles 3, Miss P. M. Barnard 4, R. Brice 5, H. Marshall 6, H. A. Price (cond.) 7, J. Baker 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

An attempt for a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal at Worsley on January 26th came to grief after 5,000 of the 5,040 changes had been rung in 3 hours and 20 minutes. This was Mr. George Hesketh's second attempt for his first peal of Cambridge Royal. On the first occasion he also reached the last course. The two attempts have involved 6 hours and 35 minutes' ringing without success.

Errata.—The peal rung at Beccles on January 2nd was for the Suffolk Guild and not as printed.

By ringing the tenor to a peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor at All Saints' Church, Leicester, Mr. Frederick E. Wilson has now completed the Cambridge family

Three members of Birmingham University whose handbell peal is recorded in another column inform us that they intend to form a Birmingham University Society in the near future.

'E. C. G.' writes: Touches of Grandsire Triples can be brought round from Whittington's by calling single, plain lead, bob, single. This would reduce the three touches published on page 64 by four leads.

Over Christmas Mr. Graeme W. Heyes and a fellow-ringer from Ballarat, Victoria, hitchhiked to Adelaide, a distance of 400 miles each way to advance their knowledge of ringing. While at Adelaide they rang two handbell quarters and one tower quarter.

After losing their welcome peal for the new incumbent, the ringers of St. Mary Redcliffe successfully concluded Stedman Caters on Saturday, January 26th. The band wish to associate Mr. Frank Hansford—Ringing Master of the Guild—with their success, he being unable to be present for the second attempt.

Interest in peal ringing was shown by the Archbishop of Canterbury when he instituted and inducted the Rev. H. A. Daws to the benefice of Holy Trinity, Queensborough, Kent. After the ceremony a peal attempt was made. His Grace visited the belfry and wished the ringers every success. The peal, one of Doubles in four methods, was brought round in 2 hours and 37 minutes.

We have received an enquiry as to what is the longest peal of Minor on record. Where was it rung and when?

By ringing a peal at All Saints', Sedgley, Staffs, on January 26th, Miss Muriel Reay and Miss Shirley V. Rymer became the first ladies to ring in a peal in this tower.

It was a big disappointment to Mr. Sidney A. Cheney that owing to indisposition he could not ring in the first peal of seven Spliced Surprise Maximus, which was rung by the Leicester Cathedral band on January 21st.

The peal at Gravesend, on January 26th, was rung at the Church of St. George, which is now closed for repairs and will be opened as a Chapel of Unity. The bells are being retained there for ringing for special services. A last-minute rescue by three members of the Constant family enabled the peal to be rung as three of the original band could not make it owing to weather conditions. It was a case of 'ever constant, ever sure.'

Porthkerry ringers held their annual dinner at the Victoria Hotel, Barry, on January 17th. The 13 ringers were joined by the Rector and churchwardens and entertainment was provided by two friends of Mr. Malling and Mr. D. Dimmond. Mr. Malling scored a strong point in impressing upon the band the importance of homework in learning a method. His advice might well be followed in other towers!

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD

Increase in Annual Subscription Approved

The sixth annual meeting of the Midland Counties Guild was held at the Church of St. Wystan, Repton, on January 12th.

Repton is an historic little town lying in the peaceful meadows beside the River Trent, near the Staffordshire border, about six miles south-west of Derby. It is best known now as the home of a famous public school but in the seventh century it was the Christian capital of Mercia, one of the first great Saxon kingdoms. The ancient church with its graceful spire—210 feet high—possesses a ring of eight bells second to none.

Upwards of 60 ringers attended the meeting from as wide an area as Crewe, Duffield, Derby, Stafford and Kingsbury. Shortened evensong was conducted by the Rev. D. P. Roberts, Vicar of Marston Whitgreave, Stafford, who gave an inspiring address. The Ven. H. E. Fitzherbert, Archdeacon of Derby and president of the Guild, was also present. Miss Noble, a ringer at Repton, was the organist. Tea, which was kindly provided by the local ringers, followed the service.

The Archdeacon opened the meeting by welcoming the members and visitors, also expressing thanks to the Rev. D. P. Roberts for conducting the service, and in conclusion wished the Guild continued success throughout 1952 and a happy New Year to all present.

One honorary and one non-resident life member (Mr. F. W. Stenson, of Crewe), were elected before the secretary (Mr. J. W. Cotton), in presenting the annual report, spoke of the special efforts arranged by the Guild to commemorate the Festival of Britain. These included three peals, a quarter peal and a 60-mile bus tour of the area covered by the Guild. Seven meetings had been held with an average attendance of 33. One honorary, 12 ringing and 10 non-resident members had been elected. Fifty-nine peals had been rung in 27 churches, in four counties, with 15 conductors.

Noteworthy performances of which the Guild could feel particularly proud were the peal of 10,368 London Surprise Major and the three peals of London Surprise rung in three counties on December 15th. Five members scored their first peal and something fresh was accomplished in no less than 37 cases.

Mr. W. P. Whitehead headed the list of conductors with a total of 15, followed by Messrs. J. W. F. Trotman 9, F. W. Grocott 7, J. W. Cotton 6, A. Cattell 5, Ernest Morris 4, J. Bailey 3, S. H. Jones 2, R. Beniston 2, B. G. Key, W. F. Woodward, W. G. Soar, W. G. Hair, J. J. Morris and F. E. Wilshaw one each.

The balance sheet was read by Mr. J. H. Brittan (treasurer), and showed that receipts balanced payments. Both reports were adopted.

The officers and auditor of the Guild were re-elected, namely:—President, Ven. H. E. Fitzherbert; chairman, Mr W. H. Curson, Ringing Master, Mr. S. H. Jones; treasurer, Mr. J. H. Brittan; secretary, Mr. J. W. Cotton; auditor, Mr. T. Pryce; committee, Messrs. E. W. Beadsmoore, W. G. Soar, W. F. Woodward and A. E. Greening.

Written notice had been given by Mr. S. H. Jones, supported by Mr. W. G. Soar, that Rule 2B be amended to read: 'That ringing members subscribe 2s 6d. per annum.' An amendment put forward by Mr. W. Steen that the annual subscription remain at 2s. was defeated, and the meeting approved the increased subscription to operate from January 1st, 1952.

Meeting cards for 1952 were distributed and it is hoped that the necessary arrangements will be made to carry out the list as follows:—March 1st, Burton; April 19th, Ticknall; May 24th, Netherseale; July 12th, Cole Orton; August 16th, Hoar Cross; October 4th, Rolleston; and November 15th, Newhall.

A collection taken for the H. Pailing Memorial Fund amounted to £3 1s. 4d.

The meeting closed with the usual votes of thanks and the chairman appealing for increased support of 'The Ringing World.'

Further ringing from rounds to Surprise methods continued until a late hour.

Towers represented were:—Burton, St. Modwen's and St. Paul's, Ashby, Measham, Netherseale, Overseale, Lullington, Hoar Cross, Newchurch, Ticknall, Rolleston, Melbourne, Crewe, Stafford, Derby Cathedral, St. Peter's and St. Andrew's, Ockbrook, and Kingsbury.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World' of February 9th, 1912

ODD CHANGES

'One well-known conductor during January rang two peals but had no fewer than eight failures. The causes which brought the attempts to an end are varied and not uninteresting:—

January 1st, Cambridge Major.—Tenor man had to give up after an hour's good ringing.

January 3rd, Bristol.—Shift course after 2½ hours.

January 6th, Double Norwich.—Given up after seven courses owing to bad-going bells. Attempt for Stedman Triples, bells called round in 4th part through rain coming in and soaking tenor man.

January 12th, Stedman Caters.—Treble man set up in slight trip.

January 13th, Stedman Caters.—Shift course.

January 25th, Bristol.—Breakdown.

January 26th, Stedman Triples.—Stopped through knocking at door—choirmaster sent to say he would be glad if the ringers would finish so that he could get on with his practice.

January 27th, Stedman Caters.—Seventh rope came down after three hours' ringing.'

The 'Irish Bell News' enquires what is the recognised practice in ringing for weddings and funerals. Should ringing take place on both occasions before and after the service?

LEADING PEAL RINGERS OF 1951

Supplementary List

In our issue of January 18th we published a list of leading peal ringers of 1951. The following records have since been received:—

	Tower	Hand	Total
Ernest Morris	64 (28)	12	76
John E. Bibby	57 (8)	—	57
Herrick B. Bowley ..	48	—	48
Ernest Rawson	46	—	46
Harry W. Howard .	41	—	41

RINGING RHYMES

No. 2—Striking

When you can set your bell at will
And with good style our place can fill,
Just as, on musical instrument,
The scales make player proficient,
So you in rounds may now take part.
But bear in mind that, from the start,
Your ear must be your foremost guide—
Good striking to be satisfied.

Your bell's own note you first must know
And strike her with a well-timed blow.
Precisely in a rhythmic beat
Among the others. 'Tis a feat
You must achieve before you try
Your method ringing to apply.

When from the pull-off to the 'clang'
You gauge exactly, then no 'bang'
Will mar the peal's sweet roundelay.
Then next—'call changes' you may play.

A. Y-B

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION

He Sang Stedman Triples

The first 1952 joint meeting of the Derby and Ilkeston Districts, held at St. Luke's, Derby, was a pleasant affair. The bells are a fine, heavy eight (tenor 30 cwt.) and sound particularly impressive from outside, not that one wanted to hear them from outside on January 26th, as the weather was bitterly cold.

Feeling so comfortable after an excellent tea in the Church Room and so thoroughly warm from the heat of two fires that members did not want to move after the business meeting had concluded. Clement Glenn was with the company and he was invited to play a touch of Stedman Triples on the piano but unfortunately there was not a complete octave on it. Failing mechanical instruments, it was suggested that he should sing Stedman. With some misgiving and apology for lack of tone in his voice he made the venture. It went something like this:

de, da, dee, dar, te, ta, dum, Dom;
da, de, dee, te, dar, dum, ta, Dom;
da, dee, de, dar, te, ta, dum, Dom,
dee, da, dar, de, ta, te, dum, Dom; etc.

It was perfect striking with open handstroke leads and immaculate backstroke leads. On the course went with pauses for breath at the handstroke leads and occasional interjections such as 'six in quick,' 'seven in slow' until the conclusion came with rhythmic rounds and delighted applause.

It was fascinating, particularly as very few had witnessed this type of virtuosity before; frustrating, too, for those who could never aspire to such accomplishments.

What is the key to this ability to tap out or sing touches of a method? Merely, we are assured, by a knowledge of the place-making. Practice, certainly, but surely also a natural inborn aptitude. Of all ringers only a small proportion have developed this art to a limited extent and only a handful to the extent of, say, Harry Withers.

Mr. Glenn stated he was first attracted to ringing by the sound of his village bells and knew the music of Grandsire Triples by listening outside, before he even dared to approach the ringers with a view to learning to ring.

Anyway, the meeting was really pleasant; good bells, original company and an ample tea in comfortable conditions. What more could a ringer want? Our thanks are expressed to the Vicar of St. Luke's, Mr. Parsons and Mrs. Lowe.

P.S.—One wonders if Mr. Glenn lulls himself to sleep at night by singing Carter's Odd Bob peal. If he ever finished it could he claim it as a peal sung for the Southwell Diocesan Guild? Perhaps they would want a witness to make sure he didn't fall to sleep in the middle of it and wake up to finish it with Holt's Original.

MR. JOHN THOMAS RINGS HIS 900th PEAL

His many friends in all parts of the country will read with pleasure that Mr. John Thomas, now in his 70th year, has rung his 900th peal. Mr. Thomas has been associated for very many years with Messrs. Mears and Stainbank and wherever he has worked he has joined local ringers in their activities. A brilliant conductor both on tower bells and handbells, he has assisted many a struggling band during his short stay with them.

Mr. Thomas is one of a select few able to ring two tower bells and is noted for his ability to strike any bell, however oddstruck.

Readers will remember the remarkable achievements of the young band at Edmonton both on tower bells and handbells during and after the war. These young ringers were taught with infinite patience and skill by Mr. Thomas, ably assisted by his wife.

For the last five years Mr. and Mrs. Thomas have lived in Mrs. Thomas' native Worcestershire, at Hinton-on-the-Green. Needless to say, two such popular ringers have an active part to play in the affairs of Worcestershire ringers.

THE CURFEW IN ENGLISH LIFE

By ERNEST MORRIS

(Continued from page 60)

IN the old play 'Merry Devil of Edmonton' (1631) the curfew is mentioned as being sometimes rung at nine o'clock, thus the sexton says: 'Well. 'tis nine o'clock, 'tis time to ring curfew.' In Lyson's Environs' i.. page 232, is the following extract from the churchwarden's accounts of Kingston-on-Thames: '1651. For ringing the curfew bell for 1 year £1 10s.'

In some parishes the continuance of the ringing of the curfew was sought to be secured by an endowment provided by persons who, in times when the roads were badly defined and crossed open unenclosed country, lost their way in the gloom of evening or in the darkness of winter nights, but were enabled to find their village homes by its welcome sound: with reference to this end it is sometimes only rung in winter months. 'The bell of Lambourne was rung nightly as a guide to travellers over the interminable downs of Berkshire; and one at York as a signal to persons travelling the Galtres forest' (Soc. Arch. page 68). These instances could be multiplied by many others in all parts of the country.

One of the larger bells is generally used for this purpose, which is sometimes rung, sometimes tolled:—

'The Curfew tolls the knell of passing day' (Gray's 'Elegy in a Country Churchyard').

The great bell called Peter, at Exeter Cathedral, is tolled as the curfew as eight o'clock, and the popular impression is that, should the tolling be omitted, the Dean and Chapter would lose all their estates!

THE DAY OF MONTH TOLLED

As before mentioned, in many places the day of the month was tolled at the conclusion, as at Melton Mowbray, Louth, Horncastle, Market Rasen, etc. A curious custom prevails at Sheepy Magna, Leics, where the ringing is discontinued between the death and burial of a parishioner. At Bottesford it is not rung during Whitsun week; nor at South Luffenham, Rutland, during a fortnight at Christmas.

At some places the curfew is rung on Saturday evenings at seven o'clock instead of eight o'clock, and at Sleaford it is rung at this hour, not only then, but on the eve of Christmas, Ascension and other occasions when some special service is to be held. At Grantham the ringing of curfew is omitted on the Vigils or Eves of Holy Days named in the Church Calendar, and at Horncastle it is not rung on 'red letter days.' This appears to be in accordance with ancient practice, for

'it appears by the Statutes of Lichfield that the **Ignitegium** was sounded every night at the seventh hour, excepting on the Festivals. The not tolling the curfew on Festivals may be accounted for by the ancient ritual of the English Monks, A.D. 1085, which commanded all bells to be rung at Festivals "et hanc pulsationem classicum vocant."' (Ellacombe 'Bells of the Church,' page 197.)

THE 'NOWSTER'

Middleton, Lancs, supplies a probably unique instance of an evening bell which is not a survival of mediæval usage but an introduction of recent times. The Rector, early in the last century, ordered a bell to be rung nightly at ten minutes to ten o'clock as a signal for closing the shops and a hint to all who were abroad to go home. It is known locally as the 'Nowster,' a name which no one seems to be able to explain, although the good folk of Middleton say it means 'Now stir!' The curfew which used to be rung in the parish has been discontinued in place of the above.

At Oxford the 101 strokes rung on Great Tom, of Christ Church, at nine p.m. are familiar to all Oxford men, the number of strokes being (as Verdant Green's cicerone pointed out) 'the number of students on the foundations.' Here the object of the ringing is to warn all students, whatever degree, to return to their respective Colleges and Halls.

The last verse of Dr. Aldrich's celebrated catch will be remembered:—

'Tingle, tingle, ting, goes the small bell at nine
To call the bearers home,
But ne'er a man will leave his cann
Till he hears the mighty Tom.'

IN LONDON

In London the ringing of curfew must have been pretty general. Stow says: 'The Church of St. Martin's-le-Grand, with those of Bow, Cripplegate and Barkin, had its curfew long after the servile injunctions laid on the Londoners had ceased.' In 1848 the curfew was rung at eight p.m. at St. Edmund's, Lombard Street; St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate; St. Michael's, Queenhithe; St. Antholin's, Bridge Row; St. Mildred's, Bread Street; Christ Church, Spitalfields; and Shoreditch. Referring back to 'Bow Bell,' Stow tells us that the old steeple of St. Mary-le-Bow Church was rebuilt in 1469, and it was ordained by the Common Council that the Bow bells 'should nightly be rung at nine of the clock.'

In the Calendar of letter book of the City of London (L) occurs: 'Saturday, 22 April 9 Edward IV. (A.D. 1469) an ordinance of the Common Council to the effect that whereas it had been of old accustomed, for the peace of the City and keeping due time at night, for the great bells, and especially the great bell called "Bowbell" and the bells in the churches of All Hallows, Berkyng, St. Giles without Crepilgate, and St. Bride in Fletestrete, to be struck at the accustomed hours—viz: at the ninth hour on festivals and holidays [ferialibus] . . . .' (Ends abruptly.)

Mr. Donne, a mercer, had devised two tenements in Bow Lane (then called Hosier Lane) for the ringing of the tenor bell of Bow Church at six o'clock in the mornings and eight o'clock in the evenings. Mr. Lott, after a considerable search for this bell, dated 1472, eventually discovered it in the Husting's Court of London. The early ringing was supposed to be for the waking up of London apprentices. The poetical remonstrance of those personages to the parish clerk of Bow, in consequence of his neglect of his duty, is also recorded by Stow:—

'Clerke of the Bow bell,
With thy yellow locks,
For thy late ringing
Thy head shall have knocks.'

The clerk of the day was a match for the young complainants and replied in equal poetical vein:—

'Children of Chepe
Hold you all still.
For you shall hear the Bow-bell
Ring at your will.'

(To be continued)

DEATH OF MR. A. W. BRIGHTON

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Alfred W. Brighton, 71, South Esk Road, Forest Gate, E.7, on January 28th. We hope that one of his friends will send a memoir.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Eastern District

The quarterly meeting (joint with the Beverley and District Society) was held at Beverley Minster on January 12th. There was an excellent attendance of 62 members from Beverley Minster and St. Mary's, Hutton Cranswick, Hessle, York Minster, Patrington, Scarborough, Hemingbrough, Sutton-on-Hull, Carlton-juxta-Snaith, Goole, Ulceby, Cottingham, Pocklington, Rise, Bridlington Priory, Thorne, Hull (Holy Trinity) Market Weighton and Kirk Ella.

The beautiful ring of ten bells at the Minster was rung during the afternoon, the service touch consisting of Grandsire Caters (Mr. S. H. Steel conductor).

The service was held in the choir, conducted by the Rev. R. C. Collwyn Hargreaves. During the singing of Psalm 150, a pause allowed a Plain Course of Grandsire Triples to be rung on handbells by Messrs. L. Rodmell 1-2, S. H. Steel 3-4, C. Barker 5-6, H. Walker 7-8. An interesting address was given by the Rev. G. Storer, R.D., who spoke on 'Play the Game.' Mr. J. Grainger, headmaster Minster Boys' School, was the organist.

Tea was served in the Parish Room, followed by the business meeting, Mr. A. E. Sellers (vice-president) occupying the chair. Mr. Sellers said it was with regret that he had to inform the meeting that the secretary, Mr. H. S. Morley, who had been ill for about two months, had undergone a serious operation in Leeds Infirmary of January 7th. He would be an inmate at the Infirmary for about three weeks. The acting secretary was requested to convey the best wishes of the meeting to Mr. Morley for a speedy recovery.

A further announcement was made by Mr. Sellers to the fact that instead of the usual collection being made for the Bell Repair Fund, the amount subscribed at this meeting is to be forwarded to 'The Ringing World' as a donation from the Association. Mr. F. W. Dale kindly made the collection which realised £2.

New members elected were Misses Alison Davies, Irene Hall, Lily Cromack and Mr. J. B. Ibbotson. The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, Hull, and Lowgate (joint with the Beverley and District Society) on March 15th, and the June meeting will be held at Bridlington Priory.

Mr. H. Walker proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar (the Rev. G. Storer), the organist and to all who had helped to make the meeting a success. Mr. S. H. Steel seconded and the motion was carried with acclamation. The Rev. G. Storer and Mr. F. Wilkinson suitably replied. Mr. B. Sutton also thanked the local company for arrangements. Mr. C. Barker, responding, emphasised the necessity of names being submitted for tea in future.

Methods rung during the day included Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Kent Treble Bob Royal, Stedman Triples, Plain Bob Major and Minor and rounds.

Several members were shown 'Big John' and heard the bell ring out. Thanks are extended to Mr. Southwick who kindly escorted the visitors.

PRIZE RINGING 200 YEARS AGO

The following extract from the file of 'The Western Gazette,' Yeovil, of 200 years ago (1752) will be of interest to our readers:—

This is to give NOTICE THAT there is to be rung for on Shrove Tuesday, at Mary Scott's, at the Sign of the Rose and Crown, in Bradford Abbas, Two Silver Bowls, one of Forty Shillings Price, and the other Twenty: Each Sett to bring their Umpire and the Sett that rings the best Peal is to have the best bowl, and the second best the second Bowl, and to be there by Twelve o'clock at Noon, and that they may depend upon very good Usage from their humble servant,—MARY SCOTT.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PEALS ANALYSIS—1951

Dear Sir,—In a preliminary survey of the peals rung during 1951, there has been a grand total of 2,957 peals.

This does not take into account any deletions which may be made for irregular methods or 'odd' number of changes.

The leading Guilds or Associations are as follows:—Leicester Diocesan 251, Kent County 183, Lincoln Diocesan 173, Chester Diocesan 172, Lancashire Association 165, Oxford Diocesan 145, with the Leicester Guild well to the fore.

Some people, apparently, ring so many peals that they do not know whether they have sent off the particulars or not, until some time after, as is shown in the fact that in 'The Ringing World' dated January 11th, 1952, there are reports of peals rung in July, August and November, while in the current issue is the report of one rung in October.

It would be helpful if peal reports could be cleared up monthly in 'The Ringing World,' irrespective of whether they were rung on twelve or six bells.—Yours respectfully,

W. AYRE,
(For the Peals Analysis Committee).

PEALS BY THREE SISTERS

Dear Sir,—In reply to your query in 'Belfry Gossip,' may I point out that the peal at Claybrooke on January 14th was not the first in which three sisters have taken part. My two sisters and I rang a peal of Grandsire Doubles 'in hand' on September 18th, 1950. I believe I am correct in saying that peals had previously been rung by two other groups of three sisters —the Misses Richardson and the Misses Look– but I have no details of these performances. I should like to congratulate the Misses Proctor on their peal.—Yours sincerely,

KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER.

THE BILBIES

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Gould regarding a secret formula which is reputed to have died with them, the last of the Bilbies founded bells at Cullompton, Devon, from 1787 to 1813 after which the business passed to William Pannell, who first traded as W. and C. Pannell and then as W. Pannell and Son. This business was transferred to Exeter where it ended a few years later.

The Chewstoke Bilbies cast many bells on the spot, the octave at Beaminster being a notable example.—Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.
Addlestone, Surrey.

THE MEMBURY DEDICATION

Dear Sir,—When I was talking to the writer of the account, published in your issue of January 11th last, I knew the original date but mentioned 50 years in round numbers. Mr. William Shepherd is correct about that date when the five bells were re-opened after being rehung in a new oak frame by Stokes, of Woodbury, namely June 21st, 1900. I was a call-change ringer of six months' standing then, but after another 18 months I began to learn half-pull ringing, thanks to help at Oxford and Honiton (under instruction by two Otterv ringers), for which I can never be grateful enough.—Yours sincerely, E. V. COX.
West Hill, Ottery St. Mary.

OXFORD BOB IN SUSSEX

Dear Sir,—Re the peal of Oxford Bob Minor rung at Fittleworth on Sunday, December 16th, 1951. This is not the first peal of Oxford Bob for the Sussex Association. A peal of Oxford Bob Triples was rung as recently as June 30th, 1951, at All Saints', Hastings, conducted by C. Alfred Levett—Yours sincerely,

East Grinstead. FRANK H. HICKS.

GRANDSIRE TRIPLES AT EXETER CATHEDRAL

Dear Sir,—I notice that no one has paid tribute to the ringer of the second (Mrs. Jean M. Harris) in both the peals of Grandsire Triples at Exeter, but I had the pleasure on both occasions of ringing next to her and her performance was faultless as to style, correctness and spacing.

Anyone who can stand the crashing boredom of this aspirational tomb of so many hundreds of young ringers is to be congratulated on doing so for the extent of a peal. It is not surprising that the Devon Guild is so far behind the others in performance for, apparently, having been reared on the turgid milk of this intellectual sow, pencil and paper fall from their nerveless fingers and the struggle to progress is given up—but I digress

I, too, would like to pay tribute not only to the fine ringing of the tenor by two young men without distress, but to the 'Monarch of all I survey' on the 11th, the conductor and other young men who were so good that their presence was almost unnoticed and that is a compliment well worth earning.

As to the striking—after the brief settling down process I believe even Chilcompton would have been 49½ per cent. alkaline.—Yours sincerely,

STAFFORD H. GREEN.
Sampford Peverell, Devon.

WOMEN RINGERS OF 1884

Dear Sir,—Your great number of women ringers may be interested in the enclosed! Harvey Reeves, the Editor, was prompted to write this, as the previous week had seen the report of a date touch at Huntsham, Devon—the composition of Miss E. Cruwys Sharland, of Tiverton, a member of the Devon Guild, and also by the fact that three daughters of Sir (then Mr.) Arthur P. Heywood, of Duffield, (and founder of the Central Council), with Mr. J. W. Taylor, of Loughborough, had rung a course of Grandsire Triples, on handbells, at a garden party at Duffield. The daughter ringing the trebles was only seven years of age!

The Editor, early on in his article, refers to these two occasions and then proceeds to point his moral, as enclosed! I thought it might be useful—and pertinent—as a tailpiece!—Yours sincerely,

C. E. BORRETT.
Sheringham.

PART OF THE EDITORIAL OF 'THE BELL NEWS,' AUGUST 23rd, 1884.

'The fact of members of the fair sex coming to the front as ringers, is certainly worth more than ordinary notice. The time may come when we can hear of them in the steeple, taking a light bell and ringing or calling a touch. This may appear irregular, perhaps, from several points of view. But the presence of a lady in the belfry does not appear to us at all out of place We know the healthful effect of refined female influence under many conditions of our social life and such influence would not be out of place in a church belfry. And ringing a light bell in a touch now and then with the village company would be far preferable to many of those enervating occupations which the female portion of the human family are at the present time, in obedience to the vagaries of fashion, called upon to take part.'

SOLD OUT

Will readers please note that 'The College Youths,' by J. Armiger Trollope, is now out of print.

A CHURCHMAN'S VIEWPOINT

Dear Sir,—I am a comparative newcomer to the art of bell-ringing but I hope you will allow me to comment on F.E.H.'s article. I came to bell-ringing via the Church, so perhaps I may put what I think is the Church's case.

My first point is that for a devout Churchman everything should be done for the glory of God. Our bell-ringing should carry out this principle. Ringing should, therefore, start with prayer and end with a short prayer of thanksgiving for being allowed to ring. Then all the ringers, being devout churchmen, should attend church on Sunday according to the individual's private rule.

We now meet the difficulty of a ringer who, when introduced to the art is indifferent to the Church's worship. At this point the Church Evangelical should come in. God may be calling this man to him through bell-ringing and we must be careful not to stand in God's way. It is the duty of the ringer to bring this man into the active life of the Church.

This may seem a burden to the ringers, but they should remember that a good example and prayer may be all that is needed. They should also seek the help of the parish priest in the matter.

Up to the moment I have been talking about an ideal tower: I have never come across one, but then my experience is very small.

To ring Church bells for enjoyment and not as an act of worship is wrong. The enjoyment must come with the act of worship, the latter coming foremost. The above, as I have pointed out, is not true in individual cases. Nothing could be worse for a church than to force people to go. There would be no spirit of devotion in that church.

The responsibility of keeping the church a sacred building rests with the priest. He cannot in the nature of things allow the bells to be rung without devotion for ever: he must eventually take action. His first action should be to attempt an increase in the devotion of the ringing. If this fails he may have no other course than to close the tower. How can he ever hope to fill his church when its servants are not interested. The responsibility falls on the priest and all ringers who worship with that church.—Yours faithfully,

DEREK V. MORETON.
University Association, Manchester.

NOTE.—We agree that Sunday service ringing is an act of worship. Indifferently performed and without practice and care as to good striking, it ceases to be an act of devotion.—ED.

CHILVERS COTON'S HONOUR

Dear Sir,—May I point out to your correspondent in last week's issue of 'The Ringing World,' regarding his statement that Pakefield, (Suffolk) Church was the first war-damaged church in England to be rebuilt, that All Saints' Church, Chilvers Coton, Nuneaton, Warwickshire, was rededicated almost two and a half years earlier. The church, like Pakenham, was destroyed by incendiaries, with the exception of the tower, on May 17th, 1941, and rebuilt between May, 1944, and 1947 by the voluntary labour of German prisoners of war officers and rededicated on September 27th, 1947. During the rebuilding the bells were augmented from eight to ten and the two trebles dedicated on May 17th, 1947, the sixth anniversary of the raid which destroyed most of the church.—Yours sincerely,

DOROTHY E. BEAMISH,
Hon. Gen. Sec.,
Coventry Diocesan Guild.

THE RESULT

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. A. Turner's letter of January 25th re Plain Bob on odd numbers, surely if the extra bell is put in the hunt and the places moved to fit, the resulting method is Grandsire.—Yours faithfully,

N. D. LOMAS.
Wilmslow, Cheshire.

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY

Reunion and Dinner

THE annual dinner and reunion of the University of Bristol Society of Change Ringers was held on January 26th. Proceedings commenced with a visit in the morning to All Saints' Church, Long Ashton, where, besides visitors from Swindon and Gloucester, a special welcome was paid to Mr. A. Patrick Cannon, whose arrival was totally unexpected.

The first tower in Bristol to be visited after lunch was SS. Philip and Jacob's, Old Market, followed by St. Stephen's and Christ Church (City). At the last-named church the Rector, the Rev. H. C. B. Roden, conducted a short service in which he gave a very interesting address on the history of the bells. The organist was Mr. Kenneth E. Pinney and the lesson was read by Mr. Robert J. Stokes.

A company of 31 members, visitors and guests sat down to dinner in the Senior Common Room Dining Room of the University Refectory, Professor R. J. Brocklehurst being in the chair in the absence of the president, Professor S. H. Piper, who is recovering from an attack of bronchitis.

After the toast of 'The King and The Church,' Professor Brocklehurst submitted the toast of 'The Exercise.' He remarked that when composing his speech he was advised by a non-ringing member of his family to begin by saying 'The hunt is up; give her a blow behind!' This proves the contention that a little knowledge can be a dangerous thing. He thanked the Bristol City ringers for their helpful co-operation, thus enabling the Society to ring regularly in the local towers. The attitude taken by the author of the recent leading article in 'The Ringing World' on the Swanwick strike was to be regretted in that too much emphasis was laid on the recreational aspect of ringing. He agreed that the clergy should not insist on ringers attending services but was pleased to observe that ringers as a rule did so. He thanked Mr. Bennett for maintaining the St. John's Ringing School; it was impossible to overstate the debt owed to him.

'TRADE TERMS OF RINGING'

In his reply, Mr. A. Bennett, hon. secretary of the Bristol City Branch, said that the remedy for the succession of ringers' strikes was to recruit regular churchgoers. In his view, the ideal was to teach ordinands at Theological Colleges, as he had done, so producing 'a race of parsons who can appreciate the "trade terms" of ringing.' As one of the founders nine years ago of the University Society, he appealed to all members to keep the Society going. It was only through much perseverance and hard work in the past that the Society's present state of well-being had been attained.

The hon. secretary of the University Society, Mr. Lance C. I. Watson, proposed the toast of 'The Visitors.' On behalf of the Society, he thanked Professor Brocklehurst for so ably taking the chair at very short notice. He read a letter of greetings from Dr. E. S. John Hatcher, hon. secretary of the Universities Association, who regretted his inability to attend. Officers and members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association were welcomed as was also Mr. A. Patrick Cannon, 'that travelling schoolmaster of high renown.' He wondered whether he was considering raisin' record peal bands in the future! It was pleasant to note that three former Masters and a former lady secretary of the Society were present. After quoting from a secretary's lament recently published in 'The Ringing World,' he encouraged budding scapegoats (i.e., secretaries) with these words, once uttered by the University's vice-chancellor, Sir Philip Morris: 'A secretary is a person who can do his master's business better than his master—and who possesses sufficient tact not to let anyone know it.' With extreme tact he reverted to his original theme and raised the toast.

Mr. A. Patrick Cannon, who replied, wished to correct the secretary on one point; he was no longer a schoolmaster and presumably Mr. Watson had got the wrong end of the stick! He congratulated Mr. Jack R. Worrall on his remarkable progress and said that he was responsible for putting the Society in its present position as one of the leading University Societies. He noticed that one of the members was Mr. Alan P. Cave, grandson of the famous William A. Cave, and he hoped that he would eventually prove to be as great a ringer as his grandfather. Although a lover of slow ringing, he would have to quicken up somewhat if he rang with the Society for long, judging by the service touch of Stedman Caters at Christ Church. He wished to thank the Society for their very kind invitation; when he arrived at Bristol that day he did not visualise being a visitor to the dinner.

The toast of 'The Society' was proposed by Mr. F. G. Leaker, who conveyed hearty greetings from officers and members of the Bristol City Branch, of which he is chairman. He offered another solution to the ringers' strikes in that the clergy should get to know their ringers as well as they do their choirmen. He feared that All Saints' bells would never be available until the demise of a certain churchwarden, who was under the impression that several hundred pounds' worth of damage would be caused if they were rung! He wished the Master every success in his teaching career.

MASTER'S REPORT

In his reply, Mr. Jack R. Worrall, Master of the University of Bristol Society, thanked Mr. Leaker for his kind wishes. A few amusing anecdotes arising out of his teaching practice at Gloucester then followed, the 'piece de resistance' being a question asked by one of his pupils: 'Please sir, does Folies Bergère mean Shepherd's Delight?' Briefly recapitulating the Society's activities during the past year, he mentioned that four tower bell peals had been rung, one of Grandsire Triples being conducted by the present Deputy Master, Miss B. Enid Lloyd Roberts. She was the first lady to conduct a peal for the Society. Two unsuccessful attempts at Grandsire Caters had also been made. One quarter peal worthy of mention was that of Stedman Triples rung at Christ Church in honour of the former Master's 21st birthday. Three peals 'in hand' marked the continued progress of handbell ringing, even touches of Cambridge Minor had been successfully brought round towards the end of last term. Several learners had been taught recently and it was pleasing to note that one of them was present that evening. The year had been one of progress and he hoped that it would be maintained.

Handbell ringing brought the evening to a close. Ringing took place at St. John-on-the-Wall and the Lord Mayor's Chapel, this being Mr. Cannon's 1,427th tower, on Sunday morning and at Christ Church in the evening.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD AT DORCHESTER

Branch's Successful Year

Ringers of the Dorchester Branch held their annual meeting at the Church of St. Peter, Dorchester, on January 19th. The eight bells were available at 2.30 p.m. and were rung until 4 o'clock, when the Guild service was conducted by the branch chairman, Canon A. Wilkinson Markby, who gave the address. Tea was taken at St. Peter's Institute, served by ladies of the church.

Canon Markby presided at the business meeting. Apologies for absence were read from Canon C. C. Cox, Master of the Guild, and the Ven. J. C. Chute, vice-chairman of the branch. The hon. secretary's report gave brief details of the year's activities, meetings being held at Dorchester, Martinstown, Bere Regis, Fordington, Cattistock and Milton Abbey, with an average attendance of nearly 50. Membership was now 187, of which 161 were ringers, 8 honorary, 17 associates and 1 life member.

Four peals were rung and 27 quarter peals. The branch practices, said the secretary, had been very popular, but he still appealed for better attendances as these occasions were ideal for those who had ambitions in the way of becoming better ringers.

All the officers were re-elected:—Chairman, the Rev. Canon A. W. Markby; vice-chairman, the Ven. Archdeacon J. C. Chute; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. H. Hayne; assistant hon. secretary, Mr R. H. Duke; Ringing Master, Mr. F. Precey; Deputy Ringing Masters, Mr. F. Stedman and Mr. E. T. P. Field.

Meetings for 1952 were provisionally arranged for Wool, April 19th; Milton Abbey on a Thursday in June, subject to confirmation by the Vicar; Abbotsbury in September; and Wyke Regis in November, also to be confirmed by the Rector.

Invitations were also considered from Frampton and Preston for by-meetings, Preston hoping to have their augmented ring of six available by June. The next branch practice was fixed for February 2nd, at Wyke Regis.

It was proposed that the charge for tea be increased to 2s. per head, but after an amendment by Mr. Whalley, it was agreed that adult members should pay 2s. but that the charge should remain at 1s. for those members who were of school age.

New members elected were Miss R. Slade, Mr. P. Rose and Mr. L. Frost, of Stratton, and Mr. A. Brown, of Wool.

A grant of £2 towards the cost of a board to record the peal rung to the memory of the late Mr. G. T. White, a former Ringing Master of the branch, was approved unanimously.

The proposed repairs to the church at West Lulworth were discussed and it was mentioned that there were some doubts as to whether the bells would be replaced in the tower. Although no ringing has taken place at this church for a number of years, it was the opinion of all present that some plea should be made to those responsible to replace the bells and that the members of the branch would be ready to help stimulate interest in the parish in order to get them ringing again.

The chairman thanked all those who had helped to make the gathering a success, and the meeting then closed, the ringers returning to the tower to ring until nearly nine o'clock.

Fordington's six bells were also available and a number of members found their way there after the meeting. J. H. H.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

Northern District

The annual meeting of the Northern District was held at Braintree on January 19th when 70 members were present from 18 towers. The service in St. Michael's Church was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. P. H. James).

At the meeting it was reported that 10 peals had been rung in the District in 1951. The District Master Miss H. G. Snowden, was re-elected; also the secretary, Mr. H. A. Pratt. Messrs. J. Warner (Braintree) and J. Elliott (Kelvedon) were appointed to the general committee and seven new members were elected.

An appeal was made for funds to rehang the bells and recast the tenor at Stebbing. After the meeting some members rang handbells whilst others went on to Bocking for ringing.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN

Paulton Ringer For New Zealand

At a representative gathering of ringers of the Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery at the Paulton tower on January 24th, a presentation was made to Mr. F. Savage, who for some years has been the captain of that tower and who, with his wife and family, is shortly leaving to take up a new life in New Zealand.

Ringers from Chilcompton, Kilmersdon, High Littleton, Wells and Paulton were present and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Oxford and Double Oxford Bob, Double Court and Cambridge Surprise Minor were rung.

In opening the proceedings Mr. E. J. Chivers, the hon. secretary of the Deanery, gave an apology from Mr. R. Beck, the Ringing Master, who was prevented from being with them by reason of being at work. The presentation was made by Mr. J. T. Dyke, the general hon. secretary of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, who voiced the respect and friendship in which their departing member was held and that his loss to this country represented the gain of New Zealand and, in the name of all whom he represented, he wished Mr. and Mrs. Savage and family a safe voyage and prosperity in their new life. Mr. Savage suitably responded.

The gift, subscribed by a large number of old ringing friends was of a folding camera, which the recipient greatly appreciated.

W. J. G.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH

Portsmouth District

Thirty-six members and friends attended the annual meeting of the Portsmouth District at St. Mary's, Portsea, on January 19th, the company including the Guild Master (Mr. G. Pullinger).

The service was conducted by the Vicar (Canon W. J. Smith), which was followed by tea and the business meeting in St. Mary's Institute.

The retiring officers re-elected were:—Chairman, Mr. W. Linter; hon. secretary, Mr. J. H. Hunt; auditor, Mr. F. W. Burnett. A ballot for Central Committee members resulted in the election of Mr. S. J. Harding. New members elected were:—Honorary, Miss E. M. B. Wharton (Horndean); compounding, Miss Stella M. Wickens (Twineham, Sussex); ringing, Mr R J. W. Jurd (Alverstoke).

A notification had been received from Shedfield that it would be more convenient to hold the May meeting there. This was agreed to.

J. H. H.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY

South and West District

The six at Brentford and the eight at St. Mary's, Ealing, were chosen for the South and West District meeting on January 5th.

St. Lawrence's, Brentford, bells have very recently been rehung on ball bearings by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., who are to be congratulated on a fine engineering job. Everyone was greatly impressed with the change. The old clock case, so much in the way of the two trebles, had been removed and the clock was lying on the floor awaiting removal.

There is quite a lot of timber and rubbish still in the ringing chamber, as the work of redecorating the room is temporarily held up through lack of funds. Any dust that may have just settled on the seats was soon removed by the number of ringers who soon arrived. The bells are a pleasant ring, with an ancient Culverden bell of c. 1510, a Rudhill, a Mears and three Warner bells including the tenor, with a reputed weight of 11 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. Ringing was varied, ranging up to Spliced Surprise, including Brentford Bob.

In the evening ringing was at St. Mary's, Ealing. Here, thanks to the excellent maintenance by Arthur Harding, the bells went very well.

SOCIETY FOR ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

It was a real winter afternoon on the occasion of the Society's meeting at St. Matthew's, Walsall, on January 26th. There had been a light fall of snow and it was bitterly cold, with every indication of more snow to come. Under such adverse weather conditions the attendance of 60 was highly satisfactory. If it was cold outside, then it was certainly warm in the church and ringing chamber

Good use was made of the grand ring of 12 bells and Mr. George Oliver carried out the duties of Ringing Master in his usual efficient manner. The service was conducted by the Vicar of Walsall, Canon A. T. Jenkins, assisted by the curate, the Rev. T. Morgan. In his address Canon Jenkinson stressed the importance of the office of a ringer in proclaiming the Christian message to thousands who were not connected with organised religion. The very nature of such office demanded that ringers should realise their obligations to the Church and be regular in their attendance at Sunday services.

Tea was served in the Blue Coat Schools. In his remarks following tea, the hon. lay secretary requested tower secretaries to impress on their ringers the necessity of turning up for tea if they had sent in their names. The Society had suffered financial loss owing to members failing to attend after ordering tea.

On behalf of the members present, the Rev. C. H. Barker and Mr. George Oliver thanked Canon Jenkins, the Rev. T. Morgan, Mr. W. Walker and his daughter, Mrs. Jones, the members of the Walsall band and the organist of St. Matthew's for their part in making this meeting so successful.

The next meeting of the Society will be at Tamworth on March 29th.

F. C. A. B

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

Kettering District

About 38 members attended the annual meeting of the Kettering District on January 12th at Kettering. The president, the Rev. C. R. Nercock, conducted the service.

Mr. G. E Watson, secretary and treasurer, in his report stated that the general account indicated an increased balance of £4, but support for the Guild Restoration Fund had decreased. Membership at 130 was slightly lower and progress on the whole was satisfactory. He regretted that it was nearly always the same members who attended meetings.

Officers elected were:— President, the Rev. C. R. Nercock; secretary-treasurer, Mr. G. E. Watson; auditor, Mr. S. G. Leasby; Guild Committee, Messrs. L. Teseland and B. Austin; Branch Committee, Mrs. K. Billsen, Messrs. B. Cope, C. Bird and H. Baxter.

Ringing ranged from rounds to Cambridge Surprise. The next meeting will be at Weekley on April 26th.

'THE CLOCK AND BELL'

We have received the first copy of the house magazine of Gillett and Johnston, edited by Mr. A. Patrick Cannon. It is an attractive publication bringing to the notice of readers the various services of the firm and its latest contracts.

Antiquarians interested in foundry marks will note that the firm has adopted a new foundry mark designed by Mr. H. M. Howard and symbolic of the two crafts of bell-founding and clock-making. The new mark reads: 'Gules, three church bells or, a chief embattled argent, at Honour Point a sundial sable.'

Its predecessor, used as a foundry mark only, was derived from the armorial bearings of the late Mr. Cyril F. Johnston. It reads: 'Or, a saltire gules between four church bells sable, on a chief gules three woolpacks or.'

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL

Bristol Rural Branch

Some 113 members and friends met at the Salvation Hotel, Henbury, for the branch's annual supper and social on January 19th. After a sumptuous supper the social evening commenced, highlights being the three Misses White, Mr. Bennett (a literal illusionist), Mr. C. Williams (in crafty-art!) and finishing with dancing. Those present included Mr. J. G. Jefferies (Master), Mr. P. C. Williams (treasurer), Mr. E. Bennett (Bristol City branch secretary) and our own branch officials.

ANNUAL MEETING

Henbury was again the venue—a week later, January 26th—where after an hour's ringing, the service, and a very welcome tea, the business meeting commenced with Mr. C. R. Harding in the chair, the Association Master having declined this honour.

The business included the re-election of Mr. C. R. Harding as branch chairman (now entering his 14th year of office!) by unanimous consent; retirement of Mr. F. Skidmore as Master and the election of Mr. R. Hooper for 1952 Master; retirement of secretary and the election of Mr. F. Scudamore (of Mangotsfield) as the new branch secretary and treasurer. All the officers had optimistic reports of enthusiasm, knowledge gained and of £25 10s. paid into Association funds from the branch accounts.

N. D.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The first meeting of the Society held in 1952 was by kind permission of the Provost and local company of Wakefield Cathedral. Owing to local conditions ringing was allowed from 4 p.m.; a good turn-up ensured the success of the meeting.

Ringing was enjoyed until 7 p.m. when the business meeting was held in the tower. The president (Mr. J. W. Benten) presided and members were present from Armley, Batley, Drighlington, East Ardsley, Guiseley, Headingley St. Michael's, Huddersfield, Kippax, Leeds Parish Church, Ossett, Pudsey, Rothwell, Wakefield, and ringing friends from York, Elland and Brighouse.

Five members of the Wakefield company—Mrs. T. Chadwick, Miss A. White, Messrs. J. H. Kirby, J. E. Kirby and H. Naylor—were elected new members of the Society. The vote of thanks to the Provost, churchwardens and local company was proposed by Mr. T. W. Strangeway and seconded by Mr. L. Drake. Mr. J. H. Kirby acknowledged the thanks and volunteered to convey them to the respective persons.

The next meeting is due to be held on February 23rd.

The secretary introduced the Harold Pailing Memorial Fund and asked for the views of the members. After discussion it was decided to take a collection which totalled £2 8s. 6d.; donations from members not at the meeting increased the total to £3 13s. 6d.

The meeting was then declared closed and further ringing enjoyed until 8.30 p.m.

GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGED

The Editorial Committee gratefully acknowledge the following contributions to meet the added cost of 'The Ringing World':—

Personal.—T Cooper 7s., Yorkshire Association, Eastern District, £2, H. Haynes 2s. 6d., the Rev. C. Jarvis 2s. 6d., M. Hollowell 1s., Copt Oak Spliced Minor Band 12s. 6d., Bert Sutton 2s.

Peals.—Burton-on-Stather 2s., Pitminster 2s. 6d., Newton St. Loe 2s., St. Bride's Major, Glam, 3s., Carlton-juxta-Snaith 3s., Jesmond 1s. 9d.

Quarter peals.—St. Crantock 3s., Steep 3s., Cotton, Suffolk, 3s., Sandhurst 2s. 6d., Wood Green 2s. 6d., Pulborough 2s., Pewsey 3s., Holloway 4s., Hatton 2s. 6d., Silsoe 2s. 6d., Little Missenden 1s. 6d., Lyminster 3s.

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First rung at All Saints', Loughborough, September 22nd, 1951, conducted by Brian G. Warwick.

LATE NOTICES

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, Feb. 16th, Selston. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, Feb. 13th, to Mr. A. L. Rawson, 14, Lindley Street, Selston, Notts. Executive meeting after tea. 263

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Next meeting at Rawtenstall, Saturday, Feb. 16th. Bells from 3. All welcome.—J. Porter. 262

MR. J. BRAY'S 500 PEALS

Mr. J. Bray, of Burton-on-Stather, has completed 500 peals, of which he conducted 230. His list is of special interest, particularly in regard to multi-method performances.

TOWER BELLS

Doubles.—1 to 4 methods, rung 9, (conducted 8).

Minor.—1 to 8 methods 88 (60); 12 to 34 methods 9 (2); 43 to 70 methods 5; 100 methods 1; 102 methods 1; 104 methods 1; 125 methods (9 extents) 1; Cambridge Surprise Minor 7 (3); London Surprise Minor 2 (1); Surprise Minor, 3 methods, 2 (1); Surprise Minor, 7 methods, 1 (1).

Triples.—Grandsire 27 (21); Stedman 12 (8).

Major.—Plain Bob 21 (11); Little Bob 9 (5); Gainsborough Little Bob 1 (1); St. Clement's 4 (2); Double Oxford 1 (1); Double Norwich Court Bob 13 (7); Loughborough Bob 1; Winchester Bob 1 (1); Wymondham Bob 1; Original Bob 1; Kent Treble Bob 15 (8); Oxford Treble Bob 2 (1); Kent and Oxford Treble Bob 6 (5); Spliced in 12 Plain Major methods 1.

Surprise Major.—Cambridge 20 (6); Superlative 9 (3); London 4, Bristol 5; Yorkshire 3 (1); Spliced, 4 methods. 1.

Caters.—Grandsire 3; Stedman 5 (1).

Royal.—Plain Bob 1 (1); Kent Treble Bob 1; Cambridge Surprise 1; Yorkshire Surprise 2.

Cinques.—Stedman 14.

Maximus.—Cambridge 1.

Total.—313 (159).

HANDBELLS

Doubles.—Three methods, rung 2 (conducted 1).

Minor.—Plain Bob 3 (2); 7 to 19 methods 8 (1); 50 to 69 methods 3; 91 methods 1; 105 methods 1.

Triples.—Grandsire 21 (14); St. Clement's 1.

Major.—Plain Bob 45 (20); Little Bob 3; Gainsborough Little Bob 5 (2); Double Bob 5 (1); St. Clement's 2 (2); Double Norwich 5 (1); Double Oxford 1; Kent Treble Bob 9 (5); Hereward Bob 1; Spliced, 2 to 12 methods, 16 (2); Spliced, 17 to 36 methods, 10; Spliced 42 methods, 1; Spliced, 46 methods, 1; Spliced, 50 methods, 1.

Caters.—Grandsire 15 (9); Stedman 1.

Royal.—Plain Bob 17 (8); Little Bob 1; Plain Bob, 2 methods, 2 (1).

Cinques.—Grandsire 2 (1); Stedman 1.

Maximus.—Plain Bob 2 (1); Maximus, 2 methods, 1.

Total.—187 (71).

THE SOUTH AFRICAN PEAL

Raw, Blistered Hands and Swollen Feet

In 'The Ringing World' of January 18th we published a record of a peal of Grandsire Doubles rung at Woodstock, South Africa, on December 27th.

The following story of the peal that appeared in 'The Sunday Tribune,' South Africa, will be read with interest by English peal ringers:—

'Six men in Cape Town have raw, blistered hands because on Thursday night they stood for three hours in the ringing chamber of St. Mary's Church. Woodstock, and rang a peal of 5 040 changes for the first time in Africa since 1908.

'The ropes of the bells passed through each pair of hands 5,040 times. The men could not wear gloves because the wearing of gloves is a breach of bell-ringing etiquette. All were exhausted after their tremendous effort; their feet swelled and by the end of the peal one man was ringing in his bare feet.

'"This is only the third time that a real peal has been rung on the entire continent of Africa," said Mr. Robert Stickley, of Napier Street, Woodstock, who was the conductor. "The peal was one of Grandsire Doubles. Six bells were used weighing a total of 6 140 lb. We started at about 7.50 p.m. and finished at about 10.45 p.m."'

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Peak District Annual Meeting

The eight bells at St. Helen's, Darley Dale, were made good use of at the annual meeting of the Peak District on January 19th. Tea in the Church Schools was shared with the Sunday School party.

The Rector (the Rev. R. J. Stanford), an honorary member of the Society, presided at the business meeting and welcomed the visitors.

The secretary gave a brief review of the year's activities and stated that membership had been maintained but that there was room for a better attendance of the local ringers at some of the towers visited. Matters of interest discussed included the dates of the monthly meetings to give a better opportunity of arranging a few peals. At the election of officers Mr. D. Scott, of Darley Dale, was re-elected secretary; Mr. A. Richardson, of Buxton, chairman, Mrs. A. Richardson and Mr. H. E. Taylor members of the Committee; Mr. G. H. Paulson was appointed Ringing Master. Mr. and Mrs. R. Bullen (late of Ely), who are now residing at Matlock, were made members of the Society and the District is looking forward to Mr. Bullen being a very needed help in the District.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Mid-Devon Branch at Teignmouth

The Mid-Devon Branch held its annual meeting at St. Michael's, Teignmouth, on January 26th when visitors attended from London, Exmouth, Exeter, Kenn, Teignmouth, Newton Abbot, Paignton, Totnes and Buckfastleigh. The president (the Rev. Preb. E. V. Cox) and the general secretary (Mr. E. J. Taylor) were also present.

The bells were well utilised during the afternoon and the service was conducted by the Rev. N. F. D. Coleridge, of Newton Abbot, who gave a short and interesting address.

After an excellent tea the usual business meeting followed with Mr. J. E. Lilley in the chair. Two new members were elected, viz., Captain A. R. Povntz, of Shaldon, and Mr. Michael Heath, of Totnes.

The secretary's report showed among other activities that several new members had been elected and that six peals in various Major methods had been rung in the branch. The treasurer's report was also produced and adopted, this showing an increased balance in hand in the General Fund.

The following officers were elected:—Chairman and Ringing Master, Mr. J. F. Lilley; secretary and treasurer, Mr A. L. Bennett; assistant secretary, Mr. W. J. Harvey; auditor, Mr. E. M. Atkins; and three members to serve on the general committee—Messrs. E. M. Atkins, C. F. Austin and W. C. Wakley

In accordance with the 1952 programme, the next quarterly meeting is due to take place at Cornworthy and Dittisham on April 19th, subject to the usual permission being obtained.

Arising out of a discussion it was resolved to send a donation to the fund which is being organised of behalf of the family of a Midland ringer who was recently killed by accident in his own tower.

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicars of St. Michael's and St. James', the Rev. N. F. D. Coleridge, Mr. J. W. M. Price (organist), Mr. E. M. Atkins (for making the arrangements) and to the branch secretary for his work during the past year. Further ringing took place at St. James' in the evening.

A. L. B.

IRISH NEWS

Thirty-two resident members of the Irish Association scored peals during 1951. There were 12 first peals and six conductors.

Visitors to Belfast have noted the bell at the ticket barrier at the G.N.R. Station, Great Victoria Street. It fell off its headstock recently and broke in pieces.

NOTICES

Scale of Charges

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THE PASSING

RINGERS by their vocation are very close to the heart of the Nation. To the majority of us this week has fallen the melancholy task of proclaiming to the people the passing of King George VI. It is our responsibility to give an audible expression of the Nation's sorrow. We look back over the past 16 years of the King's reign with a sense of thankfulness to the leadership he gave the Empire in a period of unparalleled difficulty. His death, so unexpectedly, leaves a blank difficult to fill. He gave to this country two things in particular—a sense of courage in adversity and an unshaken belief in the divine hand of God. There were many examples in his broadcasts, but one we will quote again given in the blackest days of the last war: 'Let us go forward as one man, a smile on our lips and our heads held high and with God's help we shall not fail.' Those words are equally applicable to-day.

The sympathy of Church Bell Ringers throughout the land has been expressed in a telegram sent to Buckingham Palace by Mr. G. W. Fletcher, secretary of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, and a gracious acknowledgment has been received. Every man and woman in the land and the Commonwealth is conscious of a personal loss; since Wednesday, February 6th, a quiet and reverent Nation has gone about its normal avocations with a feeling of gratitude to one who, though neither born nor trained to be King, was called upon to ascend the Throne under circumstances which must have been particularly painful to him. His strong sense of duty and the assiduous manner in which he attended to the affairs of State won for him a place of deep affection in all hearts.

We also think of our King and gracious Queen as those who delighted in knowing and understanding our people. At times we ringers feel that we are the unseen section of the community and, providing the bells are rung, we do not enter into the general picture of things. There were, however, times when ringers were brought into close contact with the Royal Family. There was a memorable occasion at Chester when the ringers were introduced, and also quite recently when the Queen deputised for the King in a visit to Manchester. Her Majesty went out of her way to chat to the ringers. Probably other tower captains can remind us of similar incidents.

On such occasions as this the question is naturally asked what is the correct procedure—should the bells be rung half muffled or fully muffled? At the passing of King George V. there was no measure of agreement and more than one writer made a request to 'The Ringing World' for a ruling from the Central Council on the subject. A school of thought then advocated that for the passing of the King the bells should be rung fully muffled and for other personages half muffled. While we at Guildford do not in any sense wish to give the correct interpretation of the procedure to be adopted, our observation took this form. On the day of the King's death and on every other day before the funeral, except for the day of the Proclamation of Queen Elizabeth II., the knell was tolled on the tenor at noon. On the evening of the day of the King's death the bells were rung fully muffled to touches of Stedman with the exception of the tenor, which was half muffled. This was followed by the 'whole pull and stand' for the late King's age. The same procedure it is proposed to adopt for the memorial service.

The late Mr. J. Armiger Trollope, who in many respects was an authority on matters of procedure, when approached for his opinion as to whether ringing should be half or fully muffled, said there was no way more correct than another; the only question was which sounds the best. He added, 'Probably the most effective is to ring the "whole pull and stand" half muffled very slowly, with a whole pull on the tenor alone between each change and varying the order in which the bells are rung. To do this properly you would want a good band. When changes are rung either in touches or peals, half muffled is infinitely superior to fully muffled, but quick ringing ruins the effect, and Major is preferable to Triples. . . . The tolled bell is the only official way of commemorating Royalty. Fully muffled ringing is not much more than 200 years old and half muffled considerably less.'

Whether the ringing adopted in your tower is half muffled or fully muffled, we sincerely trust that every band in the country will recognise its special responsibility and ring on the day of the funeral and at any local memorial service that will be arranged. The clergy and the public expect it of us and also there is our own personal desire to be associated with the Nation in the tribute to one who was held in such affection by us all.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Tues., Feb. 5, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5280 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	*Treble*	HENRY H. FEARN	7
*CLAUDIA A. HARDING	2	*WILFRID F. MORETON	8
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	3	*JOHN WORTH	9
ALBERT WALKER	4	*JOHN R. MAYNE	10
*FRED DUNKERLEY	5	GEORGE E. FEARN	11
*FRANK E. HAYNES	6	*EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON. Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.
* First peal of Pudsey Surprise Maximus.

TEN BELL PEALS

DERBY.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 26, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, LITCHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

DENIS R. CARLISLE	*Treble*	*SAMPSON WALKLATE	6
MARK BARKER	2	HAROLD MARCON	7
EDWARD F. GOBEY	3	ALBERT E. THOMPSON	8
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	4	HAROLD TAYLOR	9
PHILIP WHITAKER	5	FRANCIS R. LOWE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
* First peal of Surprise. A farewell peal for the Vicar, the Rev. T. Parfitt, M.A., who is leaving for Madagascar, having been consecrated to the Bishopric.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Hinckley District.)
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE,
A PEAL OF 5017 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt.

FRANK K. MEASURES	*Treble*	*ALLEN HOUGH	6
*EDWARD A. SOWMAN	2	WILLIAM A. WOOD	7
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Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by FRANK K. MEASURES.
* First peal on ten bells. First peal on ten as conductor. First peal ever rung on ten bells by all-Hinckley District band. A compliment to Mr. E. C. Turner on the birth of a grandson.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

JAMES A. MILNER	*Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS	6
*BASIL JONES	2	JOHN WORTH	7
FRED DUNKERLEY	3	WILFRED STEVENSON	8
NEIL D. LOMAS	4	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	9
ANNE WORTH	5	PETER LAFLIN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. KENNETH LEWIS. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
* First peal of Cambridge Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Jan. 17, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 ACTON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

ERNEST H. KILBY	*Treble*	LEONARD H. BOWLER	5
RICHARD F. B. SPEED	2	THOMAS J. LOCK	6
ANNE B. STOCKDALE	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
ALICK CUTLER	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.
This is the first peal ever rung in the method.

WORCESTER.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 26, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15½ cwt.

*WILLIAM RANFORD	*Treble*	WILLIAM LEWIS	5
REGINALD WOODYATT	2	ALBERT E. HUMPHRIES	6
SIDNEY T. HOLT	3	CHARLES CAMM	7
THOMAS W. LEWIS	4	CYRIL TANSELL	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.
* 500th peal.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Jan. 31, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 WARNHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER	*Treble*	LEONARD H. BOWLER	5
THOMAS H. FRANCIS	2	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	6
ANNE B. STOCKDALE	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
ALICK CUTLER	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS	*Tenor*

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED. Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.
First peal in the method by all the band and for the Association.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 1, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

JOHN E. ALLEN	*Treble*	CYRIL WANDER	5
STANLEY E. BENNETT	2	AUBREY D. MILLS	6
HAROLD BARSLEY	3	HORACE BENNETT	7
BERNARD H. DALTON	4	JOHN G. AMES	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JOHN G. AMES.
Rung in honour of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Jack H. Wayman, and grandson of the late Rupert and Mrs. Richardson, of Surfleet.

BIRSTALL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E.

*FRANK POPPLEWELL	*Treble*	†LESLIE BOUMPHREY	5
ERNEST H. SIMPSON	2	ERNEST B. BETTS	6
VERNON BOTTOMLEY	3	ROY BETTLEY-COOK	7
EDWARD JENKINS	4	FRED HODGSON	*Tenor*

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Yorkshire. Arranged and rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Mary Shearsmith, of Pudsey.

BOWDON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in F sharp.

JEAN C. BROWN	*Treble*	ROY BROOME	5
*RUTH JACKSON	2	ALAN N. BROWN	6
STELLA WAIN	3	ALAN J. BROWN	7
DOUGLAS KIRKPATRICK	4	DAVID VINCENT	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ALAN J. BROWN.
* First peal. A 17th birthday compliment to Miss Ann P. Brown.

BRENCHLEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt.

*BETTY M. VIDLER	*Treble*	BENJAMIN F. BAKER	5
FREDERICK S. MACEY	2	REGINALD E. LAMBERT	6
THOMAS E. SONE	3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT	7
FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN.	4	S. GEOFFREY WATERS	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
* First peal on eight bells. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memoriam of the Rev. Sir Henry Fitzmaurice, the beloved Vicar of Brenchley.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21½ cwt. in E.

William J. Button	*Treble*	Leslie G. Brett	5
George A. Fleming	2	Walter W. Miller	6
George W. Pipe	3	Albert E. Whiting	7
Frank L. Fisher	4	Cecil W. Pipe	*Tenor*

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley. Conducted by George W. Pipe.
First touch in the method as conductor.

DUNSTABLE, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
At the Priory Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt.

*Joan Newman	*Treble*	*Denis Knox	5
James G. Newman	2	Andrew C. Sinfield	6
*John Sinfield	3	Arthur E. Sharman	7
Ronald J. Sharp	4	Lewis Bywaters	*Tenor*

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Arthur E. Sharman.
* First peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

FULBOURN, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Vigor and All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5120 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

E. C. Bates (Caius)	*Treble*	R. D. Edge (Queens')	5
Miss G. A. Smith (Newn.)	2	A. R. Guy (Jesus)	6
E. J. Lindley (Trinity)	3	C. M. P. Johnson (Selw.)	7
F. E. Roberts (Selwyn)	4	P. A. F. Chalk (Selwyn)	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by Edwin J. Lindley.

HEAVITREE, EXETER, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 26 cwt.

Mrs. E. S. Powell	*Treble*	Reginald Beale	5
Renate Buchthal	2	Frederick Wreford	6
E. Maurice Atkins	3	Rev. J. G. M. Scott	7
William Howe	4	Jack W. Drew	*Tenor*

Composed by Rev. E. S. Powell. Conducted by Jack W. Drew.
Rung on the Feast of the Purification.

HEPTONSTALL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
At the Church of St. Thomas a Becket,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in E.

*Margaret E. Jackson	*Treble*	Peter E. Parry	5
Philip P. Carter	2	Derek Ogden	6
†Brian H. Wood	3	Brian Harris	7
Eric Nixon	4	Wilfred L. Robinson	*Tenor*

Conducted by Philip P. Carter.
* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal as conductor.

HOOK NORTON, OXON.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 20½ cwt.

Francis J. Powell	*Treble*	Frederick Kinchin	5
William Male	2	Harold Huxley	6
Frederick C. Lyne	3	C. Arthur Manning	7
William Collett	4	Ernest H. Bosworth	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. Arthur Manning.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8¾ cwt.

Gordon Clarke	*Treble*	George A. Andrews	5
George N. Orman	2	Edward E. Davey	6
Edward B. Smith	3	Ronald G. Bugg	7
*Urban W. Wildney	4	Alan R. Andrews	*Tenor*

Composed by Sir Arthur Heywood. Conducted by Alan R. Andrews.
* 100th peal for Essex Association. The first peal in the method by all the band and on the bells.

OVERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Matthew,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. in A flat.

Joseph Wm. Cotton	*Treble*	Francis R. Lowe	5
*Roland Beniston	2	Harold Taylor	6
*Albert E. Thompson	3	Sidney H. Jones	7
John Underwood	4	Walter P. Whitehead	*Tenor*

Composed by Ernest Morris. Conducted by Walter P. Whitehead.
* First peal of Bristol Surprise Major. This composition is now rung for the first time.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.
THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 lb. in F.

*Edward J. Jenner	*Treble*	Bernard V. Collison	5
Ernest J. Ladd	2	Doris E. Colgate	6
Albert Relfe	3	†John O. Weller	7
Charles A. Bassett	4	Robert Collins	*Tenor*

Composed by G. H. Cross. Conducted by Robert Collins.
* First peal in the method. † 150th peal. First peal as conductor on eight bells. Rung for the institution and induction of the new Vicar, the Rev. H. R. Ward.

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Bruerton's Twelve-part. Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in E.

*Douglas Lentell	*Treble*	†David North	5
Douglas Bellamy	2	Cyril Stevens	6
†Geoffrey Gammon	3	Gordon Walford	7
†William Slocombe	4	†Albert Hawkins	*Tenor*

Conducted by David North.
* First peal away from the tenor. † First peal on eight bells. First peal on the recast bells. All members of the local service band.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Feb. 3, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
At the Church of the Annunciation of the B.V.M.,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18½ cwt.

*Bernard Sadler	*Treble*	Victor W. Grimwade	5
Ernest W. Furbank	2	*Philip Sadler	6
William S. May	3	Frank B. Lufkin	7
Frank C. May	4	Gerald Frost	*Tenor*

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
* First peal of Double Norwich.

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EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(Southern Branch.)
On Wed., Feb., 6, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes*,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observat on). Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*BRENDA M. SMITH	*Treble*	WILFRED J. NEWMAN	5
CLIFFORD J. DARKE	2	CHARLES N. EDWIN	6
R. ROGER SAVORY	3	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	7
GERALD C. HEMMING	4	REGINALD W. KYTE	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY J. HEMMING.

* First peal. Rung half-muffled in memory of Philip Thomas Mills, ringer and chorister at this church.

COLEORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Thurs., Feb. 7, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes*,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Ten-part. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

WALTER G. SOAR	*Treble*	†JOSEPH W. COTTON	5
ERNEST MORRIS	2	JOHN UNDERWOOD	6
*PETER MARRIOTT	3	ROLAND BENISTON	7
WM. F. WOODWARD	4	SIDNEY H. JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

* First peal in the method. † 250th peal. First peal in method as conductor. In memoriam King George VI.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

NEWTON-ST.-LOE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 26, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes*,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being sixteen 240's (four Pitman's, four Morris's and eight Lindoff's) and ten 120's, 26 different callings. Tenor 11½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. TOVEY	*Treble*	†LESLIE R. G. TAYLOR	4
*MRS. H. L. PARFREY	2	HAROLD L. PARFREY	5
†SIDNEY G. KING	3	‡CEDRIC J. A. BROWN (15)	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD L. PARFREY.

* First peal of Grandsire Doubles. † First peal of Doubles and first peal 'inside.' ‡ First peal.

Rung for the induction of the Rev. J. W. Tunwell to the parish of Newton-St.-Loe, to be held in plurality with his present parish of Corston, and also on his election of chairman of the Bath Branch of the above Association.

FELKIRK, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Barnsley District Society.)
On Sun., Jan. 27, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours*,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In ten methods: (1) College Exercise, Norbury and Duke of Norfolk, (2) St. Albans, (3) Neasden, (4) Wragby, (5) Kingston, (6) London Scholars Pleasure, (7) Sandal and Oxford. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIE GREEN	*Treble*	*HERMAN RUSBY	4
HAROLD CHANT	2	*NOEL F. MOXON	5
*FRED COWLING	3	DANIEL SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by DANIEL SMITH.

* First peal in more than seven methods. Rung in honour of the diamond wedding of Mr. and Mrs. H. Smith, of Ruardean Hill, near Drybrook, Gloucestershire (parents of the conductor). They were married at Holy Trinity Church, Drybrook, on January 9th, 1892.

HUNTINGDON.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 1, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes*,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

*MICHAEL J. DYER (14)	*Treble*	R. FRANK BAKER	4
FRANK WARRINGTON	2	HAROLD S. PEACOCK	5
CYRIL J. YOUNG	3	STANLEY GILBERT	*Tenor*

Conducted by STANLEY GILBERT.

* First peal. A compliment to the Rev. J. M. E. Bagley on completion of six years as Rector of this church.

BLACKWELL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes*,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

*MARION BRADLEY	*Treble*	ALBERT WHEELER	4
JOAN SMITH	2	FRANK BRADLEY	5
ARTHUR SMITHSON	3	WILFRED RILEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK BRADLEY.

* First peal. First peal of Plain Bob on the bells.

HALSALL, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes*,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Rev. Bankes James' arrangement. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in A flat.

WILLIAM PILKINGTON	*Treble*	WILFRED CORE	4
MARGARET RIDYARD	2	CUTHBERT ACKERS	5
ARTHUR MAWDSLEY	3	*RONALD KENRICK	*Tenor*

Conducted by RONALD KENRICK.

* 100th peal.

HARLAXTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Southern Branch.)
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes*,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.).

*FREDK. WM. PINCHBECK	*Treble*	FREDK. S. PARSONS	4
GEORGE WM. CREASEY	2	JAMES H. MUSSON	5
DENIS A. FRITH	3	H. REGINALD WOODS	*Tenor*

Conducted by H. REGINALD WOODS.

* First peal of Minor in three methods. First peal of Minor as conductor.

KINGS BROMLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes*,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

CLIVE M. SMITH	*Treble*	JOAN BERESFORD	4
PETER BERESFORD	2	WALTER J. COPE	5
DENNIS BERESFORD	3	GEORGE E. OLIVER	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. OLIVER.

First peal of London Surprise Minor by all the band, on the bells and for the Society.

NORTH KILWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes*,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being thirty 120's (ten callings) and six 240's (two each of C.C.C. Nos. 11, 12 and 13). Tenor 11¼ cwt.

COLIN N. BENNETT	*Treble*	*JOSEPH S. HAYNES	3
PETER J. THOMAS	2	DENIS H. ALLSOPP	4
*KENNETH H. ROWLANDS	*Tenor*		

Conducted by PETER J. THOMAS.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. This is the first peal on the bells by the local Sunday service band. Rung for the purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

RIPPLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours*,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's. Tenor 13 cwt.

*KENNETH SPIERS	*Treble*	†CHARLES HAYLINGS	4
R. GEORGE MORRIS	2	R. WOODYATT	5
C. TANSELL	3	JACK ROBERTS	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. TANSELL.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor 'inside.' Mr. Jack Roberts has 'circled' the tower.

SNODLAND, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being one 240 of Morris's and 40 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

*MRS. L. C. WELLS	*Treble*	VICTOR A. JARRETT	4
FRANCIS J. CHEAL	2	CYRIL S. JARRETT	5
†LEONARD C. WELLS	3	ALBERT GREEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL S. JARRETT.
* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal of Doubles as conductor.

WICKHAM MARKET, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In five methods, viz., Cambridge Surprise, Oxford, Kent, Double Court and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

A. CUTHBERT	*Treble*	A. LING	4
G. BERRY	2	N. HALL	5
A. SMITH	3	J. PREASTNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. PREASTNER.
A 70th birthday compliment to Mr. G. Berry.

BRITFORD, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Feb. 3, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being five different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. in A flat.

*JAMES LEWIS	*Treble*	RONALD N. MARLOW	4
HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS	2	LESLIE A. PAGE	5
†MARGARET R. PAGE	3	JACK MUSSELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal. First peal of Minor as conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS

WARWICK.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Jan. 17, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT 21, THE BUTTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 12 extents (four callings) of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire (ten callings). Tenor 3½in. diameter in A flat.

WILLIAM H. MALE	1-2-3-4	THOMAS MALE	5-6

Conducted by WILLIAM H. MALE.
First peal 'in hand' by both ringers.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Wed., Jan. 23, 1952, *in* 1 *Hour and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT SALTLEY COLLEGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor size 14 in D.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	1-2	WILFRID F. MORETON	3-4
		*BRIAN R. SUTTON	5-6

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First peal of Minor on handbells.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Jan. 27, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT 22, YORK STREET, REDFIELD.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

ERIC SUTTON	1-2	REGINALD G. HOOPER	5-6
FREDK. J. SAMPSON	3-4	JOHN F. PEDLER	7-8

Composed by G. BENNETT. Conducted by JOHN F. PEDLER.
Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter (Victoria Jennifer) to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Davey (née Bennett) on January 22nd.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Jan. 28, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 16 in B.

JOHN R. MAYNE	1-2	WILFRID F. MORETON	5-6
*SHIRLEY V. RYMER	3-4	BRIAN R. SUTTON	7-8

Composed by FREDK. DENCH. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First peal of Major on handbells.



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BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Wed., Jan. 30, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 16 in B.

JOHN R. MAYNE	1-2	WILFRID F. MORETON ..	5-6
*J. MARTIN THORLEY	3-4	BRIAN G. WARWICK	7-8
GEORGE E. FEARN	9-10		

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First peal of Royal on an 'inside' pair.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.
THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Jan. 30, 1952, *in* 1 *Hour and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE GUILD OF UNDERGRADUATES UNION,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven independent extents. Tenor size 16 in B.

*PETER C. RIDGWAY	1-2	JOHN R. MAYNE	3-4
HARRY POYNER	5-6		

Conducted by HARRY POYNER.
* First handbell peal.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 1, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT TRENTWOOD,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MAJOR
Comprising eight methods: Wellington Little Court, Gainsborough Little Bob, Little Bob, Reverse Bob, Double Bob, Plain Bob, Crayford College and St. Clement's; 246 changes of method.
Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY	1-2	JACK BRAY	5-6
GEORGE E. FEIRN	3-4	*FRANK PRICE	7-8

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.
* First spliced peal 'in hand.'

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1952, *in* 1 *Hour and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT 38, SWALEDALE AVENUE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being eighteen 120's of Grandsire and twenty-four 120's of Plain Bob.
Tenor size 14 in D.

MICHAEL P. MORETON ..	1-2	ROLAND PARK	3-4
THOMAS COOKE	5-6		

Conducted by ROLAND PARK. Witness: IRENE PARK.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT HERTFORD COLLEGE,
A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C.

*ROBIN G. TURNER	1-2	WILLIAM L. B. LEESE	5-6
*MICHAEL SLANEY	3-4	WILFRID F. MORETON ..	7-8
*PETER BORDER	9-10		

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First peal of Kent Royal on handbells.

LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sun., Feb. 3, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT 35, MARKET STREET,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 17 in A.

*PETER BERESFORD	1-2	†GEORGE E. OLIVER	5-6
†JOAN BERESFORD	3-4	*DENNIS BERESFORD	7-8

Composed by H. HOWLETT. Conducted by DENNIS BERESFORD.
* 50th peal together. † 50th peal together.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Feb. 4, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT BRITANNIC,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED MAJOR
Consisting of 12 methods: Colville, Romsey, Cheltenham, Leamington, Pulford, Avalon, Painswick, Kidlington, Double Oxford, Double Norwich, St. Clement's and Crayford College; 317 changes of method.
Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY	1-2	JACK BRAY	5-6
GEORGE E. FEIRN	3-4	PHILIP BARNES	7-8

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

RISLEY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Feb. 6, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT 85, DERBY ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 11 in F.

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ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Bourne Surprise Minor: R. Steward 1, D. A. Woodard 2, R. E. Lester 3, D. A. Collins 4, Max P. Page (cond.) 5, G. Page 6.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCS.—On Feb. 3rd, at St. Peter's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. A. Carter 1, W. Harrison 2, Miss P. S. Gatty (first quarter 'inside') 3, R. H. Wimpenny 4, J. B. Robinson 5, R. M. Edwards 6, D. Ogden (cond.) 7, B. Redfern 8.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Jan. 27th, 1,264 Bob Major: A. Allen 1, F. W. Rishworth 2, J. L. Gray 3, A. Short 4, A. Rainey 5, H. Dickens 6, G. Davis (cond.) 7, E. J. Franklin 8. First quarter in the method for 1 and 6. Rung in honour of the Patronal Festival.

BALLARAT, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA.—On Jan. 27th, at St. Peter's, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Wilson (first quarter) 1, R. Nogare 2, P. Cooper (cond.) 3, G. W. Heyes (first quarter 'inside) 4, W. Wilson 5, G. Waldron (first quarter) 6. First quarter on the bells after 36 years' silence. Also on Jan. 28th, at City Hall, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: T. Wilson 1, G. Heyes 2, W. Wilson 3, R. Nogare 4, P. Cooper (cond.) 5, G. Waldron 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam to William A. Calley, retired captain of City Hall Bellringers' Society.

CARDIFF, GLAM.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: L. Muller 1, Mrs. A. R. Price 2, W. Prosser 3, F. Hannington 4, J. Davies 5, J. Evans 6, F. Rowsell 7, A. R. Price (first quarter of Caters as cond.) 8, T. Yeoman 9, S. R. Barker 10.

CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Court Bob Triples: Joy Gumbrill (first of Triples) 1, F. Lewis (first 'inside' in method) 2, J. T. Finey 3, E. Winifred Keys 4, W. G. Challen 5, R. G. Blackman 6, P. R. Blackman (cond.) 7, H. F. Dunford 8.

CHINNOR, OXFORD.—On Jan. 14th, 1,260 Doubles: Miss June Lovell 1, W. Clarke 2, Aubrey Seymour (cond.) 3, M. J. Clarke 4, P. Harman 5, T. Wallington (aged 76) 6. Rung as silver wedding compliment to the parents of the ringer of the 4th.

CONGRESBURY, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. Westlake 1, E. Shearn 2, Miss M. Legg 3, H. W. Knight 4, E. Standen 5, L. Derrick 6, G. Prescott (cond.) 7, E. Fisher 8. First quarter of Stedman Triples for 1 and 5.

QUARTER PEALS

COWLEY, OXON.—On Jan. 31st, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: E. G. Moore 1, W. F. Holloway 2, D. O. Wilks 3, C. Coles 4, E. J. Smith 5, A. R. Pink (cond.) 6. Rung for 13th anniversary of the institution of the Rev. A. G. Whye.

DARTFORD, KENT.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Betty Allen (first quarter) 1, H. Hoverd 2, F. Walker 3, K. Noye (first quarter) 4, H. Audsley 5, W. Lemon 6, R. G. Rayfield (cond.) 7, G. Huckstep 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Kathleen Panis.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—At St. Mary's, on Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Evans (first quarter) 1, E. Gower 2, L. Baldock 3, R. W. R. Percy 4, H. G. F. Reynolds 5, J. W. Rollison 6, R. W. Pankhurst (cond.) 7, P. H. Rollison 8. For Patronal Festival.

EGHAM, SURREY.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. D. E. Knowles (first quarter) 1, L. U. C. Knowles 2, F. G. Fairhead 3, Mrs. D. Hiscock 4, E. W. Butler 5, N. Summerhayes 6, W. A. Peck (cond.) 7, M. W. Harbott 8. In honour of the 21st birthday of Mr. L. U. C. Knowles.

GODMANCHESTER, HUNTS.—On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Bob Triples: T. Howes 1, F. Warrington (cond.) 2, W. Ransom 3, R. F. Baker 4, A. Clements 5, H. S. Peacock 6, S. Gilbert 7, J. Witney 8.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Jan. 27th, 1,320 Ipswich Surprise: G. L. Perkins 1, F. Warrington (cond.) 2, F. R. Nicholls 3, W. Ransom 4, A. Clements 5, H. S. Peacock 6. First quarter in method on the bells, by all the band and in the county. Also on Feb. 3rd, 1,272 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. R. G. Spicer 1, F. Warrington (cond.) 2, A. Clements 3, G. Perkins 4, F. L. Nicholls 5, H. S. Peacock 6.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Jan. 27th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: D. Salisbury 1, J. Cornford 2, J. Carrott 3, J. G. Richardson (first in method) 4, C. E. Wright 5, S. Penfold 6, T. East 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8.

HUNTINGDON.—On Feb. 3rd, at All Saints', 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: M. J. Dyer 1, H. B. Bull 2, J. R. G. Spicer 3, C. J. Young 4, H. S. Peacock 5, S. Gilbert (cond.) 6.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.—At the Church of St. Lawrence, on Dec. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (360 St. Martin's, 360 St. Simon's, 540 Plain Bob): S. Arbon 1, D. A. Woodward 2, Max P. Page (cond.) 3, C. G. Shemming 4, G. R. Page 5. Rung half-muffled for the passing of the old year.

KINGSBURY, WARWICKS.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Basford 1, K. Lane 2, L. Wood (first 'inside') 3, W. Lane 4, G. Lane (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled in memory of Margaret Turner, aged 29.

LITTLE BADDOW, ESSEX.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (360 Winchendon Place Bob, 360 St. Simon's, 540 Plain Bob): Miss M. Shearmur (first of Doubles) 1, R. Gardiner 2, J. E. G. Roast (cond.) 3, P. J. Came 4, J. West 5.

LUDGVAN, CORNWALL.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret Grenfell (first quarter) 1, Mrs. A. S. Roberts 2, Miss E. Symons 3, Rev. A. S. Roberts (cond.) 4, H. Taysom 5, G. W. Taysom 6. Rung on the Feast of the Purification.

NEWINGTON-NEXT-FOLKESTONE, KENT.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Soles 1, M. J. Martin 2, G. F. Gray 3, E. J. Walker 4, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 5, T. J. Wilson 6. Rung in honour of the dedication of the alterations to the war memorial.

PADBURY, BUCKS.—On Feb. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. H. Yates 1, Miss D. Spokes (first quarter 'inside') 2, W. Yates (cond.) 3, C. Gough 4, G. W. Holland 5, Miss M. Coleman 6.

SANDHURST, BERKS.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): Miss S. Revell (first quarter, aged 13) 1, W. J. Parker (cond.) 2, Mrs. F. Wilcox 3, J. A. Parker 4, A. Arlott 5, S. Cripps (first quarter) 6.

WISBECH, CAMBS.—On Feb. 5th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: G. Duffield 1, Miss M. Longbottom 2, S. Haw 3, T. Bevis 4, Miss M. Whitlock 5, Miss W. M. Elliott 6, F. Moyes 7, F. Wigmore (cond.) 8, W. Storey 9, H. M. Perkins 10. First quarter of Caters by 4, 6 and 10.

WOLVEY, WARWICKS.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Willis 1, F. A. Elson (first quarter in method) 2, J. Taylor 3, W. Thorpe 4, J. H. Beale 5, J. Hood 6. A silver wedding compliment to the ringer of the 4th, and a golden wedding compliment to Mr. P. Toone, churchwarden for 28 years.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Salisbury Branch

The annual meeting of the Branch was held at St. Paul's, Salisbury, on February 2nd, 40 members and visitors being present from 18 different towers.

The secretary and treasurer (Miss Y. Eloie) presented the accounts for the year, showing a balance carried forward of £21 15s. 1d., a slight increase on the last year. Six towers had been visited during the year for meetings and practice. Guild certificates for proficiency had been gained by eight members, and two peals had been scored in the Branch.

The chairman (Mr. H. A. Roles) spoke of the need of increasing co-operation between the ringers and the clergy, saying that he had found in his experience that if the ringers tried to fall in with the wishes of the incumbent, he in turn stood by his ringers and co-operated with them. He also referred to the marriage during the year of Mr. Frank Harris and Miss Jean Brown, to the recording of Sarum St. Thomas' bells and to the rehanging of Broadchalke and Donhead St. Mary bells.

The Branch officers were re-elected:—H. A. Roles, chairman; W. Chalke, vice-chairman; Miss Y. Eloie, secretary and treasurer; H. Roles, J. Mussell and H. Abrahams, Ringing Masters; C. Haines and A. Haines were elected to the committee. Seven new ringing members were elected including Raymond Haines, aged seven, of Wilton.

The business meeting was preceded by the Guild's service in St. Paul's Church, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. N. Ashenden), who gave an address on variety in unity—different members of the body working together.

The bells at St. Paul's were kept going during the afternoon and evening, and St. Thomas' and South Newton also in the evening, from rounds and standard methods to Double Norwich and some Cambridge, Bristol and London.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION

Presentation to Retiring Chairman

In spite of bad weather conditions which prevented, amongst others, the Ringing Master from attending, there was a good attendance at the annual meeting of the Ilchester and Merston Branch held at Martock on January 26th. Proceedings commenced earlier than usual to enable the retiring chairman, Preb. G. W. Saunders, to get to his new home near Bridport.

The Association service was conducted by Preb. Saunders assisted by the Vicar of Stoke-under-Ham, the Rev. Douglas Ballard. Mr. Shepherd was the organist.

The first business of the meeting was a presentation to Preb. Saunders to commemorate his 32 years in office This consisted of a specially- and beautifully-bound copy of the 'Bells of All Nations,' by Mr. Ernest Morris.

The new Vicar of Martock, the Rev. L. E. Walsh (a ringer), was elected chairman; other officers re-elected were: Mr. T. Setter, vice-chairman; Mr. F. Farrant, secretary; and Mr. W. H. Poole, Ringing Master. Somerton and Stoke-under-Ham were places chosen for the year's meetings. Several new members were elected from Somerton, Martock, West Coker and Haselbury Plucknett.

After tea, which followed the meeting, the bells were kept going until 9 p.m. F. F.

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Special ringing at St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Dallington, in addition to ringing for matins and evensong, includes:—

Ringing in the New Year.

Easter: 6.30—7 a.m. and after communicating for 8 a.m. communion; also after evensong.

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Christmas: 11.15—11.45 p.m., 6.30—7 a.m. and 10.30—11 a.m.

Ringing out the Old Year (half-muffled).

In addition five quarter peals and one peal (one peal lost after 41 120's owing to rope breaking) were achieved by the local band.

E. N.

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(Beginners sometimes here find sorrow!)
Well, first the ear will tell the sound
To make you instantly glance round
And check with eye, 'gainst falling rope,
The stroke you're making. In the hope
That you may progress towards this end
Some 'covering' practice best may trend.

So, while a steady pull you keep
Behind all others, list! And peep!
Thus find each new, successive bell;
But listen hard, to cover well.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Llandaff Cathedral bells have been removed by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank to be tuned, quarter turned and rehung. These bells have not been rung since the disastrous blitz of 1941, when the tower was rendered unsafe for ringing. A large team of young people is now learning to ring at the local parish church of St. John.

The meeting of the Winchester District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild at Hursley has been postponed to February 23rd.

Mr. Arthur V. Pearson informs us that the asterisk against his name in the peal of Lincolnshire Surprise Major at Lye on January 16th, should read '100th peal of Surprise Major.'

London ringers visiting Leeds for the Chelsea v. Leeds United cup-tie will be welcomed at the Leeds Society's meeting at St. Chad's, Headingley.

Mr. Charles Haylings has completed 25 years as sexton and clerk at St. Mary's, Ripple, Worcs.

The rings of six at Tywardreath and Lelant, Cornwall, have been removed from the towers and sent to Loughborough prior to being rehung by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co.

Great pleasure was given to the band who rang the quarter peal at Dartford, Kent, to have Mr. Harry Hoverd back with them after two years' illness.

His many friends in the Exercise will join the All Saints', Maidstone, band in congratulating Mr. E. Spiller, their captain for the past 29 years, on completing 50 years as a ringer. Mr. Spiller rang his first peal in 1903 and although he has many peals to his credit it is as a Sunday service ringer that his sterling qualities have been directed. Seldom absent, never late, always ready to help beginners and to welcome visitors, he is, indeed, one of the pillars of the Exercise.

The youngest ringer in the Salisbury District is Raymond Haines, aged seven and a half, who was elected to full membership of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild at their recent annual meeting. His father, Mr. C. F. Haines, of 17, Shaftesbury Road, Wilton, says that Raymond was his easiest pupil and can now, after only three months' tuition, ring 120 of Grandsire with very little prompting. Raymond rings regularly for Sunday services at Wilton (tenor 8 cwt.) and has already started 'tower snatching' with about a dozen rings to his credit.

The Snowdon dinner will be held at York on October 25th.

Titchfield, Hants, has a promising local band which should go far. They record their first of London Surprise Minor.

A novel memorial picture appeared in 'The Birmingham Post' of Mr. George E. Fearn, Ringing Master at Birmingham Cathedral, tying a muffle on the clapper of one of the bells.

Miss Brenda M. Smith, who will be 17 in March, has rung the 36-cwt. tenor at Evesham bell-tower (behind on the back eight). Has any other lady ringer handled this weight of metal at this age?

Mr. F. W. French, of Bourne, Lincolnshire, celebrates his jubilee as a ringer this year. He chimed the bells of Market Deeping Parish Church at the age of seven. For three years he was a district ringing master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

Sixteen-year-old Miss B. M. Vidler, of Marden, Kent, was warmly congratulated by the band who rang with her in her first peal on eight bells—Double Norwich Court Bob Major—at Brenchley. She started ringing 12 months ago and her opportunities to practise Major have been very limited

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THE SYMPATHY OF THE EXERCISE

The sympathy of the ringers of the Nation in the death of H.M. George VI. was expressed by the following telegram sent by Mr. George W. Fletcher, hon. secretary of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, to Buckingham Palace on February 7th:—

To the Private Secretary, Buckingham Palace.

On behalf of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers I beg to offer to your Majesty and your family our deepest sympathy in the grievous loss you have sustained through the passing of our beloved King.

Fletcher, Hon. Sec.

The following acknowledgment has been received:—

Hon. Secretary, Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.

Her Majesty has deeply appreciated your telegram of sympathy.

Private Secretary,

SUDDEN DEATH OF DR. J. C. E. SIMPSON

The sudden and unexpected death on February 7th, at the early age of 43, of James C E. Simpson, M.Sc., Ph.D., has removed from the Exercise a well-known and brilliant conductor and ringer

He was taken ill on January 20th at his brother's house at Wrexham and was removed to Wrexham Hospital for what was expected to be a routine operation. It was discovered that the trouble was more serious than had been anticipated and more than one operation was necessary. He appeared to recover from the operations and was considered to be out of danger when he collapsed and died.

The funeral service was at St. Oswald's Church, Chester, on February 9th, when, in addition to the family mourners, the Archdeacon of Chester, the Master and general secretary of the Chester Guild and several of his ringing friends were present. Cremation followed at Landican Crematorium where more ringers had gathered to bid a last farewell to their friend. At an appropriate place in the service a well-struck course of Grandsire Triples was rung by a band representing four branches of the Chester Guild.

Dr. Simpson was born at Wallasey, Cheshire, on Aug. 14th, 1908, and after studying at Liverpool University and a stay in America of two years, he took up an appointment at the University of London. Subsequently he returned to Liverpool to take up an appointment with the School of Tropical Medicine and on the transference of his department to Manchester he went to reside there and was appointed Honorary Lecturer in Organic Chemistry at the University of Manchester

Of a shy and retiring nature his influence was usually indirect but he could and did speak in a very forthright manner when the occasion demanded it. He was an excellent conductor and had made a speciality of all the different one-part long course 5,024's of London Surprise Major by G. Lindoff, and had only recently completed this task. He called the first peal of Spliced Surprise Major in Lancashire for the Lancashire Association, and, in Cheshire, the first peals of Loughborough Bob Major, St. Lawrence Bob Major and several Surprise Major methods.

In the field of Spliced Surprise he was the first to call a peal in five methods and six methods in which all the bells do all the work of all the methods and he conducted the present record of Spliced, 8,032 at Frodsham, on December 30th, 1950. The attempt for 9,568 made on December 29th, 1951, failed and a peal of Ealing, his last peal, was rung instead, conducted by him. This failure was a great disappointment to him and it had been hoped to make the attempt this year. Whether this will be done or whether, as has been suggested, the record be left as a tribute to his memory is something which his friends will have to decide.

In spite of his slight build he was a first-rate heavy-bell ringer and it was here that his scientific training showed itself for he carefully considered each tenor he rang and the amount of energy he needed to put into each pull to do the job well. His finest feat was, in the opinion of many of his friends, to ring Beverley Minster tenor to an almost perfect peal of Cambridge Royal during which he never saw the ringers of 6, 7, 8 and 9, for he had his back to them, and yet he placed his bell impeccably. Other fine performances were turning in Wells Cathedral tenor to Cambridge Royal with John Worth as strapper; St. Nicholas', Liverpool, tenor, and Durham Cathedral tenor to Cambridge Major.

He had the gift of getting the best out of a band without speaking a word. One felt that seeing him at work on the box the least one could do was to support him up to the hilt. Among his many performances one might single out the first peal of Cambridge Maximus in the North of England (Liverpool, in 1928), the first peal of Cambridge Maximus in Ireland (at Dublin) and the 15,480 Cambridge Royal at Worsley on December 15th last. His ringing of the eighth to that peal was masterly and his attention to small details of striking, a marked characteristic of his, was never more apparent than in the way he kept the eighth off the tenor in the 08's at the back.

(Continued in next column)

FIRST TRIBUTES

Since the sad news of the death of King George VI., in most cathedrals and churches there has been muffled ringing for the King's passing, as a mark of respect and affection to a beloved Monarch.

At St. Paul's Cathedral, London, the procedure which has been adopted since the death of Queen Victoria was followed. Immediately on the news of the death of the Monarch, Big Tom is tolled, and this sad observance took place on Wednesday. To-day (Friday) the whole pull and stand will be rung on the twelve bells, half-muffled.

Appended are arc first quarter peals to hand:

ARDLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Southgate 1, F. Erith 2, A. Cole 3, T. Cole 4, G. Barnes 5, P. G. Barnes (cond.) 6. Rung fully-muffled on the back six.

DARLINGTON.—At Holy Trinity Church, on Feb. 6th, 1,272 York Surprise Minor: Mrs. W. N. Park 1, J. T. Titt 2, Miss D. M. Killingley 3, M. P. Moreton 4, W. N. Park 5, R. Park (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 6th, at the Church of St. Mary, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Waymark 1, J. W. Rollison 2, L. Baldock 3, R. W. Percy 4, P. H. Rollison 5, F. Dallaway (cond.) 6, H. G. F. Reynolds 7, R. W. Pankhurst 8. Rung fully-muffled with tenor open at back stroke.

EAST CROMPTON, SHAW, NEAR OLDHAM.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Minor (36 Plain Bob, 504 Kent, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: J. Butterworth (cond.) 1, J. R. Buckley 2, R. H. Byrom 3, T. Ogden 4, F. Butterworth 5, G. Abbott 6. Rung with the bells fully muffled.

FAREHAM, HANTS.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. Marwood 1, G. Privett 2, P/O E. A. Marsh, R.N., 3, Miss B. M. Ball 4, A. H. Sturgess 5, J. W. Meade 6, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 7, F. W. Burnett 8. Rung fully-muffled.

HALSALL, LANCS.—On Feb. 6th, 1,440 Minor (720 Oxford Bob, 720 Plain Bob): Barbara Haldane (first quarter) 1, Vera Draper 2, W. Core 3, J. Pounds 4, H. Serjeant 5, A. Mawdsley (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. C. W. Powell 1, Canon C. C. Cox 2, C. W. Powell 3, G. S. Morris (cond.) 4, G. H. Whitemore 5, R. Keeley 6, W. Rogers 7, H. G. Keeley 8. Rung half-muffled.

NEWMARKET, SUFFOLK.—At All Saints' Church, on Feb. 6th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: D. Moon (first quarter) 1, R. C. Sharpe 2, S. Ward 3, S. Howlett 4, J. A. Acres (cond.) 5, A. E. Austin 6. Rung half-muffled.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKS.—On Feb. 6th, 1,367 Grandsire Caters: W. Leeson 1, C. Dale 2, V. W. Rigg 3, T. Warner 4, E. C. Shepherd (cond.) 5, N. D. Lane 6, H. Bragg 7, J. Bragg 8, C. Bragg 9, T. Abbotts 10. Rung half-muffled.

SUNNINGWELL, BERKS.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each Southrepps Pleasure, Clifford Pleasure, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob, April Day and 60 Grandsire): Miss J. Jones (first quarter) 1, Jas. Honey 2, Jonathan Honey 3, D. Wilks 4, W. Cudd 5, J. Wilks 6. Rung half-muffled.

TITCHFIELD, HANTS.—On Feb. 6th, 1,440 London Surprise Minor: Miss S. Wickens 1, A. Page 2, P. Page 3, F. C. Love 4, G. Barton 5, T. Page (cond.) 6. First quarter peal in the method by all, on the bells and by a local band. Rung half-muffled.

DR. J. C. E. SIMPSON.—Continued

His peal total must be in the region of 550 but when his peal book has been obtained a detailed analysis will be made.

His unexpected death has stunned his friends who considered him to be the fittest man among them, for among his other interests were tennis, badminton, fell walking and singing. It is hard to believe we shall never see his lithe figure nor hear his quiet voice again but one thing, I feel sure, all his friends can do, is to strive to reach the standards of performance which he would have had us reach.

An attempt for a memorial peal at Macclesfield in 12 Spliced Surprise Major methods (he called the first one in Cheshire) failed after 1¼ hours' good ringing, but a memorial peal of Stedman Triples was rung at Liscard.

C. K. L.

We hope to publish other appreciative messages next week.

THE CURFEW IN ENGLISH LIFE

By ERNEST MORRIS

(Continued from page 90)

In many parish records the curfew is described as 'Bow-bell.' Shakespeare, who must, one would suppose, have been familiar with the sound of the curfew tolling from many various steeples, nevertheless refers to it as indicative of the most unusual hours. In 'Romeo and Juliet' (Act IV., Sc. 4), Lord Capulet says:—

'Come, stir, stir, stir, the second cock hath crow'd,
The **courphew** bell hath rung, 'tis three o'clock.'

In 'Measure for Measure' (Act IV., Sc. 4) occurs the following:—

'Duke: The best and wholesom'st spirits of the night
Invellop you, good Provost, who call'd here of late?
Provost: None since **curfew** rung.'

In another of his plays he fixes yet another hour. Thus in 'Tempest' (Act. V., Sc. 1), Prospero says:—

'You, whose pastime
Is to make midnight mushrooms, that rejoice
To hear the solemn **curfew.**'

And in 'King Lear' (Act III., Sc. 4), Edgar exclaims:—

'This is the foul fiend
Flibbertigibbet; he begins the **curfew** and walks to the first cock.'

Milton in 'Il Penseroso' (74/75) speaks of the curfew:—

'Oft on a plot of rising ground,
I hear the far off curfew sound
Over some wide-watered shore,
Swinging low with sullen roar.'

ONE ACRE FOR THE CURFEW

At Byfield, Northants, we read: 'A bell is rung here at four in the morning, and at eight in the evening, for which the clerk hath 20s. yearly paid to him by the rector.' In Dorset at Mappowder there is mention of land being given 'to a man to ring the morning and curfew bell throughout the year,' also at Ibberton is mentioned, 'one acre given for ringing the 8 o'clock bell, and £4 for ringing the morning bell.'

At Claybrooke we read that 'the custom of ringing **curfew** is still kept up, has probably obtained without intermission since the days of the Norman conqueror' (Macauley, 'History of Claybrooke,' 1791). It is probable in the Middle Ages some superstitious regard was paid to the ringing of **couvre-feu,** for we often find, as shown by the examples quoted—land and money left for its upkeep. This feeling does not appear to have been altogether extinct even at the close of the 16th century, for in Bishop Hall's 'Fourth Satire' occurs the following: —

'Whoever gives a paire of velvet shooes
To th' Holy Rood, or liberally allowes
But a new rope to ring the **couvre-feu** bell
But he desires that his great deed may dwell.
Or graven in the chancel window glasse,
Or in his lasting tombe of plated brasse.'

We find the curfew mentioned as a common and approved regulation in most monasteries and towns of North Europe, the intent being to prevent accidents by fires. All the common houses at this time consisted mostly of timber, and Moscow, for instance, being built of this material, generally suffered once, at least, in every twenty years. That this happened in London, Fitzstephen proves:—'Solæ pestes Lundonia sunt stult orum immodica potatio et frequens incendium.'

IN SCOTLAND

The 'Saxon Chronicle' also mentions the frequent burning of towns, which might be expected for the same reason, the Saxon term for building being zerimbpian. The Hon. Daines Barrington tells us:—

'Curfew is written curphour in an old Scottish poem, published in 1770 with many others from the manuscript of George Bannatyne, who collected them in the year 1568. It is observed in the annotations on them that by Act 144, part 13, Jam. I., 'this bell was to be rung in burghs at nine in the evening, and that the hour was afterwards changed to ten, at the solicitation of the wife of James the Sixth.'

There is a narrow street in Perth, Scotland, still called 'Couvre-feu Row' leading west to Black Friars where the couvre-feu bell gave warning to the inhabitants to cover their fires and go to rest, when the clock struck ten.

In 'The Fair Maid of Perth,' referring to this same street in February, 1396, Sir Walter Scott says:—

'Curfew bell, then rung at seven o'clock at night: the custom has long ceased, but the street in which the bell was situated, and where The Fair Maid lived, is still called Curfew Row.'

Mr. Jesse Salisbury in his 'Glossary of Words and Phrases' used in S.E. Worcestershire, 1893, states:—

'The curfew bell is rung at Pershore at eight o'clock in the evening from November 5th until Candlemas Day. It was formerly also rung at five o'clock in the morning, but owing to the old Sexton—named Blake—who for many years performed the duty of ringing the curfew bells, making a mistake as to the time on one occasion, and ringing it five hours too early, the practice was discontinued.'

Bell's 'Weekly Messenger,' September 28th, 1895, quotes: 'The curfew bell in old St. Giles, Cripplegate, which has been allowed to be neglected, and almost forgotten, has now been replaced in the cupola of the ancient church. It has been remounted in a strong English oak frame, and can be seen from the surrounding district. There can be little doubt that the old bell which has been restored was the same which rung the nightly signal when Milton lived under its shadow.'

NORTH OF ENGLAND CUSTOM

A custom which still lingers in the north of England shows the true meaning of the word curfew, and the reason why the curfew was rung. It is usual to keep the kitchen fire burning all night. About nine p.m. in the winter, and rather later in summer, a quantity of 'raking slack' was shot out of a wooden coal box upon the fire. The box was like a big wooden shoe or slipper, with a handle on each side. Then water out of a lading can was thrown upon the fire to make it 'crozzil' better. About five in the morning in summer, and six in winter, the fire was revived by putting in a few sticks. Owing to the increased price of coal and also the invention of matches, this custom has generally become discontinued, but it is remembered by old people. In some houses in South Yorkshire the fire is still 'slaked' and kept burning all night in winter to maintain warmth. In earlier times, when wood was burnt, a big log of wood, once known as the 'head brand' or 'hearth stock,' was put at the back of the fire and then 'slaked' or covered up for the night, by pulling this big log down and raking other pieces of wood on it.

Amongst Greeks and Romans it was a sacred obligation for the master of every house to keep up the fire night and day. Woe to the house where it was extinguished! Every evening he covered up the coals with ashes to prevent them becoming entirely consumed. In the morning the first care was to revive the fire with a few twigs. On these grounds we may conclude that the curfew bell was rung as a signal—at least, where the above customs prevailed—not to put the fire out, but to keep it in by 'covering up with slake' and so to bed.

In Worcestershire also it is a custom for cottagers to keep the fire burning all night in this way. Henry Kirke White alludes to it in his 'Description of a Summer Eve':—

'The mistress sees that lazy Kate
The happing coals on kitchen grate has laid . . .'

In 'The Ringing World' (1930) was given notice of a bequest for curfew to the parish of Sturminster Newton. The testator, Mr. Frederick Giles Symonds, a retired bank manager, who died on May 10th of that year at the age of 83, left estate of gross value of £14,707. By his will he left £100 upon trust to pay the income to the Vicar and churchwardens of Sturminster Newton towards keeping alive the ancient custom of ringing the curfew from Michaelmas Day to Lady Day, any surplus to be paid the Vicar for the Sick and Needy Fund. He left other bequests to the church and parish.

CHERTSEY ABBEY BELL

We have shown how Shakespeare and Milton refer to the curfew and many other allusions could be repeated from our best-known writers and poets. It may not be generally known that the story told in the poem 'The curfew must not ring to-night,' is, in all probability, true. It is stated that the bell which the heroine, Bessie, prevented from ringing to save her lover's life, still hangs and rings in the belfry of Chertsey Parish Church It is known as the Abbey bell, because it was originally made for Chertsey Abbey, but was preserved and given to the Parish Church on the Dissolution of the Monasteries in the 16th century. But even if the poem be not true, the bell is interesting (1) because it was tolled for Henry VI. when his body was taken to Chertsey Abbey for burial, and (2) because it was cast in 1310 and is therefore one of England's oldest bells.

Longfellow thus speaks of the curfew in 'Evangeline':—

'Thus passed the evening away. Anon the bell from the belfry
Rang out the hour of nine, the village curfew, and straightway
Rose the guests and departed; and silence reigned in the household.'

Longfellow also has this to say about it:—

'Solemnly, mournfully,
Dealing its dole,
The Curfew Bell
Is beginning to toll.
Cover the embers
And put out the light:
Toil comes with the morning,
And rest with the night.
Dark grow the windows.
And quenched is the fire,
Sound fades into silence—
And footsteps retire.
No voice in the chambers,
No sound in the hall!
Sleep and oblivion
Reigns over all.'

(Concluded)

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World' of February 16th, 1912

THE BENEVOLENT FUND PROPOSAL

'We are glad to see that the suggestion that a Ringers' Benevolent Fund should be established is being seriously considered in many parts of the country. . . . The Kent County Association is leading the way and the scheme put forward by the honorary secretary, the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, as the result, we are proud to think, of the question being opened up in this column, is receiving enthusiastic support in all the districts, making it almost certain that at the next annual meeting Mr. Helmore's proposals will be adopted. . . .'

[The Kent County Association's Benevolent Fund has now a balance in hand of some £370. Over £500 has been paid out since it was established.]

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THREE SISTERS IN A PEAL

Dear Sir,—While congratulating the three sisters, the Misses Proctor, on ringing their peal together at Claybrooke, not forgetting congratulations to the conductor, this has already been accomplished on several occasions by members of the Johnson family.

The first occasion was a peal at Offenham (Worcs) in 1931, when Rosalie, Amy and Florence took part with their father and two brothers in a family peal. Later, Amy (now Mrs. J. Thomas) conducted a peal of Grandsire Doubles with Margaret and Kathleen, and a second one with Florence and Kathleen. Still later, Amy, Margaret and Kathleen took part in a peal of Grandsire Triples with their elder brother, Joseph—these last three peals on handbells.—Yours faithfully,

DAPHNE J. MARTIN (Mrs.).

Sedgeberrow, Worcs.

Dear Sir,—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Ditcheat, Somerset, on April 19th, 1949, three sisters, Misses Vera, Audrey and Beryl Look, rang 2, 3 and 4 respectively, to a peal of Grandsire Triples.—Yours faithfully,

H. C. LINTERN.

Shepton Mallet, Som.

A PERFECT SQUARE ON AN EIGHT-BELL CHANGE

Dear Sir,—Once again I had much enjoyment from Kewsett's Christmas Quiz, and the least I can do is to answer his S.O.S. in a recent issue of 'The Ringing World' to find a change on eight bells that is a perfect square.

Here are all the changes on eight bells that are perfect squares:—

13527684 = 3678^2
34857216 = 5904^2
65318724 = 8082^2
73256481 = 8559^2
81432576 = 9024^2

Yours faithfully,

T. G. HAWKINS.

Stoke Poges.

Mr. R. C. H. Connolly, Watford, also replies and adds no change on eight bells is a perfect cube, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth or tenth power.

TOUCHES OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Dear Sir—I thought that one of your readers more expert than myself would have pointed out that the touch of 476 Grandsire Triples on page 64 is false.

It would appear that rounds has been produced from Whittington's by grafting on the corresponding part of the 308 on the same page; unfortunately this entails three consecutive bob leads.

I subjoin one possible alternative which runs again to 476:—

275346
642537 2S
326475 3S
753642 2
267453 1
234567 2P

Yours faithfully,

ROGNVALD ST. C. WILSON.

Portobello.

'IN PLAIN ENGLISH'

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Stafford Green's comment on the Guild of Devonshire Ringers in your issue of February 8th, I shall be pleased to give him opportunity to air his criticism **in plain English** at our annual meeting at Combe Martin on Easter Monday.

E. V. COX, President.
Guild of Devonshire Ringers.

DUTY AND SERVICE RINGING

Dear Sir,—In our village we have five bells. For the last two years or more we have had six ringers. Of these, one is a policeman and usually on duty; one is the postmistress and, believe it or not, works quite hard on Sundays; and one is a country doctor who is, of course, always on duty. Of these three, all can, with an effort, usually attend for half an hour's ringing, but they could not manage the extra hour if they stayed to the service. But we ring twice every Sunday and every ringer stays to either morning or evening service.

We also ring for three services on Christmas, Easter and Whit Sunday and, of course, we ring the Old Year out and the New Year in.

I gather from some of the correspondence in 'The Ringing World' that it would be better if our bells were silent.

I dislike anonymous letters though I am obviously one of the ringers mentioned, and sign my name so that those who feel they are entitled to can 'cast the first stone.'—Yours truly,

C. N. VAISEY.

Freshford, Somerset.

Dear Sir,—Please grant me a small space in our esteemed paper to respond to the front page article re ringers and church by F. E. H. The action of those Swanwick ringers seems to me to be very much flavoured with that dreadful monster, Communism. I uphold to the utmost the action of the incumbent. I myself experienced the very same thing in my parish—seven young men twice weekly at practice but never once at divine service.

I understand church bells are consecrated for the purpose of calling people to worship and to our God. I feel that when men talk and write about their **rest,** their foremost thoughts are upon themselves. Who to-day is overworked, when worship is **rest?** If anybody is overworked is it not the clergy, supposed one day a week men? Come in ye weary ones and take a rest. Have not and are not the present-day clergy pulling their weight both in belfry and in ringing meetings, etc., uplifting the moral and spiritual wants of both sides?

It appears to me that F. E. H. has a foot in each place. Be bold, sir, and favour no tender treatment of such men. Try and picture, if you can, all towers taking the action the Derbyshire men have done. They would very quickly be ringing their Nunc Dimittis.—Yours very humbly.

E. W. F.

Dolau, Llandrindod Wells.

AN HONEST INTERPRETATION

Dear Sir,—Any Rector has, of course, the right to tell ringers who have the honesty to admit that they are interested in ringing primarily as a mental exercise to build secular towers and ring in them—just as any ringer has the right to tell such a Rector to man his ropes from his regular congregation, but where is the gain? History shows that such intolerance leads to aridity and not growth.

Sanctimonious attempts to show others 'the light' often lead to harm, and in my own experience have driven out of ringing those who can probably be of great value, that is churchgoing ringers. It is one thing to choose your course of action—another to have it dictated to you.

It seems to me that F. E. H.'s article is an honest account of the attitude of the majority of ringers and his reasonable arguments much more likely to recall those who are not churchmen to a sense of their obligations than the inflamed exhortations of some of your correspondents, which will only reaffirm the converted in their piety—a pleasing, but fruitless occupation.—Yours faithfully,

MADELINE M. CROFT.

Southampton.

IRREGULAR METHODS

Dear Sir,—I was interested to read M. R. P.'s criticisms of my letter of December 21st in a recent edition of 'The Ringing World.' May I be permitted to make the following observations on them?

(1). **Campanological Balderdash.**—It is, I assume, the duty of the Editor and the Editorial Committee to present to their readers, among other things, a true cross-section of opinion, and so will publish many letters whose views do not coincide with their own. In such circumstances it is inevitable that certain material will appear falling into the category I mentioned. If M. R. P. or any others have not read that which they consider comes under this heading, then their gullibility must be greater or their perspicacity smaller than most people's.

(2). **Cartwheeling.**—To a simple question, a simple answer—Yes! Logic is our strong point.

(3). **Woodbine, etc.**—Woodbine with 5ths when the treble is behind ceases to be Woodbine and becomes Neasden. Oxford with 5ths in a similar place becomes Sandal. Is Sandal **better** than Oxford? Should Oxford not then be rung? Oh, I had almost forgotten. The comparison is unfair. There is the small matter of irregular lead ends. But you already have my views on that subject.

(4). **6-5's at backstroke don't matter.**—The phrase quoted by M. R. P. has been removed from its context, and as originally written: 'Here, with close leads, even 6-5's at backstroke don't matter . . . ..' is not a matter of opinion but a plain statement of fact.

(5). I am not aware, nor do I find on re-reading, that my letter stated, or contained the suggestion, that 'The Central Council' consisted of a 'band of theoretical nobodies.' Nor can I find any sarcastic references to them in my letter. I have the greatest respect for the Central Council; I was, after all, once a member myself! What I said was that many of them have but 'an academic interest in the subject.' This, I am afraid, is still true. True, also, they can't compel anyone. But if they refuse to recognise Minor peals containing methods with irregular lead ends, this amounts to practically the same thing. No, I think that the Central Council should realise that in excluding these methods it is robbing Minor ringers of interesting and useful material and should, therefore, take steps necessary to remedy the injustice.

My list does not include M. R. P.!—Yours faithfully,

H. CHANT.

Wakefield.

P.S.—All good wishes to 'open leaders' and others for 1952.—H. C.

AN EXAMPLE FROM SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP

Dear Sir.—Although not wishing to uphold the attitude of non-church-attending ringers (I should think their consciences coupled with moral duty should tell them which is right), it is evident that the fault is not all theirs. Is sufficient encouragement with tact given from the other side?

Shepton Beauchamp Church has for many years had the fullest support from its ringers; each succeeding Rector has enjoyed their co-operation both inside and outside of the church and belfry, and I believe this is due in the main to the following reasons which have been in operation for many years. Two ringers are members of the Parochial Church Council, two are servers, several are members of the choir and all are regular churchgoers. If their attendance in church was missed, the Rector would say so tactfully, without an ultimatum. I think your correspondents would do well to ponder awhile and say 'Are they wholly to be blamed?'—Yours sincerely,

R. BEALE.

Shepton Beauchamp, Somerset.

SOUTHEND & DISTRICT GUILD

An encouraging first year was reported upon at the annual meeting of the Southend and District Guild held at St. Mary's, Prittlewell, on January 26th.

Ringing was brought to an abrupt end shortly before the service by the snapping of the rope of the third bell.

The service was marked by the dedication by the Vicar of a Credence Table, the gift of the ringers of St. Mary's, in appreciation of the Vicar's work in the parish.

After tea in the Guildhall, attended by 60 ringers and their wives, the Vicar thanked the ringers for their gift to him and said that during his 35 years at the church there had been other gifts made to him but what inevitably happened was that the donors told him that they were going to give him a gift and then immediately asked his wife what she would like. He thanked Mrs. B. Sadler who had presented an iced first-anniversary cake to the Guild, and also the ladies who had prepared the tea.

The president, Mr. F. B. Lufkin, who presided at the business meeting, apologised for any shortcomings there might be in the books, as the secretary had been taken to hospital, and Mr. Grimwade, the assistant secretary, had endeavoured to make a report and draw up the minutes of the last annual general meeting from what facts he could accumulate at little more than 24 hours' notice.

The assistant secretary presented the secretary's report which stated that during the last year there had been six ringing meetings—at South Benfleet, Downham, Leigh, Great Wakering and two at Rayleigh. There had been an average of 27 members at these meetings with the highest attendance at Downham, with 35 members. Two services had been held at South Benfleet and Great Wakering. The main object of the Guild was to help learners and the accent on the meetings consequently had always been on easier methods. The week's ringing holiday in Oxfordshire, Gloucestershire and Buckinghamshire had been a great success and 35 towers had been visited.

Mr. B. Sadler presented the treasurer's report which showed a balance of £2 2s.. This, he said, was mainly due to the fact that all the stationery had been presented to the Guild.

The president informed the meeting that Mr. Coombes, the secretary, was unable to stand for re-election owing to his bad health and Mr. Grimwade, the assistant secretary, was also unable to stand as he was due for National Service.

The following officers were elected:—President, Mr. F. B. Lufkin; Master, Mr. G. Blower; Assistant Master, Mr. B. Sadler; secretary, Mr. P. Sadler; assistant secretary, Mrs. C. Woodgate; treasurer, Mrs. B. Sadler. Mr. Oliver, of Downham, Mr. Sharman, of Thorpe Bay, and Mr. Sparrow, of South Benfleet, were elected to the committee as tower representatives.

The meeting closed after Mr. Sparrow had proposed a vote of thanks to all retiring officers in addition to the vicars and tower masters who had allowed the ringing meetings to be held at their churches. A social evening followed.

V. W. G.

5,040 CAMBRIDGE MAXIMUS

Dear Sir,—Referring to 'Belfry Gossip' that the peal of 5,040 Cambridge Maximus at Macclesfield was the third with this number of changes, I wish to state this was the fourth. On April 12th, 1930, 5,040 New Cambridge Maximus was rung by having the first lead Primrose thereby bringing up the wrong and cutting out the preceding leads.

On November 30th, 1932, the same number was rung of Cambridge Maximus by making the 6th bob bell three times, cutting out 240 changes.

Both were rung at St. Mary-le-Tower's, Ipswich, conducted by Charles J. Sedgley and yours truly.

Ipswich. GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

WHEN YOU MEET SHORT

The President's Suggestions

The following Foreword Mr. E. H. Lewis, president of the Central Council, appeared in the January issue of 'The Belfry,' the quarterly magazine of the Maidstone District of the Kent County Association.

Many years ago I knew a tower where practice was timed for eight o'clock. The ringers waited outside the tower and if, when the clock struck, there were not eight ringers present, there was no practice. Probably such a custom does not prevail to-day

It is not always possible for a full band to be present at starting time and I would like to mention a few ways of filling in any time occupied in waiting for a full company. If handbells are available, as I think they should be in every tower, you can begin as soon as number two arrives. There are at least thirteen methods of getting the 24 changes on four bells, though only three of them without more than two blows in a place. They all make good practice for a beginner. As soon as number three arrives turn over to Doubles or Minor, and to Triples or Major when the fourth turns up. A start could also be made on tower bells. If it is an eight-bell tower instead of ringing the front four or the back four, very good practice in striking can be had by using treble, 4, 6, tenor. This, if properly struck, sounds very well outside the tower.

When the numbers reach five I would suggest that occasionally, for variety, Doubles be tried on the front five bells of six without the tenor. It is good for a beginner who can use his ears because the music in a minor key, while rather pleasing if well struck, is completely ruined by bad striking.

As soon as the sixth ringer appears a good practice can be had whatever the number of bells in the tower. Again for variety I would suggest in an eight-bell tower that Minor be sometimes rung on treble, 3, 4, 6, 7, tenor. At Frodsham we used to call this the 'Irish' six as the notes are the same as in 'Wearing of the Green.'

In ten-bell towers there is a good choice of the front six, the back six, or 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, tenor. Better still to learn how to hold up the trebles, and for musical effect ring Minor on treble, 2, 3, 6, 8, tenor.

All these hints on what may be done when 'meeting short' I have tried when teaching and found them useful.

I would like to congratulate those responsible for 'The Belfry' on their production and wish the paper a long continuation of its high standard.

EDWIN H. LEWIS.

MR. W. CARNWELL'S 100 PEALS

Mr. William Carnwell, hon. secretary of the North Staffordshire Association, completed his first 100 tower-bell peals by a peal of Plain Bob Minor on January 12th. His list is appended:—

Maximus.—Kent Treble Bob 2.

Royal.—Cambridge Surprise 1, Kent Treble Bob 3, Oxford Treble Bob 1, Plain Bob 2.

Caters.—Stedman 2.

Surprise Major.—Cambridge 3, Staffordshire 3, London 1, Superlative 1, Lincolnshire 1, Yorkshire 1, Bristol 1, Spliced Cambridge and Superlative 1.

Major.—Kent Treble Bob 18 (conducted 1), Oxford Treble Bob 6, Plain Bob 5.

Triples.—Stedman 2, Grandsire 2.

Minor.—Surprise Minor (seven methods) 5, Ipswich Surprise 1, Treble Bob (seven methods) 11 (4), Ditto (six methods) 1, Ditto (five methods) 8 (2), Ditto (four methods) 2, Ditto (three methods) 5 (3), Plain Bob 10 (7).

Doubles.—Two methods 1.

Total.— 100; conducted 17.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD

Christchurch District

About 35 members assembled at Christchurch on January 26th for the annual meeting of the District. The Vicar of Christchurch, Canon R. P. Price, M.A., conducted the service held in the historic choir of the Priory and also presided at the business meeting. He was supported by his churchwardens and Mr. George Pullinger, Ringing Master of the Guild.

The hon. secretary presented his report on the year's activities and also a balance sheet which showed a slight increase in the balance in hand.

The following District officers were elected:—Chairman, Mr. David Reed (Ringwood); hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. Arthur V. Davis (Bournemouth); Joint Ringing Masters, Mr. William E. Cheater (Ringwood) and Mr. Daniel T. Matkin (Bournemouth); representatives on committee, Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay (Bournemouth) and Mr. R. Marlow (Fordingbridge); hon. auditor, Mr. R. Hurst (Bournemouth).

It was proposed and carried unanimously that the South of England Ringers' Rally and George Williams Commemoration Dinner be held on May 3rd at Bournemouth. The following were elected to the committee to make the arrangements: Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay, Mr. F. Price, Mr. R. Hurst, Mr. D. T. Matkin and Mr. W. Whitworth with Canon R. P. Price, M.A., as chairman, and Mr. A. V. Davis hon. organising secretary.

Quarterly meetings for the year were arranged and it was decided to hold the next annual meeting before Christmas—December 13th, at Christchurch. After a vote of thanks had been passed, with acclamation, to the Vicar and churchwardens and to the lady organist, the meeting was adjourned.

Ringing took place on the Priory twelve bells in a variety of methods until 9 p.m.

The dinner committee met at Christchurch on January 30th and decided to hold the dinner at the Devonshire Hotel, Richmond Hill, Bournemouth.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

Youth in Evidence at Nuneaton

The first quarterly meeting of the year was held at St. Nicholas', Nuneaton, 45 members from all parts of the area attending. A noted feature was the presence of youthful ringers at all stages, from round ringing to Spliced Surprise. The Vicar of Chilvers Coton (president of the Guild) joined the members for tea and the beginning of the business meeting but his commitments in his own parish curtailed his stay. The Master, Mr. F. W. Perrens, took the chair. Apologies were received from Mr. and Mrs. Hinde. Messrs. R. J. Edden (Stratford District secretary) and J. H. W. White.

The report of the committee meeting regarding the issue of handbooks instead of printed reports, to reduce cost, was adopted and the hon. secretary was asked to proceed with data for the handbooks and obtain quotations from printers to present at the annual meeting. The date of this was to be April 19th, and it was announced that an invitation had been received from the Mayor of Coventry to take tea with him in the Council House and to use the Council Chamber for the business meeting. Ringing would take place at Stoke and Allesley. New members elected were Miss Norma Hope and Mr. Donald Govan, both of the local tower.

Congratulations were extended to Mr. R. J. Edden, hon. secretary of the Warwick and Stratford District, together with his assistant, Miss H. Purkiss, both of Ladbroke, near Southam, for their great efforts in the Southam area on behalf of the Guild. What was once considered a dead area was now producing most encouraging results

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Lewisham's 22 New Members

The Lewisham District's quarterly meeting was held at SS. Peter and Paul's, Bromley, in conditions eminently suitable to the season!

Seventy ringers and friends attended and the recently-installed octave from the Croydon foundry was much in use during the time available. Mr. H. Hoverd, Ringing Master, had an exacting task fitting in the many requests and the belfry was probably the busiest spot in busy Bromley that afternoon!

The service was held in the temporary church, the Vicar (the Rev. Murray Walton) officiating. The lesson (the 150th Psalm) was read by Mr. E. Barnett (Crayford) and Mrs. Mary Walker was at the organ. The Vicar's address was very much enjoyed; it was, indeed, what its subject matter concerned—'a cheerful noise.' The proceeds of the collection were paid to the rebuilding fund for Bromley Church.

After tea, at which the Vicar presided, the business meeting was held in the church. Mr. P. A. Corby was elected to the chair. Twenty-two ringers, including 14 from SS. Peter and Paul's, were elected members of the Association, and the elections of two members previous to peals were ratified.

Mr. A. S. Richards (West Wickham) read an excellent report of proceedings at the committee meeting held at Maidstone on November 24th, prepared by the reader and Mr. J. Dafters (Lewisham).

An invitation from the Rector of West Wickham to hold the next meeting at his church on April 26th was gratefully accepted.

It was agreed to hold the annual joint meeting with the N.W. District of the Surrey Association at Eynesford on October 11th, when it was hoped the attendance would demonstrate conclusively that there was a demand for these combined meetings.

Votes of thanks were accorded the organisers of the social meeting held at Christ Church, Erith, last December, and it was decided to hold one at the same place on December 6th this year.

Mr. J. Dafters urged that members should support much more fully the various activities of the District during the coming years.

The chairman moved a cordial vote of thanks to the Vicar, the organist, the verger, Mr. I. Emery and Mr. P. Spice for all they had done to ensure such a successful meeting, and extended a warm welcome from the Association to the newly-formed bands at Bromley and Chelsfield. This was carried with enthusiasm. Further ringing in the tower followed.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Presentation to Mr. C. J. Ball

The annual meeting of the Biggleswade District was held at Biggleswade on January 12th and 48 ringers sat down to a good tea provided and served by the wives of the local ringers.

At the business meeting the secretary (Mr. C. J. Ball) gave his report on the year's working which was satisfactory both on the ringing and financial side. He announced he was not seeking re-election owing to ill-health and was sorry to retire after 30 years as secretary of the Biggleswade District which was in a stronger position now than it was 30 years ago.

Miss E. Steel, of Bedford, spoke in appreciation of the work Mr. Ball had done for the Biggleswade District and hoped she would meet him at many more meetings.

Mr. C. J. Ball was presented with a chiming clock, suitably inscribed, by Mr. W. Wagstaffe, one of the oldest ringers of the District.

Mr. L. H. Bywaters was elected secretary; Mr. C. H. Harding chairman; committee—Messrs. C. J. Smith, M. Lockey, A. W. Dilley and C. Blain. Mr. C. H. Harding proposed a vote of thanks to the ladies for an excellent tea, and to the Vicar for the use of the bells.

Ringing during the afternoon and evening ranged from rounds to Surprise Major.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Sheffield's Warm Welcome

A very successful general meeting of the Association was held at Sheffield on January 19th, when by kind consent of the respective authorities, the Cathedral bells (12) and St. Marie's R.C. (8) were at the disposal of the members.

The committee meeting was followed by an excellent tea served in the Wolstenholme Hall.

In the unavoidable absence of the president, the chair was taken by Mr. P. J. Johnson at the business meeting which followed. Apologies for absence were received from the president and Messrs. H. Walker, B. Sutton, R. B. Smith, H. S. Morley, A. E. Sellers, F. W. Dale, E. Hudson and T. W. Strangeway.

After the confirmation of the minutes a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Provost of Sheffield and Cathedral Authorities for the use of the bells, coupled also with the authorities of St. Marie's R.C. Church. This was moved by Mr. F. Cardwell, seconded by Mr. F. A. Staveley. A similar vote of thanks to the local companies for making local arrangements and providing such an excellent tea was carried unanimously on the motion of Mr. N. Chaddock, seconded by Mr. D. Smith.

Mr. S. F. Palmer replied, saying that most of the work had been done by Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Chaddock, who had spared no effort to make the meeting a success.

Mr. Chaddock said that this was the first general meeting to be held at Sheffield for some years, and it had been a real pleasure to try and maintain the traditions associated with Sheffield and the Yorkshire Association.

The chairman announced that the committee had considered a kind invitation from Wakefield to hold the next meeting there, but felt that to accept would mean that two general meetings would thus take place successively in the same Division, which was contrary to Rule. The committee therefore recommended that the next meeting, which was the annual general meeting, be held at Bradford on Saturday, May 3rd, if the necessary arrangements could be made. Mr. D. Smith moved, and Mr. A. E. Marsh seconded, that the committee's recommendation be accepted, at the same time expressing appreciation and thanks to the Wakefield members for their kind invitation. This was carried.

The secretary read a letter from the tower secretary at Bridlington Priory intimating that a festival week was to be held in June to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Priory bells, and asking if a preacher could be found to represent the Association. It was unanimously agreed to forward the letter to the president of the Association, who, unfortunately, was unable to be present at the meeting.

THE HON. TREASURERSHIP

The chairman announced that the committee had received with much regret the resignation of the hon. treasurer, Mr. S. F. Palmer, to take effect from the expiry of his triennial term of office at the annual general meeting. Mr. Palmer felt that, owing to advanced years, while he was still physically fit he could not foresee what might take place during another triennial period, and as it was against his principle to cling to office until something happened, he would prefer to hand over now to a younger man and be available with any advice or help he could give to his successor.

The chairman said that while Mr. Palmer, who had served the Association faithfully and well for many years, had regrets, equally so had the Association, and he hoped that Mr. Palmer would long be spared to come among them. At the appropriate place and time, a much fuller reference to Mr. Palmer's services to the Association would be made, but at that stage it was necessary to ask for nominations for the office which by Rule could be received, duly proposed and seconded, by the general secretary up to a month from the date of that meeting.

SNOWDON DINNER

The chairman reported that the committee had considered a kind offer from the York Minster Society to hold the Snowdon Dinner again at York, and had pleasure in recommending that the offer be accepted with thanks. It was unanimously decided to accept same, and in order to avoid a possible clash with other meetings, it was agreed that the Dinner take place at York on October 25th.

Miss Elizabeth Bate, of Handsworth, L. D. Holland and L. E. Bouan, of All Saints', Sheffield, Pauline M. Hall, of Horbury, and Stuart Carter, of Marsden, were elected members.

This concluded the business meeting, and an adjournment was then made to the two towers where further ringing was enjoyed.

L. W. G. M.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Sonning Deanery Branch

About 70 members with visitors from Reading attended the annual meeting at Wokingham on February 2nd. Ringing commenced on the bells of St. Paul's Church at 3 p.m., after which a service was held in the church conducted by the Rector, the sermon being preached by the Rev. W. F. Cornell, Rector of Easthampstead.

The annual business meeting followed tea, the Branch chairman, Archdeacon Shaw, presiding. The secretary, in his report, mentioned a successful year's work, with good attendance at meetings and with all towers well manned for Sunday ringing. Twelve peals had been rung in the Branch during the year, mostly by resident members, eight of whom had rung their first peal.

All the officers were re-elected for 1952 as were the representatives to the general committee. A most encouraging feature of the meeting was the formal election of 16 new members.

On the recommendation of the Branch Committee £5 was voted to the Guild Memorial to Canon G. F. Coleridge, at Oxford.

During a discussion on rising Guild finances a resolution from the Branch that the annual subscription be increased was carried. After arranging meetings for the coming year the meeting closed and all dispersed to All Saints' and St. Paul's Churches for ringing until 9 p.m.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE

A joint meeting of the Southern District and the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association was held in Darlington on January 12th. The eight bells of St. Cuthbert's Church were available from 2.30 p.m. and after tea. St. John's eight bells were also available.

The meeting was very well attended and was the largest for some time at Darlington. This was mainly due to two reasons. One was the fact that it was a joint meeting and many ringers of the newly-formed Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association were present; the other being that it marked the retirement of Mr. J. T. Titt as secretary of the Southern District after 20 years in office.

Tea was kindly arranged by the wives of the local ringers in St. Cuthbert's Church Hall where about 40 ringers sat down to a very sumptuous meal.

Mr. W. N. Park proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar, the Rev. G. E. Holderness, of St. Cuthbert's, for the use of the bells. Mr. Titt was then presented with a suitably engraved umbrella by the Rev. E. J. Simpson, Vicar of Holy Trinity, at which church Mr. Titt is a regular ringer. After a short business meeting presided over by Mr. T. Cooke, the District chairman, it was decided that the next meeting should be held on February 23rd at Hurworth-on-Tees.

D. R. A.

OBITUARY

MR. ALFRED W. BRIGHTON

Mr. Alfred W. Brighton, whose death was announced in 'The Ringing World' of February 8th, will be remembered by his many friends all over the country for his sterling qualities as a ringer and conductor.

He was born 77 years ago in Norwich and learned to ring with Frederick Knights and other Norwich ringers of the St. Peter Mancroft Society, among whom were J. A. Trollope, J. E. Burton and C. E. Borrett.

Although not so well known by this generation, due to the fact he did little ringing from 1913 till 1946, he was a leading figure in the Exercise in the early years of the century and rang peals in many parts of the country. Despite being small of stature and light in weight, he would often be seen at the 'heavy end' and had few superiors in that department.

His total peals numbered 242, of which he conducted 50. Eleven of his peals were 'in hand,' most of which were rung with the Pye brothers at his residence in Forest Gate. He was at home on all numbers of bells. His peals ranged from Bob Minor to Stedman Cinques and were rung in 160 different towers in 27 counties. He was a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths as well as many other Associations.

He will be remembered most of all for his eagerness to help local bands wherever his business took him, no matter whether there were five or twelve bells. Two peals, which he conducted, and of which he was justly proud, were at Harrogate and Workington, both Kent Treble Bob Major, and in which no fewer than six and seven ringers respectively rang their first peal. Other highlights in which he took part were:—The first peal at Exeter Cathedral; first peal of Cinques by the Middlesex Association; first peal of Double Norwich in the City of London, which he conducted; first peal at the Imperial Institute, South Kensington, rung on the occasion of the Coronation of King Edward VIIth, and that great peal of Stedman Caters at Exeter, when William Pye rang the tenor single-handed. It is worth mentioning here that when he rang his first peal of Stedman Cinques at Ipswich, he cycled from Norwich to Ipswich and back on a pennyfarthing bicycle. His last peal was one of Bob Major at Woodford, on December, 10th, 1949, on his golden wedding day.

Owing to failing health during the last few months he was not able to get out at all but he continued to take a keen interest until the end.

The funeral took place at the City of London Cemetery on Monday, February 4th. In addition to family mourners, officers of the Essex and London County Associations and fellow-ringers of the Leytonstone band (of which Mr. Brighton was a member) were present. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells at the graveside by Messrs. J. H. Crampion, T. H. Taffender, R. W. Stannard and E. D. Smith.

And so another great figure in our calling passes on, and we are the poorer for his passing. We shall miss his wise counsel and genial personality. May he rest in peace. J. W. C.

MR. CHARLES LITTLEWOOD

The Melton Mowbray District has lost one of its veteran ringers by the passing of Mr. Charles Littlewood, of Kirby-Bellars. He was within a few days of his 89th birthday.

Mr. Littlewood was born at Kirby where his father was parish clerk and sexton. He learned to handle a bell when quite a lad. A foundation member of the Goscote Society of Change Ringers, which will celebrate the 70th anniversary of its foundation this year, Mr. Littlewood retained his interest in ringing throughout his life.

On the day of the funeral, February 5th, five of his friends, all members of the Goscote Society, rang a half-muffled peal to his memory at Kirby-Bellars.

MR. L. J. HINDE

The Coventry Diocesan Guild has lost one of its most loyal members by the death of Mr. Lovelace John Hinde, of Bulkington, at the age of 77 years. He was a native of Brinklow, but had lived in Bulkington since 1913.

For 37 years he was foreman platelayer on the L.M.S. railway, retiring in 1939. He was clerk, verger, chorister and bellringer at the Parish Church of St. James for a number of years. He was connected with the St. John Ambulance Brigade and the Coventry Hospital Saturday Fund. He was a former scoutmaster and, during the war, a Civil Defence warden. Mr. Hinde rang one peal, at the age of 61, the tenor to a peal of Grandsire Doubles, at Bulkington, on March 7th, 1936, when six bells hung in the tower, but was instrumental in obtaining two more bells to complete the octave in 1949.

A number of fellow Guild members attended the funeral on January 30th, the following ringing a course of Grandsire Triples over the grave:—Mrs. D. E. Beamish (Guild general secretary) 1-2, L. Trevor 3-4, E. Sibley 5-6, H. E. Ashley 7-8. A half-muffled peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on the tower bells later in the day, as reported in the peal columns.

MR. HARRY F. DAWKINS

The death occurred on February 3rd of Mr. Harry Frederick Dawkins at Brentwood Mental Hospital at the age of 76 years. He had been a patient there since May, 1940, following a nervous breakdown.

Mr. Dawkins was a regular Sunday service ringer at St. Edward's Church, Romford, for 40 years and rang many peals there with the Pye brothers. He rang his 100th peal on March 19th, 1914, and since then he had kept no records. Always of a very cheerful disposition, he was ever ready to help his fellow men and he was beloved by all with whom he came in contact. He never said a bad word about anyone and was always eager to help a first-pealer. The writer has many recollections of him during the last 44 years. May he rest in peace.

A. B. W.

Mr. Dawkins' peals:—

Grandsire Triples 5 (cond. 1, handbells 2); Stenman Triples 22 (cond. 1, handbells 4); Stedman Caters 6 (handbells 4); Bob Major 1; Double Norwich 7; Treble Bob Major 3.

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NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

North Norfolk Branch

The annual meeting of the branch was held at Hethersett on January 19th, and some 50 members and friends attended.

The Rector, the Rev. R. G. Heawood, conducted the service, the lesson being read by Mr. F. Nolan Golden (Ringing Master); Mrs. Alborough was at the organ.

At the business meeting, which followed tea, the Rector was voted to the chair in the absence of the branch chairman (the Rev. E. W. Blyth). Three new members were elected and Buxton was selected for the next meeting. The branch secretary proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector of Hethersett for the use of the bells, the organist and Mr. Lofty, who arranged the meeting.

SHREWSBURY, SALOP.—At St. Chad's, on Jan. 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples 'on the back eight': C. Golding 1, C. Lee 2, G. L. Hewitt 3, F. H. Bennett 4, W. G. Jones 5, L. G. Beddow (first quarter as cond.) 6, C. A. Barron 7, E. F. Willcox 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect for Preb. A. E. Lawson, D.D., Vicar of St. Michael's (and Rural Dean of Shrewsbury), who passed away the previous evening.

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SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Reigate, Saturday, March 8th. Bells: Reigate (10) 3; Redhill (8) 2.30 to 4. Service, Reigate, 4.30. Tea, Parish Hall, 5.15, for those notifying by March 4th, Miss B. Mayers, 3, Church Road, South Park, Reigate—W. F. Oatway, Hon. Gen Sec. 282

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IN MOURNING

LAST week it was our painful duty to announce the passing of our beloved King. Our issue this week gives an indication of the way the various bands of ringers expressed their own and the nation's sympathy. The record is in no sense complete. Last Friday, the day of the funeral service, on Saturday and again on Sunday when many memorial services were held, the bells were heard expressing messages of sympathy. Slow-measured half-muffled ringing has a beauty of its own. In a sense it gives an ethereal effect—open, as of mundane things, and muffled, giving the distant echoes as of a heavenly shore. We ringers probably appreciate this music better than the public—our ears are more attuned to its message; we capture the rhythm and we understand more fully the hidden message. And it is a satisfying message, giving hope, aspiration and confidence. We are definitely, in the words of St. Paul, 'men not without hope.'

There is a phrase in the proclamation of the new Queen which seems to strike an appropriate note for the occasion—'our late Sovereign of blessed memory.' It is this blessed memory that heartens us on our way. We think of our late King in his capacity for work. He was no amateur in his attention to the affairs of State. Although the call to the Throne came unexpectedly, by dint of sheer hard work he mastered the business of the Crown and valiantly overcame physical disabilities to give that personal leadership. We think of his simplicity and his goodness, qualities that are the most powerful weapons in the world and accomplish more than forces of arms or of wealth. With these thoughts the Nation mourned; crowds stood bare-headed as the funeral cortège passed and at 2 p.m. observed the Silence.

Appropriately, this week the time signal of the B.B.C. has been half-muffled ringing on the old eight of Westminster Abbey. It is good ringing with a slow-measured beat. Some might have preferred the muffles to have been more pronounced, but perfect recording of bells is difficult to achieve. There was, however, character behind the ringing, the dignity of a heavy ring. There was also the knowledge that the message was coming from the heart of the Empire and from within a few yards of the catafalque in Westminster Hall. The choice was well made.

As our peal and quarter-peal columns indicate, the ringing was country-wide. Many of the towers mentioned are well known. Such centres as Birmingham, Leicester, Manchester and Sheffield were naturally represented. Tradition has it that St. Paul's Cathedral bells are not rung to a peal for such an occasion, but on the day of the funeral the whole-pull and stand was rung 56 times for the late King. On bells of this weight this is a great test of the stamina of the ringers. This was the second time recently these bells have paid such a tribute—the other being to the memory of Mr. Henry G. Miles, who died at the ripe age of 82 years after years of service to the Exercise as a ringer, conductor and composer. Nevertheless, there was ringing in London, notably at St. Giles-in-the-Fields and Ealing.

Most of the ringing, however, came from the country villages, and the counties of Lincolnshire, Worcestershire and Staffordshire seemed particularly prominent. Many of the towers rarely appear in our columns. Probably the tower farthest north was Kendal, but the highest was Headingley, Leeds. From the West Country the message was given from Honiton Clyst, there was ringing in Bristol and in Somerset, that county of fine towers, and from Piddlehinton, near Dorchester, where a keen young band is making progress. The bells were to be heard in the villages on Salisbury Plain, at Drayton in Berkshire, for ever constant in ringers' memories by its association with the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, and in the quiet Hampshire villages. At Titchfield a peal of London Surprise Minor was rung by the local band, an indication of real achievement. The Isle of Wight made its contribution. We think of the ringing at Prittlewell on the outskirts of Southend, at the fine old Deanery Church of St. Mary at Bocking, in Suffolk, and that centre of ringing, Norwich. While much of the ringing was in the four standard methods, and many first quarters were recorded, there were some notable performances, one being at Apsley End, Herts, in ten Surprise methods, rung, as the footnote reads, 'in thankful remembrance to a truly Christian King and gentleman, His Majesty King George VI.' With the message of that footnote we conclude; it is all-embracing of what is in our thoughts.

THE NATION'S SYMPATHY EXPRESSED IN PEALS

IN RESPECTFUL HOMAGE TO KING GEORGE VI.

Born December 14th, 1895: Died February 6th, 1952

TWELVE BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Feb. 7, 1952, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

*J. MARTIN THORLEY	*Treble*	TERRY R. HAMPTON	7
MURIEL REAY	2	ERIC E. SPEAKE	8
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	3	JOHN R. MAYNE	9
CLAUDIA A. HARDING	4	HENRY H. FEARN	10
BRIAN G. WARWICK	5	WILFRID F. MORETON	11
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	6	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by G. WM. CRITCHLEY.
* First peal of Stedman Cinques. Rung half-muffled.

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1952, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in D.

J. MARTIN THORLEY	*Treble*	JOHN PINFOLD	7
ALBERT WALKER	2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	8
MURIEL REAY	3	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	9
BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	4	FRANK E. HAYNES	10
CLAUDIA A. HARDING	5	GEORGE E. FEARN	11
JOHN R. MAYNE	6	HENRY H. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.
Rung half-muffled.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, in 3 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 25 cwt.

PETER J. STANIFORTH	*Treble*	S. ANTHONY JESSON	7
DOROTHY M. UDALE	2	HARRY G. WAYNE	8
MRS. J. R. SMITH	3	SIDNEY O. CHENEY	9
MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH	4	JOHN HILL	10
JOHN R. SMITH	5	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	11
BRIAN G. WARWICK	6	ARTHUR DEBENHAM	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
Rung half-muffled.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1952, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 26¼ cwt. in D.

*HOWARD HOWELL	*Treble*	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	7
MAURICE G. TURNER	2	ERNEST STITCH	8
BARNABAS G. KEY	3	SAMUEL BIRCH	9
JOHN THOMAS	4	GEORGE E. OLIVER	9
GEORGE A. PACKER	5	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	11
RICHARD D. LANGFORD	6	†JAMES S. EASTWOOD	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDERICK H. DEXTER. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.
* 300th peal for the Society. † Completes the 'circle.' Rung with the bells half-muffled.

TEN BELL PEALS

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1952, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 18¼ cwt.

*MRS. C. G. WOODGATE	*Treble*	JACK BELCHAM	6
*JEAN M. HARRIS	2	FRANK C. MAY	7
*BERNARD SADLER	3	FRANK L. HARRIS	8
WILLIAM S. MAY	4	GERALD FROST	9
RODERICK W. CROUCHER	5	FRANK B. LUFKIN	*Tenor*

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
* First peal on ten bells. Rung fully muffled.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 32 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

*ERNEST MORRIS	*Treble*	ARTHUR CATTELL	6
†MARY A. CARPENTER	2	‡EDWARD J. CLEMENTS	7
†MARY C. PAYNE	3	§ALAN CATTELL	8
WILLIAM THORNLEY	4	JOHN E. COOK	9
JOHN E. ADAMS	5	JOHN BRAMLEY	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
* 300th peal for the Guild. † First 10-bell peal. ‡ First of Caters 'inside.' § 200th peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Feb. 7, 1952, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 28 lb.

HARRY HALL	*Treble*	FRED LACEY	5
C. AUBREY HARRISON	2	JACK BRAY	6
RONALD CHAFER	3	PHILIP BARNES	7
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	4	*GEORGE W. MOODY	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by JACK BRAY.
* 100th peal. Rung half-muffled.

BELPER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1952, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr.

*ALAN TAYLOR	*Treble*	ALBERT E. THOMPSON	5
JACK BAILEY	2	HAROLD TAYLOR	6
WILLIAM H. T. KING	3	†MARK J. BARKER	7
FRANCIS R. LOWE	4	*PHILIP H. WHITAKER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by JACK BAILEY.
* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.'
Rung fully muffled.

BOCKING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1952, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT THE DEANERY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18¼ cwt. in E.

SAMUEL WARNE	*Treble*	FRANK CLAYDON	5
CLAUDE SNOWDEN	2	EDWIN JENNINGS	6
LEWIS W. WIFFEN	3	HILDA G. SNOWDEN	7
HARRY G. FELTON	4	ALBERT WIFFEN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. WOOLLEY. Conducted by ALBERT WIFFEN.
Rung half-muffled.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1952, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 14½ cwt.

ALBERT MALLEN	*Treble*	BERNARD LAWTON	5
JOSEPH WARR	2	ALFRED C. BOXLEY	6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	3	GEOFFREY WESTWOOD	7
JOHN PAGETT	4	*STEPHEN MALLEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE.
* First peal. Rung half-muffled.

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1952, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES
Parker's Six-part (C.C.C. No. 13). Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

ERNEST WILSON	*Treble*	RALPH W. SAYERS	5
GEORGE E. LARGE	2	ALBERT E. HUMPHRIES	6
*ALLEN MORGAN	3	*THOMAS W. LEWIS	7
REGINALD WOODYATT	4	FREDERICK G. YATES	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.
* 100th peal together. Rung half-muffled.

HAGLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt.

ARTHUR S. WILLIAMS	*Treble*	J. NORMAN HADLEY	5
WILLIAM DAVIES	2	STANLEY PRESTIDGE	6
*DEREK H. WATSON	3	MAURICE G. TURNER	7
ERNEST STITCH	4	HOWARD HOWELL	*Tenor*

Composed by J. NICHOLLS. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.
* First peal in the method. Rung half-muffled.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 6¼ cwt.

*W. GEORGE CHAPLIN	*Treble*	S. GEORGE CHAPLIN	5
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	2	EDWARD T. LLOYD	6
LEONARD TUFFREY	3	JOHN LLOYD	7
VINCENT A. HEMMING	4	†THOMAS GWILT	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.
* First peal. † First peal of Triples. Rung half-muffled.

PRIVETT, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

PETER N. BOND	*Treble*	PETER J. EVES	5
BLANCHE M. BALL	2	JOHN W. MEADE	6
*NORMAN J. SMITH	3	JOHN H. HUNT	7
*†E. WINIFRED KEYS	4	FREDERICK W. BURNETT	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by FREDERICK W. BURNETT.
* 25th peal together. † First peal in the method 'inside.' Rung half-muffled.

UFFORD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

ALDERMAN LING	*Treble*	A. SMITH	5
ARTHUR LING	2	FRANK L. FISHER	6
GEORGE BERRY	3	J. PREASTNER	7
CHARLES E. FISHER	4	H. HALL	*Tenor*

Composed by T. H. WORSLEY. Conducted by ALDERMAN LING.
Rung fully muffled.

RAWTENSTALL, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Rossendale Branch.)
On Mon., Feb. 11, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 14 cwt.

JAMES W. WILLIAMS	*Treble*	KENNETH HARTLEY	5
*JAMES TAYLOR	2	REV. R. D. ST. JOHN SMITH	6
GEORGE BROWN	3	WILLIAM H. RIDEOUGH	7
HAROLD PARKINSON	4	†GEORGE E. MORTEN	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. CORRIGAN. Conducted by REV. R. D. ST. J. SMITH.
* First peal in the method 'inside.' † First peal on 8 bells. Rung fully muffled.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.
LONDON COUNTY ASSOC. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.
On Tues., Feb. 12, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF CHRIST THE SAVIOUR,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 13¼ cwt.

DAPHNE LUKE	*Treble*	BERYL R. COWLIN	5
*CHARLES T. RICHARDS	2	THOMAS E. DAVIES	6
†J. E. LEWIS COCKEY	3	WILFRID G. WILSON	7
MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS	4	HAROLD W. ROGERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID G. WILSON.
* First peal of Grandsire. † 100th peal.

SCUNTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Feb. 12, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 17 cwt.

*FRANK LORD	*Treble*	GEORGE THOMPSON	5
C. AUBREY HARRISON	2	FRANK C. PRICE	6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	3	JACK BRAY	7
FRED LACEY	4	GEORGE W. MOODY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK BRAY.
* 200th peal. Rung half-muffled.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Feb. 13, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Original. Tenor 21¼ cwt.

ELIZABETH LAYTON	*Treble*	NORMAN HOBDEN	5
*GILLIAN R. BRITTAIN	2	ALBERT J. ADAMS	6
DENIS N. LAYTON	3	HAROLD N. PITSTOW	7
*GERALD SMERDON	4	ALBERT E. CHEESMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENIS N. LAYTON.
* First peal in the method. Rung half-muffled.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE ROYAL FOUNDATION CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-CASTRO,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's Variation. Tenor 16 cwt.

E. CHARLES TURNER	*Treble*	JOHN R. SMITH	5
MRS. H. J. POOLE	2	RICHARD GRANT	6
HARRY BROUGHTON	3	PETER J. STANIFORTH	7
JOHN MYATT	4	ERNEST W. RAWSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
Rung half-muffled

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(Southern Branch.)
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation). Tenor 10½ cwt.

*EVA ROWLAND	*Treble*	RALPH HARRIS	5
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	2	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN	6
JOHN THOMAS	3	PATRICK HARRIS	7
MRS. J. THOMAS	4	MARGARET ROWLAND	*Tenor*

Conducted by PATRICK HARRIS.
* First peal. Rung half-muffled.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

*LEWIS J. LAST	*Treble*	*DUDLEY H. P. BUXTON	5
*PATRICIA CLARKE	2	FREDERICK J. CRAPNELL	6
*RODERICK W. PIPE	3	GEORGE W. PIPE	7
*GEORGE V. BUXTON	4	CECIL W. PIPE	*Tenor*

Composed by NORMAN CHADDOCK. Conducted by GEORGE W. PYE.
* First peal of Bob Major. Rung fully muffled.

ACTON, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

JOYCE LEWIS	*Treble*	*ROBERT LAY	5
FREDERICK A. FINCH	2	FREDERICK G. BALDWIN	6
GEOFFREY DODDS	3	WILLIAM J. ELLIS	7
JANET S. BAILEY	4	WILLIAM H. COLES	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by FREDERICK A. FINCH.
* First of Major 'inside.' Rung with bells half-muffled.

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in D.

*MISS K. M. SHEPHERD	*Treble*	C. JOHN PIPER	5
†GEOFFREY D. BURROUGHS	2	ERIC H. KNAPP	6
DAVID J. LAKER	3	ALBERT E. LAKER	7
HENRY N. VAUGHAN ..	4	FRANK H. HICKS ..	*Tenor*

Composed by H. WHITTLE. Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.
* First peal of Major. † First peal 'inside.' Rung with bells fully muffled.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

APSLEY END, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Feb. 6, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In 10 methods:—(i) Ipswich, (ii) York & Durham, (iii) London & Wells, (iv) Beverley & Surfleet, (v) Bourne, (vi) Cambridge, (vii) Norwich. 41 changes of method. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

JOE HOBBS	*Treble*	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD ..	4
*PAMELA A. MARTIN ..	2	WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT ..	5
DEREK E. LATCHFORD ..	3	WALTER AYRE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.
Rung half-muffled.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Feb. 6, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being six six-scores of Stedman, four six-scores of Plain Bob and 32 of Grandsire. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

JOY WHITEHEAD	*Treble*	ALAN CATTELL	4
*EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD	2	ARTHUR CATTELL	5
CHARLES V. CATTELL ..	3	BETTY WOOD	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN CATTELL.
* 250th peal. Rung half-muffled.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Feb. 6, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, COLEGATE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

ELIZABETH M. BIBBY	*Treble*	ERNEST G. SHORTING ..	4
WILLIAM LOVE	2	REV. A. G. G. THURLOW	5
DAVID HEIGHTON	3	GEORGE SAYER	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE SAYER.
Rung with the bells half-muffled.

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Feb. 6, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

JOAN SMITH	*Treble*	ARTHUR B. COOPER ..	4
JEAN HAYNES	2	FREDERICK FLINT	5
DOUGLAS H. ROOKE ..	3	HERBERT T. ROOKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.
Rung half-muffled.

WINTERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 8, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob and two each of Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

RONALD CHAFER	*Treble*	JACK N. FREEMAN	4
*BRIAN CUTHBERT	2	HARRY HALL	5
JACK BRAY	3	PHILIP BARNES	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK BRAY.
* First peal in four methods. Rung half-muffled.

BAWTRY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being 7 varied extents. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

*ALAN JEWITT	*Treble*	FREDERICK J. JACKSON ..	4
HARRY WILLS	2	FRANK LAMB	5
†JOHN WARDLE	3	ERNEST J. PADGETT ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST J. PADGETT.
* First peal. † First peal of Plain Bob Minor. Rung half-muffled.

BRANSTON, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Hull, Norwich, Bourne, Cambridge, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Single Oxford Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

AMOS INGALL	*Treble*	PETER MASON	4
MOSES BILLINGS	2	RONALD APPLEWHITE ..	5
BERTIE BEE	3	LOUIS WILLDERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by MOSES BILLINGS.
Rung fully muffled.

BRIGG, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 14 methods, viz.: (1) Single Oxford and Single Court, (2) Double and Reverse Bob, (3) Fulbeck and Canterbury, (4) Double Oxford and London Bob, (5) Thelwall and Lytham, (6) St. Clement's and College, (7) Childwall and Wavertree. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*WILLIAM BAINS	*Treble*	GEORGE E. FEIRN	4
JACK BRAY	2	*FRANK C. PRICE	5
GEORGE W. MOODY ..	3	*PHILIP BARNES	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.
* First peal in 14 Minor methods. Rung half-muffled.

DUNKERTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents, 10 different callings. Tenor 6 cwt. approx.

*HAROLD L. PARFREY	*Treble*	WALTER STARR	3
MRS. H. L. PARFREY ..	2	EDWARD F. CONNOCK ..	4
ROGER O. FRY	*Tenor*		

Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.
* Twenty-fifth peal. Believed to be the first peal on the bells. Rung half-muffled.

GREAT TOTHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Double Court, two extents of Plain Bob and two extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

*PETER J. CAME	*Treble*	JOHN WEST	4
JOSEPH E. G. ROAST ..	2	GEORGE W. BARBER ..	5
HARRY E. SEAGER	3	E. J. SHYNN	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. J. SHYNN.
* First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor. Rung half-muffled.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Consisting of two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 13 lb.

CLIVE M. SMITH	*Treble*	J. NORMAN HADLEY ..	4
*ERNEST STITCH	2	*MAURICE G. TURNER ..	5
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ..	3	HOWARD HOWELL ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.
* 50th peal together. Rung half-muffled.

NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob, and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM O. FARRIMOND	*Treble*	*HARRY BLACKBURN	4
*KENNETH EDWARDS	2	*CHARLES BLACKBURN	5
*GORDON A. HALLS	3	JOHN ASHCROFT	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN ASHCROFT.

* First peal in three Minor methods. First peal in three Minor methods as conductor. Rung half-muffled on front six.

NORTON CANES, STAFFORDSIHRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

DENNIS BERESFORD	*Treble*	*ALAN ELSMORE	4
PETER BERESFORD	2	WALTER J. COPE	5
JOAN BERESFORD	3	GEORGE E. OLIVER	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. OLIVER.

* First peal of Surprise. First peal of Surprise on the bells. Rung half-muffled.

ROYSTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

DOUGLAS M. HALL	*Treble*	STANLEY DANCE	4
FRANK MITCHELL	2	ERIC STAINROD	5
PETER CARBUTT	3	EDWIN ATKINSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWIN ATKINSON.

Rung fully muffled.

BROMYARD, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Feb. 11, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM HINKSMAN	*Treble*	†GEORGE A. WALL	4
*CLIFFORD WALL	2	THOMAS COOPER	5
DONALD HINKSMAN	3	ARTHUR F. WALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS COOPER.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal. Rung fully muffled. Tenor open at backstroke.

PIDDLEHINTON, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Feb. 11, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 six-scores of Grandsire with 14 different callings. Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb.

BEN CHEESEMAN	*Treble*	JOHN COOMBES	4
NORMAN B. DAVIS (14)	2	E. T. PAUL FIELD	5
*REGINALD J. C. CLOTHIER	3	FREDERICK C. DAVIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. T. PAUL FIELD.

* First peal. Rung half-muffled.

TITCHFIELD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Feb. 11, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's. Tenor 12½ cwt.

MISS S. K. M. KNIGHT	*Treble*	PATRICK PAGE	4
MISS S. M. WICKENS	2	JOHN H. HUNT	5
ALEXANDER PAGE	3	TOM PAGE	*Tenor*

Conducted by TOM PAGE.

First peal of London Surprise Minor on the bells and by all the band. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung half-muffled.

ALMELEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Feb. 13, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (10 callings). Tenor 10 cwt.

*ARTHUR WILLIAMS	*Treble*	WILFORD NORGROVE	4
DOROTHY HUGHES	2	LESLIE EVANS	5
MRS. E. CHANDLER	3	†RICHARD T. SQUIRES	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE EVANS.

* First peal away from covering bell. † First peal. Rung half-muffled.



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TEN BELL PEAL

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,
A PEAL OF 5000 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 24 cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON	*Treble*	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS	6
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	PETER CROOK, SEN.	7
REV. R. D. ST. J. SMITH	3	JOSEPH RIDYARD	8
FRED GRUNDY	4	PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE	9
ROBERT ALLRED	5	RICHARD BENSON	*Tenor*

Composed by G. NEWSON. Conducted by PETER CROOK.

Rung to mark the Proclamation of the new Queen and to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Percy H. Derbyshire. 150th peal as conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

WITTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

JOHN E. BIBBY	*Treble*	WILLIAM E. ALLMAN	5
WALTER ALLMAN	2	HARRY PARKER	6
ERIC HORNBY	3	HARRY W. HOWARD	7
HAROLD WORRALL	4	CECIL RADDON	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.

HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Feb. 3, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

ALLEN MORGAN	*Treble*	SIDNEY T. HOLT	5
R. GEORGE MORRIS	2	GEOFFREY J. LEWIS	6
WILLIAM H. A. COMPTON	3	REGINALD WOODYATT	7
GEORGE E. LARGE	4	THOMAS W. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Composed by JOSEPH PIGOTT. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

CONDOVER, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

*COLIN B. GOLDING	*Treble*	A. EDWARD REEVES	5
*MISS B. A. CARTER	2	FREDERICK G. BEDDOW	6
WILLIAM A. FARMER	3	JOHN N. LINDON	7
†GEOFFREY C. BAGLEY	4	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by CLIFFORD A. BARRON.
* First peal of Treble Bob Major. † First peal of Major.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

WIGMORE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Dec. 9, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 10 extents of the Plain Bob, 30 extents of Grandsire, and one 240 of Morris's arrangement. Tenor 9 cwt.

JOHN D. ROCK	*Treble*	DOROTHY HUGHES	4
LESLIE EVANS	2	FREDERICK R. HARRIS	5
*PHILLIP POWLES	3	SYDNEY DANIELS	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK R. HARRIS.
* First peal 'inside'

ALMELEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Dec. 25, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 10 extents of Plain Bob, 30 extents of Grandsire, and one 240 of Morris's arrangement. Tenor 10 cwt.

*JOHN GOODWIN	*Treble*	DOROTHY HUGHES	4
LESLIE EVANS	2	FREDERICK R. HARRIS	5
PHILLIP POWLES	3	ARTHUR W. WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK R. HARRIS.
* First peal.

COUNTESTHORPE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Feb. 5, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORK SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

*TERENCE BOLLINGBROKE	*Treble*	†W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	4
†WINIFRED M. BURTON	2	†WM. THORNLEY, JUN.	5
JOHN E. COOK	3	†JOHN HILL	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal in the method. The first peal in the method on the bells.

KIRBY BELLARS, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Feb. 5, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Comprising 1,200 April Day, 1,200 Plain Bob, 1,200 Canterbury Pleasure and 1,440 Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

J. HARRY COOK	*Treble*	REGINALD LOOKER	3
ALFRED HINMAN	2	HAROLD T. BONSHOR	4
CHARLES E. COOPER	*Tenor*		

Conducted by HAROLD T. BONSHOR.
Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. C. Littlewood, a founder member of the Goscote Society of Change Ringers.

STOCKBURY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Feb. 5, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores. Ten callings. Tenor 15 cwt.

*MAURICE F. H. LACEY	*Treble*	GEORGE A. NAYLOR	3
*ALBERT J. DUNK	2	BERT W. MAY	4
GEORGE KENWARD	*Tenor*		

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.
* First peal. A birthday compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. W. E. Edwards, and also to Mrs. Joan Rayment, hon. sec. of the P.C.C.

HANDBELL PEALS

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Feb. 3, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5016 SPLICED ROYAL
In three methods, comprising 2,640 Plain Bob; 1,320 Double Bob, and 1,056 Little Bob, with 264 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

*WILLIAM G. YOUNG	1—2	DANIEL T. MATKIN	5—6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	3—4	ROY C. HURST	7—8
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER	9—10		

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.
Witness: ARTHUR G. JANES.
* First peal of Spliced Royal away from the tenors. Arranged and rung as a compliment to Mr. F. W. Townsend, Ringing Master of the Wimborne Branch of the Salisbury Guild, on his 85th birthday.

NOTTINGHAM.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
AT 110, NOEL STREET,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Original.

*DENIS R. CARLISLE	1—2	ALBERT H. WARD	5—6
CLEMENT GLENN	3—4	FREDK. A. SALTER	7—8

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
* First handbell peal in the method.

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'STAND EEN'

(With apologies to all ringers of the Tamer Valley.)

Zix listy varm chaps then us was,
Zabnteen to twenty-two,
An kum short lights and winter nights
Us adden nort to do.

Ses Bert to we: 'Yur ark to me.
Let's pool anither string—
Let's go up Tower and axe Beel Hyde
To larn we 'ow to ring.'

Beel made us free (good sort was 'e)
'Kum een my dears— kum een.
Don't bide—God lor—should kumd bevore
Wheerever hav'e been?

Us larned like h'oil th' rope to coil
To pool, an pitch, an rise,
By gar!—gurt blisters larned we why
'Tis called 'The h' Exercise.'

Beel quick 'e knacked we inter shape
Thoughbut us started green,
Soon's us could strike bit vitty like
Us stood een—een between.

'Twar Jim the Smith, Tom Cobbledick,
To vourth was postman Cann,
Frank Yeo, Nick Steer (Nick loved the beer);
'Coose Beel was tribble man.

Now they'm all go ('spose life be so)
Yet no bare ropes was seen,
As aich o'they was called away
So wan o'we stapt een.

Ess, zix ole granfers now us be—
Our datch be purty theen,
'Tis us ole dolts to rear the colts
With—'Wellkum dears—Kum een.'

But if us raych they golden gates,
Be us ninety or nineteen
Us knaws Beel Hyde will open wide
'Kum right een cheel—stand een.'

GARGE.

5,037 SPLICED CATERS

By FRANK E. DARBY

(Stedman 2,554, Grandsire 2,483)

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165234789)		
156327498)		Grandsire
52643879		
65243	8—3	
65342	1—2—s3—4	
54362	9—3	
25463	8—3s	
425	8—3	
542	8—3	
35462	8—3s	
23564	8—3s	
523	8—3	
352	8—3	
43562	8—3s	
24365	8—3s	
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Repeat, into Stedman slow six with Single immediately and calling the first course:—
S1—4—10—S15—17 (263154978)

Rung at Beddington, Surrey, December 15th, 1951.

QUARTER PEALS

REDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Reece 1, R. D. Tomlin (first quarter as cond.) 2, A. Clayton 3, L. Bance 4, D. Parsons 5, F. Jennings 6, L. Reece 7, E. Talbot 8.

BRIGHTWELL-CUM-SOTWELL, BERKS. — On Feb. 4th, 1,440 Bob Minor: F. C. Castell 1, Miss A. Castell 2, D. Slade 3, A. Jarvis 4, J. O. Berry 5, A. R. Pink (cond.) 6. Rung on the eve of the Patronal Festival.

CLAPHAM PARK, SURREY.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: S. Marrington (first quarter) 1, D. Lubbock 2, A. Tyers 3, G. Lucas (cond.) 4, B. Braine 5, F. Tyers 6. A farewell to D. Phillips, who is sailing to Australia, and birthday compliments to ringers of 1, 2, 3 and 6.

GREAT OXENDON, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss K. Godlington (first quarter) 1, D. Griffin 2, M. Messam (first quarter) 3, C. Swann (first quarter 'inside') 4, A. Millward (cond.) 5. First quarter by the local band.

HANDSWORTH, YORKS.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,280 Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major: J. J. L. Gilbert 1, Miss E. Bate 2, J. H. Brothwell 3, F. Cardwell 4, W. H. Taylor 5, E. Houldsworth 6, J. G. Brothwell 7, J. E. Turley (cond.) 8. First in method by 2, 6 and 7.

LONG BUCKBY, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Eales 1, C. Green 2, A. Cooper 3, E. Orland (cond.) 4, S. Summers 5. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. W. Lucas, for 30 years a ringer at this church.

NEWPORT, MON.—At All Saints', on Candlemas Day, Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. A. Atwell 1, A. R. Price 2, Mrs. A. R. Price 3, B. J. Parry 4, J. L. Fitzgerald 5, J. Pauley 6, G. Francis (cond.) 7, D. G. Clarke 8. Rung for the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and as a wedding compliment to Miss Gwyneth Clarke.

TURRAMURRA, SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA.—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Rainsford (first quarter of Minor) 1, J. Rainsford (cond.) 2, J. Clark 3, K. Stacey 4, A. R. Botting 5, W. Smith 6. Rung for the anniversary of the founding of the Colony of N.S.W. at Sydney Cove on January 26th, 1788.

WASHINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Bob Minor: Jeanne Elliott 1, P. R. Blackman 2, G. Lee 3, F. F. Brookes 4, B. J. Luff 5, E. Fosberry (first as cond.) 6. First of Minor 1 and 3. Rung for the Feast of the Purification.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The thousands of ringers who listened in to the King's funeral must have been deeply impressed by the ringing at Westminster Abbey. The 'whole pull and stand' was heard in its great majesty, the slow measure bringing out the grandeur of the bells.

From Australia we have received a query asking whether East Bergholt (Suffolk) bells, which are manipulated by hand from the frame, have ever been rung to changes.

Mr. John E. Adams, who took part in the muffled peal at St. Margaret's, Leicester, on February 15th, has not rung a peal for over 15 years

Miss Brenda M. Smith's performance of ringing the 36-cwt. tenor at Evesham at the age of 16 has reminded Miss Jane M. Plumbe that on September 16th, 1951, just one month after her 15th birthday, the rang the 36-cwt. tenor at Queen Camel.

The same band that rang a quarter peal at Godshill, Isle of Wight, for the passing of the King, also rang for his coronation and for the silver jubilee and funeral of George V. Mr. S. Hollis also rang for the diamond jubilee and funeral of Queen Victoria and for the coronation and funeral of Edward VII.

Mr. H. J. Sanger has a very promising band of youngsters at Evercreech, Somerset. Three years ago the order of the day in this tower was rounds. Now the band, on January 27th, have scored their first quarter of Caters. They were also ringing Stedman Triples and Bob Major and did, in fact, with the help of one visitor recently, ring a course of Stedman Caters. The details of the quarter peal of Grandsire Caters are:—D. Hill (13) 1, R. Crago (11) 2, A. Sanger (12) 3, R. March (14) 4, J. Nicholls (15) 5, J. Badman 6, R. Field 7, A. White 8, H. J. Sanger (conductor) 9, F. Field 10. This was the first quarter of Caters for all except the ringer of the 7th.

Bournemouth handbell ringers remembered the 85th birthday of Mr. F. W. Townsend, and rightly so, as he was handbell ringing tutor to Mrs. Marshallsay and Messrs. W. G. Young and Roy Hurst. Unfortunately, Mr. Townsend is seriously ill and on February 5th, two days after his birthday, he was taken to Boscombe Hospital for an operation. The latest report is that he is doing well.

Mr. J. Ashcroft, of Golborne, near Warrington, has also supplied us with a perfect square on eight changes that was requested by Kewsett.

The peal to the memory of King George VI. at Grundisburgh, on February 16th, was also a tribute to the memory of Dr. James C. E. Simpson.

We have had a number of requests for peal cards in connection with the passing of the King. If those who have ordered cards want them on white with a black edge, will they please write at once.

The memorial peal to King George VI., at Walsall, was also to the memory of Dr. H. G. Crawford, O.B.E., M.C., late County Commissioner, South Staffordshire, for the Boy Scouts' Association.

Southwark Cathedral bells (back eight) were rung half-muffled on the day of the King's death from 6.30—7 p.m. On the day of the funeral the tenor was rung muffled at minute intervals of three whole pulls, and between 6.15 and 6.45 a touch of Grandsire Triples on the back eight, half-muffled.

Mr. John Bass, who tolled the knell for the passing of King George VI., at St. James' Church, Wollaston, near Stourbridge, remembers February 3rd, 1901, when he tolled for Queen Victoria at St. Thomas' Church, Stourbridge. He rang at Wollaston for Edward VII. and at St. Michael's, Brierley Hill, for George V.

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THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Festival Ringing Prominent Feature in Annual Review

PROBABLY the greatest attraction from a ringing standpoint, on the occasion of the London County Association's annual general meeting held on February 2nd, was the opportunity of ringing at the Festival Church of St. John, Waterloo Road, Lambeth. This is the first time these pleasant, well-going bells have been open for general ringing since the church was damaged by enemy action.

During the afternoon some 70 or 80 members and friends filed in relays into the small ringing chamber to participate in the ringing. Mr. W. D. Grainger, who has been working hard on the maintenance of these bells for a considerable period, is to be congratulated on the condition of bells and ringing chamber.

The limited amount of service ringing possible here during the period of the Festival was carried out by members of the London County Association under the organisation of Mr. W. D. Grainger, of St. John's, and the General Master, Mr. T. H. Taffender.

Other towers available for ringing during the afternoon were Southwark Cathedral and St. Stephen's, Clapham Park.

After attending Evensong in the Cathedral, tea was served in the Chapter House followed by the annual business meeting. Among those present who are members and also hold high office in other Associations were Mr. H. J. Poole (president, Leicester Diocesan Guild), accompanied by Mrs. Poole, Mr. G. H. Cross (Master, Society of Royal Cumberland Youths), Mr. J. G. A. Prior (Master, Ancient Society of College Youths) and Mr. A. D. Barker (treasurer, Oxford Diocesan Guild).

In his address of welcome to the Association, and in his capacity as honorary chaplain, the Provost of Southwark Cathedral (the Very Rev. H. E. Ashdown) congratulated the members on the year's activity and urged all members to observe the real purpose of their ringing. In this connection the thought he left with the meeting, but with some amplification, was—'Art for art's sake is just bunk.'

The election of 13 members and ratification of three previous elections took place.

The accounts were presented by Mr. W. G. Wilson, auditor, in the absence of Mr. G. F. Strickland, hon. treasurer. It was with regret that the meeting learned of the unfortunate series of illnesses that had befallen Mr. Strickland during the past year and that his present condition was such that he requested that he should not be re-elected as treasurer. The accounts showed that the excess of income over expenditure was only 12s. 10d. and it was pointed out that this represented in reality a loss as the stock of certificates, etc., expended over the year was in excess of this sum. Total assets of the Association amounted to £99 7s. 6d.

MASTER'S REPORT

Activities and work of the Association during the year was summed up by the Master (Mr. T. H. Taffender) in his report. Ringing and business meetings had been held at Southwark Cathedral, St. Mary's, Lambeth, St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, St. Saviour's and St. Mary's, Walthamstow, All Hallows', Tottenham, St. Stephen's, Westminster, St. Nicholas', Chiswick, St. Margaret's, Lee, Eltham, Mitcham and St. Mary's R.C., Clapham Common. Fifteen peals had been rung in methods up to Yorkshire and Cambridge Surprise Royal. A Festival of Britain peal had been rung at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, entirely by officers of the Association.

The Master personally thanked the company who rang a half-muffled 'In Memoriam' peal at Isleworth for the late Mr. Thomas Wilfred Taffender. The Isleworth company felt highly honoured by a tribute from the Master of the Royal Cumberland Youths, Mr. G. H. Cross, who congratulated them on recent performances. As in previous post-war years, the work of the Association and the tireless efforts of the General Master are exemplified in the record of Sunday service ringing organised by Mr. T. H. Taffender, and carried out by ringers from all parts of London.

CLERGY INSPIRATION

On 51 occasions during the year a company visited 14 different towers where help was required, and rang 33 quarter peals. Included in in this were nine visits to the Festival Church. Mr. Taffender thanked all members who had assisted in this work and mentioned that the inspiration for this came principally from the local clergy and churchwardens who regularly made a point of meeting the ringers to welcome them and give hearty thanks for the services rendered.

Another achievement of the Association during the year was to broadcast handbell ringing prior to the services held in the Festival Gardens, Battersea, on no less than 15 occasions.

RULE AND REPORT BOOKS

Mr. J. H. Lott, for the sub-committee, reported that considerable work had been carried out in connection with both rule and report books and that the copy for both would shortly be ready for the printer. The rules had been brought up to date, approved at the previous meeting and were that evening passed. Factual, historical matter relating to the Association was also brought up to date In order that the book containing both rules and history should be of the greatest possible value and interest, it was suggested that in addition to the full explanation of the membership certificate by the author and designer— Mr. E. Alexander Young, A.R.I.B.A., half-tone illustrations of the Master's badge, etc., should be incorporated

The meeting's confidence in its committee was exemplified by a financial vote of an open figure for the production of these books.

The meeting stood in respect for those members who had passed on during the year and among these were such well-known ringers as Mr. James George, Mr. Thomas Groombridge, Mr. Maurice Hibbert, Mr. Harry Kilby and, probably the greatest loss sustained by the Association for many years, Mr. T. Wilfred Taffender. Members were also informed of the death of Mr. Alfred Brighton, which took place a few days before the meeting.

Officers elected for the year were:—Master, Mr. T. H. Taffender, I.S.O.; general secretary, Mr. H. W. Rogers; assistant secretaries, Mr. N. G. Hollingworth and Mrs. O. L. Rogers; treasurer, Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey; stewards, Mr. C. M. Meyer and Mr. Peter Hutchings; trustees, Mr. F. Blewer and Mr. J. A. Hales. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to two retiring officers who had been connected with the Association for many years—Mr. C. J. Strickland and Mr. A. H. Keighley.

Resulting from a vacancy for a Central Council representative there was a close vote between Mr. J. H Lott and Mr. W. G. Wilson. Mr. Wilson, who was proposed by Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey, was elected with 29 votes whilst Mr. Lott received 20 votes.

Four teams were entered for the handbell competition, these being two from St. Luke's, Chelsea, one from All Saints', Isleworth, and one from Brentford. All four teams rang a plain course of Grandsire Triples and the 'Dawe' cup was awarded to one of the Chelsea teams consisting of Mrs. D. Wright, Mr. P. Carter, Miss Jean Weddell and Miss J. Atkins.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Clemson 1, F. V. H. Sinkins 2, W. W. Wolstencroft 3, T. Evans (first quarter in the method) 4, D. M. Stone 5, E. L. A. Hudson 6, W. Birmingham (cond.) 7, B. T. Lister 8. To celebrate the 87th birthday of Mr. F. Sinkins (Jan. 30th), and the 25th anniversary of E. Hudson's joining the Slough band from Wantage.

THE ABBEY BELLS
Gave B.B.C. Interval Signal

The half-muffled bells used by the B.B.C. as an interval signal during the past ten days were a recording of ringing at Westminster Abbey on February 6th, the evening of the death of H.M. King George VI.

The ringers taking part were:—W. H. Pasmore, J. F. Smallwood, W. S. Langdon, H. Belcher, A. B. Peck, H. N. Pitstow (conductor), H. Langdon, R. F. Deal.

The bells were rung again on Monday, February 11th, when the coffin was brought to Westminster Hall

On the day of the funeral the bells were broadcast from 9.20 onwards, and on this occasion rounds and the whole pull and stand (each 56 times) were rung, followed by a touch of 561 Stedman Triples.

The ringers on this day were:—W. H. Pasmore, W. S. Langdon, J. F. Smallwood, H. Belcher, A. B. Peck, H. N. Pitstow (conductor), J. E. Phillips, R. F. Deal.

16,020 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Notice of Attempt by Oxford University Society

We have received notice from Mr. Michael Slaney that on Friday, March 7th, the Oxford University Society propose to attempt 16,020 Plain Bob Royal (arranged by himself) on handbells. The attempt will take place in the Cathedral belfry, starting after lunch.

The composition to be attempted is appended:—

W	M	H	
—	—		42635
6	—	S	65234
—	6		36254
—	—	(6)	23465

Five times repeated, six bobs home only in the 6th part.

With the following additional calls:—

Pt. 1.—Before in 1st course.

Pt. 2.—5ths with a bob, 4ths with a single, in 13th course. Before in the 14th course.

Pt. 3.—Before in 6th course.

Pt. 4.— —

Pt. 5.—5th with a bob, 4ths with a single, in 2nd course. Before in 3rd course.

Pt. 6.— —

Before '5ths' and '4ths' are for the position of the tenor, W, M, H are for the position of 7, 8, 9, tenor as a block. In other words 'H' is when 7, 8, 9, tenor are dodging in the back four dodging positions, and not necessarily when the tenor is home.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

The combination of grand weather, a good attendance and the very hard work put into the effort by the local ladies made the meeting at Ladbroke on February 2nd a huge success.

Most ringers visited Harbury and Bishop's Itchington before ringing at Ladbroke and attending service there, which was taken by the Rev. —. Packard from the Guild's form of service. The surpliced choir added colour to the service and the organ was played by Mr. Holden.

We were pleased to welcome the Rectors of Harbury and Bishop's Itchington who also joined us at tea, making a total of 49. No less than 16 towers were represented including members of the Peterborough Guild and a strong contingent from the Coventry and Nuneaton Districts.

The social was started by the Bishop's Itchington handbell players. Later, two sketches by the Misses Palmer and Middlemiss gave us an extra laugh. Mr., Mrs. and Miss Beamish gave a fine display of tune playing on handbells before 'breaking up' at 10.30 p.m. This is believed to be the first meeting-cum-social in the District, but judging from the enthusiasm of all, we are very doubtful if it will be the last.

R. J. E.

MEMORIAL RINGING TO A BELOVED KING

We publish this week our second instalment of quarter peal ringing to the memory of King George VI.

ADLINGTON, LANCS.—On Feb. 6th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor (being two different 720s): D. Walton (first quarter) 1, F. Openshaw 2, B. Dickinson 3, T. Turner 4, I. Jones (cond.) 5, J. Blackburn 6. Rung half-muffled.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 10th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Wendy Turnbull 1, Mary Brown 2, B. Turnbull 3, E. Trusler 4, H. Brown 5, S. Brown (first quarter as cond.) 6. First quarter of Surprise by all. Rung fully-muffled.

ARDLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Feb. 8th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: J. Pell (first of Major) 1, D. Mills 2, Mrs. L. Mills 3, F. Erith (first of Major) 4, A. Cansdale (first of Major) 5, G. Barnes 6, L. Mills 7, P. G. Barnes (first of Major as cond.) 8. Rung fully-muffled.

BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): F. R. Goddard 1, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 2, H. G. Goddard 3, D. J. Crouchman 4, A. A. Hilliar (first quarter in two methods) 5. Rung half-muffled.

BLEDLOW, BUCKS.—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Plumridge 1, G. Eggleton 2, D. Beasley 3, A. Strathdee (first quarter as cond.) 4, J. Hunt 5.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Sear 1, A. Crane 2, H. Sear (cond.) 3, W. Daniells 4, R. Cadamy 5, F. Stanton 6, J. Meager 7, R. Howson (first quarter) 8. Also on Feb. 10th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. Crane 1, R. Febee 2, W. Sear 3, F. Stanton 4, H. Sear 5, W. Daniells 6, J. Meager 7, R. Cadamy (cond.) 8. Both rung half-muffled.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Aldridge 1, C. Gregory 2, A. Greenough 3, R. B. Blond 4, F. James 5, C. Corderoy (cond.) 6, H. Aldridge 7, R. H. Corderoy 8. Rung half-muffled.

BRIDLINGTON, YORKS.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: J. Chew (first quarter) 1, J. B. Ibbotson 2, J. Davies (first quarter) 3, J. Porter 4, J. A. Parker 5, J. Foot 6, H. Parker (cond.) 7, J. Bower 8. First quarter in the method by all the band. Rung fully-muffled.

BURES, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: J. Pell (first quarter) 1, D. L. Mills 2, Mrs. L. Mills 3, E. Leggett 4, C. Bower 5, A. J. Haynes 6, L. D. Mills (cond.) 7, R. G. Downing 8. First in method for 4 and 6.

CARDINGTON, BEDS.—On Feb. 7th, 1,380 Doubles (480 St. Simon's, 360 Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire): D. Kitchener 1, P. I. Chapman 2, J. B. Long 3, S. J. Woodcock 4, B. Pattison (cond.) 5, D. Bridges 6. Rung half-muffled.

CARMARTHEN.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Maybook 1, Mrs. D. Curtis 2, J. Thomas 3, W. L. Williams 4, D. Curtis (cond.) 5, L. Curtis 6. Rung half-muffled.

DALLINGTON, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each Reverse Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire): N. Morten (first quarter) 1, J. G. Chapman 2, J. Hadley 3, E. Nobles (cond.) 4, C. T. Windram 5, R. T. Clarke 6. Rung half-muffled, with tenor open at backstroke.

DANBURY, ESSEX.—On Feb. 10th, 1,440 Minor (two 720s Plain Bob): Miss M. Shearmur 1, R. Gardiner 2, E. W. Roast 3, E. G. Roast 4, J. E. G. Roast 5, J. West (cond.) 6. Also 1,440 Minor (one 720 Oxford Bob and one 720 Plain Bob): Miss M. Shearmur 1, J. E. G. Roast 2, R. Gardiner 3, E. W. Roast 4, E. G. Roast 5, J. West (cond.) 6.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYS.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, and 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: D. Mellor 1, Miss J. Dunn 2, Miss N. Howes 3, D. S. Gregory 4, G. H. Paulson 5, R. Bullen 6, H. E. Taylor 7, N. Hotchin 8.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (540, 720): Jill Roberts (first quarter) 1, Olive Deadman 2, Mrs. Wiggins 3, Mrs. J. Seymore 4, H. Thomas 5, J. Seymore (first quarter of Minor as cond.) 6. First quarter of minor by all except 6. Rung fully-muffled.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original): A. C. Beadle 1, W. J. Paice 2, C. J. Beadle 3, E. Gardner 4, E. J. Wells 5, R. V. Fuller (cond.) 6, C. W. Denyer 7, P. R. Collins 8. Bells fully-muffled, with tenor open at backstroke.

FRESHWATER, I.O.W.—On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Saunders 1, A. W. Green 2, E. F. Ridett 3, L. Bailey (cond.) 4, F. A. Green 5, L. Lacey 6. Rung half-muffled.

GREAT BARR, STAFFS.—On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Preece 1, E. J. Franklin 2, R. C. Ingram 3, P. D. Booth 4, C. M. Smith (first quarter as cond.) 5, B. E. Carson (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled.

HALESOWEN, WORCS.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Greenhall 1, L. Clissett 2, Miss W. Pretty 3, Miss M. Tromans 4, J. H. Cox 5, E. Woodall 6, H. Shilvock (cond.) 7, A. Harris 8. Rung half-muffled.

HALSTEAD, ESSEX.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Linsell 1, C. Snowdon 2, H. A. Pratt 3, Miss H. G. Snowdon 4, L. W. Wiffen 5, J. Warner 6, R. Suckling (cond.) 7, C. Smith 8.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret Bowden (first quarter) 1, F. Bowden (cond.) 2, Judith Unwin (first quarter 'inside') 3, F. Ransom 4, J. Knight (first quarter 'inside') 5, H. Gauntlet 6. Rung half-muffled on the back six.

HEADINGLEY, YORKS.—On Feb. 9th, 1,316 Grandsire Triples: Graham Hawkes 1, R. Bettley-Cooke (cond.) 2, P. J. Johnson 3, I Hilary 4, G. Robinson 5, A. Teviotdale 6, R. L. Butterfield 7, W. O. Talbot 8. Rung fully-muffled.

HELMDON, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 11th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: E. Saunders 1, W. J. Chester 2, E. Lines 3, M. Saunders 4, J. Steel (first of Surprise 'inside') 5, W. Yates (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled.

HERTFORD.—At St. Andrew's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Thorne 1, R. Dore 2, J. Kemp 3, A. S. Carter (cond.) 4, C. Springham 5, A. Wright 6, G. J. H. Ditton 7, P. W. Saunders 8. Rung half-muffled.

HIGHER WALTON, LANCS.—On Feb. 6th, at the Church of All Saints, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: B. Henry 1, J. B. Clarke 2, W. Mansley 3, J. Taberner 4, J. E. Briggs 5, F. Stead (cond.) 6. Also on Feb. 8th, 1,272 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: B. Henry 1, Mrs. W. Mansley 2, J. B. Clarke 3, W. Mansley 4, J. E. Briggs 5, F. Stead (cond.) 6. Rung with bells fully-muffled.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. R. Retter 1, A. Holway 2, Mrs. G. E. Retter 3, Miss R. Lake (first quarter 'inside') 4, D. Callard 5, G. E. Retter (cond.) 6, J. Salway 7, E. E. Retter 8. Rung half-muffled.

HORNSEY, MIDDLX.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. W. Blee 1, J. E. Crump (first quarter in method as cond.) 2, Miss E. Fadden 3, W. Kingston 4, D. Kingston 5, R. P. Crump 6.

HUMBERSTONE, LEICS.—On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): K. Carr (first quarter) 1, J. Pawley 2, H. L. Wykes (cond.) 3, C. Lynch 4, E. Bagworth (cond.) 5, M. Roote 6. Conducting shared. Rung half-muffled.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLX.—On Feb. 10th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: Miss S. Harris 1, Miss J. Pett 2, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 3, Miss E. Farrell 4, Mrs. K. Parr 5, A. L. Pearson 6, S. Croft 7, C. T. Richards 8, D. Charnley 9, H. Brooks 10. Conducted by H. W. Rogers, who did not ring. Rung half-muffled.

KENDAL, WESTMORLAND.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Burton 1, T. Knights 2, K. Clement 3, T. Haslam 4, N. T. Nightingale 5, T. J. Clement 6, L. Pearson 7, J. Wilson 8.

LEICESTER.—On Feb. 7th, at St. John-the-Divine, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: J. Ratnett 1, E. J. Clements 2, Mrs. F. E. Wilson 3, Miss E. Burton 4, S. Harrison 5, J. E. Cook 6, A. Cattell 7, J. Bramley 8, F. E. Wilson 9, W. Thornley, jun. (first of Royal as cond.) 10. First quarter of Royal for 1, 3 and 4. Rung half-muffled. Also at St. Margaret's, on Feb. 8th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major (on the heavy 8): J. Morris 1, W. Thornley 2, A. Cattell 3, Miss W. Burton 4, E. Clements 5, S. Harrison 6, F. E. Wilson 7, E. Morris (cond.) 8.

LONDON.—At St. Giles-in-the Fields, on Feb. 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. D. Prockson 1, Miss G. L. Friswell 2, Miss J. H. Friswell 3, M. Sinden 4, R. K. C. Wilkings 5, G. A. Parsons (cond.) 6, D. Neal 7, D. A. Sydenham 8. Rung half-muffled.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Feb. 10th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: E. L. Taylor 1, R. Keeley 2, H. G. Keeley 3, Canon C. C. Cox 4, N. Mallet 5, G. Oliffe 6, G. H. Whitemore 7, G. S. Morris (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled.

MANCHESTER, LANCS.—At the Cathedral, on Feb. 9th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. Reynolds 1, F. Barraclough 2, P. P. Carter 3, A. Ridyard 4, R. Longden 5, A. Ward 6, W. L. Robinson (cond.) 7, D. Ogden 8. Rung fully-muffled.

MELKSHAM, WILTS.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. W. C. West 1, C. F. Andrews 2, Miss M. Hunt 3, Miss R. Gibbons 4, S. R. Cockell 5, A. W. Hunt 6, W. C. West (cond.) 7, H. Cockell 8. Rung half-muffled.

NEWINGTON, FOLKESTONE, KENT.—On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Chittenden 1, J. B. Sansom 2, E. J. Walker 3, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 4, G. F. Gray 5, J. Soles 6. Rung half-muffled.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTS.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Ladd 1, J. Hunt 2, F. Slatford (cond.) 3, J. Giddings 4, D. Lee 5, C. Barber 6, P. Harding 7, R. Harding 8. First quarter Triples 1, 2, 4 and 6, and by a local band. Rung fully-muffled with tenor open at backstroke.

NORTON-CUCKNEY, NOTTS.—On Feb. 8th, 1,296 Surprise Minor (720 Norfolk and 576 Cambridge): Joan Smith 1, A. Hill 2, D. H. Rooke 3, G. Challans 4, T. H. Rooke (cond.) 5, F. Flint 6. Rung half-muffled.

PENTRE, RHONDDA VALLEY, GLAM.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Davies 1, G. Williams 2, J. Edwards 3, F. Lasbury 4, J. Lovett (cond.) 5, R. Brabham 6, J. Evans 7, H. Crabb 8. Rung half-muffled.

FIDDLEHINTON, DORSET.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Doris Walden 1, N. B. Davis 2, Ruth Jeanes 3, F. C. Davis 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5, B. Cheeseman 6. Rung half-muffled.

SALFORD, LANCS.—On Feb. 6th, at Sacred Trinity, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. E. Jackson 1, P. P. Carter 2, P. E. Parry 3, B. Harris 4, E. Nixon 5, W. L. Robinson 6, D. Ogden (cond.) 7, J. W. Jones (first quarter on 8) 8. Rung half-muffled.

SHEFFIELD.—At All Saints' Church, on Feb. 9th, 1,260 Bob Minor: R. Hall 1, B. Holland 2, Capt. E. G. Dickens, M.C., 3, J. S. Woodhouse 4, W. Holland 5, Den. Holland (cond.) 6. Also 1,260 Bob Minor: David Holland (first quarter) 1, Den. Holland 2, J. S. Woodhouse 3, Capt. E. G. Dickens 4, W. Holland 5, B. Holland (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled.

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.—On Feb. 8th, 1,280 Minor in 21 methods: D. Nelson 1, S. Elsey 2, J. Fox 3, W. Cousins 4, E. Mastin (cond.) 5, C. Cousins 6. First quarter in 21 methods by all.

THURNBY, LEICS.—On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Bott 1, J. Pawley 2, M. Roote 3, P. Pawley 4, H. L. Wykes (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled.

UPPER CLAPTON, LONDON.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. H. Smith 1, Miss G. L. Friswell 2, Miss J. H. Friswell 3, M. Sinden 4, G. A. Parsons 5, R. K. C. Wilkings 6, D. Neal (cond.) 7, C. F. Neal 8. Rung half-muffled.

WALPOLE, NORFOLK.—At St. Andrew's, on Feb. 6th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: W. Ketteringham 1, J. Willows 2, W. J. Ketteringham 3, W. Hammond 4, J. Fox (cond.) 5, W. Wiskin 6. Rung half-muffled.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Angela Bell (first quarter) 1, F. H. Crook 2, W. G. Paul 3, R. G. Smith 4, S. H. Hoarce 5, G. W. Seaman 6, R. G. Bell (cond.) 7, D. N. C. Emery 8. Rung half-muffled.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.—On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. W. Sibley 1, D. G. Mayell (first quarter as cond.) 2, F. R. Goddard 3, H. T. Wilson 4, A. A. Hilliar 5, D. A. S. Symonds 6, F. V. Gant 7, H. G. Goddard 8. Rung fully-muffled.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

RAISING IN PEAL

Dear Sir,—One of my favourite quotations is from the 'Clavis' where, writing about raising and falling in peal, the authors said: 'When properly executed it is undoubtedly very pleasant and melodious, but melodious as it is, the adepts of the art of ringing in the city of London, very seldom choosing to put themselves to the pain of it, it is now chiefly practised by the country gentlemen for whose benefit we have here introduced the subject.'

It would seem, therefore, that even in those days the more advanced ringers were not bothering about rising and falling in peal, and in so doing they were depriving themselves, just as do many ringers of to-day, of one of the great pleasures to be derived from ringing.

There is one practical hint given in 'Ropesight' which your leading article does not mention. It is that all the time, both in rising and falling, the treble should be kept exactly at the opposite stroke to the tenor. In fact, it is the tenor and not the treble which should set the pace. If the tenor man keeps his bell slowly and steadily moving all the time in the required direction, and the tenor man keeps at the opposite stroke throughout, many difficulties and much jangling will be avoided. This is contrary to the view expressed in your leading article but, nevertheless, I believe it to be sound doctrine.—Yours faithfully,

E. J. TAYLOR.

Tiverton, Devon.

HUGHENDEN BELL RESTORATION FUND

Dear Sir,—About this time last year an appeal was launched through 'The Ringing World' for the restoration of our bells. We shall be grateful if we may be allowed to report progress. Up to date the sum of £1,550 has been subscribed, but £450 is still needed before we can close the fund.

At the end of this month the bells will be taken away to the bellfounders and we hope to have them back for our Patronal Festival (September 29th).

We shall be so thankful for any further donations and, however small, they will be gratefully acknowledged. They should be sent to the Rev. S. A. C. Dickens, Hughenden Vicarage, High Wycombe, Bucks.—Yours sincerely,

R. BIGGS.

Bell-Haven,
Hughenden.

SPLICED MINOR

Dear Sir,—Recently Mr. J. P. Fidler, in his article on the history of spliced ringing, mentioned the first peal of Spliced Minor in 14 methods was rung at Edenham on Wednesday, February 15th, 1911. The publication was delayed by the Rev. H. Law James, who asked the ringers who rang the peal not to give any information about the construction of it as he was giving that out himself at the proper time. Evidently he scored on his critics. The peal was published on June 30th, 1911, on page 244, with the figures of the composition, etc.

The ringers who rang it were as follows:—Mr. A. J. Holmes (Edenham) 1, Rev. H. Law James (Surfleet) 2, John W. Lake (Bourne) 3, James Osborn (Bourne) 4, Fred Blood (Bourne) 5, Rupert Richardson (Surfleet) tenor. The time of the peal was 3 hours and 14 minutes and the peal was conducted and transposed at the time by the Rev. H. Law James.

The methods rung were as follows:—(1) Norfolk and Primrose Surprise, (2) Cunecastre and London Surprise, (3) Beverley and Durham Surprise, (4) Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise; (5) Oxford and Sandal Treble Bob, (6) Double and Single Oxford Minor, (7) Plain and Double Bob Minor.—Yours sincerely.

F. BLOOD.

Nottingham.

RINGING DURING NATIONAL MOURNING

Dear Sir,—As a change ringer of long standing, I was surprised to hear the bells of a 'loyal and ancient borough' ringing in 'open peal' for Sunday service on February 10th.

Would it not have been in better taste and shown more honour and respect to our late beloved King to have rung muffled, and should not the Central Council of Church Bell-ringers have issued a statement ruling the procedure during the period of national mourning?

Such a statement could easily have been given out through the B.B.C.

Further views on this matter would be appreciated.—Yours faithfully, F. G. HOOPER.

Newark, Notts.

HEAVY TOWERS AND EXPERIENCE

Dear Sir,—Although I have never previously written a letter to 'The Ringing World,' I do seriously question the wisdom of permitting a young lady to ring Evesham tenor.

Knowing something of the skill and high standard of engineering of the modern bell-hanger, I do not doubt the possibility of the young lady keeping the bell 'up.' In no sense am I criticising her. The people I criticise are the people who permitted her to attempt this feat. Do they realise the potential energy let loose in the turning of a 35-cwt. bell? The 'handling' of a heavy bell is vastly different from that of average size and to confront a young ringer with such a task is a risky affair unless carefully instructed in the art of heavy-bell ringing. If she had overpulled the bell and a stay had been broken would she have realised **at once** what had happened and taken the right action?

Recently a very experienced heavy-bell ringer from a county of heavy bells had an unfortunate mishap arising from a broken stay. He was seriously injured and had to spend many weeks in hospital.

With this in mind I would ask those in charge of towers to exercise common sense and forgo these young people the dubious honour of being able to say, 'I rang (?) so and so tenor when I was 16.' The safety and well-being of the individual must be the first consideration.—Yours sincerely, 'NERVOUS.'

RINGING CUSTOMS

Dear Sir,—Regarding Cawthorne's old established ringing customs, N. F. M. and many others would no doubt be interested in the customs of Shepton Beauchamp Church and its ringing.

Early ringing commencing at 6 a.m., for service at 7 a.m. occurs on Easter Day, Whit Sunday, Harvest Festival, Michaelmas Day (the church is dedicated to St. Michael) and Christmas Day. The bells are rung also for Ascension Day and the King's birthday at 7 a.m. Muffled ringing is carried out on Armistice Sunday and on All Souls Day. R. BEALE.

Shepton Beauchamp, Somerset.

BILBIE'S BELLS

Dear Sir,—Regarding Bilbie's bells, the noble old six (tenor 20 cwt.) at Batcombe, Somerset, were recast in 1760 by 'T. Bilbie, of Chew Stoak,' who 'cast six bells out of old ones,' and 're-casting ye bells, addition of metal, carriage to and from Chew Stoak' (about 25 miles each way) cost Batcombe £79 16s. 11½d., or thereabouts.

My quotations are from a 'History of Batcombe' published c. 1916 in the village.

But I don't think Bilbie had any special formula, since the tenor was recast in 1887 by Aldbourne Foundry, and matches up extremely well with the rest.—Faithfully yours.

F. A. CLUETT

Gravesend

CARTER'S DOUBLES

Dear Sir,—To the average ringer may, perhaps, be considered the most Doubles method and therefore the one that gives the greatest satisfaction to the ringer. There is, however, a drawback to this method as compared with Stedman inasmuch as only five extents are obtainable with the recognised singles made by the bells dodging in 4-5 between two whole turns at the back. (I am referring to the method as given in Snowdon's 'Standard' Methods and shown as 'Reverse Carter' in the Central Council Collection of Doubles and Minor Methods.)

Carter's difficult

12345
21435
12453
14235
41253
14523
15432
51423
15243
15234
51324
15342
13524
31254
13245
12354
21345

Singles can, however, be made by the two bells double-dodging in 1-2 and if these are made alternately with the ordinary singles at the back, at intervals of 30 changes, five extents with four singles each can be obtained, as with Stedman, and also five extents with two each of the singles in 1-2, in addition to the five with the normal singles in 4-5, making a possible 15 120's in all, as with Stedman.

To simplify calling, 'Single' could be called for the standard single in 4-5 and 'Bob' for the one suggested in 1-2.

The suggested single is shown in the margin.—Yours faithfully,

G. A. PECK.

Rugby.

GRANDSIRE AND PLAIN BOB

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. N. D. Lomas—Yes, it is Grandsire, and that shows that Grandsire is the odd-bell version and Plain Bob the even-bell version of the same method.

When you use a covering bell at each treble lead it ceases to be Plain Bob and as there is the legitimate version to hand, why persist in wrong-doing?—Yours faithfully,

A. TURNER.

Barnsbury, London.

RINGING RHYMES

No. 4—Hunting

Striking at end of each new 'change,'
After a different bell to range,
You've 'covered.' Now 'tis time to prove
That you 'midst other bells can move.

So 'hunting,' up and down you'll go—
(The latter quick, the former slow)—
As blow by blow you change your place
From front to back, and then retrace
Your steps. In rhythmic time proceed,
And though your ear and eye you'll need
To find your way, yet do not pause
If neither indicates. Because
The rhythmic pull must keep you right,
Since other wait on your 'ear-sight.'

So once 'Go, Umphingtaughn!' is heard
Keep hunting! 'Rhythmically's' the word.

A. Y-B.

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MEMORIES OF THREE FAMOUS RINGERS

DR. J. C. E. SIMPSON

An Appreciation

A smile, a handshake, a sincere greeting, and now—Silence.

It is so easy to indulge in hindsight when a well-loved friend is taken from amongst us; so much to comfort one's inner mind with that it may be forgiven.

One evening in January, 1928, after a practice at St. Nicholas', Liverpool, George R. Newton remarked, 'We have a young man from the other side of the river coming to our practices who looks like making a good ringer.' From that remark to an invitation to stand in in an attempt for Cambridge Surprise Royal was a natural step and so 'J. C. E.' rang his first peal of Surprise on March 17th of that year. On April 9th he again rang in a peal of Cambridge Royal and on May 5th he stood in a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus. Surely a good beginning of what was to become a great ringing career.

On June 30th he rang his first peal of London and on July 7th yet another peal of Cambridge Maximus. On August 6th his first peal of Stedman Cinques was scored in which he rang the 10th already he was getting round the heavy end. In July, 1929 he rang the 11th to Cambridge Maximus and on April 6th, 1931, he rang the tenor to Cambridge Royal. With the exception of a peal of London all these peals were rung at St. Nicholas', Liverpool, the tenor of the 12 bells weighing approximately 37 cwt. He was then about 23 years old and we older ones were perhaps slightly worried that he should not overdo it, but his handling of a heavy bell was superb.

During 1933 and 1934 he was in the United States taking a two years' course of study at Rochester University, New York, and the friendship was maintained by correspondence. On his return he quickly took up the art again and became a recognised heavy-bell ringer. A period in London added to his experience. On his return North, he quickly found a place in our circle and in our hearts.

Of later years his brilliant conducting of Spliced Surprise became almost a household word; particularly marked was his clarity of enunciation; one was in no doubt as to the method to be rung. Perhaps it is in this sphere of Spliced Surprise conducting that we shall remember him most vividly—his quiet confidence and the supreme ability to do a good job in a simple manner.

Probably his outstanding feat was the ringing of the tenor at Beverley Minster on August 29th, 1950, to a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal. His handling of this bell was reported as amazing, and listeners agreed that they heard some of the finest Surprise Royal on that day they were ever likely to hear. This bell is probably the toughest one to ring to Royal in the country. The tower certainly adopts a most unfriendly attitude causing the bell to have more tricks than the proverbial maiden: it has been the Waterloo of many fine ringers who, in their defeat, have had nothing to be ashamed of. Confidences should be respected but 'J. C. E.' would surely forgive the utterance of one. He wanted to ring this bell to a peal that he might equal the performance of someone else: he not only equalled it but surpassed it magnificently.

His last great performance was the record length of Cambridge Royal at Worsley when he finished the ten hours and 23 minutes' ringing looking the least tired of anyone in the band.

And now we shall see him no more. We have memories of his greatness, gratitude for his acquaintance, the heritage of the richness of his character and the impoverishment of his loss. Farewell 'J. C. E.,' you have journeyed thither to the Plains of Elysium, where in time we may hope to join you, where we shall spiritually walk and talk as of yore of the gaiety and gravity of the pranks and pleasures of life on this earth-bound planet. E. JENKINS.

MR. ALFRED W. BRIGHTON

An Appreciation by the Rev. A. S. Roberts

It is with sorrow I note the passing of Mr. A. W. Brighton. He was my earliest 'outside' ringing friend for I met him and was inspired by him just 30 years ago, when quite a lad. Cornwall, too, has lost an affectionate friend of those who struggle valiantly in her belfries, and although the rising generation will not remember him, his name is inscribed in our records.

Alf Brighton, as he became known to us all, was a little man with a big heart, eager and willing to help others, and always kindly in doing so. His appearance was distinctive: his neatly-waxed moustache, and big gold chain with ringer's badge, and, always, his rolled umbrella, and usually, his small leather case.

Alf's business brought him to Cornwall in the summer, and he would stay for several weeks at Falmouth, Newquay and Penzance. On arrival he turned up at a tower or someone's home, and so the programme of extra ringing began for he always wanted to help the strugglers. In those days it was all Grandsire, but that did not matter although he had done some great things in the Surprise realm but seldom talked of it. When he had helped someone through a 'first' touch he was radiant, and his shoulders would dance for joy!! He often spent week-ends with me at Truro.

He had learnt his ringing at Norwich (the late Armiger Trollope was a contemporary), and I usually spent a few weeks each summer in Norfolk. He always wanted news—of Norwich ringers (the Howchins and Borretts) and the Aylsham men (the Roughts and Moys). He had rung many peals with them, and so there unfolded a host of stories, and one in particular of how he had rung the old Mancroft tenor to a peal of Treble Twelve, and the bells ran round 1, 2, 4, 3 for no peal. On going to London to live, he rang many peals with William Pye, and I noticed his name on peal boards in several London towers, e.g., Stedman Cinques at St. Giles', Cripplegate. During the war he wrote to me: 'I was passing Cripplegate this morning, but only the tower was standing, of course all the bells came down.'

Whilst travelling the country, Alf did little or no ringing when he went home to London; I believe one of his first peal 'public' appearances in London ringing circles was just before the war when there was a Police Guild meeting and he went along to St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, but when ringing began again it was good to see his name in quite a number of peals and quarters at Leytonstone. He took up again what he had left off many years before.

To return to Cornwall and the help he gave here, he rang a peal of Grandsire at Kea, one of his pioneer towers, with six locals, in 1913. It was conducted by John Thomas (London). There was also a local John Thomas in the band. Incidentally this was the last peal in which any resident Cornish ringers took part for no less than 14 years until I rang my first peal at the same tower in 1927. Although there had been several quarter peals it was not until 1938 that my wife and I rang our first peal with Alf and then I had to return to Cornwall to do so. Again the scene was Kea, and this little man was there, standing as one does on the font step to ring the second. He was surrounded, so it seemed, by overwhelmingly big men of revered memory also—Jim Shepherd on the treble, and Rupert Richardson. Jim Bennett called the peal—it was Treble Bob.

Alfred Brighton could have gone on enjoying to the full the higher forms of ringing, but a supreme thought of his was to help those who struggled, but who lacked opportunity. In this his example stands high, and I shall always thank God that Alf Brighton came my way, otherwise my service to the Church by way of the bells might have waned for ever.

MR. SAMUEL J. HECTOR

The death occurred on Friday, February 15th, at the Trowbridge and District Hospital, after a long illness, of Mr. Samuel J. Hector, for many years connected with St. James' tower, Trowbridge.

Sam, as he was known to a wide circle of ringing friends, learned to ring as a boy at Curry Rivel, Somerset, coming to Hilperton, near Trowbridge, as a young man, where he took an interest in the tower there. In 1909 he was instrumental in getting the bells of St. Michael's restored, and rang his first peal there on May 31st, 1909. Later that year he moved to Trowbridge and joined the St. James' tower, which then possessed a ring of eight. His first peal on eight, Grandsire Triples, was rung on December 11th, 1909. From then on he became a keen peal ringer, cycling many miles in pursuit of his only hobby. His peal total is just over 200, which took many years of hard work and much travel to attain.

Perhaps it is not as a great ringer that he will be remembered, but for the work and enthusiasm he put into the Trowbridge tower where he was captain for the past 16 years. He it was who took upon himself to call a town's meeting in 1933 to try and get the bells restored. Within a few weeks the response was so good that it was decided to go out for a ring of 12, complete with new frame and fittings. This was accomplished and the bells opened in 1934. There was no prouder man at that gathering than Sam.

For some years he was licensee of the Black Swan, and many of the older generation of ringers will remember this favourite stopping place for their annual outings. He was very proud of his membership of the Ancient Society of College Youths and the peals he had rung for them, and also St. Martin's Guild. He was a member of many other associations.

The writer, talking to the late George Williams a short while before his death, remembers him saying of Sam, 'He is not a great ringer, but a great character.' And perhaps this sums up one whom it will be hard to replace. May he rest in peace. C. F. A.

MR. SAMUEL ROE

The death occurred on Friday, February 8th, of Mr. Samuel Roe, for many years a ringer at Holy Trinity Church, Rothwell, Northants.

Although during recent years illness had prevented him from coming to the belfry, he will be remembered for his consistent and punctual attendance.

His death was caused directly by injuries sustained in the 1914-1918 war, and the patient way Mr. Roe bore his painful illness will be remembered by all those who knew him.

The ringers of Holy Trinity Church, Rothwell, paid their respects to his memory with touches of half-muffled ringing on the bells he always talked about. B. A.

MRS. DAPHNE EDWARDS

The sympathy of West Surrey ringers is extended to Mr. Alan Edwards, of Godalming, in the death at St. Thomas' Hospital, on February 12th, of his wife, Mrs. Daphne Ursula Edwards, aged 23 years.

Mrs. Edwards (nee Ward) was taught to ring at Godalming Parish Church by the late Mr. Charles Childs. She was married on Easter Monday, 1951. Her sweet disposition gained for her the affection of a wide circle of friends.

The funeral was at Godalming Parish Church on Saturday, and as the cortege left the church the bells were rung fully muffled to a touch of Grandsire Doubles, conducted by Mr. C. E. Smith.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World' of February 23rd, 1912

ODD CHANGES

'Among the great performances of the past, one frequently hears reference to the peal of 40,000 rung at Leeds in Kent. A cutting from the "County News" dated April 10th, 1761 . . . will doubtless interest many of our readers:—

"On Tuesday last, the day of election of members to represent Mid-Kent in Parliament, when the Hon. Robert Fairfax, of Leeds Castle, and Sir Wyndham Knatchbull, Bart., were chosen, the Leeds Youths went off to ring a peal of Bob Major, consisting of 40,320, being the whole number of changes upon eight bells, which was completed in 27 hours by fourteen men only. The peal was never rung or ever attempted to be rung by any set of ringers in this kingdom. Whenever it is performed by any other set the Leeds Youths are determined to maintain their superiority in all others by ringing all the changes upon ten bells."'

[Perhaps it is as well they did not have to carry out this threat! The tower in this little Kentish village, which is reputed to be broader than it is high, could probably stand such treatment, however, even if the ringers could not. The churchyard contains the grave of James Barham, one of the above fourteen, the first ringer to accomplish a hundred peals.]

ST. JOHN'S, HILLINGDON

The St. John's Guild held its fifth annual supper on January 25th when a jolly party of 30, under the chairmanship of the Vicar, the Rev. F. C. Tyler, sat down to an enjoyable meal at the Windsor Restaurant, Uxbridge.

Various toasts were the subjects of speeches by the Vicar and Mrs. Tyler and Messrs. F. W. Goodfellow, E. C. S. Turner, W. N. Genna and W. H. Coles. Musical interludes by Norman Randall (violin), accompanied by St. John's organist and choirmaster, Mr. John Ferguson, and change-ringing and tunes on handbells and, of course, the usual reminiscing occupied the rest of the evening. 'Auld Lang Syne' at 11 p.m. brought to an end another popular social occasion in the parish.

The annual meeting of the Guild was held on the following Monday with the Vicar again presiding. Apart from Mr. W. H. Coles becoming captain and Mr. H. W. Impey his deputy, the officers were re-elected. Mr. F. W. Goodfellow was re-elected hon. secretary for the 24th successive year. Three peal attempts in 1952 were agreed.

HAROLD PAILING MEMORIAL FUND

Mr. J. W. Raithby, in forwarding us a final list of subscribers to the Harold Pailing Memorial Fund, states that it reached a total of £161 10s. 6d. A cheque for this amount has been paid to Mrs. Pailing.

	£	s.	d.
Previously acknowledged	131	3	0
Lenton Ringers	1	1	0
S. Briggs		5	0
Midland Counties Guild	3	1	4
St. Luke's Ringers, Chelsea	1	10	0
Knutsford Parish Church Ringers		15	0
St. George's Ringers, Stockport	1	1	0
Lincoln Diocesan Guild (Lincoln Dis.)	2	7	6
Mr. D. Pincent		10	0
Rev. C. J. Sturton	1	0	0
H. Miles	1	1	0
A. B. C.	1	0	0
Leeds and District Amalgamated Soc.	3	13	6
Chester Guild, Wirral Branch	9	12	6
Mr. and Mrs G. H. Cross		5	0
Generous Briton, B.B.		2	8
Bulwell Ringers	1	0	0
Chester Diocesan Guild (Northwich Branch)	2	2	0
	2	2	0
Total	£161	10	6

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

North and East District

The District annual meeting, attended by nearly 50 ringers, was held at the Association headquarters, St. Giles-in-the-Fields. Apologies for absence were received from the president and the District secretary through indisposition.

The secretary's report indicated that twelve towers had been visited during the past year in connection with meetings but that the attendance had, on average, been less than previous years. Two District members had died and 18 new members were elected. One hundred and one quarter peals had been reported from 14 towers and these were rung mostly for Sunday services. More Sunday service ringing had taken place in the Central London churches where there are no local bands during the Festival Year and a successful Festival ringing day was organised on August bank holiday.

Recognition was made of Mr. A. Richardson, Finchley, a blind ringer, who successfully rang the treble to a peal, and of Mr. R. Sanders, who recently turned Waltham Abbey tenor to a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major. The District welcomed two ringers into its area in the persons of the Rev. M. C. C. Melville and Mr. E. J. Rowe.

The statement of accounts showed a working margin of £29 10s. 6d. to be carried to the Central Fund of the Association.

Election of officers resulted as follows:—Mr. A. Cutler, Ringing Master; Mr. T. J. Lock, secretary; Mr. C. F. Neal, assistant secretary; Mr. W. N. Genna, auditor. A list of towers for monthly meetings and the special methods for these meetings was agreed upon, and the next annual meeting will be held at Upper Clapton.

Ringing took place during the afternoon and evening at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, and St. Margaret's, Westminster, and thanks were accorded to the incumbents and towerkeepers for granting permission.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

A company of 54 ringers, representing eleven district towers and visitors from Coventry, Reading, Crayford and Leytonstone, attended the annual meeting of the North Western District of the Surrey Association held at Beddington on January 26th. The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. G. M. Jukes).

Mr. F. E. Collins presided at the business meeting when 14 ringing members and four compounding members were elected.

The annual report denoted steady progress and stated that service ringing was being well maintained in the District

Officers elected were:—Ringing Master, Mr. F. E. Collins; hon. treasurer, Mr. H. N. Pitstow; auditor, Mr. Layton; hon. secretary, Mr. R Lathbury; committee—Miss J. Smith, Mr. R. Davies and Mr. E. J. Lindley.

A collection amounting to £1 10s. 1d. was taken for the General Bell Fund. Further ringing was carried on till 8.30 p.m. R. L.

MR. A. G. GASSON LEAVING FARNBOROUGH

Mr. A. G. Gasson, who for 34 years has given devoted service to the belfry of Farnborough (Hants) Church and trained numbers of ringers, is leaving shortly for Northampton.

At the annual belfry meeting on February 24th he was presented with a wallet as a farewell gift from the tower by Mr. C. W. Denyer (Ringing Master of the Farnham District). He was supported by the Rector (the Rev. F. B. Hutchinson), Mr. A. G. Pitt (churchwarden) and 14 ringing members.

In making the presentation, Mr. Denyer mentioned Mr. Gasson's unfailing patience, his ability in ringing and his regularity in attendance. On behalf of the company he wished Mr. and Mrs. Gasson a long and happy retirement. Mr. Gasson returned thanks.

SOCIETY OF ROVING RINGERS

Presentation to Retiring Secretary

The fourth annual reunion of the Society of Roving Ringers was held in the Bournemouth District on Saturday and Sunday, February 2nd and 3rd.

The first tower of the week-end was Christchurch Priory on Saturday morning, where Mr. Fred Price assisted the Society in ringing Stedman Caters and Cinques, Treble Ten and Cambridge Twelve. After dinner, Bournemouth legendary sunshine was enjoyed to the full during a walk along the sea front and to St. John's. Ringing here included the standard methods and Six-Spliced Surprise.

The annual dinner was held at the London Hotel, Poole, where 19 members were joined by Mr. A. R. Macdonald and Mr. H. A. Mitchell. At the general meeting which followed Mr. A. R. Macdonald was appointed to the chair. The secretary, Mr. T. Mark White, combined his report with that of the Master, Mr. John Chilcott, and stated that the Society had enjoyed a successful year, but had not rung any peals although an attempt for Stedman Cinques at Exeter had been made. Mr. White stated that in view of his matrimonial prospects he could no longer fulfil the office of secretary. In recognition of his five years' service he was presented with a 'Peterson briar' which it is hoped will not be overtaken by the same fate as its predecessor.

New officers appointed were:—Master, Mr. J. Chilcott; secretary, Mr. G. Evenden; assistant secretary and treasurer, Mr D. Parsons; recorder, Miss A. Bailey. After a short discussion North and West Devon and Cornwall were selected for this year's tour, to be held from July 26th to August 9th. Five new members were elected, these being Michael Best and James Daniels (Bournemouth), Rex Corke (Aldershot), Ray Parsons (Carshalton) and Ken Mackintosh. Mr. A. R. Macdonald was elected an honorary member. The remaining part of the evening was spent in discussing past and future experiences and was brought to a close by a well-struck course of Plain Bob Minor on clapperless bells cast to a new formula.

Sunday ringing took place at St. James', Poole, when Cambridge and Yorkshire Royal were rung; at Canford Magna where the recent rehanging was not favourably commented upon; and at St. Peter's, Bournemouth. Thanks are due to Mr. Matkin for arranging accommodation. G. E. E.

MR. & MRS. P. DERBYSHIRE'S GOLDEN WEDDING

The peal of Stedman Caters at St. Mark's, Worsley, was rung on the 50th anniversary of the wedding of Percy H. Derbyshire and Mrs. Derbyshire. After the peal they provided a splendid repast for relatives and friends and the band who rang the peal, followed by a social evening. When the cake and wine were served, the Vicar (the Rev. — Lamont) gave a toast to the honoured couple and in doing so referred to the long service of Percy and his connection with St. Mark's. The Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith toasted 'The Ringers of England.'

Percy responded, and in his reminiscences said the day they were married they had difficulty in reaching the church as the snow was very deep He said his wife wouldn't turn back. One New Year's Eve he and other ringers were out with the handbells when they met the local police sergeant; they left their ringing venture and took him home. They had only resumed a few minutes when they met the constable; him they also took home—both were inebriated.

Percy, as he is known in Lancashire, is very popular, always ready to help, and many owe their thanks to him for being given the opportunity to ring on that grand ring of ten at Worsley. He has rung there over 55 years.

May he and Mrs. Derbyshire be spared many more years to enjoy life together.

COLLEGE YOUTHS AS LITIGANTS

From Lloyds Weekly London Newspaper, Feb. 9th, 1862

Stockham v. Friend.—An action was tried on Monday, in the Court of Exchequer, to recover the value of two church bells. The defendant pleaded never indebted.

The plaintiff is a musical handbell founder, carrying on business in Old Boswell Court. He is a bell-ringer at St. Clement Danes' and at Westminster Abbey, and also a member of a bell-ringing society known as 'The College Youths.'

The defendant is the High Constable of Hythe, a bell-ringer and also a member of the College Youths, a Society which Mr. Huddleston, in stating the plaintiff's case, said so much disturbed the quiet of the Metropolis by increasing the harmony of church bell-ringing.

At Hythe there was a ring of only eight bells, one of them being a recusant, ill-conditioned tenor. The defendant was anxious to have it recast and two new bells added to the number but the defendant was only able to get sufficient subscriptions for the two new bells. Several letters passed between the parties, and ultimately it was agreed that the plaintiff should make the bells for £95, the defendant observing that he looked forward with pleasure to the opening of the ten with the plaintiff and the other Collegians.

Plaintiff then made arrangements with Messrs. Mears, the bellfounders, and as there were no tuning forks in Hythe they had to send down Mr. Oliver with several to bring up to the tone of the treble to make the new bells harmonise. The bells were accordingly sent down and fixed, and Saturday, the 9th July, was appointed for the opening day.

There was a dinner at the Town Hall, presided over by the Minister and supported by the churchwarden. A programme of the proceedings was drawn up and published in which it was stated that a select band from the Old College Youths would attend and give a 'touch of grandsire cators, a touch of grandsire royals, a touch of steadman's cators and a touch of Kent treble bob royals'—(laughter)—with a final touch by the select band of College Youths (laughter).

The bells were ringing from twelve o'clock till six, and it appeared that the presence at Hythe of the 'College Youths' gave great offence to the old bell-ringers of the place, who had been bell-tollers from their youth upwards. At the dinner the clergymen and churchwarden and Mr. Friend eulogised the bells, and the churchwarden offered to head a subscription with 10s. to recast the recusant bell. Some time afterwards complaints were made of the bells, and a refusal to pay for them, though they were in constant use up to within a few months.

The plaintiff was called, and deposed to the main facts as stated by the learned counsel, and said the 'Old College Youths' Society' was established 200 years ago.

Mr. Baron Martin: Do you remember it?

Plaintiff: Yes, my lord, perfectly well. (Loud laughter.) The ringers at Hythe said this was an excellent splice.

Cross-examined by Mr. Hawkins for the defendant: Are you one of the men that ring every night 'Away with melancholy' at St. Clement Danes'? (Laughter.)

Plaintiff: Yes. He heard late at night on the 6th July, that some persons were so disgusted with the bells that they could not attend the dinner. (Laughter.) The clergyman left the dinner table suddenly, but it was not because he was disgusted with the Kent treble bob royals that were being played upon these bells. It was being played at the time upon some musical handbells. The plaintiff was examined to show that the bells did not harmonise, but he said they did.

Mr. Baron Martin said he thought this case ought to be arranged between the parties. He should think it was very easy to make the bells harmonise. Mr. Hawkins said he should be glad to have the matter settled for the sake of the people at Hythe. Half the inhabitants had been driven mad by the discord of these bells (laughter) and there was such a commotion in consequence on the opening day that the clergyman could not go on with his dinner. (Renewed laughter.)

Mr. Baron Martin: What, did it turn the stomach of the clergy?

Mr. Hawkins: It did. There is no mistake about it. He gave orders, 'Silence those dreadful bells.' (Laughter.)

Mr. Baron Martin said it only appeared to be a question of harmonising the bells.

Mr. Hawkins: I am told they will never harmonise.

Plaintiff: Yes, they will, but the defendant won't have it done.

Ultimately his lordship's suggestion was adopted, and the case was referred to Mr. Maunsell, a gentleman of the Bar conversant with the manufacture of bells and bell-ringing.

SUFFOLK GUILD

Ipswich District Looking For New Secretary

Sixteen members and friends (six members, ten friends) attended the annual meeting of the Ipswich District which was held in Ipswich on February 2nd. The bells of St. Mary-le-Tower were rung during the afternoon to various methods including a course of Double Oxford Major. The six bell-ringers deserve the highest praise for the way in which they tackled the heavy bells.

At five o'clock the company adjourned for tea at Footman's Restaurant and, after a satisfying meal, held a business meeting. The Rev. C. P. Newell, the Guild's clerical secretary, was elected chairman. Mr. Taylor, of St. Matthew's, was elected as a new member.

Mr. Max Page (hon. secretary) submitted a report on the activities of the District during the year. He said that although each ringer and each tower had progressed by themselves, the towers were lacking in inter-co-operation and he suggested that each ringer should attend as many practice nights, besides his own tower, as he possibly could. After he had thanked the young ringers and those from Essex for attending the meetings so regularly, he mentioned several peals of note that had been rung in the District.

The Rev. C. P. Newell thanked the secretary for his report and asked that the District might make a more determined effort to attend regularly in the coming year.

The secretary said that it was likely he would soon be called to serve his period in the Forces and therefore suggested that another ringer be appointed in the office. Because the District was so very poorly represented the meeting decided to postpone the election of a new secretary until it knew definitely when Mr. Page would be going away. Tuddenham and Rushmere were proposed as the places of next meeting to be held at the beginning of March.

After the chairman had been thanked the ringers departed to St. Matthew's and there rang Ipswich, Cambridge, Double Court, Little Bob, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and various other methods until nine o'clock. The gathering was very honoured to have Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Harris with them. M. P.

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STANWELL, MIDDLX.—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (St. Simon's, St. Martin, St. Nicholas, Grandsire, Antelope, Reverse Canterbury, April Day, Kennington, Norfolk, Old, Plain): Rev. Hoyal 1, S. F. Saban 2, F. Blagrove (cond.) 3–4, K. Frith 5, Rita Thompson 6. First in eleven methods for all and on the bells.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,440 Surprise Minor (one extent each of Bourne and Netherseale): M. Fuller 1, L. W. G. Skinner 2, Barbara Mitchell 3, R. Bird 4, J. Cannell (cond.) 5, A. S.

WOLVERCOTE, OXON.—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss R. Chamberlain (first quarter) 1, N. Chamberlain 2, W. Godwin (first quarter 'inside') 3, K. White 4, H. Gearing (cond.) 5, J. Venn 6.

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TRIBUTES UNRECORDED

DURING the past week we have been able to measure in a sense the noble manner in which the ringers of the country gave expression to the sad news of the passing of the late King. This issue contains six pages of peals and two pages of quarter peals recording what might be regarded as 'achieved' performances. In no sense is it a complete record and it is likely that the following issue will also be a memorial number. Quarter peals have been arriving in this office at approximately a page a day. While we shall do our best to give as full a record as possible, there will be certain delays in publication and it might be that not every performance will be published. Nevertheless, we shall do our best. These are occasions in life which should be recorded, not in any sense for personal vainglory, but as an indication to those who come after us of the respect and affection with which King George VI. was held by his loyal subjects.

One of our correspondents in a personal letter to the Editor suggests that in our issue recording peals and quarter peals rung in memory of the late King some space should be reserved to remember (collectively) all those other ringers who, for one reason or another—perhaps lack of experienced ringers or an able conductor—paid the best tribute they could, although unable to ring a true quarter peal. 'It was,' the letter states, 'a none the less genuine one to a much loved and honoured King.' We feel that such a sentiment will be appreciated by many ringers, and to all those who just rang we would say, on behalf of the Central Council, 'Thank you.' Some of the sweetest joys of life are the unrecorded. To the general public the finer niceties of whether a peal or quarter peal was accomplished matters not. If the bells were well struck and the method was musical to the ear then they were satisfied, and many of our readers will hold that the tower faithfully discharged its solemn obligation.

We as ringers know of the disappointment of the failure to bring home a peal for a national occasion, especially in a tower with a tradition for such observances and where these events are commemorated by peal boards or tablets going back fifty or more years. There is, at the moment, a feeling that the ringers in their day and generation failed in the fulfilment of what had been handed down to them as a sacred trust. Those familiar with the many and varied circumstances that give rise to peal failures know there is no certainty in any attempt. Errors can be minimised by the individual proficiency of the band and the conductor, but even then factors from outside have to be taken into consideration.

Take, for example, the incident that arose at the Church of St. Stephen-the-Martyr, Bristol, where a peal of 5,175 Stedman Caters was rung on February 9th with the bells half-muffled. The performance was duly notified to 'The Ringing World.' The conductor and composer afterwards discovered that the composition was false and a true peal had not been rung. His telegram arrived in time to stop publication, although the page was already imposed and passed for press. The band participating included a number of well-known Bristol and Bristol University ringers, and to them all peal ringers send their sympathy. There have been other notable occasions where errors in composition have led to a peal being lost.

In an editorial a fortnight ago announcing the King's death we made special reference to his late Majesty's wide interest in all occupations and pursuits of his people. A correspondent informs us that in 1928 King George VI. visited Chester-le-Street Parish Church. He was then Duke of York and stayed at the nearby Lumley Castle with Sir Roger Lumley, now Earl of Scarbrough. A framed photograph of the arrival at the church of the Duke and Duchess of York has hung in the belfry ever since. The Duke signed the visitors' book and this signature below another photograph was also preserved in the belfry until it was stolen a year or two ago. Ringing at this church included 720 Bob Minor, half-muffled, on the evening of the King's death, and half-muffled ringing on the two following Sundays and the intervening Saturday for a district meeting. On the day of the King's funeral a memorial peal of Grandsire Triples was rung, in which Mr. C. McGuiness, from Newcastle, stood in at short notice owing to the indisposition of Mr. S. C. Walker. There was also a quarter peal previous to the town's memorial service on Feb. 17th. The record of ringing in this tower seems quite conspicuous, although we have little doubt that in many other towers the bells conveyed the sense of the nation's loss to the people in a similar fashion.

IN RESPECTFUL HOMAGE TO KING GEORGE VI.

Born December 14th, 1895: Died February 6th, 1952

TWELVE BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Tues., Feb. 12, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	*Treble*	FRED NEWTON	7
J. MARTIN THORLEY	2	GEORGE E. FEARN	8
ALBERT WALKER	3	JOHN R. MAYNE	9
CLAUDIA A. HARDING	4	HENRY H. FEARN	10
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	5	FRANK E. HAYNES	11
GEORGE DAVIS	6	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.
Rung half-muffled.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Feb. 14, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

WILLIAM C. DOWDING	*Treble*	FRED NEWTON	7
MURIEL REAY	2	J. MARTIN THORLEY	8
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	3	JOHN R. MAYNE	9
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	4	WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT	10
BRIAN G. WARWICK	5	GEORGE E. FEARN	11
ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER	6	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
Rung half-muffled.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
IN ST. HUGH'S TOWER OF THE CATHEDRAL,
A PEAL OF 5021 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in D.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Treble*	HERBERT LOWMAN	7
JOHN FREEMAN	2	WALTER TOMLINSON	8
JOHN WALDEN	3	SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS	9
ARCHER T. LOWMAN	4	GEOFFREY MAYER	10
RAYMOND F. SMITH	5	H. LESLIE PASK	11
JOHN A. FREEMAN	6	CHARLES E. BROWN	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.
Rung with the bells half-muffled.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

H. JAMES TURNER	*Treble*	RICHARD C. INGRAM	7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	2	GEORGE DAVIS	8
ALBERT WALKER	3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	9
ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	10
FRANK E. HAYNES	5	HENRY H. FEARN	11
J. MARTIN THORLEY	6	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.
Rung half-muffled.

TEN BELL PEALS

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Feb. 12, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 37 cwt. 99 lb. in C.

REV. A. G. G. THURLOW	*Treble*	F. CHARLES GOODMAN	6
*RALPH SITCH	2	GEORGE SAYER	7
ERNEST G. SHORTING	3	BERT GOGLE	8
ARTHUR G. BASON	4	NOLAN GOLDEN	9
WILLIAM LOVE	5	HARRY PARKES	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal on ten bells.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(Southern Branch.)
On Wed., Feb. 13, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes.*
AT THE BELL TOWER,
A PEAL OF 5093 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 36 cwt. in C sharp.

*BRENDA M. SMITH	*Treble*	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	6
JOHN THOMAS	2	GERALD C. HEMMING	7
MRS JOHN THOMAS	3	PATRICK HARRIS	8
*R. ROGER SAVORY	4	†WILFRED J. NEWMAN	9
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	5	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. D. JOHNSON. Conducted by GEOFFREY J. HEMMING.
* First peal on ten bells. † First peal 'inside' on ten bells. First peal of Caters as conductor. Rung half-muffled.

SLOUGH, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E.

*BRIAN L. TAYLOR	*Treble*	*FREDERICK SCOTT	6
REGINALD L. SILLS	2	*JOHN M. ELLWOOD	7
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	3	†DAVID H. PEARCE	8
WILLIAM WELLING	4	WILLIAM F. BUTLER	9
WILLIAM HENLEY	5	*ALLEN D. RIVERS	*Tenor*

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by WILLIAM F. BUTLER.
* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Grandsire Caters. First peal on ten bells as conductor. Rung half-muffled.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 18 cwt.

FRANK E. DARBY	*Treble*	†GORDON P. T. PETERS	6
EDWIN J. LINDLEY	2	RALPH BIRD	7
GILLIAN R. BRITTAIN	3	*CHARLES W. MUNDAY	8
*GILLIAN A. SMITH	4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	9
†RALPH C. SPITTLE	5	DAVID E. PARSONS	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by EDWIN J. LINDLEY.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First peal of Grandsire. First peal on ten tower bells as conductor. Rung with the clappers half muffled.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

EAST DEREHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Feb. 6, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 73 lb. in E flat.

WALTER FORD	*Treble*	ARTHUR G. BASON	5
HERBERT LASKEY	2	GEORGE P. ADAMS	6
SIDNEY MARSHALL	3	BERT GOGLE	7
NOLAN GOLDEN	4	HARRY PARKES	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

QUEDGLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 9½ cwt.

FREDERICK G. NURDEN	*Treble*	EDWIN T. NEWBURY	5
*WILLIAM RICHINGS	2	†LESLIE E. ASTON	6
*JOAN BUSSEY	3	JACK R. WORRALL	7
PETER BAKER	4	LESLIE BARRY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.
* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First peal of Stedman Triples 'inside.' Rung half-muffled.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5280 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 105 lb. in F.

H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Treble*	ARTHUR G. BASON	5
HENRY TOOKE	2	NOLAN GOLDEN	6
STANLEY W. COPLING	3	GEORGE SAYER	7
RUSSELL W. CURSON	4	HARRY PARKES	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Feb. 11, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

CLAUDIA A. HARDING	*Treble*	J. MARTIN THORLEY	5
MURIEL REAY	2	HENRY H. FEARN	6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	3	JOHN R. MAYNE	7
JOHN PINFOLD	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
Rung half-muffled.

GLOUCESTER.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF CRYPT YOUTHS.
On Mon., Feb. 11, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY DE CRYPT,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Bruerton's. Tenor 14 cwt.

HARRY NEWMAN	*Treble*	GEORGE WIGGINS	5
LESLIE BARRY	2	TREVOR PRITCHARD	6
THOMAS NEWMAN	3	JACK R. WORRALL	7
JOAN BUSSEY	4	CHARLES C. LARNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.
Rung with the bells fully muffled, except for the open tenor at backstroke.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Feb. 11, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-AT-COSLANY,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

CEDRIC CURSON	*Treble*	NOLAN GOLDEN	5
GEORGE SAYER	2	F. CHARLES GOODMAN	6
REV. A. G. G. THURLOW	3	BERT GOGLE	7
ARTHUR G. BASON	4	HARRY PARKES	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Feb. 12, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Ten-part. Tenor 14 cwt. 12 lb.

JAMES MARSH	*Treble*	EDWARD ASHCROFT	5
WILLIAM RIMMER	2	KENNETH M. GRAYSON	6
JOHN LUNHAM	3	JOSEPH RIDYARD	7
ROBERT LARKEY	4	HARRY MOORCROFT	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
Rung half-muffled.

RAINHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Feb. 12, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 18½ cwt.

PATRICIA SMEE	*Treble*	BASIL A. EDWARDS	5
FRANCIS J. CHEAL	2	GEORGE KENWARD	6
CYRIL S. JARRETT	3	GEORGE A. NAYLOR	7
TREVOR A. CROSS	4	WILLIAM HOLLANDS	*Tenor*

Composed by W. MATHEWS. Conducted by GEO. A. NAYLOR.
Rung half-muffled.

QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Feb. 13, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr.

ERNEST SIMPSON	*Treble*	JOHN PEARSON	5
GEO. W. TURNER	2	*J. RICHARD JENKINSON	6
PAUL BIRKETT	3	VERNON BOTTOMLEY	7
*GEOFFREY F. BRYANT	4	SAM LONGBOTTOM	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by SAM LONGBOTTOM.
* First peal. Rung fully muffled.

SALLE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Feb. 13, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

NOLAN GOLDEN	*Treble*	GEORGE SAYER	5
HERBERT J. LASKEY	2	GEORGE P. ADAMS	6
ARTHUR G. BASON	3	BERT GOGLE	7
WALTER FORD	4	HARRY PARKES	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

HAGBOURNE, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Feb. 14, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 22 cwt.

MICHAEL BISHOP	*Treble*	HENRY L. BISHOP	5
BERTRAM L. J. BROWN	2	ALFRED H. WEBB	6
*GILLIAN BISHOP	3	JAMES GORDON	7
GEORGE BISHOP	4	JACK C. NAPPER	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED H. WEBB.
* First peal. Rung half-muffled.

BUCKINGHAM.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part (6th observation). Tenor 27 cwt.

*FREDERICK T. ADAMS	*Treble*	*W. CHARLES COUGH	5
*F. DAVID WESLEY	2	WILLIAM YATES	6
FREDERICK VICKERS	3	GEORGE W. HOLLAND	7
†FRANK TOWNSEND	4	WILLIAM H. YATES	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM H. YATES.
* First peal. † First in the method. First peal on the bells by a local band. Rung fully muffled.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Six-part. Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE W. CECIL	*Treble*	JAMES H. LILLEY	5
MARY HOWELL	2	JAMES W. JEFFERY	6
LEONARD STILWELL	3	RAYMOND OVERY	7
GEORGE APPS	4	EDWIN J. BRETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by RAYMOND OVERY.
Rung half-muffled.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Washbrook's Variation. Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	*Treble*	RALPH BIRD	5
THOMAS E. TAYLOR	2	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	6
ALFRED G. HILL	3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	7
*JOHN E. CANNELL	4	†THOMAS W. BLEWITT	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.
* First peal of Stedman. † First peal. Rung half-muffled.

BOWDON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in F.

*ANNE P. BROWN	*Treble*	ROY BROOME	5
RUTH M. JACKSON	2	ALAN N. BROWN	6
JEAN C. BROWN	3	ALAN J. BROWN	7
STELLA P. WAIN	4	DAVID VINCENT	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ALAN J. BROWN.
* First peal. By the Sunday service band. Rung with the bells half-muffled.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*ALBERT MALLEN	*Treble*	ALFRED C. BOXLEY	5
HAROLD SHUCK	2	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	6
BERNARD LAWTON	3	THOMAS HEMMING	7
JOHN LLOYD	4	REGINALD ALLPORT	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS HEMMING.
* First peal of Stedman. Rung half-muffled.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AMBROSE.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 11½ cwt.

*VICTOR J. WILLIAMS	*Treble*	J. WALTER SMITH	5
WILFRED WEBB	2	ERIC SUTTON	6
ROYSTON G. BRYANT	3	ALBERT C. BAKER	7
REGINALD G. HOOPER	4	VICTOR E. LUCAS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT C. BAKER.
* First peal of Triples. First peal as conductor. Rung half-muffled.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 10 cwt.

W. J. RIDGMAN (Queens')	*Treble*	A. R. GUY (Jesus)	5
E. C. BATES (Caius)	2	F. E. ROBERTS (Selwyn)	6
M. R. D. HARFORD (Trinity)	3	P. A. F. CHALK (Selwyn)	7
R. D. EDGE (Queens')	4	C. M. P. JOHNSON (Selwyn)	*Tenor*

Conducted by P. A. F. CHALK.
Rung fully muffled.

CONSETT, COUNTY DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17¼ cwt.

*ERIC OLIVER	*Treble*	ARTHUR COWAN	5
†J. EDMUND HENDERSON	2	ROBERT B. SKELTON	6
PHILLIP DRAFFAN	3	RICHARD OLIVER	7
WILLIAM TYSON	4	THOMAS W. DODD	*Tenor*

Composed by W. HARRISON. Conducted by THOMAS W. DODD.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' By the Sunday service band.
Rung half-muffled.

DERBY.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

WALTER SHAW	*Treble*	WM. LANCASTER	5
*MISS A. M. HOBBS	2	JOHN W. GLEW	6
*C. WM. BOND	3	WALTER STEEN	7
JACK BAILEY	4	ALFRED MOULD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. BARKER. Conducted by JACK BAILEY.
* First peal in the method. By the Sunday service band. Rung fully muffled.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 22 cwt.

NANCY MARKLEW	*Treble*	GEORGE A. CHARLTON	5
ALFRED BALLARD	2	*FRANK LONG	6
EDWARD SOWMAN	3	EDGAR VALLANCE	7
W. HARRY DUNCOMBE	4	BERTIE RIDGEWAY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED BALLARD.
* First peal of Triples. Rung half-muffled.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ROLAND BIGGS	*Treble*	NORMAN CORNWALL	5
*KEITH F. BIGGS	2	A. REGINALD BLABY	6
IAN S. BIGGS	3	PERCY NEWTON	7
ARTHUR NEWTON	4	FRED COX	*Tenor*

Conducted by PERCY NEWTON.
* First peal. Fully muffled.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Taylor's Six-part. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

GORDON F. CLARKE	*Treble*	EDWARD B. SMITH	5
RONALD G. BUGG	2	URBAN W. WILDNEY	6
WALTER A. SOUTHGATE	3	EDWARD E. DAVEY	7
FRED ORRISS	4	TOM JACKSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.
Rung half-muffled.

MALDON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

HARRY R. APPLETON	*Treble*	*ERNEST W. RICHARDSON	5
HORACE J. MANSFIELD	2	*PETER J. CAME	6
SIDNEY LINNET	3	ARTHUR HUBBLE	7
ARTHUR H. EVERETT	4	SYDNEY C. EASTER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ARTHUR HUBBLE.
* First peal of Bob Major. First peal as conductor on eight bells.
Rung fully muffled.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 25¼ cwt.

ERNEST A. JURD	*Treble*	HAROLD A. NOBES	5
BLANCHE M. BALL	2	EDWARD A. MARSH	6
JOHN W. MEADE	3	FREDERICK W. BURNETT	7
NORMAN J. SMITH	4	JOHN H. HUNT	*Tenor*

Composed by F. E. W. MEADOWS. Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.
Rung half-muffled.

PUDSEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

*BARRY SULLIVAN	*Treble*	†MARY SHEARSMITH	5
NORMA BICKERDIKE	2	ALEXANDER E. MARSH	6
WILLIAM BARTON	3	JOHN W. GIBSON	7
JOHN AMBLER	4	GORDON BENFIELD	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

REPTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WYSTAN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 17¾ cwt. in E.

*AUDREY S. NOBLE	*Treble*	JOSEPH WM. COTTON	5
MRS. S. H. JONES	2	SIDNEY H. JONES	6
JOSEPH H. BRITTAN	3	FRANCIS R. LOWE	7
RHODA HEMMINGS	4	WILLIAM MINOR	*Tenor*

Composed by BRIAN D. PRICE. Conducted by JOSEPH WM. COTTON.
* First peal. Rung half-muffled.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

GLENYS BODYCOTE	*Treble*	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	5
*GEORGE V. DEACON	2	ARTHUR E. BODYCOTE	6
HAROLD KILBY	3	ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	4	JOHN J. MORRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JOHN J. MORRIS.
* First peal of Plain Bob Major. Rung half-muffled.

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SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Elloe Deaneries Branch.)
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

FREDA OLDERSHAW	*Treble*	CYRIL WANDER	5
GEORGE W. MILLS	2	AUBREY D. MILLS	6
THOMAS H. CHARLTON	3	JOHN G. AMES	7
GEORGE R. G. BUTLER	4	STANLEY E. BENNETT	*Tenor*

Composed by W. HUDSON. Conducted by JOHN G. AMES.
Rung fully muffled.

WATFORD, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E flat.

PETER E. PRATT	*Treble*	D. KAY ADKINS	5
FREDK. H. CROOK	2	STEPHEN H. HOARE	6
WALTER G. PAUL	3	RICHARD G. BELL	7
J. MARTIN PAGE	4	GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN.
Rung with half-muffled clappers.

WEST COKER, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (4th observation). Tenor 14 cwt.

HERBERT W. PEARCE	*Treble*	RAYMOND P. SELWAY	5
EDMUND C. ATYEO	2	ALBERT S. ATYEO	6
STANLEY A. GUPPY	3	WILLIAM E. TURNER	7
WALTER H. POOLE	4	*RICHARD GUPPY	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER H. POOLE.
*First peal on eight bells. Rung half-muffled.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

ROGER LEIGH	*Treble*	FRANK STEAD	4
CHARLES W. BLAKEY	2	KENNETH HARTLEY	5
NORMAN SMITH	3	BRIAN H. WOOD	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.
Rung fully muffled.

BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Feb. 14, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 12 extents each of St. Martin's and St. Simon's, 10 Grandsire and 8 Plain Bob. Tenor 4¼ cwt.

FRANCIS R. GODDARD	*Treble*	MRS. D. G. MAYELL	3
DESMOND G. MAYELL	2	DONALD J. CROUCHMAN	4
HERBERT G. GODDARD	*Tenor*		

Conducted by DESMOND G. MAYELL.
First peal in 4 Doubles methods by all. Rung with bells fully muffled.

ANCASTER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Tenor 12½ cwt.

*WILLIAM TOWNS	*Treble*	F. G. VICKERS	3
JOAN BRANDON	2	*R. C. CHADBURN	4
*EDWARD TOWNS	*Tenor*		

Conducted by EDWARD TOWNS.
*First peal. First peal on the bells by the local Sunday service band. Rung half-muffled.



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BRAFIELD, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two 120's of St. Nicholas' and four 120's each of Union, Old Doubles, Chase, April Day, London, St. Simon's, Antelope, Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt. 7 lb.

ANTHONY BROCKWELL	*Treble*	PHILIP JONES	3
JACK DAVEY	2	RONALD NOON	4
GEORGE CARE	*Tenor*		

Conducted by PHILIP JONES.
Rung half-muffled.

CADOXTON, NEATH, GLAMORGAN.
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATWG,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

W. JOHN LOCKE	*Treble*	HARRY BOYCE	4
DAVID J. LEWIS	2	TREVOR M. RODERICK	5
ALFRED HANNINGTON	3	GWYN I. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.

DARLINGTON, COUNTY DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven complete 720's in eleven methods, viz. (1) Ipswich, (2) Bourne, (3) Surfleet and Beverley, (4) Chester and Munden, (5) York and Durham, (6) London and Wells, (7) Cambridge.
Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in B flat.

*WILLIAM H. KINGCOTT	*Treble*	THOMAS COOKE	4
FREDERICK W. COOKE	2	W. NORMAN PARK	5
MICHAEL P. MORETON	3	ROLAND PARK	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.
* First peal on six bells. Rung half-muffled.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and one extent of Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

BETTINA A. DUFFY	*Treble*	CHARLES E. BLACK	4
ERNEST BRITTAIN	2	FRED BRIGHTMAN	5
KENNETH W. DUFFY	3	FRANK TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK TAYLOR.
Rung half-muffled.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(Southern Branch.)
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, HAMPTON,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being forty-two 120's, with ten different callings. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILFRED J. NEWMAN	*Treble*	†R. ROGER SAVORY	4
*†BRENDA M. SMITH	2	†GERALD C. HEMMING	5
*†ALBERT H. SMITH	3	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY J. HEMMING.
* First peal on an 'inside' bell. † First peal of Grandsire Doubles.
Rung half-muffled.

FRAMPTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Eastern Branch.)
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of York, Durham, Beverley, Surfleet, London, Wells and Cambridge. Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN R. YOUNG	*Treble*	EDWIN FISHER	4
JOHN R. KEMP	2	*THOMAS CUMMINS	5
ARTHUR YOUNG	3	ALBERT E. FLATTERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. YOUNG.
* First peal in seven Surprise methods 'inside.' The conductor has called peals on all the bells in this tower. Rung with the bells half-muffled.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of St. Clement's and two each of Oxford, Kent and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

JOHN J. L. GILBERT	*Treble*	JOHN H. BROTHWELL	4
*ELIZABETH BATE	2	JACK G. BROTHWELL	5
MRS. J. E. TURLEY	3	JOHN E. TURLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN J. L. GILBERT.
* First peal of Minor. Rung half-muffled.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

*BRIAN ELVIN	*Treble*	CHARLES H. MOORE	4
SHEILA BARKER	2	RAYMOND G. LOFTY	5
CEDRIC CURSON	3	ERNEST V. BLAKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST V. BLAKE.
* First peal. Rung half-muffled.

HUNTINGDON.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

MICHAEL J. DYER	*Treble*	CYRIL J. YOUNG	4
JOHN R. G. SPICER	2	FRANK W. LACK	5
HAROLD S. PEACOCK	3	STANLEY GILBERT	*Tenor*

Conducted by STANLEY GILBERT.
Rung fully muffled.

MARKSBURY, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being forty 120's (ten callings) and one 240 Morris's.
Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.).

*ROSALEA SMITH	*Treble*	†FRANCIS C. MOGFORD	4
AUDREY TIBBOTTS	2	‡RONALD SMITH	5
BRENDA PRESCOTT	3	WILLIAM A. PRESCOTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. PRESCOTT.
* First peal. † 75th peal. ‡ First peal 'inside.' Rung half-muffled.

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being forty-two extents, 10 different callings. Tenor 13½ cwt.

SIMON L. BARLEY	*Treble*	FREDERICK G. HOOPER	4
F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER	2	CLARENCE F. BRIGGS	5
ANTHONY W. BARLEY	3	CHARLES J. COPP	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK G. HOOPER.
Rung fully muffled.

SHENFIELD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 720 Cambridge Surprise and 1,440 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

*JOHN W. G. PIDGEON	*Treble*	†ARTHUR J. BRYANT	4
LAWRENCE H. TURNER	2	RICHARD VALENTINE	5
*ROBIN N. PITTMAN	3	HARRY TURNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by RICHARD VALENTINE.
* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung half-muffled.

SOUTH WEALD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 20 six-scores of Plain Bob, 20 six-scores of Grandsire and one Morris's 240. Tenor 15 cwt.

DESMOND G. MAYELL	*Treble*	HERBERT G. GODDARD	4
FRANCIS R. GODDARD	2	*DONALD J. CROUCHMAN	5
*FREDERICK J. WOOD	3	FREDERICK W. JAMES	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANCIS R. GODDARD.
* First peal in two methods 'inside.' Rung fully muffled.

STANWELL, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 120 each of Grandsire, Cassington, Spliced St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St Nicholas' and Reverse Union, Spliced Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury, Norfolk, April Day, and 1,440 each of Norfolk, Old and Plain. Tenor 13 cwt. 14 lb. in F sharp.

*REV. P. C. J. HOYAL	*Treble*	†SIDNEY F. SABAN	4
*DORIS THOMPSON	2	*RICHARD A. SMITH	5
†FRANK T. BLAGROVE	3	*RITA THOMPSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

* First peal. † First in eleven methods. First peal on the bells by a local band. Rung half-muffled.

SUCKLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 14 cwt.

*FREDERICK A. BOUCHER	*Treble*	ROWLAND PRICE	4
†JAMES RANFORD	2	THOMAS COOPER	5
WILLIAM RANFORD	3	FREDERICK MERRICK	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS COOPER.

* First Peal. † First peal 'inside.' Rung half-muffled.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Consisting of seven different 720's. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.

*GEOFFREY HUGHES	*Treble*	A. DOREEN EDWARDS	4
DAVID SMITH	2	ALBERT H. CRAWLEY	5
FRANK BARNARD	3	HARRY W. HOWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

* First peal. Rung half-muffled.

HIGHER WALTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob and three extents of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 16¼ cwt. in F.

*BRIAN HENRY	*Treble*	JOHN E. BRIGGS	4
BRIAN H. WOOD	2	ROGER LEIGH	5
†WALTER MANSLEY	3	FRANK STEAD	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK STEAD.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor. Rung with the bells half-muffled.

KNUTSFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three extents Plain Bob. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

DOUGLAS KIRKPATRICK	*Treble*	NORMAN HOUGH	4
A. DOREEN EDWARDS	2	DAVID SMITH	5
ERIC HORNBY	3	HARRY W. HOWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

Rung half-muffled.

LLANELLY, CARMARTHENSHIRE.
THE ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELLI,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being one 240 of Morris's and 40 six-scores, ten callings.
Tenor 9¾ cwt.

J. T. WILLIAMS	*Treble*	R. SCUDAMORE	4
W. P. E. SAGE	2	A. REYNOLDS	5
C. H. HAWKINS	3	J. ALLCOCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. H. HAWKINS.

Rung half-muffled.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

A peal to the memory of Dr. J. C. E. Simpson was rung at Liscard, the church of which his late father was Vicar, on February 14th. At this church he rang many of his peals including his first as conductor. The peal was one of his 'specialities'—a G. Lindoff one-part 5,024 London Surprise Major. The attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples after the funeral was lost after 3,200 changes had been rung.

Evesham bells are only available to bands of ringers on day tours between 6.15 and 8.15 p.m. on Saturdays.

Mr. David Parsons 'completed the circle' of Beddington tower on February 16th. The peal was also Mr. Frank Darby's 150th for the Surrey Association.

During the procession of the Royal funeral train through Slough the tenor bell was tolled and in the evening a half-muffled peal of Caters was rung on the bells of St. Mary's.

Former official of the Leicester Diocesan Guild, Mr A. Perkins is now looking after a 32-acre coastal estate near Helston, Cornwall. His address is Wild Acres, Ruan Minor, Helston.

The peal at St. Philip's Cathedral, Birmingham, on February 14th, to the memory of King George VI. was the first attempt of Mr. John R. Mayne to call Stedman Cinques. It was also J. Martin Thorley's 100th peal.

Acknowledging a copy of 'The Great Adventure' sent to him by Mr. W. Denyer, of Aldershot, Mr. G. W. Heyes, secretary of St. Peter's Bellringers' Society, Ballarat, Australia, says the book is very informative revealing things about his own bells that he did not know. After a lapse of about 34 years change-ringing has started again.

The young band at St. Stephen's, Ealing, received a letter from the Parochial Church Council complimenting them on their half-muffled ringing which took place almost daily during the period from the King's death until after the funeral. The ringing included the 'whole pull and stand' which was performed quite creditably. A half-muffled peal attempt on February 19th unfortunately came to grief after two and a half hours' good ringing.

Miss Nancy Marklew is the first local lady to ring a peal on Hinckley (Leics) bells.

Mr. John Ambler is the first ringer to 'circle' Pudsey tower.

The Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow will preach at Halesworth Parish Church on March 9th, at 6.30, when a memorial will be dedicated to Mr. F. C. Lambert.

Mr. A. S. Tomkins rang the 'passing bell' at St. Andrew's Church, Bredenbury, Hereford, for Queen Victoria, King Edward VII., King George V. and King George VI.

By the peal of Grandsire Doubles at Hampton, Evesham, Worcs, Messrs. R. R. Savory, G. C. Hemming and C. J. Hemming have completed Grandsire from Doubles to Cinques.

The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association have lost by death two popular members. Mr. Ernest Wallace, of the Newcastle Cathedral Guild, died from head injuries received in a road accident; Mr. T. H. Surtees, of Shotley Bridge, Durham, had been a member of the Association since 1886.

It was intended to ring a memorial peal of Major at Handsworth, Yorks, for the late King. Two days before, however, Mr. Frederick Cardwell, one of the selected band, had to be rushed to hospital for an operation. South Yorkshire ringers will be pleased to hear that the operation was successful and he is doing well.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

YOUNG LADIES v. BIG BELLS

Dear Sir,—I have never previously written a letter to 'The Ringing World,' neither is it my policy to reply to a letter when the writer uses a nom de plume. As I am one of the people criticised by your correspondent 'Nervous' in the letter in last week's 'Ringing World,' however, there are a few points he or she may like to consider:—(1) I never allow any pupil I am teaching to ring any particular bell unless I am satisfied beforehand that he or she is capable of doing so; (2) Brenda Smith had previously rung every bell in Evesham tower before ringing the tenor; she had also rung the tenor solo before ringing it in peal. (3) Of other pupils I have at Evesham, there isn't one I would allow to ring either of the four back bells. (4) The new ring at Evesham has been described as one of the finest-going rings for its weight it is possible to find.

Regarding the accident mentioned by 'Nervous,' I should think it would be correct to assume that Evesham tenor is only a toy compared with the bell which was responsible for the unfortunate accident to this experienced ringer.—Yours sincerely, G. J. HEMMING.

Evesham.

STILL A MAN'S JOB

Dear Sir,—I feel I cannot let the correspondence on heavy-bell ringing by the female sex go unanswered.

I think perhaps I can claim to have had as much experience round the 'heavy end' as any lady ringer, which includes a peal of Bristol Surprise Major on a 21¼-cwt. tenor. This, I think you will agree, is a vastly different job to ringing a 36-cwt. bell 'behind.'

Correspondent 'Nervous' surprises me greatly when he writes of experienced heavy-bell ringers and broken stays! Surely, sir, this is an accomplishment for learners only!! And as for a girl of 16 overpulling a bell of 36 cwt., it sounds fantastic. I should have thought the opposite would have been the effect. However, I think his criticism is well-meaning, only his excuses are dubious.

For a lady to ring a heavy bell it takes years of practice and experience, correct handling of the rope is essential and, of course, it helps if she is physically built to do it. One of the most outstanding feats for a lady was the ringing of Wedmore tenor 'behind' by Mrs. G. W. Fletcher to a peal of Stedman; outstanding inasmuch as Mrs. Fletcher is not physically built to ring heavy bells, but in her pioneer days in the Ladies' Guild she constantly did this.

The wisdom of allowing Miss Brenda Smith to ring Evesham tenor must be left to those who best know her capabilities. The wisdom I challenge is that of the correspondent for publishing the fact. To ring a 36-cwt. bell 'behind' for a touch is not the usual sort of thing to publish. Whilst I am in no way belittling the young lady's performance, it is not a record-breaking one.

I will end by a word of warning to any potential lady heavy-bell ringer, that although it can be done with years of practice and experience, it is still a man's job.

HILDA G. SNOWDEN.

Halstead, Essex.

IRREGULARS, RESULTS, ETC.

Dear Sir,—Reference above, six-bell methods, Woodbine, etc., not to be counted in peal analysis. I beg to point out any team ringing Grandsire Triples to Holt's ten-part composition with 54768 H/W 45678 at the end are ringing two halves joined together by an irregular method called Holt's Single. To Cambridge 12-bell Surprise, 6th place bob is also irregular. Perhaps our distinguished personnel will really give a verdict at the next **Central Assize.**—Yours truly,

FRANK WARRINGTON.

GLASGOW WOULD NOT ALLOW QUARTER PEAL FOR LATE KING

Dear Sir,—Owing to several complaints which were received following our recent peal of Stedman Caters, we were not allowed to ring so much as a quarter peal to mark the death of our late King, even though the louvres are boarded up and covered with Cabot quilting and we had fitted a deadening apparatus. Such are the conditions under which we try to keep going. Even so, we continued to ring for half an hour on the day of the funeral. The back eight, rung half-muffled and very slowly, sounded solemn and majestic.—Yours faithfully,

ERNEST A. STAFFORD, Hon. Sec.,
St. Mary's Cathedral (Glasgow) Society.

IRREGULAR METHODS

Dear Sir,—After reading of the Minor peal at Felkirk I think that Mr. H. Chant has been indulging in the gentle art of leg-pulling. To champion the ringers of the illegitimate methods (as he did on December 21st, 1951) and then go and ring a peal in ten legitimate ones does not seem consistent. However I will make some observations on his letter of February 15th.

(1). It takes all sorts of ringers to make a ringing world, and we must respect the other fellow's point of view even if it seems rubbish to ourselves.

(2). It does not seem logical to give a lead in rounds and not in changes.

(3). Whatever virtues Woodbine has are surely retained in Neasden.

(3). Sandal is, in my opinion, the stepping stone to at least eight of the ten methods rung at Felkirk. But both Sandal and Oxford have regular lead ends.

(4). Either as a statement of fact or opinion it is condemned by our best writers.

(5). The sly dig at the Central Council may not amount to sarcasm, but after all are they not regularising something which was passed years ago? I am sure that the great majority of Central Council members have had **practical** experience of Minor ringing. Also to the question recently asked in 'The Ringing World' on 'Does it matter?' the Methods Committee should give an answer and not ignore it.

Mr. Chant has the right of reply but this is my last letter on this subject.—Yours faithfully,

M. R. P.

BUCKLEY'S EXAMPLE

Dear Sir,—I have read with interest the recent correspondence about ringers and their attendances at the services for which they ring.

If ringers do not attend these services I consider that primarily it is the fault of the clergy because, generally speaking, very few of them take any real interest in the bells or ringers and seldom go up into the tower to say a prayer before ringing commences.

We at Buckley, Flintshire, are very fortunate because our bells and tower extension were given by a former Vicar and his wife and one of the rules of membership is 'That all members must be confirmed members of the Church,' and succeeding clergy have always taken an interest in our bells and ringers and we have taught some of them to ring.

Consequently most of our members hold various other offices in the church. The ringers in a recent quarter peal were one churchwarden, four church councillors, three sidesmen, one server and one church schoolmaster. Our other members also hold similar offices in the church.

Bells and ringers are just as much a part of the Church as the choir and organ and if clergy would only take more interest in us the unfortunate incidents would never arise.—Yours fraternally, DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD.

Buckley.

APPRECIATION OF DR. J. C. E. SIMPSON

Lancashire Association's Tribute

At the Lancashire Association committee meeting held at Poolstock, Wigan, on February 16th, the members expressed deepest sorrow at the loss of one of its most brilliant conductors.

A resident of Cheshire, where most of his ringing was accomplished, he nevertheless was a member whom the rank and file of the Lancashire Association looked up to with pride. His death at so early an age leaves the Association the poorer and his absence from ringing circles in general will be sadly felt.

His diligence in any work he undertook was a by-word and his research in private life led him to the verge of success in the relief of that dreaded disease, sleeping sickness; in fact, he was just about to commence field tests when his death cut short a brilliant career.

To his mother and brother we give our sincere condolences and we can assure them that his efforts in reaching for and establishing so high a standard in the most intricate points in our art will ever be remembered in our Association. We place him amongst our great ones,

F. DUNKERLEY.

[Other tributes to the esteem in which Dr. Simpson was held appear on page 142.]

LONGEST LENGTH OF MINOR

Dear Sir,—In 'The Ringing World' of February 8th an inquiry as to a record on six bells was published.

On August 6th, 1901, a peal of Minor was rung, 10,080 changes in nine methods in 5 hours and 40 minutes, which was then a record for the Kent Association.

I do not know if this still holds good as a record. I am interested to know.

It was conducted by myself at St. John-the-Baptist's, Tunstall.

W. H. B. WILKINS.

Headington, Oxford.

THE CHRISTIAN VIEWPOINT

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Hooper's letter of last week, he said he was surprised to hear open ringing at a certain borough. But why so surprised? The King had departed this life and gone to a higher sphere of life, where there is no more sorrow, no more pain; why, then, should we be so sorrowful?

In regard to respect, I don't think it would have shown more if we had all rung muffled; we all have a different outlook on death and what we should do regarding our ringing. I think the best thing was done—to let everyone ring as they thought best.

Death is swallowed up in victory. Eternal life we are given. Why so sad?—Yours faithfully,

FRANK HOPGOOD.

Isleworth.

P.S.—If we are Christians we believe this.—F. H.

RAISING AND LOWERING IN PEAL

Dear Sir,—Further to your Editorial of February 8th. Surely when I call 'go' all ropes should move at once. Then by the third swing, owing to the varying pendulum lengths of bells, the compass approximates to 12345678 . . . . 12345678 . . . . 123456781 . . . . 1234567812. . . . until 12345678123456 73 is reached. Then the whole of the work is up to treble. 5 and tenor to maintain the beat. The treble should be nearly up while the tenor is still rising and the bells should take the interval from 7-8 and as they (7-8) open out, so should all the others. Falling should be the reverse of rising.—Yours faithfully,

E. V. WILLIAMS.

St. Wenn, Bodmin.

BELLS IN ENGLISH LIFE

By ERNEST MORRIS

AVE, ANGELUS AND VESPERS

Another use which partook of both ecclesiastical and secular character was that of the Ave bells, or morning and evening peals. These were rung about the hours when people rise and when they retire to bed, and were evidently instituted in order to remind them not to do so without saying their prayers. Abbot Gasquet says of it:—

> 'The custom probably grew out of the curfew which was a civil notification of the time to extinguish all lights, but in the 14th century it was turned into a universal religious ceremony in honour of Our Lord's Incarnation and His Blessed Mother.' ('Parish Life in Mediæval England,' page 162.)

In 1347 Ralph de Salopia, Bishop of Bath and Wells, desired the Cathedral clergy to say, the first thing in the morning and the last thing at night, four **Aves** for all benefactors, living or dead. Some few years before, Pope John XXII. had urged the habit of saying three **Aves** at curfew time.

The practice soon spread, and Archbishop Arundel, of Canterbury, in 1399, at the earnest request of King Henry IV., ordered the usage of saluting the Mother of God, the first thing in the morning and the last thing at night, to be universally adopted in the province 'at daybreak and curfew,' and the bell that was rung was called by our English ancestors the 'Gabriel' bell, in memory of the archangel's salutation to Our Lady. A bell given to St. Albans by Roger de Norton (died 1290) 'to be struck every night at time of curfew.' bears the legend:—'Missi de celis Habie Nomen Gabrielis' which translated is 'To me was given the name of Gabriel, sent from Heaven.'

This and similar inscriptions obtained for the Angelus bell in many places the name of Gabriel or Old Gabriel, and the title is still acknowledged for the bell in the market town of Lewes.

'OLD GABRIEL'

'Ave Maria' bells— that is, bells bearing as inscriptions the first portion of the Angelic Salutation—would also in many instances be used for the Angelus. In the days of our less luxurious forefathers, this morning bell was literally rung at early dawn. Thomas Barrett, of Lewes, was paid, in 1690, four pounds yearly for ringing 'Old Gabriel' at four o'clock in the morning and eight at night. The morning bell was rung at that hour at Melton Mowbray until the year 1708, when it was discontinued.

The same custom prevailed at Stamford until 1825, and in many parishes it is still remembered, or a tradition of it exists. Abroad, a mid-day Ave was also rung, but only a few isolated cases of this are recorded in England, where it was not in use before the 16th century.

Dr. Rock tells us that formerly the length of the ringing of the **Angelus** (morning, noon and evening) was regulated by the time it took the ringer to repeat the **Ave** and **Paternoster.** ('Church of our Fathers,' iii., page 340.) At Cropredy, Oxon, in 1512, the Vicar, Roger Lupton, left money for the churchwardens to

> 'toll dayly the Avees bell at six of the clok in the mornyng and xij of the clok at noone, and at four of the clok at afternoon.'

A note in the Bury St. Edmunds book gives the times of tolling the Angelus in that town as 4 a.m. and 9 p.m. in summer, and 6 a.m. and 8 p.m. in winter. The morning and evening bells (or curfew) still survive in many places and to give a complete list would fill a volume, as would the variations of time. In many places six o'clock in the morning was considered the most convenient hour, but the custom is gradually dying out.

THE GETTING-UP BELL

It had been rung as a call to daily work—thus at Tydd St. Mary a bell used to be rung early 'to call men and carts to work.' At Louth the third bell was formerly rung at five o'clock and was called 'the getting-up bell.' Henry Penn, the bellfounder, had this in mind when he cast a bell at St. Ives which was rung early in the morning, for he placed on it the pithy sentence:—

> 'Arise and go about your business.'

Longfellow has reference to this in 'Pegasus in Pound':—

> 'Loud the clamorous bell was ringing
> From its belfry gaunt and grim.
> 'Twas the daily call for labour,
> Not a triumph meant for him.'

On a bell at Friskney, Lincs, is:—'Laborem signo et requiem' meaning 'I mark out time and rest.' At Stoke-by-Clare, Suffolk:—'Surge mane servire deo' (Arise betimes to serve thy God). The old fourth at St. Michael's, Coventry, now the tenor at St. John's in that town, has the inscription:—

> 'I ring at six to let men know
> When too and from theair worke to go
> 1675.'

At Horncastle, Lincs:—'Lectum fvgo discvte somnvm' (Fly from bed and shake off sleep).

Sir Thomas Browne in his 'Religio Medici' (1643) has an interesting reference to the Ave bell and its former associations:—

> 'I could never hear the Ave bell and its former association nor think a sufficient warrant because they erred in one circumstance, for me to err in all, i.e., in silent and dumb contempte. Whilst therefore they direct their devotions to Her, I offer mine to God, and rectify the errors of their prayers by rightly ordering my own.'

THE GHOST

There is a good story told regarding the ringing of the early morning bell at Spalding:—

> 'In the early part of the last century, the widow of the sexton, continuing his duties, used to ring the six o'clock morning bell. She was also a charwoman. Being engaged at the latter occupation at a clergyman's house with other women, she left her tub to ring the bell. One of her companions put a white sheet around herself and, in the dark, stood on a bench in the south porch; and on the old woman coming out of the church, and whilst she was locking the door, set up a dreadful moan, thinking to frighten the old lady; but she quickly drew the large key from the lock and rushed at the figure with the exclamation: "Be ye live or dead, here's a go at yer," and nearly slew the would-be ghost.'

At Tickhill, Yorks, a large bell was rung at 5 a.m. and a small one at 6 a.m. At Sleaford, Lincs, the day of the month was tolled at 6 a.m. At Westminster Abbey the little bell is rung daily at 8.45 a.m. (and also at 1.30 p.m.) for three minutes, followed by 40 strokes on the tenor, of which practice various explanation are given. One is that it refers to Henry VII.'s appointment of daily masses to be said perpetually after his death, before each of which 40 strokes were to be tolled. Another is that it alludes to the 40 royal scholars on the foundation of Westminster School; and a third that it commemorates the 40 years of Dean Goodman's reign in the 16th century (the least likely explanation of all!)

In the churchwarden's accounts of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, London, 1633, we read:—

> 'For the tolling and ringing of the Saint's bell every working day in the morning between five and six of the clock, to give notice for people to come to prayers. . . . . 10s.'

This is not only interesting as a survival of the Ave bell in its religious aspect, but also as indicating the early hour at which Matins was said at that time.

WASHERWOMAN'S GIFT

At St. Peter's, Nottingham, the seventh bell is said to have been given by Margery Doubleday in 1544 and is inscribed:—'I was given by Margery Dubbleday in 1544 and recast with other bells 1771.' Formerly it was inscribed:—'Ave Maria of your charitie pray for the sole of Ma'gere Dubbyleay.' She was a washerwoman, and not only gave the bell, but by her will, dated June 20th, 1544, left the rent of a close in Broadmarsh, which then amounted to twenty shillings a year, to the sexton of St. Peter's on condition of ringing it every morning except Sunday, at 4 o'clock to arouse the washerwomen of the town to their daily labours. The bell was later rung for about three months of the year at 6 a.m. instead of 4 a.m.

At Hammersmith an early morning bell used to be rung at 5 a.m., but in 1724 one of the parishioners complained that it disturbed him and it was stopped on condition of his agreeing to erect a cupola and clock for the church.

A WOKINGHAM DOCUMENT

The sexton of Wokingham, Berks, received two pounds yearly, the gift of Richard Palmer, for ringing the morning and evening bell. This was secured by an indenture dated April, 1664, which, while showing that the ringing of the morning bell and the curfew was general, gives the impression which it was supposed to make on a religious mind. By it Richard Palmer gave lands in trust to employ the rents of the same for a salary of the sexton to ring the greatest bell belonging to the parish church there half an hour every morning at 4 a.m. and every evening at 8 a.m., or as near those hours as might be, from the 10th of September to the 11th of March in every year, for ever: which mode of ringing such bell the said Richard Palmer had propounded to himself to cause to be done, not only that as many as might live within the sound might be thereby induced to a timely going to rest in the evening, and early rising in the morning to their labours and duties of their several callings (things ordinarily attended and rewarded with thrift and proficiency) and that strangers and others who should happen in winter nights within hearing of the said bell, to lose their way in the country, might be informed of the time of night, and receive some guidance in the right way: and for which rational ends he conceived his said work could not but be well liked by any discreet person, the same being done and well approved of in most of the cities and market towns, and many other places in the kingdom, but also the better end aimed at by him, that all those whose care of being mindful of their latter end should incline them thereunto, might thereby take occasion, at the ringing of the evening bell, to think of their own passing bell and day of death: and at the ringing of the said morning bell might also think of their resurrection and call to their last judgment, which things doing, he believed no man, unless very much hardened, could at the same time wilfully and resolutely propound to himself the leading of a wicked life, but rather be deterred and taken from it. (Edwards' 'Old English Customs,' page 202.)

(To be continued)

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115 YEARS AGO

Dear Sir,—The bells of Piddlehinton, Dorset, having been in disrepair from 1879 to 1949, it is interesting to note, in connection with their recent half-muffled tributes to his late Majesty, that is must be at least 115 years (King William IV., in 1837) since the bells were previously rung for the death of a sovereign.—Yours sincerely,

E. T. P. FIELD.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION

At the 'Cathedral' of the Rhondda

St. Peter's Church, Pentre, is rightly known as the Cathedral of the Rhondda Valley and its beautiful interior was much admired by the 50 or so visitors and friends who attended the meeting of the Association on February 16th. These included visitors from London, Chippenham, Melksham, Radstock and Thurnby.

The bells, a fine ring of eight, worthy of the church, were made good use of during the day. The service at 4 o'clock was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. D. Spenser Jones) who extended a hearty welcome to the Association.

After the service visitors were entertained to a bountiful tea in typical Pentre style. Thanks were expressed by Mr. J. W. Jones.

At the business meeting the Vicar took the chair. He asked the meeting to stand for a few moments in respect to His late Majesty King George VI. The secretary reported he had been unable to get Bridgend bells for combined practice. Two notices of motion were read which are to be brought up at the annual meeting on Easter Monday. One, to divide the Association into two or more districts, the other to revise and bring up to date the rules of the Association. It was reported that work had started on Llandaff Cathedral bells and that they were now at the bellfoundry. At Chepstow and Monmouth, where the bells need rehanging, there was little prospect of anything being done in the near future.

Twelve new members were elected and two life members (belfry nominations) were confirmed.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

N.W. Branch at Sutcombe

The annual meeting of the N.W. Branch took place at Sutcombe, a pleasant village three miles north of Holsworthy, on February 16th. The Rector, the Rev. W. H. Ravenhill, welcomed the ringers and conducted the service, and the Rev. E. P. James read the lesson. In his charming address the Rector drew lessons from the great bell of Moscow, cracked through the inflow of a stream of water when a fire raged near the foundry. He also referred to the sterling character of our late King George.

Some 30 members and friends from Bradworthy, Bridgerule, Black Torrington, Okehampton, Plymouth, Pyworthy Chittlehampton and Stratton were present. Tea provided by the local ladies was served in the School Hall.

At the meeting, the secretary (Mr. J. W. Sangwin) read the report and balance sheet for the past year which showed a credit of about £6. These were adopted.

Miss P. Gilbert was elected as a member. The next annual meeting was fixed for Pyworthy and it was agreed that a meeting with the S.W. Branch be held at Kelly in August.

The Rev. W. H. Ravenhill was re-elected chairman with Mr. J. W. Sangwin as secretary and treasurer, and Mr. F. Sangwin as Ringing Master. The Rev. E. P. James with Messrs. R. Collacot and W. J. Vinnicombe were elected as representatives of the General Committee of the Guild.

The meeting passed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector, to Mrs. Ravenshill (the organist) and all the ladies who did so much for the comfort of the company. It was a happy meeting and touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Kent were rung. Later in the evening the enthusiasts adjourned to Holsworthy and enjoyed touches on the fine octave. We hope Mr. Fred Sangwin will soon be well enough to enjoy his ringing. F. C. S.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World' of March 1st, 1912

OUR ILLUSTRATION
MR WILLIAM BANISTER

'One of the "grand old men" to whom the Exercise owes so much celebrated the completion of his 88th year yesterday. Sixty years ago, William Banister was one of the giants of the ringing world. . . . Obviously there are very few men to-day who remember Mr. Banister . . . . and probably there are thousands who do not know the part he played in the Exercise more than half a century ago. . . . One of the last links with a bygone generation, he was ringing peals in the "forties." A native of Woolwich, his father and five brothers were all enthusiasts for the art, and the seven of them, with a tenor man, rang peals of both Grandsire and Stedman Triples. At St. Mary's Church they had an excellent company between the years 1843 and 1851, and they progressed through Double Norwich to Superlative and London Surprise. Mr. Banister composed and conducted many of the peals that they rang, including the London, which was only the second peal in the method. Mr. Banister's peal was a 5,600, rather longer than the one at Norwich.

'In order to get practice upon the higher numbers, Mr. Banister used to walk frequently to the City, and much of his 12-bell ringing was done at Cornhill and Southwark. Unfortunately he has no complete list of his peals, but the following from the peal book of Mr. Mat. Wood (the first which these two veterans rang together) is of much interest:—

ST. SAVIOUR'S, SOUTHWARK
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS
On Wednesday, December 19th, 1849, in 4 hours and 9 minutes
5,146 STEDMAN CINQUES

J. Cox ..	Treble	J. R. Haworth	7
W. Cooter	2	M. A. Wood	8
J. Mash ..	3	J. Bradley	9
W. Banister	4	E. Lansdell	10
G. Ferris	5	J. Dwight	11
R. Jameson	6	E. Sawyer	Tenor

Conducted by J. Cox.

[Mr. Banister moved to Devonport in 1865, where he got the bells of the Dockyard Chapel augmented to eight, trained a band and called a peal of Grandsire Triples on them. In conjunction with Col. Trelawney and Col. Troyte, he was largely responsible for spreading the cause of change ringing in Devonshire. Apart from ringing, he became an Alderman on Devonport Council and a Justice of the Peace. He died eventually at the age of 91.]

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD

Fourth Annual Dinner

The fourth annual dinner of the Cambridge University Guild of Change Ringers was held in Cambridge on Saturday, February 2nd. During the morning eight members rang a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major at the Church of St. Vigor and All Saints, Fulbourn. In the afternoon members and their guests rang at the Roman Catholic Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs (8), at Great St. Mary's (12) and at St. Benet's (6).

About 40 people sat down to dinner at the Dorothy Restaurant in the evening. After the toast of 'The King' had been proposed by the president, the Rev. A. C. Blyth, the toast of 'The Guild' was proposed by Canon A. C. Woodard, the Vicar of the Church of Great St. Andrew. The Master, Mr. W. T. Ridgman, in reply, gave an account of the Guild activities during the year. The toast of 'The Guests' was proposed by Mr. A. R. Guy, and Mr. J. W. R. Quinney replied.

After the dinner some of the party went to Clare College where a pleasant hour was spent with handbells and coffee

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Shropshire Association was held at Shrewsbury on January 19th and followed the programme of recent years.

The ringing at St. Mary's of standard eight- and ten-bell methods was better sounding than is sometimes the case.

The service was at St. Chad's, where the Rev. F. T. Horan welcomed the Association.

The usual tea rendezvous at Ward's followed and the company of 40 was duly sustained.

Business followed, officers being elected as follows:—Ringing Master, Mr. F. H. Bennett; Deputy Ringing Master, Mr. C. A. Barron; secretary, Mr. G. Bagley; treasurer, Mr. W. A. Farmer. The accounts showed a credit of £70, and several new members were elected. Meetings were provisionally fixed for Malins Lee, Market Drayton, Oswestry, Wrockwardine, Much Wenloch, Clive and Condover.

After the meeting St. Chad's twelve were put to good use in standard methods, most of which were very creditably rung.

By general agreement arrangements worked smoothly, Mr. Bennett's printed agenda and balance sheet contributing. But we all enjoyed this annual opportunity of ringing on higher numbers perhaps than usual, and also meeting ringing friends from the furthest points in Shropshire as well as from Birmingham, Chester and other centres.

5,280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
By W. ERIC CRITCHLEY

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23564		—	—	L, Y. R
52364			—	L, C. R
36524		—	—	L, P. R
53624			—	R, Li, L
25634		—		L, S. L
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MEMORIAL RINGING TO A BELOVED KING

ABBOTSBURY, DORSET.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. J. Ford (cond.) 1, M. W. Ford (first quarter 'inside') 2, R. C. Trevett 3, W. G. Trevett 4, J. H. Hayne 5, A. W. Ellery 8. With front 5 fully-muffled and tenor open at handstroke.

ABINGDON, BERKS.—At the Church of St. Nicholas, on Feb. 17th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles (10 callings): Dorothy Cockshead 1, A. E. Lock (cond.) 2, Audrey J. West 3, Mrs. A. E. Lock 4, Janet E. Dicks 5, M. Angela Carter 6. First in the method for 1, 3 and 5. Rung half-muffled.

ASHFORD, KENT.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Fensome 1, Mrs. F. Cullingworth 2, P. Jarvis 3, P. Page 4, W. Ring 5, H. S. Wickens 6, C. W. Everett (cond.) 7, F. G. Huckstepp 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Feb. 14th, 1,331 Grandsire Caters: A. Short 1, A. Rainey 2, F. W. Rishworth 3, B. D. A. Woolley 4, J. L. Gray 5, E. J. Franklin 6, S. O'C. Holloway 7, G. Davis (cond.) 8, F. E. Haynes 9, H. Dickens 10. Rung half-muffled.

BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. J. Mills 1, E. H. Knapp 2, D. J. Laker 3, R. S. Squire 4, J. H. G. Gardner 5, A. C. V. Gasson 6, A. E. Laker (cond.) 7, K. Trinick 8. First in method by 1, 3 4, 5 and 8. Rung half-muffled.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Groves 1, J. Russell (cond.) 2, Miss Solly 3, Miss Reid 4, H. Luck 5, A. Hinkley 6, L. Everest 7, T. Day 8. Rung with the bells fully-muffled.

BOSTON, LINCS.—On Feb. 15th, at St. Botolph's, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. Brian 1, Nancie Swann 2, A. Freeston 3, D. White 4, S. Jessop 5, F. Leggott 6, F. Dewey 7, W. E. Clarke (cond.) 8, R. Brown 9, J. Petch 10. Rung half-muffled.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Lindsell 1, G. Wiffen 2, A. Wiffen 3, E. J. Jennings 4, H. R. Felton 5, J. Warner 6, L. W. Wiffen (cond.) 7, S. Warne 8.

BURES, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: S. T. Hume 1, D. L. Mills 2, Mrs. L. Mills 3, E. Leggett 4, C. Bower 5, A. W. Cansdale 6, L. D. Mills (cond.) 7, J. Pell 8. Rung half-muffled.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.—On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. H. P. Hurrell 1, Rev. A. S. Roberts (cond.) 2, Miss E. Symons 3, M. Rudwick 4, Mrs. A. S. Roberts 5, G. W. Taysom 6. First quarter by 1 and 4. Rung half-muffled.

CASTON, NORFOLK.—On Feb. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Fuller 1, C. Banham 2, S. Atkins 3, Miss D. Reeve 4, T. Stagg 5, J. S. Barnes (first quarter as cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled.

CHELSEA, LONDON.—At St. Luke's, on Feb. 10th, 1,259 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. M. Weddell 1, Miss J. M. R. Atkins 2, A. F. Udall 3, C. W. Ottley 4, J. H. Lott 5, P. A. Carter 6, C. M. Meyer (comp. and cond.) 7, C. T. Bartlett 8. Rung half-muffled.

COLESHILL, WARWICKS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): J. W. T. Davis (first quarter) 1, J. W. Hovey 2, L. L. Willis 3, G. H. Lane (cond.) 4, D. L. Hooper 5, E. H. Hill 6. Rung half-muffled.

CUMNOR, BERKS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): J. Bennett 1, R. Holmes 2, F. Absolam 3, F. Messenger (cond.) 4, F. A. White 5, H. Snell 6. Rung half-muffled.

CHURCHDOWN, GLOS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,560 Plain Bob Minor: C. Hodges 1, R. Dale 2, R. Daniels 3, C. Clarke 4, I. Whiting 5, J. Whiting (cond.) 6. Rung fully-muffled with tenor open at back stroke. Also previously, 1,260 Doubles (960 St. Dunstan's and 300 Grandsire), in which Miss S. Whiting rang her first quarter.

CROWCOMBE, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. E. Welsher 1, E. Webber 2, J. Henson 3, L. T. Richards 4, C. W. J. Lock (cond.) 5, C. Ash (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled.

DAYBROOK, NOTTS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Cawthorne 1, P. E. Ball 2, H. Lewin 3, C. Alvey 4, J. Troughton 5, B. M. Buswell (first as cond.) 6, R. A. Ward 7, W. Perkins 8. Rung half-muffled.

We publish this week our third instalment of quarter peal ringing to the memory of King George VI.

DONINGTON, LINCS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Minor (720 Oxford Treble Bob, 540 Plain Bob): H. Clark 1, J. Allen (cond.) 2, D. Woods 3, A. Woods 4, G. Pearson 5, S. Woods 6. Rung half-muffled.

EALING, MIDDLX.—At St. Mary's, On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Coulson 1, A. H. Fulwell (cond.) 2, J. E. Churchill 3, P. E. Clark 4, H. J. Eldred 5, A. M. Stacey 6, W. Ellis 7, B. Bennett 8. Rung half-muffled.

EWELL, SURREY.—On Feb. 15th, 1,259 Grandsire Triples: A. M. Reid 1, H. E. Good 2, J. E. Beams 3, Miss M. Howard 4, E. J. Lindley (cond.) 5, J. Whitehorn 6, R. C. Spittle 7, J. S. Seager 8. Rung half-muffled.

FINCHLEY, MIDDLX.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Richerson 1, A. Warren 2, F. Barker 3, R. Newman 4, J. Goodall 5, L. Tubb 6, A. W. Coles (cond.) 7, F. Tubb 8. Rung with bells half-muffled.

FREISTON, LINCS.—On Feb. 15th, 720 Single Court and 540 Plain Bob: H. Harrison 1, A. Pearson 2, H. Pearson 3, H. Harper 4, G. Dawson (cond.) 5, E. Barnes 6. Rung half-muffled.

GODSHILL, I.O.W—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (360 April Day, 480 Plain Bob, 420 Grandsire): E. Thorne 1, S. Hollis 2, C. Callaway 3, L. Bailey 4, C. Denness (cond.) 5, C. Morris 6. Rung half-muffled

GREAT MONGEHAM, KENT.—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: June Court 1, Janet Wells 2, G. E. Ruck 3, F. A. Rye 4, H. Furminger 5, T. Wickens (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: B. L. J. Brown 1, H. L. Bishop 2, Gillian Bishop (first of Stedman) 3, M. Bishop 4, G. Bishop 5, A. H. Webb 6, J. Gordon (cond.) 7, D. Napper 8. Also on Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Sawyer 1, W. White 2, Gillian Bishop 3, G. Bishop 4, J. Gordon (cond.) 5, F. H. Abbott 6, H. L. Bishop 7, D. Napper 8. Both rung half-muffled.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. Aley 1, F. Hartman 2, L. Cordell 3, L. Whitby 4, W. Wheeler 5, E. Rochester 6, S. Clark (cond.) 7, J. Aley 8. Rung half-muffled.

HENLOW, BEDS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Fuller 1, R. G. Bywaters 2, G. Dear 3, Miss D. J. Hare 4, L. H. Bywaters (cond.) 5, J. Mayes 6. Bells fully-muffled.

HUNTINGDON.—On Feb. 17th, at All Saints', 1,272 Plain Bob Minor: M. J. Dyer 1, H. B. Bull 2, J. R. G. Spicer 3, H. S. Peacock 4, C. J. Young 5, S. Gilbert (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled.

HURST, BERKS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Rivers 1, Mrs. B. C. Castle (first quarter as cond.) 2, J. Froome 3, Mrs. C. A. Eele 4, B. C. Castle 5, C. A. Eele 6, C. W. Mortimer 7, F. Hicks 8. Rung half-muffled.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. E. Hill 1, M. Baker (cond.) 2, B. E. Shedel (first quarter) 3, W. T. Hill 4, J. F. Shedel (first quarter) 5. Rung half-muffled.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.—On Feb. 12th, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: P. Elliott 1, J. Papworth 2, F. Whiterod 3, J. Elliott 3, C. Burton 5, A. R. Elliott (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled.

KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Eileen Boffey (first quarter) 1, A. M. Flynn 2, Enid M. Roberts 3, P. Williams 4, Molly P. Flynn 5, A. Jones 6, W. C. Dowding (cond.) 7, N. J. Goodman 8. Rung half-muffled.

LEWISHAM, LONDON.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Boyce 1, Mary Fuller 2, E. Jones 3, M. Fuller 4, W. Packer 5, P. Andre 6, J. Bennett 7, J. Dafters (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled.

LICHFIELD, STAFFS.—At the Cathedral, on Feb. 17th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: C. Smith 1, June Brindley 2, Joan Beresford 3, Wm. Cope 4, D. Beresford 5, P. Beresford 6, F. A. Sedgwick 7, W. J. Cope 8, G. E. Oliver (cond.) 9, M. N. Culling 10. Rung half-muffled.

LINSLADE, BUCKS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Williams 1, W. Morris 2, W. Insley 3, H. B. Whitney 4, R. Piron 5, V. Conquest 6, F. Vickers (cond.) 7, J. Conquest 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled.

LITTLE MISSENDEN, BUCKS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Stedman rung alternately): H. Baldwin 1, Miss M. I. Goodship 2, S. J. Orchard 3, F. Onions 4, G. R. Goodship (cond.) 5, A. Turney 6. Rung half-muffled.

MANGOTSFIELD, GLOS.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Beakes 1, Miss B. Poole 2, W. Richings 3, M. Jefferies 4, W. F. Scudamore (cond.) 5, T. Jefferies 6, J. G. Jefferies 7, L.A.C. E. Cooksley 8. Also 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Miss B. Cooksley 1, Mrs. N. Dart 2, M. Jefferies 3, C. Jefferies 4, W. Richings 5, T. Jefferies 6, J. G. Jefferies (cond.) 7, L.A.C. E. Cooksley 8. Rung half-muffled.

NOTTINGHAM.—On Feb. 15th, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: J. K. Wagstaff 1, A. H. Ward 2, Miss P. Lewin 3, G. E. Padgett 4, C. Glenn (cond.) 5, R. Aley 6, D. R. Carlisle 7, E. Elson 8, W. Nichols 9, A. E. Hoodless 10. Rung half-muffled.

OLD BOLINGBROKE, LINCS.—On Feb. 16th 1,260 Bob Minor: H. Harrison 1, A. Pearson 2, H. Pearson 3, G. Dawson 4, H. Harper (cond.) 5, E. Barnes 6. Rung half-muffled.

OVERSEALE, DERBYS.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. W. Cotton 1, Joan Cotton 2, W. Brooker 3, H. Carter 4, W. H. Curson 5, P. W. Grice 6, H. C. Adams (first as cond.) 7, H. Shaw 8. Also on Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. W. Cotton 1, Joan Cotton 2, H. Carter 3, H. C. Adams 4, P. W. Grice (cond.) 5, H. Shaw 6. Both rung half-muffled.

POWICK, WORCS.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan Jackson (first quarter) 1, D. Trumper 2, G. Morris (cond.) 3, G. J. Lewis 4, H. Cole 5, F. Hyde 6. Rung half-muffled.

PURTON, WILTS.—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Shailes (cond.) 1, F. H. Strange 2, J. Dunn 3, J. Sorsby 4, C. R. Shailes 5, A. W. Mabbut 6. Rung half-muffled.

ST. CRANTOCK, CORNWALL.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Roberts 1, Rev. W. H. R. Trewhella 2, D. Docking 3, S. J. Robinson 4, A. H. Eplett (cond.) 5, D. M. Stephens 6. Rung half-muffled.

STANWELL, MIDDLX.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 St. Simon's Doubles: Rev. Hoyal 1, F. Blagrove (cond.) 2, S. F. Saban 3, K. Frith 4, R. A. Smith 5, Rita Thompson 6. First in the method for all and on the bells. Fully-muffled.

STAVELEY, DERBYS.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Minor (540 and 720): W. Dickinson 1, C. Wright 2, F. Dyble 3, H. Paddison 4, F. A. Adams 5, A. E. Parsons (cond.) 6, J. Ford 7. Rung half-muffled.

STEBBING, ESSEX.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss S. Barringer 1, R. Bovkett 2, P. Wood 3, A. Little 4, W. Little 5, F. Harrington (cond.) 6. Also on Feb. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Harrington 1, P. Wood 2, Miss M. Evans 3, Miss S. Barringer 4, W. Little 5, A. Little (cond.) 6. Both rung half-muffled.

WALMER, KENT.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Hawkins 1, Miss J. Wells 2, P. J. Rye 3, Sergt. H. Furminger 4, G. Ruck 5, T. Wickens 6, F. A. Rye (cond.) 7, A. C. Rye 8. Rung half-muffled.

WALSALL, STAFFS.—On Feb. 10th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: H. Howell (cond.) 1, A. Elsmore 2, H. T. Higgins 3, A. Botterill 4, G. W. Hughes 5, A. T. Dutton 6, W. R. Hughes 7, A. M. Pickering 8, J. S. Eastwood 9, H. E. Green 10. Rung half-muffled.

WOLVERCOTE, OXON.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. White (first quarter) 1, N. Chamberlain 2, W. Godwin 3, K. White 4, H. Gearing (cond.) 5, H. Chamberlain 6.

WORTHEN, SALOP.—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. J. Green 1, D. A. Passant 2, R. F. Davis 3, E. W. Colley (cond.) 4, A. G. Owen 5, J. D. Green 6. Rung fully-muffled.

YATTON, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Miles 1, E. A. Price 2, G. Westlake 3, L. W. Pullin 4, R. H. Brice 5, H. Marshall 6, H. A. Price (cond.) 7, J. K. Baker 8. Rung half-muffled.

IN MEMORIAM QUARTER PEALS TO KING GEORGE VI.

BENHILTON, SURREY.—On Feb. 15th, 2,100 Doubles (1,260 Grandsire and 840 Plain Bob): J. Clarke 1, W. Parrott 2, P. Richardson 3, P. Leech 4, E. Gosden (cond.) 5, E. Goldsmith 6. Longest length for all except conductor. Rung half-muffled.

BILLESDON, LEICS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (240 St. Simon's, 480 Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire): E. Lewin 1, Miss P. M. Geary 2, J. Wadkin 3, J. G. Geary (cond.) 4, A. N. Geary 5, C. T. Whitman 6. Also on Feb. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (300 St. Simon's, 360 Plain Bob, 240 St. Dunstan's, 360 Grandsire): J. Norton 1, Miss P. M. Geary 2, C. T. Whitman 3, A. N. Geary 4, J. G. Geary (cond.) 5, R. Dythan 6. Both rung half-muffled.

BILTON, WARWICKS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Canterbury, 360 each of Plain Bob and April Day, 300 Grandsire): Mrs. W. J. Vann 1, Miss E. Burnell 2, Miss P. Burnell 3, J. A. Tole (cond.) 4, W. J. Vann 5, W. E. Burnell 6. Rung half-muffled.

BISHOPSGATE, LONDON.—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. M. Kilby 1, Mrs. E. E. Davis 2, J. E. Chilcott (cond.) 3, W. A. Theobald 4, W. H. Pasmore 5, W. Williams 6, J. G. A. Prior 7, F. E. Collins 8. Rung half-muffled.

BOYNE HILL, MAIDENHEAD.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss K. North 1, G. Lister 2, G. Martin 3, J. Eldridge 4, B. Lister 5, T. Holmes 6, E. Gosling (cond.) 7, A. Tubby 8. Rung fully-muffled.

BRANSTON, LINCS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Minor (720 Single Oxford, 540 Plain Bob): D. Wyles (first quarter) 1, M. Billings 2, A. Ingall 3, R. Applewhite 4, A. Brummitt 5, L. Willders (first quarter as cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled.

BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE.—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: B. R. Millward 1, A. Lewis 2, J. E. Usher 3, P. C. Roberts 4, J. C. Jones 5, F. H. Birks 6, D. H. B. Millward (cond.) 7, R. R. Robinson 8. Rung half-muffled.

BURFORD, OXON.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. E. Lomas 1, M. C. F. Collett 2, Miss E. M. Bridges (first quarter) 3, T. J. V. Search (first quarter) 4, J. D. Dixon 5, J. J. Westmacott (first 'inside') 6. W. J. Dixon (cond.) 7, L. Jewell 8. Rung fully-muffled.

BURTON-IN-KENDAL, WESTMORLAND.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Crowther 1, A. Smith 2, G. Braithwaite (cond.) 3 —, Crayston 4, J. Crayston 5, A. Casson 6. First quarter for 1, 2 and 4. Rung half-muffled.

CALNE, WILTS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Freegard 1, Miss B. Hacker 2, Miss R. Maundrell 3, E. Dixon 4, W. Hacker 5, R. Saye 6, R. Barry (cond.) 7, W. Haines 8. Rung fully-muffled

CLERKENWELL, LONDON, E.C.1.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Prior 1, Miss M. Prockson 2, M. Sinden 3, G. A. Parsons 4, W. D. Prockson 5, D. Harman 6, R. A. Begrie (cond.) 7, H. W. Barnard 8. Rung half-muffled.

CRADLEY, WORCS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Griffiths 1, Miss F. Raybould, B.A., 2, H. J. Shuck 3, A. G. Hall 4, A. Wyre 5, R. Dunn 6, L. R. Hall 7, H. Wyre (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled.

CRAYFORD, KENT.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. O. D. Barnett 1, E. A. Barnett (cond.) 2, Miss B. Thompson 3, A. Hall 4, G. H. Cross 5, W. J. Lemon 6, E. Barnett 7, W. E. Bond 8. Rung half-muffled.

DISS, NORFOLK.—On Feb. 15th, 2,528 Plain Bob Major: W. Elsey 1, A. G. Harrison 2, F. C. Roper 3, C. J. More (cond.) 4, C. Catchpole 5, H. Moss 6, E. G. Bennett 7, W. A. Lock 8. Rung half-muffled.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,200 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. Wiggins 1, Audrey Deadman 2, Mrs. J. Seymour 3, J. Jones 4, J. Seymour (cond.) 5, F. Hughes 6. Rung fully-muffled.

FINCHAMPSTEAD, BERKS.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Mason 1, Mrs. W. White 2, C. Fennell 3, R. Elliott 4, A. Fleet (cond.) 5, D. Mason 6. Rung fully-muffled with tenor open at back-stroke

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 8th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: L. J. Last 1, Miss P. M. Clarke 2, R. W. Pipe (cond.) 3, Miss D. Arnold 4, R. W. Steward 5, F. J. Crapnell 6, G. W. Pipe 7, C. W. Pipe 8.

GULVAL, CORNWALL.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Shirley Wearne (first quarter) 1, Beryl Lawrey (first quarter 'inside') 2, V. G. Wood 3, G. Werrell 4, G. W. Taysom (cond.) 5, J. Triggs 6. Rung half-muffled.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLX.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Minor (being 720 Kent and Oxford and 540 Plain Bob): Freda Clayton 1, S. Warwick 2, H. Butler 3, H. G. Hart 4, C. C. Mayne 5, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled.

HOVINGHAM, YORKS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Stedman, 360 Bob and 660 Grandsire): R. Marshall 1, J. Brown 2, F. Bishop (cond.) 3, P. Bradshaw 4, T. Wilson 5, J. Harrison 6. First quarter in the method by all. Rung half-muffled.

IFFLEY, OXON.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Adams 1, C. Bennett 2, L. Busby 3, W. Fern 4, T. Bowles (cond.) 5, M. Harding 6. Rung half-muffled.

LIMPSFIELD, SUREY.—On Feb. 15th, 1,272 Cambridge Minor: D. H. Harding 1, Miss M. Gregory 2, W. G. Paternoster 3, D. Sumner 4, W. L. Tidy 5, L. A. Tidy (cond.) 6. First quarter in the method for ringers 1, 2 and 4. Rung fully-muffled.

LLANGOLLEN, DENBIGHS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Jones 1, F. Jones 2, J. Chinnock (cond.) 3, E. Jones 4, J. Jones 5, A. Lloyd 6, F. Hughes 7, W. Young 8. 6, 7, 8 covering. Rung half-muffled.

LLANTRISANT, GLAM.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Collins 1, W. Huish 2, J. Evans 3, F. Rowsell (cond.) 4, T. Pawley 5, G. Westcott 6, D. Hoare 7, J. Westcott 8. Rung half-muffled.

LONGDON, STAFFS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. J. Townsend (cond.) 1, B. J. Townsend 2, E. Edgington 3, J. H. Joyner 4, L. Monk 5. Rung half-muffled.

MAYFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Feb 15th, 1,360 Grandsire Doubles: E. Tenner 1, Miss C. Orleban 2, A. Grimwood 3, W. Kitchenside (cond.) 4, R. Chandler 5, M. Foard 6, W. Moon 7, H. Brooks 8. 7, 6, 8 covering. Rung with bells fully-muffled with tenor open at back.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. T. Stimson 1, J. F. Stimson 2, T. Templeton 3, J. Fenton (cond.) 4, F. Sheppard 5, W. Smith 6, H. Clayton 7, J. Gilson 8. Rung half-muffled.

NANTWICH, CHESHIRE.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Merrill 1, B. Davies 2, E. J. Boffey 3, H. Sutton 4, T. S. Astbury 5, F. Ollier 6, J. E. Brough (cond.) 7, H. Stubbs 8. Rung fully-muffled.

NORBURY, HAZEL GROVE, CHESHIRE.—On Feb. 15th, 1,248 Plain Bob Major: I. Brentnall 1, Miss M. May 2, Miss E. Brentnall 3, W. Fernley, 4, Miss S. Kane 5, Mrs. W. Fernley 6, B. Jones (cond.) 7, J. Fernley 8. Rung fully-muffled.

NUTHALL, NOTTS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. King 1, E. Jenkinson 2, R. Jenkinson 3, T. Harrison 4, E. Wilcox (cond.) 5, J. E. Hobbs 6. First quarter Cambridge on the bells. Rung half-muffled.

PALGRAVE, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 15th, 1,360 Plain Bob Major: Miss B. Syrett (first quarter) 1, Miss K. Harrison 2, W. Elsey 3, A. G. Harrison 4, F. C. Roper 5, C. J. More 6, H. Moss 7, T. C. Ford (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled.

PERRY BARR, BIRMINGHAM.—On Feb. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. C. Ingram 1, G. Davis 2, J. L. Gray 3, F. W. Rishworth 4, B. D. A. Woolley 5, H. Dickens 6, E. J. Franklin (first as cond.) 7, P. D. Booth 8. Rung half-muffled.

RAMPTON, NOTTS.—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent and 540 Plain Bob): H. Barnes 1, A. Crawford 2, Miss G. Burchnall 3, Miss K. Burchnall 4, H. Denman (cond.) 5, W. R. Parker 6. Rung half-muffled.

RUGELEY, STAFFS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. D. Norman 1, A. J. Townsend 2, B. J. Townsend (first quarter 'inside') 3, E. Edgington 4, J. H. Joyner (cond.) 5, T. Kendrich 6. Rung half-muffled.

SCORTON, LANCS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Hornby 1, R. Rainford 2, S. Anderton 3, F. Postlethwaite (cond.) 4, H. Rainford 5, R. Eccles 6, J. Metcalfe 7, T. Moss 8. Rung half-muffled.

SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Myhill 1, J. Crawley (first quarter) 2, G. Sellars 3, H. A. Shadrack 4, Mary E. Shadrack (cond.) 5, R. Thrift 6. Rung fully-muffed with the tenor open at back-stroke.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—On Feb. 15th, at the Cathedral, 1,287 Stedman Caters: J. G. Blow, Miss B. Copson 2, H. R. Hofton 3, L. T. Hansell 4, H. E. C. Goodenough (cond.) 5, B. Cornell 6, R. F. Ewer 7, A. Hatten 8, W. J. Arnold 9, W. Nicolls 10. Rung half-muffled. Also at St. Michael's, on Feb. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. T. Payne 1, A. B. Halsey 2, R. Bedford 3, A. E. Halsey 4, W. J. Southam 5, F. Kirk (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. W. Steward 1, O. G. Barnard (cond.) 2, M. P. Page 3, H. D. Lister 4, D. Woodard 5, A. R. Andrews 6, G. A. Blaxcell 7, J. Dale (aged 74) 8. Also on Feb. 16th, 1,376 Plain Bob Major: C. Miller 1, O. G. Barnard 2, R. E. Lester 3, J. Dale 4, G. A. Blaxcell 5, H. D. Lister (cond.) 6, W. J. Button 7, R. W. Steward 8. Both rung half-muffled.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (6, 7, 8 covering): Grace Burchnall (cond.) 1, B. Hough 2, N. Moxon 3, Katharine Burchnall 4, A. Wilson 5, E. Midwinter 6, Mary Jahme 7, R. Sleep 8. Rung half-muffled.

THETFORD, NORFOLK.—On Feb. 15th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. Fuller 1, Miss D. Reeve 2, J. Sharpe 3, W. Bowers 4, W. Paul 5, T. Stagg 6, S. Atkins 7, J. Paul (cond.) 8. Rung fully-muffled.

THORLEY, HERTS.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Stedman, 1,020 Grandsire): N. Round-Turner 1, H. Bird 2, R. Hayden 3, F. Bird (cond.) 4, T. Camp 5, Rev. S. E. F. Robinson 6. Also on Feb. 14th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. H. Foreman 1, C. Warboys 2, H. Bird 3, F. Bird (cond.) 4, T. Camp 5, R. Hayden 6. Both rung fully-muffled.

TRING, HERTS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: F. Goode (first quarter) 1, W. H. J. Hooton (cond.) 2, J. Turner (first quarter) 3, P. Fells (first quarter 'inside') 4, C. Badrick 5, P. Mitchell (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled.

TWYNING, GLOS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, with the fourth as the treble: F. Hawkes (cond.) 1, G. Boulton 2, D. Beacham 3, R. Collins 4, W. Williams 5, V. Dale 6. Rung half-muffled.

UPPER CLAPTON, LONDON.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor, with tenor covering: C. F. Neal 1, Mrs. H. Smith 2, Miss G. L. Friswell 3, Miss J. H. Friswell 4, R. K. C. Wilkings 5, D. Neal (cond.) 6, D. A. Sydenham 7. Rung half-muffled.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFS.—On Feb. 10th, 1,296 Grandsire Caters: J. Gaden 1, G. Darlington 2, Miss M. Walker 2, D. K. Knowles 4, D. J. Tranter 5, H. Morton 6, A. Hingley (cond.) 7, A. J. Hubble 8, K. W. Knowles 9, J. W. Hingley 10. Also on Feb. 17th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. Morton 1, G. Darlington 2, A. Hubble 3, A. Elsmore 4, D. K. Knowles 5, D. J. Tranter 6, A. Hingley 7, K. W. Knowles (cond.) 8. Both rung half-muffled.

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Walford 1, A. J. North 2, E. B. Barrington 3, G. J. Gammon 4, F. W. Slocombe 5, C. J. Stevens 6, D. T. North (cond.) 7, A. E. Hawkins 8. Rung half-muffled.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Feb. 15th, 1,320 Doubles (4 extents each of St. Simon's and Plain Bob and 3 extents of Grandsire): Sheila Gramson 1, L. W. G. Skinner 2, Barbara Mitchell 3, Wm. A. Hughes 4, A. S. Richards (cond.) 5, Anne Holmes 6. Rung half-muffled.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Newton 1, R. Newton 2, L. C. Smith 3, W. J. Lancefield 4, R. J. Carlton 5, E. S. Ruck (cond.) 6. Also on Feb. 17th, 1,140 Plain Bob Minor: A. Batten 1, L. C. Smith 2, Miss M. Newton 3, W. P. Garner 4, R. J. Carlton (cond.) 5, E. S. Ruck 6. Both rung half-muffled.

WOOLWICH, LONDON, S.E.2.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. J. I. White 1, A. Grove, sen., 2, R. A. Johnson 3, T. H. Culver 4, B. W. Aldridge (cond.) 5, C. W. Dann 6. Also on Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Grove, jun., 1, A. Grove, sen., 2, Miss C. Wakefield (first quarter) 3, R. A. Johnson 4, B. W. Aldridge (cond.) 5, C. W. Dann 6. Both rung half-muffled.

OBITUARY

MR. T. G. MILLER

It is with regret we announce the death of Mr. Thomas Gleaves Miller, of 4, Wilton Road, Collier's Wood, London, S.W.19, aged 78.

Mr. Miller will be remembered for his long association with St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington. He came to Collier's Wood about six years ago and joined the band of Christ Church, Mitcham, with whom he succeeded in ringing a few peals. He also paid frequent visits to Chelsea and the parishes around.

The funeral service was held in Christ Church, Mitcham, on February 20th Before the service 78 whole pulls were tolled at quarter-minute intervals on the half-muffled tenor. The Vicar (the Rev. G. S. Johnstone) officiated. The hymn 'Jesu, Lover of my Soul' was sung and as the procession left the church the Dead March was played by the organist (Mr. E. J. Piercey) and the half-muffled tenor was again tolled. Cremation took place in Streatham Vale Crematorium.

Among the mourners were the following ringers: S. Howard and J. Chapman (St. Leonard's Church, Streatham), F. Wicks (St. Mary's, Wimbledon), J. Lott, M. Meyer, F. Udell and Mrs. Wright (St. Luke's, Chelsea), T. H. Taffender (London County Association) and Mrs. H. Allen represented H. Allen (Christ Church, Mitcham) Floral tributes were received from the ringers of Christ Church, Mitcham, St. Leonard's, Streatham, and St. Mary's, Wimbledon, St. Luke's, Chelsea, and the Surrey Association.

In the evening a half-muffled quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung at Christ Church, Mitcham, by J. Uden 1, H. Allen 2, S. Howard 3, J. Tomsett 4, P. E. Allen (conductor) 5, E. Eveleigh 6.

MR. ISAAC T. RUSHTON

Mr. Isaac T. Rushton, Deputy Mayor of Clitheroe, Lancs, and Mayor of the Borough for two years (1949-50), died on February 9th, aged 81.

He had a record of 60 years' faithful service to the Parish Church as a ringer and last New Year's Eve the centre-piece of the annual ringers' party was a birthday cake inscribed 'I. T. R., 1891-1951.' His long service to the belfry was marked by his regular attendance on Sundays and he served the church in other directions as Sunday School teacher and later as Sunday School superintendent and churchwarden.

At Clitheroe he was held in very high esteem by people in all walks of life for his kindly nature and especially for his efforts to promote a better way of life for everyone, by practical Christianity.

The funeral took place on February 13th, the Mayor and members of the Council attending the service. Ringers acted as bearers and the bells were rung muffled before and after the service.

DR. J. C. E. SIMPSON, M.Sc., Ph.D.

Appreciations

'and these departing, leave behind them,
footprints on the sands of time.'

It has been said that some men are great; others have greatness thrust upon them. James C. E. Simpson very definitely belonged to the former group, and carved for himself a place among the giants of the Exercise. His ability to ring and strike heavy bells immaculately was a model for emulation, and no less so was his ability to conduct the most abstruse compositions in the most complex of methods.

Having witnessed many instances in which he brought to bear both these great attributes, I would single out for special mention his Herculean performance in turning in the 41-cwt. tenor at Beverley Minster to Cambridge Royal; the 57-cwt. tenor at Wells Cathedral (with Mr. J. Worth strapping) to Cambridge Royal; and the 42¼-cwt. tenor at Leeds to London Surprise Major; while in the field of conducting, the calm and confident way he called the peals of Spliced Surprise Major in four, five and six methods, in which all the bells do all the work of all the methods, was really monumental.

James C. E. Simpson has passed away but his fine record of achievement and example will live on. He was in every way a gentleman—a great gentleman—and while we mourn his loss, let us at the same time take inspiration and courage from his life and gallant example. Thus we leave him with the words of a former giant of the Exercise, the late William Willson, of Leicester, echoing in our ears:

'The bells in cadence sweet, pour muffled music down,
Their dirge a message oft repeat, after the cross, the crown.'

LESLIE W. C. MORRIS.

Mr. J. E Cawser, of Rotherham, writes:—The news of the death of Mr. J. C. E. Simpson came as a great shock to me. We had been acquainted about 25 years but it was after the last war that we became closely associated in peal attempts in many parts of the country, not forgetting the happiest two of all—Beaumaris and Inverary.

Our first ringing tour together was in North Yorkshire and Durham, in 1947, when he called Pitman's 5,152 Spliced, this being the first peal of Spliced Surprise Major in Yorkshire and, I believe, the first time such a composition had been rung on a tour. It was whilst on this tour that the famous Somerset tour was suggested by Mr. Simpson This took place in 1948 with 14 successful Surprise peals, the average weight of the tenors being 30 cwt, the Doctor ringing, amongst other tenors, Congresbury (35 cwt.) and Wells (56¼ cwt.) with John Worth as strapper.

Then came Suffolk and Norfolk, in 1949, with 20 Surprise peals in as many attempts including peals in four Surprise Royal methods—Yorkshire, Rochester, Lindsey and Cambridge. In 1950 there was a tour in Yorkshire when Mr. Simpson called London Royal at Retford and, as C. K. L. has written, he achieved his greatest ambition by turning in Beverley Minster tenor to a really splendid peal of Cambridge Royal. It was the third occasion I had arranged such an attempt for him; twice previously—in 1933 and after the war—he had been unavoidably prevented from attending but on this last occasion he gave a truly great performance.

Last year it was Devon and Cornwall and it was at Exeter Cathedral that I rang with him for the last time. Little did I think when we shook hands at a street corner in Exeter later that evening that it was for the last time.

LATE NOTICES

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Half-yearly meeting at Dalton-in-Furness on Saturday, March 8th. Bells (10) available at 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to N. M. Newby, 19, Union Place, Ulverston. — N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 371

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Preliminary Notice. — The annual general meeting will be held at Minehead on Easter Monday. Details later. Would those who require luncheon let me know as early as possible?—J T. Dyke, Chilcompton, Bath. 372

NOTICES

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The charge for Notices of Meetings is one penny a word, minimum 2s. 6d. For additional insertions with no change of type one half of the above charge for each insertion.

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PUBLICATIONS

THE IDEAL PRESENT for a ringer. 'Bells of All Nations,' an encyclopædia of every type the world over. Profusely illustrated. Autographed copies price 21s., plus 10d. postage, direct from the author.—Ernest Morris, F.R.Hist.S., F.R.G.S., M.R.S.L., The Verger's Lodge, St. Margaret's, Leicester. 285

'CHURCH BELLS AND RINGERS OF NORWICH,' by A. G. G. Thurlow, 5s. 6d. post free from the author St. Clement's Rectory, 3, Colegate, Norwich An account of the bells of one of England's most historic cities, well illustrated with plans, cross sections and pictures. Second edition, much improved; no increase in price.

DON'T DELAY—ONLY A FEW LEFT.—The Ringers' Notebook and Diary, 1952. Rexine cover 5s. 6d., leather 7s., including postage and T.P. Send cash with order to William Viggers, 37, Highfield Gardens, Aldershot, Hants. 242

'THE RINGING PEALS OF PLYMOUTH.' by F. Stuart Worth. price 1s. 9d., from the author, Didworthy Hospital, S. Brent, Devon. An historic account of the city's remaining six rings and its three war-destroyed rings. 339

MISCELLANEOUS

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MEETINGS

CASTLE ACRE, NORFOLK.—The bells, augmented to six by Taylor's, will be hallowed by the Lord Bishop of Thetford on Friday, Feb. 29th, at 7.30 p.m. in the church, previous to rehanging.—A G. G. Thurlow, Gen. Sec., Norwich Diocesan Association. 299

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. —Chesterfield District. — Invitation meeting, Bolsover, Saturday, March 1st. Re-opening of bells after rehanging. Service 3 p.m. All welcome. 308

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Meeting, Stapleford (6), Saturday, March 1st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Short service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m at Magpie Cafe, London Road.—H. L. Martin. 326

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely and Wisbech Districts. — Joint meeting, Littleport (8), Saturday, March 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Miss M. Grain, Dis. Sec. 321

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South West Division.—Evening practice meeting, Romford (8), on March 1st at 6 p.m.—F.V.G. 269

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Chesbunt on Saturday, March 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Names for tea to W. Newnham, Jasmine Cottage, Goffs Oak, Waltham Cross 327

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Watford District.—Langleybury (6, recently rehung), Saturday, March 1st, 3.15 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names to R. G. Bell, Hon. Sec., 131, Hamper Mill Lane, Watford. Tel. Watford 7936. 318

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting at Burton, March 1st. Bells: St. Paul's (10) 2 to 3.30; All Saints' (6) 2.30 to 4. Service at All Saints' 4 p.m., followed by tea. Parish Church bells (8) after tea. All welcome. 331

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Reading Branch.—Annual meeting postponed from Feb 9th will be held at St. Mary's, Reading, Saturday, March 1st. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea at Church House, 5.15. Caversham bells in evening. 294

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Dorset Branch.—Meeting at Loders, Saturday, March 1st. Bells 3. Service 4. Tea and meeting follow. Bradpole open 2.30 to 3.30 and after 6.—C. H. Lathey. 312

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual meeting at Ranmoor on Saturday, March 1st. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Important business. Names for tea to Mr. E. G. Dickens, 18, Gisborne Road, Sheffield 11.—J. E. Turley, Hon. Sec. 311

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. — Practice meeting, Hartfield, Saturday, March 1st, 3 p.m. 335

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Meeting at Offenham Saturday, March 1st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service. Tea. 307

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Practice meeting, Monday, March 3rd, and first Monday in each month, 7.15 p.m., St. Mary's, Lambeth. All welcome. 333

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AND LONDON GUILD.—Practice at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Holborn, on Monday, March 3rd, at 7 p.m. Near Tottenham Court Road tube station.—T. J. Lock. 348

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—The postponed meeting will be held at Clifton on Saturday, March 8th, at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—L. H. Bywaters, Hon. Sec., 24, Langford Road Henlow, Beds. 343

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Annual at East Grinstead on March 8th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in small Parish Hall. Names, by March 6th, to Miss K. Shepherd, 34, Cantelupe Road, East Grinstead.—C. A. Bassett. 317

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Meeting, Gloucester Cathedral, March 8th, 3. Service, Cathedral, 4. Tea 5 (3s. per head). **Teas have to be definitely booked by March 5th.** St. Mary-de-Crypt (8) available if necessary.—Larner, 37, Green Lane, Hucclecote, Gloucester. 355

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — South Forest Branch. — Meeting at Ruardean, Saturday, March 8th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, March 5th.—J. C. Goulding, 37, High Street, Lydney, Glos. 342

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Swindon Branch. — Malmesbury (8), March 8th. For tea, advise H. G. Blanchard, Braemore Filands, Malmesbury, Wilts.—W. B. Wynaston. 350

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans and Western Districts. — Joint meeting at Harpenden on Saturday, March 8th. Bells (8) available from 2.45—8 p.m.. Tea 5. Reports available. Names for tea to W. J. Southam, 14, Walton Street, St. Albans. 365

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District. — Quarterly meeting, March 8th, at Hythe. Bells (8) 3 p.m Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 322

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Meeting at Bobbing on Saturday, March 8th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea in the School Room, by kind invitation of the churchwardens. Names for tea to me by Wednesday, March 5th.—B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, near Sittingbourne. 336

LADIES' GUILD (North West District) and LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION (Rochdale Branch). — Joint meeting at Moorside, St. Thomas', March 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service and dedication of peal tablet 4.30. Ladies' Guild business meeting in the school: Rochdale Branch in the belfry. Cups of tea provided. Everyone welcome.—F. Pritchard. 349

LADIES' GUILD. — Western District. — A quarterly meeting at Locking (6) on Saturday, March 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea, by March 5th, to Mrs. Parfrey, 28, Corston, Bath. 360

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at St. Helens Parish Church, March 8th. Ringing 3. Service 5. Tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mr. A. Wallace, 11, Whitefield Road, St. Helens.—Julia M. Preston, Branch Secretary. 344

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch. — Meeting at Adlington, Saturday, March 8th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.45. Tea 5, followed by business meeting. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, 5th, to Mr. T. Turner, 6, Railway View, Adlington.—L. Walmsley. 340

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Kegworth (8), March 8th. Ringing 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in cafe. Names by Wednesday, March 5th, to Mr. F. J. Sutton, Kegworth, Derby.—C. W. Hall. 358

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, March 8th, St. Mary's, Church Road, Leyton (Central London tube). Ringing 2.30 to 4.30. Tea, Leyton Restaurant, near Town Hall, 5 p.m. Business 6, and ringing till 7.30.—A. Boyack, Dis. Sec. Wanstead 1575. 338

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AND LONDON GUILD. — Meeting at Christ Church, Manchester Road, Cubitt Town, E.14, on Saturday, March 8th. Ringing 3 to 6 p.m. Service, tea and business. Bus route 56—Poplar to Limehouse—passes church.—T. J. Lock. 347

NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch. — The postponed annual meeting will now be held at Diss, Saturday, March 8th. Please send names for tea by March 4th.—A. G. Harrison, 10, Mount Pleasant, Diss. 320

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Central Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting at Marsh Gibbon, Saturday, March 8th. Bells (5) 2.45. Service 4. Tea 4.45.—F. Gibbard, 30, Horn Street, Winslow, Bucks. 367

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Weedon, March 8th. Names for tea, by Monday, March 3rd, to Mr. R. Smith, The Hollies, New Street, Weedon, Northampton.—F. W. Hancock. 353

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—Meeting at Sturminster Newton, Saturday, March 8th, at 3. Replies to Rev. Wm. Uphill, Stour Provost Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset. 346

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Malins Lee, March 8th Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, before March 4th, to G. C. Bagley, Hon. Sec., 34, Wharfage, Ironbridge, Salop 369

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts District.—Meeting, Clayworth (6, recent augmentation), Saturday, March 8th. Hird's bus at 2, 3 and 4 p.m.. Lincolnshire at 2.30 and 4.30; all from near East Retford Church. Names for tea, by 5, to Mr. Avery, Royston Manor, near Retford.—H. Deaman. 313

ST. DAVID'S GUILD. — Meeting, Llandilo, March 8th. Bells (6) 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Names for tea to C. H Hawkins, 2, Embankment Road, New Dock, Llanelly, Carms. 357

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Halesworth District Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Yoxford, March 8th. Bells (6) 3 p.m Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Names for tea, by March 5th, to Mr. R. S. Payne, 21, Hotson Road, Southwold. 361

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Ipswich District. — Meeting, March 8th, Tuddenham, 3—5 o'clock; Rishmere 7—9 o'clock. Tea in Ipswich at 5.15. Election of District secretary. Names for tea, by March 6th.—M. Page, 85, Hervey Street, Ipswich. 368

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Reigate, Saturday, March 8th. Bells: Reigate (10) 3; Redhill (8) 2.30 to 4. Service, Reigate, 4.30. Tea, Parish Hall, 5.15, for those notifying by March 4th, Miss B. Mayers, 3, Church Road, South Park, Reigate—W. F. Oatway, Hon. Gen Sec. 282

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Maresfield (8), Saturday, March 8th, 3 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, March 5th.—B. W. White, 14, Southview, Henfield. 356

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Annual meeting, Arundel, March 8th, 2 p.m. Business meeting 4.30. Service 5.45. Dinner and social evening 6.45.—E. Treagus, Hon. Div. Sec. 341

HALESWORTH PARISH CHURCH.—Evensong, 6.30 p.m., Sunday, March 9th, unveiling of stone tablet memorial to F. C. Lambert. All ringers and others interested are invited to attend. 297

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Leigh on Saturday, March 15th. Bells 2.30. Tea at 5. Notify for tea, by March 11th, W. H. Poulton, The Leigh, near Gloucester.—J. Beech, Hon. Sec. 366

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Quarterly meeting at Wellingore (6), Saturday, March 15th. Service 4.15. Tea, 5 p.m., for those who notify me by Wednesday previous.—C. Brown, 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln. 362

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THE LONG PEAL COMPOSERS OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR

MANY of the present generation of ringers have only a hazy idea of the men who made long lengths possible. One reads that 21,600 of Bristol has been rung, yes, but what of the hours of patient labour in putting such a length together? Not to speak of the proving for truth. This is how one composer put it: 'John Smith parts the tenors and finds himself in a wilderness from which there is apparently no way out.'

Go back 50 years or nearly so when Thomas Day's 16,608 held the field and had been rung to Kent (1883) and Oxford (1892). Treble Bob was the popular method in the North of England in those days and there were plenty of men willing to have a go at beating the 16,608, but no composition was available. Even to-day there is a school of thought which says that nothing brings out the music of the bells better than a one-part peal of Treble Bob. The music of the Middles and Wrongs is considered by some to be as good as the Homes.

The 16,608 was on the three-part plan, but in 1906 Mr. Edwin Timbrell, a country shoemaker, introduced the five-part plan and produced a peal of 16,800 changes. This was rung by the Chester Guild on June 8th, 1906, and was conducted by Isaac Sidebottom. The writer has not full details of this performance, but there is no doubt that it was a landmark in the history of long peal composition. Timbrell extended this peal to 17,120, but this length was never rung, and he left ringing during World War I., returning in 1924. He still further extended his peal to 17,440, but again this length was not rung.

We come now to Joseph W. Parker, of Sunderland, a composer of great merit, and for many years a pillar of strength to the Durham and Newcastle Association. He will always be remembered as the first man to splice two Surprise Major methods to a peal, this being rung at Whitley Bay in 1924. Writing in 'The Ringing World' in 1922, he said that he had been investigating the possibilities of a longer length than Mr. Timbrell's 17,120 and had succeeded in producing 17,280. This length was duly rung for the Chester Guild at Over on July 21st, 1923.

Mr. Gabriel Lindoff had all the 'plums' already in his possession. He had composed, and all had been duly rung, 14,112 London, 15,264 Bristol, 18,027 Stedman Caters, and 19,738 Stedman Caters (handbells). He composed 18,240 Treble Bob, collected a band together and rang it at Mottram on June 10th, 1922. To the great disappointment of all concerned, Mr. J. W. Parker pointed out its falseness within a week of the publication of the figures. Thus the precarious nature of the task is illustrated, and in passing we may say that one of the best things the Central Council ever did was to insist that in future the composition was to be published some time *before* any record attempt. Gay Lindoff took the blow calmly and we find him later on taking part in Worsley's 17,824.

In dealing with long length compositions the name of the Rev. H. Law James, Rector of Surfleet and Master of the Lincoln Guild, comes to mind. We shall never know whether he composed a long length of Treble Bob, but he always seemed to be hovering in the background whenever long lengths were on the carpet. He beat the 14,112 of London by one lead, this being duly rung by his own Guild a year or two ago. Also he added four new courses to Middleton's 25 in adapting this peal to Royal and Maximus. His various compositions are too well known to be repeated here, but he did compose a 19,360 of Bristol which has never been rung.

Lastly we come to Thomas B. Worsley, a blacksmith who lived and worked in the industrial town of Bolton. He did not take up composition until early middle life, but his progress was rapid, and he produced many good compositions in all the popular methods. Then he turned his attention to long peals and produced 11,232 Superlative, which was rung at Bolton in January, 1927. This was followed by 17,824 of Treble Bob, which was rung for the Lancashire Association at Heptonstall on April 18th, 1927, conducted by Edward Jenkins. The peal is an irregular five-part. Still later he composed the 21,600 of Bristol and fortunately passed it on to his friend, E. J., with the result that everyone knows.

Tommy Worsley died at the early age of 57, and my information is that some of his papers were lost at the time of his death. Unfortunately of this distinguished list only one is still with us—Mr. Timbrell, who lives at the village of Chipping, but at the age of 81 his composing days are over. Some might speculate if the 21,600 peal will ever be beaten and it is very doubtful if it will. There are 22,222 of Stedman Caters by Mr. Lindoff and 22,000 of Double Norwich by Mr. N. Golden, also Mr. Lindoff had a long length of Double Norwich and F. E. Taylor of Oxford. Only the future will give an answer. M. R. P.

IN RESPECTFUL HOMAGE TO KING GEORGE VI.

Born December 14th, 1895: Died February 6th, 1952

TWELVE BELL PEAL

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(The Oxford Society.)
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 30 cwt.

WALTER F. JUDGE	*Treble*	EDWIN G. MOORE	7
MARGARET L. TUTT	2	FRANK P. WRIGHT	8
VICTOR J. F. BENNETT	3	JOHN B. GUY	9
WILLIAM C. PORTER	4	PETER BORDER	10
JAMES HIGGINS	5	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS	11
PHILIP WALKER	6	J. RICHARD CHAUNDY	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.
Rung half-muffled.

TEN BELL PEALS

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
(St. Paul's Society, Burton.)
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 28¼ cwt.

*BRIAN J. DEAKIN	*Treble*	HAROLD E. HARRISON	6
†LEONARD CHAMBERLAIN	2	GORDON HARRISON	7
BARNABAS G. KEY	3	EDWARD J. WHITE	8
NOREEN BRAIN	4	GEORGE L. RODEN	9
WILLIAM J. LEACH	5	*GEORGE L. ROOBOTTOM	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' Rung half-muffled.

APPLETON, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb.

REGINALD HOLMES	*Treble*	FRANK WHITE	6
EDWIN DREWITT	2	HENRY C. WHITE	7
MARGARET L. TUTT	3	GEORGE HOLIFIELD	8
RICHARD WHITE	4	FRANCIS A. WHITE	9
WALTER F. JUDGE	5	*FREDERICK J. ABSOLOM	*Tenor*

Composed by J. COX. Conducted by GEORGE HOLIFIELD.
* First peal on ten bells. Rung half-muffled.

OSSETT, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 27 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

*JOHN M. DUFFIN	*Treble*	JOHN T. DUFFIN	6
*TERENCE HEMINGWAY	2	*WALTER LOCKWOOD	7
FRED BENNETT	3	*DAVID LOCKWOOD	8
*MARY DAVIS	4	LESLIE FISHER	9
MALCOLM L. BENNETT	5	MARK L. LOCKWOOD	*Tenor*

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by JOHN T. DUFFIN.
* First peal. Rung fully muffled.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Tues., Feb. 19, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 16¼ cwt. in F sharp.

HOWARD HOWELL	*Treble*	J. DENNIS HOLDEN	6
*JOAN BERESFORD	2	DENNIS BERESFORD	7
GEORGE E. OLIVER	3	*PETER BERESFORD	8
HERBERT KNIGHT	4	ERNEST STITCH	9
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	5	ERIC CRADDOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.
* 50th peal together. Rung half-muffled.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

PENDLEBURY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Feb. 12, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Taylor's Six-part. Tenor 13½ cwt.

MELBOURNE PRICE	*Treble*	ALFRED LOMAS	5
RONALD BAGNALL	2	PETER CROOK, SEN.	6
*WILLIAM THOMPSON	3	†JOSEPH THORNLEY	7
NORMAN TOMPKINS	4	*HENRY GASKELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.
* First peal. † 25th peal. Rung fully muffled.

SOUTHAMPTON, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Feb. 14, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16¼ cwt. in F.

JESSIE M. KIPPIN	*Treble*	WALTER GLASSPOOL	5
JOYCE COX	2	BETTY FAITHFULL	6
NORMAN HAYES	3	MAURICE J. BUTLER	7
*CHARLES TAYLOR	4	REGINALD A. REED	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS. Conducted by REGINALD A. REED.
* First peal 'inside.' Rung half-muffled.

BLEWBURY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Taylor's Six-part. Tenor 19½ cwt.

CHARLES ALDRIDGE	*Treble*	FRED JAMES	5
CLAUDE CORDEROY	2	ROBERT BLOND	6
ALFRED GREENOUGH	3	WILLIAM CORDEROY	7
DOUGLAS JORDAN	4	CECIL CORDEROY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT BLOND.
Rung half-muffled.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, COUNTY DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AND ST. CUTHBERT,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 21 cwt.

MARGARET A. P. BERTIE	*Treble*	†WILFRED NICHOLSON	5
CHARLES McGUINESS	2	JOHN A. BROWN	6
*ROGER CHICKEN	3	DENIS A. BAYLES	7
J. WILLIAM ROBSON	4	CYRIL MORDUE	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.
* First peal (aged 15). † First of Grandsire 'inside.' Rung half-muffled.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 19¼ cwt.

LLEWELLYN ALLUM	*Treble*	RUSSELL PARKER	5
FRANK RUFFLES	2	WALTER RUFFLES	6
GEORGE A. FLEMING	3	ALBERT E. WHITING	7
CHARLES W. BEECROFT	4	LESLIE G. BRETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.
All are members of the Sunday service band. Rung half-muffled.

HEREFORD.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 17¼ cwt.

ROSEMARY JARRETT	*Treble*	LESLIE EVANS	5
WILLIAM H. SYMONDS	2	REGINALD T. JONES	6
JOHN D. ROCK	3	WILFRID F. MORETON	7
AUSTIN T. WINGATE	4	LESLIE L. QUARTERMAIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
Rung fully muffled, with the tenor open at backstroke.

LODDON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

JAMES W. FORDER ..	*Treble*	*REGINALD H. DRANE ..	5
*HERBERT C. BOGGIS ..	2	*FREDERICK C. GUNTON ..	6
CHARLES BAILEY	3	*LIONEL A. LESTER	7
STANLEY W. COPLING ..	4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ..	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.
* First peal in method. Rung half-muffled.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

JOHN STERRY	*Treble*	ERNEST STITCH	5
HENRY HUBBALL	2	WILLIAM DAVIES	6
HOWARD HOWELL	3	J. NORMAN HADLEY	7
STANLEY PRESTIDGE	4	MAURICE G. TURNER ..	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.
Rung half-muffled.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

ANNE B. STOCKDALE ..	*Treble*	ERNEST H. KILBY	5
LEONARD H. BOWLER ..	2	RICHARD F. B. SPEED ..	6
C. EDWARD LANKESTER ..	3	ALICK CUTLER	7
*RUSSELL G. SPEARS ..	4	THOMAS J. LOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by JAS. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by R. F. B. SPEED.
* First peal in the method. Rung half-muffled.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
(All Saints Society, Allesley.)
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

AUDREY A. TIMMS	*Treble*	JOHN W. TAYLOR	5
WILLIAM A. STOTE	2	GEORGE GARDNER	6
DAVID A. CARPENTER ..	3	PERCY STONE	7
HUBERT G. SUMMERS ..	4	JOHN W. T. TAYLOR ..	*Tenor*

Composed by F. HOPGOOD. Conducted by WILLIAM A. STOTE.
Rung half-muffled.

BATTERSEA, LONDON, S.W.
LONDON COUNTY ASSOC. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13½ cwt.

*SQUIRE CROFT	*Treble*	THOMAS E. DAVIES ..	5
*MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS ..	2	†FRANCIS D. BISHOP ..	6
CHARLES T. RICHARDS ..	3	DAVID J. CHARNLEY ..	7
WILFRID G. WILSON ..	4	HAROLD W. ROGERS ..	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by HAROLD W. ROGERS.
* 25th peal together. † First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major.
Rung half-muffled.

BIGGLESWADE, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

*WILLIAM J. ATHOW ..	*Treble*	†HAROLD W. SMITH ..	5
†ALAN S. SMITH	2	STANLEY H. WALLIS ..	6
†OWEN P. SMITH	3	BRYAN F. SIMS	7
*CYRIL J. SMITH	4	‡GEOFFREY A. BRIDGE ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRYAN F. SIMS.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Triples. ‡ First peal. First peal of Triples as conductor. First eight bell peal by a local band.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS THE MARTYR,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19¾ cwt. in E flat.

JOHN SITCH	*Treble*	BERTRAM C. HINES	5
HENRY T. WILSON	2	ALBERT PRYKE	6
ERNEST W. FURBANK ..	3	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS ..	7
CHARLES J. HARRINGTON ..	4	HARRY TURNER	*Tenor*

Composed by E. TIMBRELL. Conducted by HARRY TURNER.
Rung half-muffled.

CHEADLE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in F sharp.

*ARTHUR SNAPE	*Treble*	‡SYDNEY SAGE	5
RUTH M. JACKSON ..	2	WALTER SHAW	6
†JEAN C. BROWN	3	ALAN J. BROWN	7
RONALD T. BARLOW ..	4	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD ..	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.
* First peal of Major. † 25th peal. ‡ First peal of Bob Major.
First peal in the method as conductor.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

*JOHN FORD	*Treble*	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON ..	5
JOHN E. S. MORETON ..	2	ARTHUR H. BEAMISH ..	6
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	3	JAMES L. GARNER-HAYWARD	7
DOROTHY E. BEAMISH ..	4	JOHN E. LLOYD	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR H. BEAMISH.
* First peal in the method.

DARLINGTON, COUNTY DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 18 cwt. 14 lb.

*MAURICE AIREY (14) ..	*Treble*	WILLIAM H. KINGCOTT ..	5
DENNIS R. AIREY	2	THOMAS SENIOR	6
GEORNE F. NEWTON ..	3	THOMAS COOKE	7
MICHAEL P. MORETON ..	4	THOMAS HILL	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS COOKE.
* First peal. Rung fully muffled.

EAST COKER, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 12 cwt.

HERBERT W. PEARCE ..	*Treble*	HARRY J. GAYLARD ..	5
EDMUND C. ATYEO	2	ALBERT S. ATYEO	6
STANLEY A. GUPPY	3	WILLIAM E. TURNER ..	7
WALTER H. POOLE	4	*SIDNEY W. WHITE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.
* First peal on eight bells. Rung half-muffled.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

ERNEST C. S. TURNER ..	*Treble*	ELSIE K. FULTON	5
FREDA CLAYTON	2	CECIL C. MAYNE	6
ALBERT W. COLES	3	JOHN R. MAYNE	7
H. GEORGE HART	4	HENRY D. BUTLER	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
Rung half-muffled.

HARWELL, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Taylor's Six-part. Tenor 16 cwt.

ALFRED GREENOUGH ..	*Treble*	CLAUDE CORDEROY	5
DOUGLAS JORDAN	2	ROBERT BLOND	6
JACK BERRY	3	WILLIAM CORDEROY ..	7
HENRY BISHOP	4	DOUGLAS BOSLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT BLOND.
Rung half-muffled.

HURST, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

*CHARLES W. MORTIMER	*Treble*	ARTHUR J. N. RANCE ..	5
MARY R. JAYCOCK	2	HAROLD SMITH	6
BERNARD C. CASTLE ..	3	WALTER HUNT	7
MRS. B. C. CASTLE ..	4	GEORGE GILBERT ..	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.
* First peal of Major. Rung half-muffled.

MAYFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 21½ cwt.

FREDK. J. LAMBERT ..	*Treble*	THOMAS E. SONE	5
WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	2	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ..	6
ARTHUR F. LEWRY	3	BENJAMIN F. BAKER	7
REGINALD E. LAMBERT ..	4	S. GEOFFREY WATERS ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
Rung fully muffled.

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb.

CHARLES C. RAWDING	*Treble*	STANLEY E. BENNETT ..	5
JOHN J. AMES	2	W. ALLAN RICHARDSON ..	6
HAROLD BARSLEY	3	HORACE BENNETT	7
FRANK TAYLOR	4	C. HAROLD WHITTON ..	*Tenor*

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by C. H. WHITTON.
Rung half-muffled.

ROTHWELL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Leeds and District Society.)
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5056 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 21 lb.

GEORGE W. STEEL	*Treble*	THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY	5
ARTHUR G. WOOD	2	*ALAN W. STRANGEWAY ..	6
JOSHUA WORMALD	3	ERNEST SPENCER	7
PERCY MASSAM	4	HARRY HOMER	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY.
* First peal. First peal on the bells since they were recast and rehung. Rung half-muffled.

SOUTHAMPTON, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5184 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21¼ cwt.

JESSIE M. KIPPIN	*Treble*	MAURICE J. BUTLER ..	5
*NORMAN HAYES	2	*JOHN GILBERT	6
NELIA M. LEAHY	3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ..	7
WALTER H. GLASSPOOL ..	4	REGINALD REED	*Tenor*

Composed by F. ROBINSON. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.
* First peal in the method. Rung half-muffled.

TIVERTON, DEVONSHIRE.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in D.

REGINALD G. HOOPER	*Treble*	GEORGE W. MASSEY ..	5
ERIC SUTTON	2	ERIC NAYLOR	6
GORDON WALFORD	3	*RICHARD J. BOWDEN ..	7
WILFRED F. WEBB	4	ROGER O. FRY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. BARKER (C.C.C. No. 162). Conducted by R. O. FRY.
* First peal of Major. Believed to be the first peal in the method on the bells.

TUCKINGMILL, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Variation. Tenor 10½ cwt.

MARION L. LIDGEY ..	*Treble*	JAMES P. BLOND	5
WILLIAM J. SANDERS ..	2	*A. HUBERT EPLETT ..	6
GEOFFREY W. TAYSOM ..	3	HARRY MILES	7
ALAN CARVETH	4	EDWARDS SANDERS ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY MILES.
* First peal of Stedman Triples. Rung half-muffled.

WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 17½ cwt. in E flat.

EDWARD S. T. FARR	*Treble*	*KENNETH BUCKINGHAM ..	5
*KENNETH C. CURTIS ..	2	BRIAN L. TAYLOR	6
†FREDERICK SCOTT	3	WILLIAM BUTLER	7
CYRIL A. WRATTEN ..	4	ALFRED J. PAINTER ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWARD S. T. FARR.
* First peal of Triples. † First peal of Grandsire Triples. Rung half-muffled.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND THOMAS OF CANTERBURY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 25¼ cwt. in D.

LEONARD G. TOOKE	*Treble*	RUSSELL W. CURSON ..	5
CHARLES E. BANHAM ..	2	WALTER R. FARROW ..	6
THOMAS E. SPIGHT ..	3	PHILIP W. J. FRYER ..	7
WILLIAM CLOVER	4	HENRY TOOKE	*Tenor*

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by WILLIAM CLOVER.
Rung fully muffled.

YARDLEY, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURGHA,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. in F sharp.

MURIEL REAY	*Treble*	J. MARTIN THORLEY ..	5
GEORGE E. FEARN	2	BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY ..	6
ARTHUR V. PEARSON ..	3	WILFRID F. MORETON ..	7
ALBERT H. FITTER	4	ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

BOREHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Feb. 17, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13¼ cwt.

STEVE WRIGHT	*Treble*	†JOSEPH E. G. ROAST ..	5
ARTHUR H. EVERETT ..	2	‡WILLIAM GLOVER	6
*JAMES SHEPPARD	3	ARTHUR H. EDWARDS ..	7
*HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	4	PETER J. EVES	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ARTHUR H. EVERETT.
* First peal. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal of Major.
Rung half-muffled.

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MOORSIDE, OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Feb. 17, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

GERALD DARE	*Treble*	SELWYN H. DEARDEN	5
FRED MELLOR	2	JAMES BROOKS	6
AUDREY T. SEVILLE	3	IVAN KAY	7
HAROLD ARMSTEAD	4	MAURICE MITTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by IVAN KAY.
Rung fully-muffled.

MORECAMBE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Lancaster Branch.)
On Sun., Feb. 17, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.

*WILLIAM GERRARD	*Treble*	FRANK POSTLETHWAITE	5
BETTY SCHOFIELD	2	GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE	6
HERBERT S. PALMER	3	BRIAN SEDDON	7
DOROTHY SCHOFIELD	4	ROLAND ECCLES	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEO. E. BRAITHWAITE.
* First peal.

FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Feb. 18, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

Parker's Six-part. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in F sharp.

*PAMELA M. EASTWELL	*Treble*	†WILLIAM BUTLER	5
†WILLIAM H. EASTWELL	2	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	6
†RUTH TABRAHAM	3	††DAVID H. PEARCE	7
WILLIAM HENLEY	4	BRYAN J. MATTHEWS	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.
* First peal. † First in method. ‡ 50th peal. Half-muffled.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

CLEWER, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Feb. 7, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Comprising 21 extents each of Plain Bob and Grandsire.
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in F.

MONICA HOWARD	*Treble*	REGINALD L. SILLS	4
GEOFFREY W. ASHDOWN	2	WILLIAM BUTLER	5
DAVID H. PEARCE	3	JAMES BROOKS	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.
Rung fully muffled.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Feb. 13, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being 2 extents Norwich and Cambridge Surprise and Oxford Treble Bob and one extent Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr.

JOHN R. G. SPICER	*Treble*	G. HENRY DUNNINGTON	4
FRANK WARRINGTON	2	FRANK W. LACK	5
FRANK R. NICHOLLS	3	HAROLD S. PEACOCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.
Rung with clappers fully muffled.

OLDSWINFORD, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Feb. 13, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven extents. Tenor 11¾ cwt.

REGINALD CHANCE	*Treble*	RALPH MOORS	4
ALFRED C. BOXLEY	2	JOHN H. PAGETT	5
JOSEPH SOUTHALL	3	DEREK WATSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN H. PAGETT.
Rung half-muffled.

ST. HELENS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Feb. 13, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob, and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. Rung on the front six.

*HARRY GRUNDY	*Treble*	GORDON A. HALLS	4
CHARLES BLACKBURN	2	*A. RONALD POCKINGTON	5
KENNETH EDWARDS	3	JOHN ASHCROFT	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN ASHCROFT.
* First peal in three Minor methods. Rung half-muffled.



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BIDSTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Wirral Branch.)
On Thurs., Feb. 14, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Oswald,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Oxford Bob and Double Oxford Bob, two extents of St. Clement's Bob and 3 extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 5 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in B.

*Norman R. Sutton	*Treble*	Stanley D. Sutton	4
Joan M. Webster	2	Thomas Smith	5
Charles B. Pemberton	3	A. Trevor Sutton	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. Trevor Sutton.
* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung fully muffled.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 9½ cwt.

*James W. Jones	*Treble*	Kenneth Hartley	4
†Gordon R. Whewell	2	Brian Harris	5
Brian H. Wood	3	Roger Leigh	*Tenor*

Conducted by Roger Leigh.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' Rung half-muffled.

BARNBY DON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge, Kent, Oxford, St. Clement's, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

Harry Wills	*Treble*	John Wardle	4
Peggy Lamb	3	Frank Lamb	5
Fred Jackson	3	Ernest Padgett	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ernest Padgett.
Rung half-muffled.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 36 120's (ten callings) and three 240's. Tenor 6 cwt.

George R. Wilkinson	*Treble*	Frederick E. Watson	4
Peter J. Thomas	2	Roland F. Collis	5
William A. Wood	3	David Bishop	*Tenor*

Conducted by Peter J. Thomas.
Rung half-muffled.

ISLIP, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 9 cwt.

*Douglas Maunder	*Treble*	*Henry W. Haynes	4
George Jones	2	*Phillip Timms	5
*Arthur H. Bateman	3	*George Johnson	*Tenor*

Conducted by George Jones.
* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal by the local band. Rung half-muffled.

LLANFRECHFA, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being two 120's of Stedman, five 120's of Bob Doubles and 35 120's of Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt.

Rev. Roy Hallett	*Treble*	Leslie F. G. Bainham	4
Rev. Ivor J. Richards	2	Robert E. R. Smith	5
Mrs. G. M. Bainham	3	John Challenger	*Tenor*

Conducted by Robert E. R. Smith.
Rung half-muffled.

RADLEY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James-the-Great,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 14 six-scores each of St. Simon's, Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles. Tenor 6½ cwt.

*Elizabeth Ll-Jones	*Treble*	Marie R. Cross	4
*Hilary J. Eason	2	*Janet Eason	5
†Ruth Paton	3	*Rev. J. V. Pixell	*Tenor*

Conducted by Marie R. Cross.
* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal of Doubles as conductor. First peal of Doubles on the bells. Rung half-muffled.

SALFORD, LANCASHIRE.
THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of the Sacred Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. in G.

Eric Nixon	*Treble*	Derek Ogden	4
Wilfred L. Robinson	2	Peter E. Parry	5
Philip P. Carter	3	Brian Harris	*Tenor*

Conducted by Peter E. Parry.
First peal as conductor. Rung half-muffled.

SUTTON-ON-HULL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being three extents of Oxford and four of Kent. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr.

Leonard Rodmell	*Treble*	John A. Broughton	4
*Sylvia Iredale	2	Harry Rodmell	5
John M. Harrop	3	Ronald Ducker	*Tenor*

Conducted by Leonard Rodmell.
* First peal. Rung half-muffled.

WALKERVILLE, ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.
ST. ANDREW'S GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being ten extents each of Plain Bob, Old, Norfolk and Grandsire with Pitman's 240. Tenor 13 cwt.

*A. Richard Lamphee	*Treble*	*C. Hervey Bagot	4
†Catherine E. Lamphee	2	Philip L. Cooper	5
†Jonathan F. Eggleton	3	*Frederick W. J. Staude	*Tenor*

Conducted by Philip L. Cooper.
* First peal. † First tower peal. First tower peal as conductor. First tower peal in State of South Australia. Rung fully muffled.

BEARSTED, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of The Holy Cross,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 12 six-scores Plain Bob, 30 six-scores Grandsire. Tenor 11 cwt.

*Edward G. White	*Treble*	Edward F. Harnett	4
John H. R. Betts	2	Maurice G. White	5
George F. Cantrill	3	†Norman Ollett	*Tenor*

Conducted by George F. Cantrill.
* First peal away from tenor. † First peal. Rung half-muffled.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and one extent of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

Kenneth W. Muttock	*Treble*	Ronald E. Burt	4
Frank C. J. Arnold	2	T. Charles Browne	5
Frank Pearson	3	Frank C. W. Phillippo	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank C. W. Phillippo.
Rung half-muffled.

KINGWESTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (ten different callings). Tenor 18 cwt.

H. Percy Sparks	*Treble*	Frederick G. Sparks	3
Eric A. Raymond	2	Frederick L. Andrews	4
Arthur Callow	*Tenor*		

Conducted by H. Percy Sparks.

NORTHAMPTON.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Northampton Branch.)
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, Dallington.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being four extents each of Old Doubles (three callings) and Reverse St. Bartholomew (three callings); 8 extents each of April Day (three callings), Reverse Canterbury Pleasure (four callings), Plain Bob (four callings); ten extents Grandsire (ten callings). Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

*Ralph T. Clarke	*Treble*	Eric Nobles	4
*John G. Chapman	2	*Charles T. Windram	5
William R. Hammons	3	Bernard E. Frost	*Tenor*

Conducted by Eric Nobles.
* First peal in six methods. Rung half-muffled.

OXFORD.
OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY & THE OXFORD SOCIETY.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE UNIVERSITY CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 28 cwt.

MISS S. M. BROWN	*Treble*	J. B. GUY	4
P. PRESTON	2	F. P. WRIGHT	5
N. G. MCCRUM	3	P. BORDER	*Tenor*

Conducted by F. P. WRIGHT.

Rung fully muffled.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 14 extents each of Plain Bob, April Day and Grandsire.
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

DONALD H. METTAM	*Treble*	HUGH LONGLAND	4
JAMES H. MUSSON	2	D. ALBERT FRITH	5
HENRY P. COLLIN	3	ALBERT FRITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

Mr. Musson has now 'circled' the tower. Rung half-muffled.

WOLLASTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(Northern Branch.)
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*SAMUEL COOK	*Treble*	BRIAN R. SUTTON	4
JOHN H. PAGETT	2	HAROLD V. COOPER	5
F. WILLIAM GIBBS	3	FREDERICK G. HANDLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD V. COOPER.

* First peal. Rung half-muffled.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Feb. 17, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*JOHN CHAMBERS	*Treble*	†F. KEVON THOMPSON	4
†KEITH E. LOVETT	2	‡ROGER G. W. SOARS	5
†ROYSTON WILMORE	3	HORACE MYATT	*Tenor*

Conducted by HORACE MYATT.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor in three methods. ‡ First peal of Minor 'inside.' First peal in three methods as conductor. Rung half-muffled.

DERSINGHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Feb. 17, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven variations of extents. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

STEPHEN K. WHEELER	*Treble*	NORMAN V. HARDING	4
TOM GREENACRE	2	FRED RIX	5
ALEX NURSE	3	CECIL V. EBBERSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by CECIL V. EBBERSON.

Rung half-muffled.

STAPLEFORD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Feb. 17, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

BRIAN COOKSON	*Treble*	DENNIS R. CARLISLE	4
WM. THORNLEY, SEN.	2	WM. THORNLEY, JUN.	5
WILFRED WALKER	3	GIRLING RIGBY	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM THORNLEY, IUN.

Rung half-muffled.

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LATE NEWS

We regret to record the death of Mr. Philip H. Pierce (86) of Brabourne, Kent, who, in 1907, rang a peal of Stedman Triples on every day of a week.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Repairs have been ordered by the Dean and Chapter of St. George's Chapel to the oak bell-frame in the Curfew Tower at Windsor Castle. A muffled peal, which is normally attempted at the death of the King, could not be rung owing to the rotten state of the timbers. This belfry was built in 1478 and has not been materially altered since.

Miss Jennie Armstrong maintained the old custom at Morpeth by ringing the 'Pancake Bell' in the Watch Tower on Shrove Tuesday.

Accommodation is strictly limited for the Middlesex supper at Heston on March 15th and tickets will be issued in rotation. No tickets will be available after March 10th.

Mr. Paul Coste, an American, rang a half peal at Durdee Episcopal Cathedral on the day of the King's funeral. Possibly he is the first American to ring a quarter in Scotland.

A correspondent asks how many men have called peals with absolutely no observation bell. As far as he knows these are Messrs. W. H. Barber, Maurice Swinfield and Maurice F. R. Hibbert.

Mr. Eric Goldschmidt, of 1, Old Burlington Street, London, W.1, is producing a weekly radio programme with a 'bells' theme entitled 'Wedding Bells.' It features anniversary stories, belfry memories and true romances of listeners. Readers who would like to participate in this programme are asked to communicate with Mr. Goldschmidt.

On the day of the King's funeral a peal was attempted at St. Peter's, Leeds, but was lost after an hour's ringing. It was attempted the following Monday, when one of the band became indisposed and was obliged to give up within ten minutes of the finish. The peal was successfully rung on February 21st. Altogether the bells were rung muffled for approximately 12 hours apart from Sunday ringing.

We regret that we have not been able to publish all the quarter peals sent in in connection with the memorial services to King George VI. because of pressure of space. First rejections were those which did not comply with the usual form:—Name of town or village, date rung and method. When dealing with hundreds we expect this simple co-operation. The compilation of the quarter peal pages has meant many hours of additional work.

By ringing the second in the peal at Wollaston on February 16th Mr. J. H. Pagett has now 'completed the circle' in that tower.

The peal of Minor rung by the Oxford University Society at St. Mary-the-Virgin's on February 16th was the first peal on the bells of the University Church by the University Society and was rung by a band all of whom are 'in statu pupillari.'

Any old member of the Oxford University Society who can join the Easter tour at Leicester from April 14th to April 20th will be heartily welcome and are requested to contact J. B Guy, University College, Oxford, for further details.

Two peal attempts in Hertfordshire for the Royal funeral were unsuccessful. The first, at Great Gaddesden, was lost through a rope slipping wheel, and the second, at Apsley End, by a choirboy switching the lights off at the main.

A muffled peal to the memory of Samuel J. Hector was rung at Trowbridge Parish Church on February 23rd. The band, gathered from a wide area included officers of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, the general secretary of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, the chairman and secretary of the Swindon Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association and representatives of four Bath towers.

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THREE DEDICATION CEREMONIES

BRAMLEY, HANTS

Some five years ago a fund was started for the restoration of our bells at Bramley Church, Hants. In 1638, soon after the present brick tower had been built to replace an earlier wooden structure, our five largest bells were cast by Ellis Knight, of Reading. These five bells were rehung in a new oak frame and a sixth bell added in 1883 by John Warner and Sons.

In view of the interest taken in the church bells at Bramley—the 16th century churchwarden accounts are full of items relating to the bells—it was suggested that we should try and raise enough money to add two smaller bells to complete the octave. From the outset we met with difficulties. It was found that the beams supporting the bell frame were unsound; inspection disclosed that the floors in the tower were in an advanced state of decay; consequently the estimated cost of the work was much higher than we had anticipated. However, 'having put our hands to the plough' we could not turn back. After careful consideration we decided to place the work in the hands of Messrs. John Taylor and Co.

Eventually the bells were dismantled and despatched to the foundry in February of last year. On a day in May we saw our two new bells cast. The bells were returned to the tower in January. The six bells, retuned, were rehung with new fittings in new framework supported on heavy steel girders and the two smaller bells added to complete the ring of eight.

The dedication of the two new bells took place on Saturday, February 16th. When the service started every seat in our little Norman church was filled. The Right Rev. Bishop L. H. Lang, assisted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. W. Greenstreet) and Canon Jeudwine, conducted the service. During the service the churchwardens escorted the clergy to the tower. Here Mr. P. L. Taylor, representing the bellfounders, handed the ropes of the two new bells to the churchwardens. They presented the ropes to the Bishop and requested him to dedicate the bells 'To the Glory of God and to the use of His Holy Church.'

After blessing the bells the Bishop handed back the bell ropes to the Vicar. He was instructed to see that the bells were set apart from 'all profane and unhallowed uses.' As the clergy returned to their places we Bramley ringers rang rounds on the eight bells for the first time. Another hymn was sung, the Bishop gave his address and his Benediction and the congregation left the church to the music of Stedman Triples rung by a band drawn from visiting ringers.

Tea was served in the Village Hall for some 60 visitors from the following towers:—Aldershot, Basingstoke (All Saints' and St. Michael's), Bucklebury, Deane, Ditchling, Farnborough (Hants), Guildford Cathedral, Hurst, Loughborough, Mortimer (St. Mary's), Overton, Reading (St. Mary's), Sherborne St. John, Silchester, Sonning, Thatcham, Winchester (St. Maurice's), Wolverton, Wootton (St. Lawrence's). During the evening the bells were kept ringing and everyone expressed their pleasure both at the tone of the bells and at the way they handled. Mr. Taylor must have been well pleased with the congratulations he received.

When finished, the work will have cost us £1,300. Towards this large sum of money the ringers have raised £575. We wish to record our gratitude to the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild for their grants amounting to £20.

We now have a very nice ring of eight bells in the key of G with a tenor 3 feet 4½ inches in diameter and of 12 cwt. 14 lb. weight. Each bell bears an inscription as follows:—

Treble.—Praise the Lord O my soul.

Second.—Forget not all His benefits.

Third.—I was glad when they said we will go into the house of The Lord.

Fourth.—O, Come hither and hearken all ye that feare God. 1638.

Fifth.—This is the house of God and the gate of heaven. 1638.

Sixth.—O enter into His gates with thanksgiving. 1638.

Seventh.—And O worship the Lord in the beautie of holines. 1638.

Tenor.—For holines becometh His house for ever. Amen. 1638

W. CLIFT.

WESTON TURVILLE, BUCKS

Something like 50 years have elapsed since the five bells of Weston Turville, near Aylesbury, last rang, until their recent restoration by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd.

It was certainly a red-letter day in the history of the parish on Sunday, February 24th, when the Bishop of Buckingham attended morning service to dedicate the bells, assisted by the Vicar, the Rev. H. W. Wheeler.

Four members of the local band have been instructed by Mr. H. C Jones, of Ellesborough, and they rang rounds immediately after the dedication, assisted by Mr. Roland Biggs, of Hughenden.

Other ringers present included Mr. Alan R. Pink (Oxford), Mr. Walter Lee (Hughenden) and ringers from Wendover. The bellfounders were represented by Mr. A. Patrick Cannon, and 120 Reverse St. Bartholomew Doubles was rung by:—H. C. Jones 1, R. Biggs 2, W. Lee 3, A. P. Cannon 4, A. R. Pink (conductor) 5.

The bells have been tuned and rehung with ball bearings, in a new iron frame, together with new fittings. The tenor weighs 14¼ cwt. in F sharp.

THE MERCERS COMPANY'S GIFT TO NAZEING CHURCH

All Saints' Church, Nazeing, was crowded on Saturday afternoon, February 16th, for the service of thanksgiving for the restoration of the bells and the dedication of the new treble by the Bishop of Barking (the Right Rev. Hugh Gough)

The Rev. H. F. Hawkins (Vicar of Nazeing) conducted the service before the dedication and the Rev. C. Scott-Little (Deputy Master of the Essex Association) acted as the Bishop's chaplain.

In the congregation were eight members of the Worshipful Company of Mercers, who had presented the new bell as a memorial to the late Captain Archdale Palmer, J.P., a member and former Master of the Company. Members of the Nazeing Parish Council were present and relatives of Captain Palmer including his niece, Miss Wellesley, and three cousins, the Earl of Selbourne, the Honourable Lewis Palmer and Mr. Stuart Palmer.

Ringers from all over the county and surrounding Districts included representatives from Saffron Walden, Thaxted, Romford, North Mymms, Chadwell Heath, Waltham Abbey, Goffs Oak, Cheshunt, Hatfield, Edmonton, Broxbourne, Harlow Common, Roydon, Hertford, Benington, Woodford, Wanstead and Bengeo.

The lessons were read by Dr. P. T. Spencer-Phillips, J.P., Master of the Essex Association, and Captain H. S. Totton, R.N., Master of the Worshipful Company of Mercers.

During the singing of the hymn 'Come, ye people, raise the Anthem,' the Bishop moved in procession led by the crucifer to the tower at the western end of the church, escorted by his chaplain, the Vicar and the churchwardens. Here the Bishop received the five ropes of the restored bells from Mr. A. Patrick Cannon, representing the bellfounders, Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., and the rope of the new treble from the Master of the Mercers Company, and, after dedicating the bells 'to the Glory of God and the service of His Holy Church,' he presented the ropes to the Vicar who in turn passed them to Mr. C. W. Sams, the captain of the Nazeing band. Whilst the procession was returning to the chancel the dedication rounds were rung by the following band:—Miss Dorothy Mansfield 1, C. W. Sams 2, K. C. S. Wood 3, Miss Elsie Burton 4, W. C. Mansfield 5, R. C. L. Wood 6

In his address the Bishop said '... although in normal times this service would be a time of rejoicing, at this time our thoughts are tinged with sadness at the death of His late Majesty King George VI.' He said he could see a connection between the dedication of the bells and the dedication which King George VI. had made of his own life to service of God and the nation. After the Bishop had given the Blessing the service ended with the singing of 'God Save the Queen.'

The collection amounted to over £5 which was given to the Essex Association Bell Restoration Fund.

After the service the Bishop and visiting clergy, members of the Mercers Company, the visiting ringers, the relations of Captain Palmer and other visitors were entertained to tea in the Church Hall by the local Guild. About 70 people were present. During the course of tea the Vicar thanked the Mercers Company for their generosity in providing the money for the new bell. The Master, in reply, paid a glowing tribute to the memory of Captain Palmer who, he said, was a very revered man in the Worshipful Company and that it gave them very great pleasure in giving the bell. Ringing was then resumed in the tower under the direction of Mr. B. G. Burton, the District Master of the North-Western District.

The Nazeing bells were originally installed in 1779 by the Whitechapel Foundry and were rehung in 1900 by the same firm. The full cost of restoration and the provision of a new bell amounted to £590.

THE INSCRIPTIONS

Particulars of the bells are as follows:—

Treble.—Note F sharp: A.M.D.G. Et in Gnatam Memoriam, Archdale Palmer, MDCCCLXV—MCML. Viri Valde Dilecti, Stirpis Suae in Nazeing Ultimi, D.D., Mysterium Mercerense. Londini. Honor Deo. 1951. Gillett and Johnston, Founders, Croydon; weight, 4 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

Second.—Note E; Pack and Chapman of London, Fecerunt, 1779; weight 4 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb.

Third.—Note D: Pack and Chapman of London, Fecerunt, 1779; weight 5 cwt. 12 lb.

Fourth.—Note C sharp: Pack and Chapman of London, Fecerunt, 1779. Recast 1951 by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon. H. F. Hawkins, Vicar; S. J. Martin, T. W. Jacks, churchwardens: weight 5 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

Fifth.—Note B: Thomas Banks and James Martin, Overseers, 1779, Pack and Chapman of London, Fecerunt: weight 7 cwt. 2 qr.

Tenor.—Note A: John Pegrum and John Walker, churchwardens, 1779. Pack and Chapman of London Fecerunt; weight 9 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

K. C. S. W.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Wirral Branch

In spite of dull, damp, November-like weather, the annual meeting held at St. Mary's, Eastham, on February 16th, attracted a gathering of 66 ringers and friends. The very fine-toned ring of six was kept going during the afternoon, and after the business meeting, in methods up to London Surprise Minor. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. Wright Davies)) who gave an interesting address based on an extract from one of Lieut. Bowers' letters; Bowers perished on Scott's ill-fated Antarctic expedition.

The company was entertained to an excellent tea (wedding breakfast, North Country style, would be a better description) in the Church School. The business meeting followed with the chairman, Mr. J. Cooke, officiating. Members stood in silent tribute to the memory of the late Dr. J. C. E. Simpson, who learnt his ringing in Wirral, and also of Mr. T. Rye, churchwarden at Eastham.

The statement of accounts showed credit balances in both general and social funds. The hon. secretary's report revealed that there had been a slight decline of interest in ringing affairs and that the 'Ringing Renaissance' dating from the lifting of 'the Ban' appeared to be over. Twelve monthly meetings had been held and there was an average attendance of 47. The third annual dinner, entertainment and dance held at the Coach and Horses Inn, Moreton, in March, had been attended by 107 ringers and friends. A coachload of members had attended the Guild Annual Festival at Stockport and in June two coaches had been engaged for a half-day outing, visiting Warburton, Rostherne, Witton and Davenham. Once again the annual social proved very popular and a company of over 200 had been present.

Total membership had slightly increased from 154 to 158. Performances worthy of mention were:—Peal of 14 Spliced Surprise Minor methods at Bidston by Sunday service band and a peal of 21 Spliced Surprise Minor methods at Birkenhead, being the greatest number of Surprise methods yet rung to a peal for the Guild.

New officers elected were:—Mr. H. S. Bailey, auditor; Mr. C. B Penberton, Assistant Ringing Master; Mr. A. T. Sutton, representative on Guild Committee. The retiring officers were warmly thanked for their work during the year.

It was resolved that the next annual meeting should be held at Neston, provided the bells were available.

The meeting closed with an omnibus vote of thanks to all at Eastham responsible for arrangements. Mr. G. F. Pickthall responded on behalf of Eastham ringers and expressed great pleasure at being once again able to welcome members to his tower. Mr. A. L. Shepherd, Eastham Ringing Master, also spoke, thanking Branch members for assistance given during the past three years and stated that their labours were now being rewarded as methods up to Treble Bob Minor were now being rung in place of the plain course of Grandsire Doubles formerly rung.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

The annual lunch of the Oxford University Society was held in the Forum Restaurant, Oxford, on Saturday, February 2nd. Mr. Albert Walker was present as the guest of honour, and the University of Bristol Society was represented by Mr. J. Worrall. Many old members were present and it was very pleasant to meet them ringing in Oxford again. Methods rung and standards of ringing both varied considerably during the day, but in the evening a successful attempt at a peal of Kent Royal 'in hand' closed an enjoyable day.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL

The second session of the 26th Council (55th annual meeting) will be held on Whitsun Tuesday, June 3rd, 1952, at Lincoln.

All resolutions to be proposed shall be sent to the honorary secretary in writing, signed by two members of the Council, not less than six weeks previous to the meeting.

Honorary secretaries of affiliated societies are reminded that the affiliation fee became due on January 1st last.

The Council's headquarters will be The Saracen's Head Hotel, High Street.

Other hotels in the city are:—

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GEO. W. FLETCHER,
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RINGING OVERSEAS

In forwarding a peal of Doubles in three methods rung at St. Andrew's, Walkerville, Adelaide, South Australia, Mr. Philip L. Cooper writes:—

No doubt hundreds of peals have been rung in the last fortnight in England in memory of the late King and this is at least the second in Australia this week. Excluding the tenor ringer, who is 39 years of age, the average age of our band is 18 years. We have only been change ringing since 1950 and to-day's peal went through beautifully with only a few slight lapses caused by fatigue.

The temperature was about 85 degrees during the peal which began after a State-wide two minutes silence at noon. The striking was exceptionally good and we are very pleased with ourselves

We are eagerly looking forward to being able to ring an open peal for the Coronation and perhaps another for the Royal tour of Australia.

IN HOBART

From Hobart, Tasmania, comes by this week's post the news of a quarter peal of 1,280 changes in honour of the 15th anniversary of the opening of the tower of St. David's Cathedral, Hobart. This was rung on December 7th, the ringers being:—J. Millington 1, P. Dalwood 2, D. E. Kirby 3, J. Biggs (conductor) 4, R. Hay 5, L. B. Uhr-Henry 6. This was the first quarter peal of the Society and the treble was rung without a stay.

THE LADIES' GUILD

A very successful meeting of the Central District of the Ladies' Guild was held at St. John's, Stanmore, on February 23rd, and was very well attended. The Guild was made very welcome at the tower.

After tea the business meeting was held in the tower, during which the annual meeting was decided for June 7th at Milton-next-Gravesend. The arrangements for the annual meeting of the Ladies' Guild, this year to be held in London on July 5th, were discussed and put in hand.

Excellent striking and a wide range of methods, from the 'four standards' to spliced, brought a very enjoyable afternoon and evening to a close.

Thanks are due to the tower-keeper for extending a hearty welcome, and the incumbent for allowing the bells to be rung. M. F. J.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World' of March 8th, 1912

ODD CHANGES

Birmingham can boast of two of the most remarkable products of the ringing Exercise. One is Mr. John Carter's ringing machine, the ingenuity of which is so extraordinary that it almost passes belief. . . . The other . . . . is Mr. Harry Withers, the man who, without having seen the figures of the peal, took down correctly all the course-ends of the record peal of London Surprise, and who 'called' a peal of Superlative while standing outside the tower and pressing an electric button which rang a bell up in the ringing chamber when bobs had to be made.

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For the first time a peal has been rung upon church bells in which husband and wife have taken part, and this distinction has fallen to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Whittington, of Cranleigh, Surrey. Hitherto the only instance of husband and wife ringing in a peal together has been the handbell peals rung by Mr. and Mrs. George Williams.

[The latter statement was corrected the following week Mr. and Mrs F. C. Lambert, of Halesworth, Suffolk, having taken part in two peals of Doubles on handbells in 1895-96, some four years before Mr. and Mrs. Williams' first together.]

MR. W. RANFORD'S 500 PEALS

Congratulations to the well-known Worcestershire ringer, Mr. William Ranford, on completing his 500 peals. 'Father,' as he is generally known by his many friends, is now nearing the completion of his 83rd year. He commenced ringing on the bells of his native parish of Suckley in 1887 and rang his first peal at Leigh, Worcestershire, on November 23rd, 1906. His list is appended.

Maximus.—Kent Treble Bob 1, Little Bob 1.

Cinques.—Grandsire 3, Stedman 2.

Royal.—Cambridge Surprise 4, New Cambridge Surprise 2, Double Norwich 2, Oxford Treble Bob 2, Kent Treble Bob 8, Little Bob 1, Plain Bob 3.

Caters.—Grandsire 10, Stedman 18, Double Norwich 1.

Surprise Major.—London 1, Bristol 1, Cambridge 44, New Cambridge 2, Lincolnshire 1, Yorkshire 1, Pudsey 2, Rutland 1, Whitbourne 1.

Major.—Double Norwich 20, Double Oxford 2, Double Bob 1, Oxford Treble Bob 6, Kent Treble Bob 20, Spliced Oxford and Kent (Worcester Variation) 1, Little Bob 1, Plain Bob 20.

Triples.—Stedman 13, Grandsire 36, Oxford Bob 11, Court Bob 1, St. Clement's 1.

Minor.—Surprise (Seven methods) 1, Surprise (One method) 11, One method 15, Three methods 2, Four methods 7, Five methods 5, Six methods 3, Seven methods 195, Eight methods 1, Ten methods (including one 7,200) 3, Fourteen methods 1.

Doubles.—Grandsire 4, Stedman 2, Three methods 2, Four methods 2, Five methods 1.

LATE NOTICES

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Taunton Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, March 15th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea.—A. H. Reed, George Street, Taunton. 407

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting, Middlesbrough (St Hilda's), Saturday, March 15th. Ringing 2.30—4.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Meeting approximately 5.15. 413

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be at Ramsbottom on Saturday, March 15th. Bells from 3. Meeting in tower at 6. Cups of tea; bring own food. All welcome.—J. Porter. 405

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

YOUNG RINGERS AND HEAVY BELLS

Dear Sir,—The letter signed by 'Nervous' prompts me to write a few words regarding the apparently growing practice of allowing ringers of tender age to show their prowess on heavy bells. Often I read that such and such a bell has been rung by a young person, and my thoughts go back some 20 to 30 years when, as a fit man, possessed of more than his fair share of physical strength, I used to strain every muscle to put that bell in its proper place. The truth is, of course, that these youngsters may swing the bell, but ring it properly they do not. Any good ringer who rings on the back end of even a light ring knows that to ring such bells properly, even in rounds, requires considerably more effort than merely to swing them. Such a practice only serves to encourage the type of 'backender' who, on the word 'Go,' stays more or less put, while the other bells, with varying success, just fall over him I am reminded of a large stone in a mountain torrent, whenever I hear this sort of ringing, except that it doesn't sound so well.

Regarding Mr. Hooper's letter, a number of ringers asked me to give my opinion in the matter of service ringing on Sunday, February 17th. I replied that, in my view, the bells should be rung open. Apart from custom and belfry usage, it does not seem fitting that people should be called to worship by muffled bells. Muffled ringing could quite reasonably, however, have been done after service.—Truly yours,

J. T. DYKE.

Chilcompton, Bath.

LEAP YEAR THOUGHTS

Dear Sir,—As last week's 'Ringing World' appeared on February 29th, I may keep it as a souvenir, for providing it continues as at present, I'll be lucky to see another. Budding composers and future centenarians can work on a few date 'touches' or even a plain course of Major for beginners, or Treble Bob if you like, for first pealers, say—no splicing necessary, though possible, but not round at hand.

As leap year comes round our thoughts will always turn affectionately to the late Maurice F. R. Hibbert, who enjoyed a birthday every four years and, typical of him, once remarked, 'I was lucky to be born at all.' I think it was February two years ago he reminded the Exercise a method existed called 'Scientific Triples' (which appeared in print later), but apart from old dust in 'Bell News,' he never expected a peal to be knocked off.

The late Maurice Swinfield called one peal of Stedman Triples (Law James' 7-part No. 2); also William H. Barber (Law James' 7-part No. 1). Maurice Hibbert called six such compositions with no observation bell Have we a conductor still with us of equal claims?

D. 'C.' V.

STEEL OR WOODEN FRAMES?

Dear Sir,—Apropos the announcement that there is rot in the nearly 500-years-old oak timbers in the bell frame of the Curfew Tower at Windsor, the following paragraph appeared in the 'Daily Telegraph':—

'Despite the difficulties of obtaining good seasoned oak, it has been decided not to use steel for suspending the bells. Bells hung from timber have a better tone.'

I have always understood that the difference between a steel and wooden frame is negligible from the tone point of view. It would perhaps be interesting to hear the opinions of the more experienced members of the Exercise on this, and also whether the statement could be backed up by scientific data.—Yours sincerely,

J. MARTIN PAGE.

King's Langley, Herts.

EAST BERGHOLT BELLS

Dear Sir,—In reply to the query from Australia regarding East Bergholt bells, we do ring changes on them. The treble starts off and holds over the 2nd, then the 3rd, and so on till she passes the tenor, then she leads again (wrong) and then passes each bell in turn till she comes home again having lost a whole pull in the process, in order to be at the same stroke as the rest. The treble signals by hand to the other bells when he wants to change; as the noise is so great shouting is useless.

In the bellcage there is a board which states: 'On April 21st, 1821, was rung on these bells 120 changes of Singles by making the tenor the quick hunt and the treble the half ditto.' Then follows the names of the ringers. Most ringers think it means Grandsire, but whatever it was, it was a wonderful performance. Owing to the noise it had to be learnt off by heart.—Yours truly, W. D. BAILEY.

Stratford St. Mary, near Colchester.

MRS. PAILING'S THANKS

Dear Sir,—May I, on behalf of my two sons and myself thank all ringers who contributed to the Memorial Fund, which I received yesterday, £163 1s.

It will be of considerable help in educating the boys and I am more than grateful. I feel I must say a special 'thank you' to the Nottingham District of the Southwell Guild for all their kindness and help in the belfry.—Yours sincerely, M. I. PAILING (Mrs.).

Arnold, Notts.

LONG PEALS OF MINOR

Sir,—I myself called a 10,080 Minor over 40 year ago (Easter Monday, 1911, in 5 hours and 55 minutes), at Ratby, Leics. The Vicar gave a peal board for this and erected it in the porch where—as he remarked at the time—everyone going into church would see it, and not merely a few ringers who go to the belfry! Several other 10,080's have been rung, and in my 'History and Art of Change Ringing,' I record a 15,120 at Wath, Yorks, in 8 hours and 20 minutes on Shrove Tuesday, February 27th, 1816.

ERNEST MORRIS.

Leicester

Dear Sir,—A peal of Minor of the same length as the one at Tunstall, namely, 10,080 changes in 13 methods and in the somewhat shorter time of 5 hours and 24 minutes was rung for the Bedfordshire Association at Fmberton on June 23rd, 1923, conducted by the late Charles W. Clarke.

H. D. HARRIS.

Woburn.

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A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES

By J. HIGGINS

A peal of Stedman Triples having two symmetric observation bells. There are five callings —A, B, C, A1, B1, the standard calling being:—

2314567

3527146 A
3526174 B
3524167 C

3457216 A1
3456271 B
3451267 C1

Repeated nine times, with single for the very last bob at half way and end. (The effect being to interchange 6 and 7.)

A	B	C
2314567	3527146	3526174
3426175	5734261	— 5631274
3467251	S 5742316	5617342
S 4732615	— 7253416	— 6753142
S 4726351	7231564	S 6731524
S 7643215	2176345	S 7165342
7631452	S 2163754	— 7153642
6175324	S 1327645	1374526
— 6153724	S 1376254	— 1345726
S 1367542	S 3612745	3512467
S 1375624	3624157	— 3524167
3512746	6435271	
— 3527146	— 6452371	
	S 4263517	C1
	4231675	3456271
A1	2147356	
3524167	S 2173465	— 4632571
	1326754	4627315
5436271	1365247	S 6743251
5467312	S 3512674	— 6732451
S 4753621	— 3526174	— 7264351
S 4736512		S 7243615
7641325		2371456
7612453		— 2314756
S 6274135		3425167
6243751		— 3451267
S 2367415		
S 2374651		
3425716		
— 3457216		

St. Andrew's University Society

The inaugural meeting of the St. Andrew's University Society of Change Ringers was held on February 5th when the following officers were elected:—Master, Donald R. Marshall; hon. secretary, Miss M. L. Hawksley; hon. treasurer, Alan H. Batten.

For some time past members have attended practices with the local band at St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral, Dundee, and have been holding regular handbell practices in St. Andrew's.

The Society's first official ringing was, unfortunately, an attempt for a half-muffled peal of Grandsire Doubles, on February 15th, in memory of His late Majesty, King George VI. Owing to the inexperience of the band and the weight of the bells, only a half peal was scored.

Norfolk Churchwarden's 80th Birthday

On February 23rd Mr. Ronald E. Browne, churchwarden at Loddon, Norfolk, celebrated his 80th birthday, and to honour the occasion members of the Norwich Diocesan Association of Ringers rang a peal of Superlative Surprise Major on the bells of the Parish Church.

Mr. Browne, himself an honorary member of the Association, has been associated with local ringing for over 50 years and although not aspiring to great heights as a ringer, often helped to make up a band on Sundays by ringing the treble to call-changes. He is also a member of the choir.

After the peal, the ringers, their wives and families, together with other friends, were entertained to tea by Mr and Mrs. Browne.

MEMORIAL RINGING TO A BELOVED KING

We publish this week our fourth instalment of quarter peal ringing to the memory of King George VI.

BENTLEY, YORKS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (360 St. Blaise, 420 Grandsire and 480 Plain Bob): D. Wheat 1, Mrs. A. Smythe 2, Miss D. Smythe 3, Mrs. E. Wylie 4, R. J. Sanderson (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled.

BRECON, WALES.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, with 7, 6, 8 covering: S. V. Edwards (first quarter) 1, D. H. Bennett (cond.) 2, W. C. Smith 3, A. Matthews 4, G. Davies 5, J. Parry 6, J. A. Smith 7, D. Smith 8. Rung half-muffled.

BREDENBURY, HEREFORDS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Watkins 1, P. Tomkins 2, J. Thomas (cond.) 3, J. Bedford 4, G. Corbett 5, W. Turner 6. Rung half-muffled.

BRONLLYS, BRECON.—On Feb. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. V. Edwards 1, D. H. Bennett (cond.) 2, J. L. Gwynne 3, W. C. Smith 4, B. H. Davies 5, J. A. Smith 6.

CHATTERIS, CAMBS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: R. Davies (first quarter) 1, P. A. Smith 2, W. Young 3, E. Smith 4, H. D. Paul 5, W. Seeking (cond.) 6. Rung fully-muffled with tenor open at hand-stroke.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Feb. 6th, at the Parish Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. J. Lewis, sen. (cond.) 1, Rev. T. P. Hearn 2, F. J. Lewis, jun., 3, V. R. Williams 4, E. H. Jefferies 5, W. H. Hayward 6, W. Wrigley 7. Also on Feb. 12th, at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. J. Lewis, sen., 1, F. J. Lewis, jun., 2, Sgt. L. Dixon (R.A.F.) 3, A. Law 4, V. R. Williams 5, E. H. Jefferies 6, W. H. Hayward (cond.) 7, W. Wrigley 8. Rung half-muffled.

DANBURY, ESSEX.—On Feb. 17th, 1,440 Minor (being 2 720's Plain Bob): Miss M. Dowsett (first quarter) 1, J. West 2, I. Saunders (first quarter 'inside') 3, P. J. Came 4, E. W. Roast 5, J. G. Roast (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled.

DUNDEE.—At the Episcopal Cathedral of St. Paul, on Feb. 15th, 2,520 Grandsire Double (on the back six): Rev. C. Harwood Dixon 1, Miss M. L. Hawksley 2, Alan H. Batten 3, P. North 4, D. R. Marshall (cond.) 5, P. Coste 6. First quarter 1 and 6. First 'inside' 2 and 3.

EPSOM, SURREY.—At Christ Church, on Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ann Marlow 1, Gillian Brittain 2, W. Robinson 3, J. T. Symonds 4, E. Coward 5, A. Harman 6, F. Oakshott (cond.) 7, D. J. Oakshott 8. First quarter for 1 and 8. Rung half-muffled for the funeral of King George VI., and also a tribute to Mr. A. Mann, for over 50 years a ringer in this tower, whose funeral took place the previous day.

FARNWORTH, LANCS.—On Feb. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Catharine Howard 1, H. Smethills 2, N. Tompkins (cond.) 3, A. Lomas 4, J. Thornley 5, V. Gaunt 6, P. Crook, sen., 7, H. Prescott 8. Rung fully-muffled.

FAVERSHAM, KENT.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. S. Wyles 1, H. Manuel 2, C. Eades 3, F. Pack 4, B. Jemmett 5, W. S. Palin (cond.) 6, W. Dennett 7, P. R. Jemmett 8. Rung half-muffled.

HAWKLEY, HANTS.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Audrey Stoddart 1, H. Tice 2, H. J. Newman 3, C. Pound 4, A. Betsworth (cond.) 5, C. Stoddart 6, R. Pound 7, P. Coles 8. First quarter ever by a local band. Rung half-muffled.

KEYNSHAM, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rosemary Cook 1, L. F. Ellis 2, Miss J. Lear 3, T. Harris 4, C. J. Ford 5, F. C. Day 6, J. W. Owen (cond.) 7, E. Veale 8. Rung half-muffled.

LONDONDERRY, NORTHERN IRELAND.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Columb, on Feb. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. D. Fielding (first away from tenor) 1, Joan McKinlay 2, W. H. Young (first as cond.) 3, Lily Hughes 4, J. Campbell 5, D. L. Dunseith 6. Rung half-muffled.

LONG BUCKBY, NORTHANTS—On Feb. 15th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Eales 1, C. Green 2, A. Cooper 3, S. Summers 4, E. Orland (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled.

MARSDEN, YORKS.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. J. Whitehead 1, J. A. Grace 2, D. B. Cater 3, H. Clegg 4, S. A. Jaines (cond.) 5, J. S. Whitehead 6. Rung fully-muffled.

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.—At St. Paul's Cathedral, on Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. Williams 1, Joan Gray 2, Valerie Willard 3, G. Weston 4, H. Ross 5, E. Knott 6, P. Gray (cond.) 7, J. Roper 8. Rung half-muffled.

MORTIMER COMMON, BERKS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Lampert 1, D. Neville 2, F. Parsons 3, Miss E. Chandler 4, C. Osler (cond.) 5, R. Smith 6. Rung half-muffled.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: S. Blatch 1, S. King 2, N. King 3, R. Bridges 4, H. King (cond.) 5, J. Lodge 6. Rung half-muffled.

NORTON SUBCOURSE, NORFOLK.—On Feb. 17th, 1,440 Minor (360 each of Oxford Bob, Single Court, Double Oxford and Double Court): B. Barber 1, J. Forder 2, T. Fenn 3, D. Fenn 4, G. Walpole (cond.) 5, A. E. Long 6. Rung half-muffled.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. French 1, G. Bush 2, S. Wright 3, C. Woods 4, W. Rose (cond.) 5, H. Goakes 6, L. Hadman 7, W. Barker 8. Rung half-muffled.

POPLAR, LONDON.—On Feb. 10th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. A. Hales 1, T. H. Taffender 2, M. F. Oakshett 3, J. Bennett 4, P. J. Spice 5, C. A. Hughes 6, R. H. Begric 7, E. D. Smith (cond.) 8, F. L. Blewer 9. Rung half-muffled with tenor covering.

POYNTON, CHESHIRE.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss L. Gosling 1, Mrs S. Hough 2, I. Jenkins 3, A. Snape (longest length on 'inside') 4, E. Holdsworth 5, S. Hough, jun. (cond.) 6. Rung fully-muffled.

PRESTWICH, LANCS.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Bob Triples: D. Leyland 1, H. Hardisty 2, V. Eckersall 3, P. Reeves 4, F. Reynolds (cond.) 5, F. Maude 6, G. A. Bell 7, L. Reynolds 8. Rung half-muffled. Also on Feb. 14th: F. Maude 1, H. Hardisty 2, A. Turner 3, V. Eckersall 4, Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith 5, F. Reynolds (cond.) 6, G. A. Bell 7, A. Leighton 8. Rung fully-muffled.

RAINHAM, KENT.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Emily B. P. Walker 1, Patricia Smee 2, F. J. Cheal 3, W. C. Plumridge 4, G. A. Naylor (cond.) 5, T. A. Cross 6, G. Kenward 7, W. Holland 8. Rung half-muffled.

REDRUTH, CORNWALL.—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. W. Stagg 1, C. Drewett 2, Marion L. Lidgey 3, H. C. Spencer 4, H. Miles (cond.) 5, R. G. Clemens 6, S. Seymour 7, P. R. C. Williams 8. Rung half-muffled.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. M. M. Osborne 1, Miss J. C. Worthan 2, Miss S. Booth 3, H. F. Perry 4, L. M. Bullock (cond.) 5, A. T. Langstone 6. Rung half-muffled.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Hicks (first quarter) 1, E. Avery 2, G. King 3, A. Hoad 4, A. Smith 5, J. Harris 6, W. H. Hoad (cond.) 7, F. Hook 8. Also on Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Hicks 1, G. King 2, E. Avery 3, A. Hoad 4, A. Smith 5, J. Harris 6, W. H. Hoad (cond.) 7, F. Hook 8. Rung with bells half-muffled.

SOUTHAMPTON—At St Mary's, on Feb. 10th, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: J. W. Faithfull 1, Mrs. C. H. Kippin 2, Joyce Cox 3, Mrs. R. Faithfull 4, Ann West 5, D. Cecil Williams 6, W. Glasspool 7, M. J. Butler 8, C. H. Kippin (cond.) 9, O. N. Curtis 10. Rung half-muffled.

SPRATTON, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Buckby 1, W. Brown 2, R. Buckby 3, J. Griffen (first quarter) 4, G. Wykes (cond.) 5. Rung fully-muffled.

STANFORD-LE-HOPE, ESSEX.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (6–8 covering): S. Bull 1, A. Hammond 2, Joan Hills 3, A. Reeve 4, Constance Chinnery (cond.) 5, A. Howell 6, H. Chinnery 7, H. Kenyon 8. Rung fully-muffled with tenor open at back-stroke.

STOKE, COVENTRY.—On Feb. 15th, 1,960 Grandsire Triples: A. Roberts 1, R. D. Hayne 2, —. Haile 3, N. Haile 4, H. Folwell 5, F. Brassington 6, F. E. Pervin (cond.) 7, H. E. Sibley 8. Rung half-muffled.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—At St. Thomas' Church, on Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Lees 1, Mrs. R. Smith 2, A. L. Dunn 3, D. H. Watson 4, F. V. Nicholls 5, A. Whatmore (cond.) 6, G. W. Boughton 7, R. Cooper (first quarter) 8. Rung half-muffled.

STITHIANS, CORNWALL.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Kathleen Clemens 1, J. Reed 2, C. Drewitt 3, R. G. Clemens 4, H. C. Spencer (cond.) 5, P. Stagg (first quarter) 6. Also on Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Kathleen Clemens 1, P. R. C. Williams 2, C. Drewitt 3, H. C. Spencer (cond.) 4, R. G. Clemens 5, P. Stagg 6.

ST. IVES, HUNTS.—At All Saints', on Feb. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: J. P. Stocker 1, F. Warrington (cond.) 2, G. Nicholls 3, W. O. Noble 4, H. W. Pratt 5, F. R. Nicholls 6, L. W. Fisher 7, S. Clements 8. Rung fully-muffled.

SWINTON, LANCS.—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Powell 1, G. Fearson 2, F. Green 3, N. Tompkins (cond.) 4, A. Lomas 5, W. Thompson 6, J. Thornley 7, F. Jones 8. Rung half-muffled.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 6th, at St. James', 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. Witt 1, W. Warren 2, W. H. Tarr 3, F. Chedgey 4, A. H. Reed 5, C. Williams 6, W. G. Gigg (cond.) 7, H. Mockridge 8. Also on Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. Rowsell 1, F. Matravers 2, W. H. Tarr 3, D. Witt 4, W. Warren 5, H. Mockridge 6, W. G. Gigg (cond.) 7, G. Sage (first quarter in eight) 8. Both rung half-muffled.

TEWKESBURY, GLOS.—At the Abbey, on Feb. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. R. Turner 1, Group Capt. T. V. Lister 2, M. T. Sprackling 3, W. Bartlett 4, A. J. Cole (cond.) 5, H. S. Ball 6. Miss P. F. Sprackling and R. M. Packwood rang fixed trebles. First quarter by all except ringers of 2, 4, 5 and 6. Rung half-muffled.

TIBSHELF, DERBYS.—On Feb. 9th, 1,320 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 480 St. Simon's, 360 Grandsire): J. P. Eastland 1, T. Radford 2, E. A. Boam 3, F. Bradley (first quarter of Doubles as cond.) 4, W. Riley 5. First quarter Doubles 1 and 2. Rung half-muffled.

TWYFORD, BERKS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Young 1, Miss W. E. Hunt 2, Miss J. D. Cudby 3, Miss P. Holloway 4, Mrs. H. Smith 5, W. Hunt 6, H. Smith (cond.) 7, F. Wigmore 8. Rung half-muffled.

WADHURST, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Newick (first of Minor) 1, Ann Bassett 2, A. Hemsley (first of Minor 'inside') 3, C. Pilbeam 4, L. W. Giles 5, C. A. Bassett (cond.) 6. The first quarter of Minor by a local band for over 50 years. Rung half-muffled.

WESTON UNDERWOOD, BUCKS.—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss M. Smith (first quarter) 1, Miss E. Sharp 2, M. Cook 3, A. Armstrong 4, V. Adams (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled.

WEST STOW, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Bob Minor: E. V. Ballam (first quarter) 1, A. G. Ballam 2, W. L. Rickwood 3, E. Footer 4, E. A. Murrell 5, A. F. Ballam (cond) 6. Rung half-muffled.

WHITBY, YORKS.—On Feb. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Tindale 1, J. R. Waller 2, A. Hunter 3, A. V. Coates 4, G. W. White 5, W. A. Breckon 6, H. Short (cond.) 7, J. Hodgson 8. Rung half-muffled.

WIGTOFT, LEICS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor and St. Clement's Minor: F. Richardson 1, Rev. A. A. Muxlow 2, L. H. Taylor 3, J. W. Baily 4, R. J. Toynton 5, R. Padley (cond.) 6.

WONERSH, SURREY.—On Feb 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. P. Hammond 1, W. E. Enticknap 2, A. Rooke 3, L. S. Hammond 4, G. D. Enticknap (first quarter as cond.) 5, B. Mackett (first quarter) 6.

WOOD GREEN, LONDON.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Minor (being 36 Little Bob, 720 Plain Bob and 504 Single Oxford Bob Minor): Miss L. Fox 1, Miss E. Bettridge 2, Miss W. Bettridge 3, T. Yardley 4, R. O. Stroud 5, H. Kirby (cond.) 6.

WREXHAM, DENBIGHS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Hodges 1, E. Webster 2, E. Millington 3, F. R. Evans (cond.) 4, J. Clutton 5, J. M. Capper 6, A. Lea 7, C. Pridding (first quarter) 8. Rung half-muffled.

IN MEMORIAM QUARTER PEALS TO KING GEORGE VI.

APSLEY END, HERTS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,440 Surprise Minor (720 Beverley and 720 Lightfoot: J. Hobbs 1, W. J. Puddifoot 2, W. Ayre (cond.) 3, A. V. Good 4, E. J. Upton 5, W. C. Hughes 6. Rung half-muffled.

ARDINGTON, BERKS.—On Feb. 15th, quarter peal of Bob Doubles: H. A. Gardiner 1, Mrs. H. A. Gardiner 2, H. White 3, R. Davis 4, C. Lay (first as cond.) 5, A. Stone 6. First quarter 1, 2 and 6. First of Doubles 3, 4 and 5. Rung half-muffled.

ARKSEY, DONCASTER, YORKS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Miss V. Burton 1, C. Cooper (cond.) 2, W. H. Johnson 3, Miss L. Mottishaw 4, Mrs. L. Heath 5, Mrs. J. Somerville 6, G. Arrand 7, B. Birkett 8. Rung fully-muffled.

AYLESTONE, LEICS.—On Feb. 10th, 1,264 Bob Major: W. Wills 1, Mrs. F. E. Wilson 2, Eileen Burton 3, J. Walton 4, T. Bolingbroke 5, C. Weston 6, D. Watson (first in method) 7, F. E. Wilson (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled.

BARKBY, LEICS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Doubles: W. Illston 1, R. Flowers 2, G. James (cond.) 3, T. Earby 4, C. Walton 5, W. Green 6. Rung half-muffled.

BARNSLEY, YORKS.—On Feb. 6th,, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor: B. Broadhead 1, L. W. Carbutt 2, P. Carbutt 3, H. Rusby 4, N. F. Moxon 5, E. Stainrod (cond.) 6. Rung fully-muffled. Also on Feb. 15th, 1,264 Bob Major: T. Howe 1, P. Hall 2, W. Carbutt 3, F. Mitchell 4, P. Carbutt 5, A. Birch 6, N. F. Moxon 7, E. Stainrod (cond.) 8. First quarter in method by 1, 2, 4, 6 and 7. Rung fully-muffled.

BARWELL, LEICS. — 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Hill 1, J. L. Hough 2, A. H. Hough (cond.) 3, Miss B. Colver 4, C. R. Belton 5, A. A. Lucas 6, G. P. Garner 7, T. K. Deacon 8. Rung half-muffled.

BATH.—At the Abbey, on Feb. 15th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. J. Prescott 1, G. J. Hawkins 2, Mrs. D. Evans 3, W. H. Hurford 4, H. D. Taylor 5, M. Helps 6, J. Hallett 7, T. F. King (cond.) 8, R. O. Fry 9, H. Merrett and K. Medway 10. Rung half-muffled following the two minutes' silence in memoriam H.M. King George VI.

BISHOP'S CANNINGS, WILTS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Baker 1, S. G. Grant (cond.) 2, W. Mortimer 3, J. Romain 4, F. Hale 5, F. Wilshire 6, H. Gummer 7, T. Merritt 8. Rung half-muffled.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Spliced Oxford Bob and Grandsire Triples: F. Jukes (first quarter on eight) 1, A. Mallen 2, C. Skidmore (cond.) 3, T. Hemming 4, A. C. Boxley 5, B. Lawton 6, J. Lloyd 7, S. Mallen 8. Rung half-muffled.

BUCKLEBURY, BERKS.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Talbot 1, Miss J. Mathews 2, Miss S. Davis 3, Mrs. S. Brown 4, G. Stocker 5, R. Crook 6, R. Rex (cond.) 7, T. Goddard 8. Rung half-muffled.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jill Cochrane 1, Mavis Watson 2, J. H. Brittan (cond.) 3, T. Pryce 4, A. W. Skelton 5, G. C. Smith 6.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: Miss B. Bangs 1, T. Norris 2, Mrs. T. Norris 3, P. Nash 4, S. Smith (first quarter in method) 5, A. Wenban 6, L. North 7, N. Jenkins (cond.) 8. Rung fully-muffled.

CHEDISTON, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Nunn 1, R. Darch 2, W. Kerrison 3, J. Jordan 4, J. Thurlow (cond.) 5, J. Parling 6. Rung half-muffled.

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Barratt 1, E. Pimlott (cond.) 2, J. Lawrence 3, A. Worth 4, A. Street 5, J. P. Jackson 6. Rung fully-muffled.

CHESTER.—On Feb. 6th, at the Church of St. Mary-without-the-Walls, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. E. W. Griffiths 1, Miss H. Close 2, J. Hayes 3, A. B. Close 4, P. Swindley 5, J. W. Griffiths (cond.) 6, R. G. Corby 7, T. Griffiths 8.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, CO. DURHAM.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Mole 1, F. Sheraton 2, W. Phillips 3, M. A. P. Bertie 4, J. W. Robson 5, C. Mordue 6, D. A. Bayles (cond.) 7, R. Chicken 8. First quarter for 1 and 3. Rung half-muffled.

CHILDWALL, LIVERPOOL.—On Feb. 15th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: D. Wells 1, A. Lintott 2, A. Williams 3, E. C. Birkett 4, J. Ridyard 5, F. S. Almond (cond.) 6.

CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Oliver 1, P. Draffan 2, R. Oliver 3, W. Tyson 4, A. Cowan 5, R. B. Skelton 6, T. W. Dodd (cond.) 7, T. B. Hargreaves 8. Rung half-muffled.

DAMERHAM, HANTS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Joan Gray 1, Elizabeth Brown 2, Miss M. Mackenzie 3, G. Baverstock 4, P. K. Waterman (cond.) 5, H. J. Gray 6.

DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Barbara W. Chown 1, S. G. Osborne 2, A. A. Chown 3, W. Kilsby 4, M. J. V. Chown (cond.) 5, W. Moore 6. Rung half-muffled on the back six.

DEAL, KENT.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Maddes 1, Miss A. Vine 2, Miss J. Wells (cond.) 3, M. Milner 4, J. Baxter 5, W. Mount 6. Rung half-muffled.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. B. Crowder 1, G. H. Daynes 2, J. Hurrell 3, F. W. Richardson (cond.) 4, R. G. Long 5, T. A. Easterby 6, J. E. Warner 7, A. F. Bennington 8. Rung half-muffled.

EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.—On Feb. 15th, 1,264 Bob Major: F. Pudney 1, F. Claydon 2, H. Carter 3, F. Limb 4, F. Ridgwell 5, C. Saywood 6, R. Lyon 7, W. Arnold (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled.

EBBW VALE, MON.—At Christ Church, on Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Stephens 1, A. Evans 2, Audrey Stephens (first 'inside') 3, R. Alsop 4, B. Werry 5, J. Alsop 6, R. Stephens (cond.) 7, J. Jeynes 8. The ringer of the 4th also rang for Queen Victoria's funeral. Rung half-muffled.

ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 17th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. Fuller 1, T. Stagg 2, J. Sharpe 3, Miss D. Reeve 4, W. Paul 5, W. Bower 6, S. Atkins 7, J. Paul (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled.

FAIRFORD, GLOS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Myles 1, Miss J. Morse 2, R. Wenban 3, Miss E. Morse 4, W. Godwin (cond.) 5, G. Burge 6. Rung half-muffled.

FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: R. H. Mills 1, Mrs. J. L. Joyce 2, G. S. Joyce (cond.) 3, L. Hallett 4, R. C. Turner 5, R. E. Woods 6. Rung half-muffled.

FENHAM, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Sewell 1, J. A. Ainsworth 2, K. Arthur (cond.) 3, J. Hedley 4, T. W. Crowe 5, N. H. Hewett 6, E. N. Harrison 7, J. Heal 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled. The ringers also wish to associate with this ringing the name of E. Wallace, member of Newcastle Cathedral Guild, whose tragic death occurred earlier in the week.

GAINSBOROUGH, LINCS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Gilbert (first quarter) 1, A. Bradford 2, H. Morgan 3, S. Dixon 4, G. L. A. Lunn (cond.) 5, G. Arrand 6, C. H. Baker 7, J. S. Cook (first quarter) 8. Rung half-muffled.

GREAT GADDESDEN, HERTS.—On Feb. 9th, 1,440 Surprise Minor (720 Beverley and 720 Bourne): K. B. Good 1, T. G. Morton 2, A. V. Good 3, W. Ayre (cond.) 4, E. J. Upton 5, D. E. Latchford 6. Rung half-muffled, and also in memory of Canon Frederick Halsey.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss S. M. White 1, Mrs. C. A. Cruttenden 2, E. Lish 3, F. E. Cruttenden 4, F. W. Parsons 5, E. W. Morey 6, B. W. White (cond.) 7, E. F. Packham 8. Rung fully-muffled.

ITCHINGFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 16th, 1,320 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 840 Grandsire): Miss J. Phillips 1, Miss S. A. Richardson 2, D. Body (first quarter) 3, L. Weller 4, G. Francis (cond.) 5. First quarter on the bells by a local band.

KEYMER, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. C. Hollingdale 1, P. F. Romney 2, J. Backshall, jun., 3, J. Backshall, sen., 4, C. D. Linington (cond.) 5, R. Cragg 6. Rung fully-muffled.

KINGSBURY, WARWICKS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Cummings 1, B. R. Cummings 2, D. K Lane 3, G. H. Lane (cond.) 4, W. G. Lane 5. Rung half-muffled.

KINGSTON-UPON-THAMES, SURREY.—On Feb. 16th, 1,257 Stedman Caters: Miss M. J. Freer 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, N. G. Hollingworth 3, P. Spice 4, C. W. Ottley 5, J. H. Lott 6, F. E. Hawthorne 7, J. W. Ward 8, J. Bullock 9, F. L. Blewer 10. Rung half-muffled.

KINGSLEY, STAFFS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,296 Plain Bob Minor: J. Coe (15, first quarter) 1, W. Carnwell (cond.) 2, E. Twigg 3, F. Edwards 4, J. V. M. Mosley 5, W. Edwards 6. Rung half-muffled.

LEICESTER.—On Feb. 17th, at All Saints', 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jay Whitehead 1, E. R. Whitehead 2, Arthur Cattell 3, Alan Cattell (cond.) 4, E. Cattell 5, C. V. Cattell 6. Rung half-muffled.

LEIGH, KENT.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Card 1, G. Hitchcock 2, D. Pankhurst 3, G. Whitehead 4, B. Pankhurst (cond.) 5, B. Lucas (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.—On Feb. 17th, quarter peal Stedman Triples: C. Willmington 1, R. Smith 2, F. Housden 3, R. Stephens 4, M. Stephens 5, J. Grove 6, E. Smith (cond.) 7, J. Crampton 8. First of Stedman Triples 4 and 5.

LITTLE GLEMHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 17th 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Keeble 1, A. Smith 2, A. Levy, jun., 3, E. Steward 4, A. Pipe (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled.

LOCKING, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (780 Grandsire and 480 Plain Bob): F. Millier 1, Marjorie Legg (cond.) 2, Rosemary Hutchings 3, Derek Millier 4, Muriel Legg 5, M. Hutchings 6. Rung half-muffled.

LONDON.—At St. Giles-in-the-Fields, on Feb. 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. C. S. Turner (cond.) 1, E. A. Barnett 2, R. K. Wilkings 3, E. H. Kilby 4, J. S. Mason 5, W. R. Oatley 6, T. J. Lock 7, P. A. Corby 8. Rung half-muffled for the civic memorial service.

LONGWOOD, YORKS.—On Feb. 16th, 1,952 Kent Treble Bob: F. Linfoot 1, F. Popplewell 2, C. Aaron 3, A. Rogers 4, H. Smith 5, A. Henchcliffe 6, A. W. Bond (cond.) 7, A. Rothery 8. Rung fully-muffled.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, on Feb. 17th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: G. Bottomley 1, V. Norbury 2, H. Lomas 3, W. Matthews 4, S. Pickford 5, H. Lonyon 6, K. Smith 7, W. E. Mashiter 8, F. Yates (cond.) 9, C. Morlidge 10. Rung half-muffled.

MARLESFORD, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Finch (cond.) 1, H. Vince 2, G. Berry 3, J. Preastner 4, A. Pipe 5. Rung half-muffled.

MEYSEY HAMPTON, GLOS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Smith 1, E. Peare 2, B. Myles 3, W. Godwin (cond.) 4, H. Day 5, G. Burge 6. Rung half-muffled.

MOSSLEY, LANCS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: R. Taylor (cond.) 1, H. Jackson 2, E. Garside 3, K. Ager 4, H. Pickles 5, R. Walker 6, J. Radcliffe 7, J. Burgess 8. Rung fully-muffled.

MUCH WENLOCK, SALOP.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Anson 1, V. Hollinshead 2, E. Fox (cond.) 3, L. Longlands 4, L. Evans 5, H. Parks 6, H. Edge 7, G. H. Childs 8. Rung half-muffled.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (360 April Day, 360 Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire): E. J. Baker 1, J. J. Yeates 2, B. Shearn 3, L. Derrick (cond.) 4, C. Kortright 5, C. J. Miles (first quarter) 6.

NAZEING, ESSEX.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss D. Mansfield 1, L. Beale 2, C. W. Sams 3, A. A. Livings 4, K. C. S. Wood 5, W. Aley 6. Rung half-muffled. The bells were dedicated the previous day.

ORMESBY, YORKS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Plain Bob, 240 Stedman and 780 Grandsire): J. G. Hall 1, R. Jackson 2, P. Wishart 3, T. M. Cox 4, P. W. B. Semmens (cond.) 5, A. Spurdle 6. First quarter of Doubles and in three methods for all except 5. Rung half-muffled.

OTTERSHAW, SURREY.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. W. Monk 1, R. J. Andrews 2, D. Sleet (cond.) 3, Mrs. M. Hancock 4, H. Hancock 5, J. Ribbans 6. Rung fully-muffled.

TICKNALL, DERBYS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Reverse Canterbury, St. Nicholas', Winchendon and 60 of Place Bob): L. Warren 1, W. G. Soar (cond.) 2, T. J. Marriott 3, P. Marriott 4, A. J. Marriott 5, W. Noble 6. Rung half-muffled.

OBITUARY

MR A. J. CORRIGAN

We regret to announce the passing of Mr. Andrew James Corrigan, aged 67 years, the dearly-loved husband of Mrs. Jessie Corrigan, of Bitton, near Bristol, on February 25th, after a short illness. The funeral was at Bristol Crematorium on February 27th, and besides the family mourners, the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association were represented by the following:—Mr. John G. Jefferies (Master); Mr. F. G. Leaker (vice-president and chairman of the Bristol City Branch, of which Mr. Corrigan was a member); Mr. C. R. Harding (vice-president and chairman of the Bristol Rural Branch); Mr. A. Prince (member of the Management Committee); Mr. Oliver E. Hill (Dursley); Mr. Allan A. Hilliar (Bristol); and Mr. Frank Skidmore (hon. secretary). The floral tributes included one from the officers and members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

Andrew Corrigan was a well-known personality in the Exercise throughout the United Kingdom and Ireland. He hailed from Ireland, having been educated in Dublin, and was taught to ring by none other than Gabriel Lindoff. He came to England and was particularly well known and respected in Norwich and the Southampton area, where he lived for a short time before coming to Bristol about 1938.

His peals, although no accurate record has been kept, numbered hundreds, many of which were rung for the Irish Association in Dublin, especially at St. Patrick's Cathedral, where he was a member for a great many years. He was also a member of St. Stephen's Guild, Bristol.

A printer by profession, he rendered valuable service to the Exercise by his publications of Surprise methods, which are widely known. The Gloucester and Bristol Association have lost a good friend who, through his professional and practical assistance, had made it possible for the Association to continue to issue its annual reports, despite the high cost of printing in these days. In fact he was working on the report for 1951 when he had the seizure from which he never recovered and this report will be his memorial. The work and time that Andrew Corrigan spent in the interest of ringing and ringers had made him loved and revered throughout the Exercise.

FRANK SKIDMORE.

MR. T. H. SURTEES

The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association lost its oldest member when Thomas Henry Surtees, of Shotley Bridge, Co. Durham, died at the age of 84 on February 10th. His membership dated back to 1886.

He was a member of the Benfieldside band in its heyday of Surprise Minor ringing and his only peal was one in seven Surprise Minor methods. He had not been able to do any ringing of recent years and last rang for one of the victory celebrations during the war.

The funeral took place on February 13th at St. Cuthbert's, Benfieldside, conducted by the Vicar, and was followed by interment at Benfieldside, where he was born. The Association was represented at the funeral and special ringing was arranged at Blackhill and Benfieldside.

Mr. Surtees rose to be manager of the Shotley Bridge Branch of the Co-operative Society. He had many hobbies in addition to his ringing and these included fishing, photography and cricket. He did much to bring happiness to his fellows by various efforts in Shotley Bridge and a crowded church at his funeral, with some mourners having to stand outside, tells of the high esteem in which he was held in the locality.

MR. ERNEST WALLACE

The sudden death of Mr. Ernest Wallace came as a great shock to his ringing friends in the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association and more especially the Newcastle Cathedral Guild.

He died in hospital following severe head injuries sustained in an accident involving a private car while he was cycling along Jesmond Road, Newcastle, on February 13th. The funeral was private at Heaton Cemetery, following Requiem Mass at St. Theresa's R.C. Church, Heaton, on February 18th. Mr. Wallace was only 30 years of age and he leaves a widow to whom is expressed deepest sympathy.

Ernest began his ringing career at All Saints', Newcastle, and, after a short stay with the Fenham band, he eventually became a member of the Newcastle Cathedral Guild. He developed into a first-class ringer both on tower bells and handbells. Under the tuition of the late Mr. W. H. Barber, and in partnership with Mr. Chris Hetherington, he was an expert tune ringer with four bells 'in hand' and there will be many ringers who will recall how these two had delighted audiences at the Association's annual meetings. On tower bells he was principally noted for his ability with complicated touches of Stedman.

Ernest was not a prolific peal ringer. The time that he was able to devote to ringing was, for the past few years, restricted by his spare-time study and, later, evening-class tuition at Rutherford College. He obtained his B.Sc. by these studies. Nevertheless, the list of his 44 peals, which is appended, shows a good variety and several in the more advanced methods, many of these latter being rung with little or no previous practice. He 'completed the circle' at St. John's, Newcastle, with his last peal and he had made good progress in his ambition to do the same at Newcastle Cathedral, having rung all but 1, 2 and 4 of the thirteen.

Ringers will mourn the untimely passing not only of a first-class ringer with an unbounded enthusiasm for bells and ringing, but also a fine character and good companion, and will find the gap that he has left very hard to fill.

An attempt for a peal on the night of his funeral came to grief through a broken rope, but after this had been spliced 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major was rung half-muffled at St. John's, Newcastle, by C. McGuiness 1, K. Arthur 2, W. E. Robinson 3, J. A. Ainsworth 4, E. N. Harrison 5, T. W. Crowe 6, E. P. Crowdy 7, D. A. Bayles (conductor) 8. Another attempt is to be made for a memorial peal.

His peals are as folows:—

TOWER BELLS

Maximus: Kent 1. Cinques: Stedman 1; Royal: Plain Bob 1, Little Bob 1, Kent 1. Surprise: Albanian 1, Cambridge 2, New Cambridge 1. Caters: 5 (cond. 1),

Major: Plain Bob 3, Double Norwich 1. Surprise: Cambridge 3, New Cambridge 1, Yorkshire 4. Superlative 2, Rutland 1, Lincolnshire 1, Pudsey 1, London 1, Cambridge and Superlative Spliced 1.

Triples: Stedman 3. Minor: 7 methods 2 (1), 5 methods 1. Doubles. Stedman 1 (1).

HANDBELLS

Plain Bob Royal 1, Major 3.

Total: Tower bells 40 (conducted 3), handbells 4.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

A meeting of the Northern District was held at Stevenage on Saturday, February 23rd. The service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. J. H. King, after which tea was taken at the Rectory, 36 members being present. The Rector took the chair at the business meeting at which three new members were elected. Ringing ranged from rounds to Bristol Surprise.

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MEETINGS

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Nuneaton District.—Meeting at Wolvey and Burton Hastings on Saturday, March 8th. Burton Hastings bells (5) 2.30 p.m. till 4.30 p.m. Wolvey bells (6) 6 p.m. till 8.30 p.m. Tea at Wolvey 5 p.m.—A. J. Hinde, Dis. Sec. 382

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Annual at East Grinstead on March 8th, Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in small Parish Hall.—C. A. Bassett. 317

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans and Western Districts. — Joint meeting at Harpenden on Saturday, March 8th. Bells (8) available from 2.45—8 p.m.. Tea 5. Reports available. Names for tea to W. J. Southam, 14, Walton Street, St. Albans. 365

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District. — Quarterly meeting, March 8th, at Hythe. Bells (8) 3 p.m Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 32?

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Meeting at Bobbing on Saturday, March 8th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea in the School Room, by kind invitation of the churchwardens.—B. W. May. 336

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, March 8th, St. Mary's, Church Road, Leyton (Central London tube). Ringing 2.30 to 4.30. Tea, Leyton Restaurant, near Town Hall, 5 p.m. Business 6, and ringing till 7.30.—A. Boyack, Dis. Sec. Wanstead 1575. 338

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AND LONDON GUILD. — Meeting at Christ Church, Manchester Road, Cubitt Town, E.14, on Saturday, March 8th. Ringing 3 to 6 p.m. Service, tea and business. Bus route 56—Poplar to Limehouse—passes church.—T. J. Lock. 347

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Carlton-juxta-Snaith, Saturday, March 8th. Bells (6) 2. Service 4.30. Tea (moderate charge) to all who notify Mr. W. Graves, Low Street, Carlton, Goole.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 390

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Halesworth District Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Yoxford, March 8th. Bells (6) 3 p.m Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. 361

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Ipswich District. — Meeting, March 8th, Tuddenham, 3—5 o'clock; Rishmere 7—9 o'clock. Tea in Ipswich at 5.15. Election of District Secretary.—M. Page. 368

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Reigate, Saturday, March 8th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, Parish Hall, 5.15 p.m. Redhill bells **not** available as previously stated.—W. F. Oatway, Hon. Gen. Sec. 282

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Maresfield (8), Saturday, March 8th, 3 p.m.—B. W. White. 356

HALESWORTH PARISH CHURCH.—Evensong, 6.30 p.m., Sunday, March 9th, unveiling of stone tablet memorial to F. C. Lambert. All ringers and others interested are invited to attend. 297

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—The next meeting will be held on March 15th at the Bell Foundry, 3 p.m. St. Margaret's, Barking, afterwards.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 404

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Kirkburton, March 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea provided for those who notify, not later than March 12th, Mr. R. E. Carter, George Street, Kirkburton.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec. 401

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION — Chew Deanery.—Meeting, Clapton-in-Gordano, March 15th, 4 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 389

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Meeting, Barton, Saturday, March 15th, 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements, please.—Dennis Knox, Dis. Sec. 392

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Lawton, March 15th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea **must** be received by 12th.—W. Kerr, 26, Davenham Crescent, Crewe. 384

DEVON GUILD.—Practice, Holsworthy (8), Saturday, March 15th, 4.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. Visitors welcomed. 380

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EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, March 15th, Tibshelf (6). Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All persons requiring tea please notify, not later than Thursday, March 13th, Mr. T. H. Radford, 64, High Street, Tibshelf.—J. W. Price. 399

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting, St. Neots (8), Saturday, March 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in local cafés 5 p.m.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 393

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, All Saints', Tilney, Saturday, March 15th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. E. Fox, Dis. Sec. 394

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Leigh on Saturday, March 15th. Bells 2.30. Tea at 5. Notify for tea, by March 11th, W. H. Poulton, The Leigh, near Gloucester.—J. Beech, Hon. Sec. 366

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, March 15th, Fairford. Bells (8) open 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Names by March 13th.—E. H. Jefferies, 24, Siddington, near Cirencester. 409

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Marlborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Chiseldon, March 15th. Usual arrangements.—T. A. Palmer, Baydon Hill, Aldbourne, Marlborough.

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting at Sutton-on-Trent, Saturday, March 15th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea for those who notify, by previous Wednesday, Misses G. and K. Burchnall, Pembroke House, Sutton-on-Trent, Newark. 359

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Annual quarterly meeting at Brighouse, Saturday, March 15th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify, by Wednesday, March 12th, H. Renshaw, 18, Haigh Street, Church Lane, Brighouse.—A. E. Marsh, Hon. Dis. Sec. 352

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—Joint meeting with Beverley and District Society at Hull on Saturday, March 15th. Bells: Holy Trinity (10) after meeting till 9 o'clock; St. Mary's, Lowgate, 2 to 4 o'clock. Service in Holy Trinity Church at 4.15. Tea (3s. 6d.) in Choir School, near Holy Trinity Church, 5 p.m. Please inform, by March 13th, Mr. G. F. Williams, 90, Hall Road, Hull.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 381

HINGHAM, NORFOLK.—The bells will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Thetford on Sunday, March 16th at 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. in Fairland School at 2s. 3d. each. Names or numbers, not later than Thursday, 13th, to Mr. A. Haines, 9, Watton Road, Hingham. Ringing after tea till 9 p.m 379

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RINGERS' INSURANCE

ALTHOUGH bell ringing cannot be regarded as a dangerous occupation, it has a certain amount of hazard. Accidents in the ringing chamber are usually trivial, but they can be serious, and ringers would be well advised to find out the terms of the policy which, with the best intentions in the world, the authorities of their particular church take out on their behalf. Does it cover anything except mishaps in the ringing chamber? Does it indemnify a ringer against accidents on his way to or from the church on occasions of ringing? Does it cover him while attending organised ringing in a tower other than his own? Does it cover learners, not yet members of the band, and does it cover the teacher against a possible action alleging negligence on his part?

So much is done thoughtlessly, particularly in the bell chamber. No factory would be allowed to have its operatives take such risks as are taken by men who climb about a bell frame when the bells are up. It is a common practice in one tower for the ringers to raise the bells early on the last night of the Old Year, to muffle them when up, and to return to the tower at 11.30, to ring muffled until a few minutes of midnight. Then the more active members of the band swarm over the frame, remove the muffles and descend to the ringing chamber, which is fairly well packed with non-ringers, there to ring the bells open. The frame is of wood and there are no handholds whatsoever. This practice is, to say the least, very risky. A slip, or a failure of the light, no uncommon thing, might well lead to a fatality.

Some twenty-five years ago, a ringer slipped on leaving the tower where he had been ringing. Apparently, he was not insured against that sort of thing, and although he was incapacitated for many weeks, he received no compensation. The matter was discussed at a branch meeting and eventually at a general meeting of his Association. An insurance company was approached and a policy was issued to the Association, and some thirty towers took advantage of the scheme which, from an actuary's point of view, was very generous. Not only were insured ringers covered in respect of their own towers against accident in ringing or bell chamber, but they were covered on all occasions of organised ringing elsewhere and on their journeys to and from these meetings. After a year, however, the company revised the terms. No indemnity for travel was allowed, unless by public service vehicle, and only the named steeplekeeper was covered against accident in the bell chamber. This appeared to be no better a policy than those in existence, and the omnibus policy was not renewed. But whatever the policy, the terms of it might be invalidated if a ringer met with an accident while taking a known but avoidable risk, such as removing muffles or changing a rope while the bells were up.

Ringers can do a great deal to safeguard themselves, and it is their duty to do so. A pole with a metal loop at one end can be made so that clappers can be turned from a safe distance. A little ingenuity can devise an apparatus by means of which clappers can be turned from the ringing chamber. For less than fifty shillings a year a ringer can get a personal accident policy, the premium varying with the amount of hazard occurring in his occupation or pursuits, the benefits are very reasonable, and the policy covers all kinds of accidents. The outlay is surely a wise investment on the part of anyone. J. T. D.

MEMORIAL RINGING

THERE were 190 peals rung to the memory of our late Sovereign King George VI., compared with 174 rung to the memory of his illustrious father, King George V., in 1936. An analysis of the peals shows that they fall in the following categories : Twelve bell peals 9, ten bells 11, eight bells 90, and five and six bells 80. The comparative figures in 1936 were : Twelve bells 3, ten bells 9, eight bells 95, five and six bells 67.

Readers will probably have noted the preponderance of the four standard methods. All the twelve-bell peals were Stedman Cinques, which produces the best music. Grandsire Caters with seven peals was most favoured in the ten-bell towers. Regarding eight-bell peals, the methods were Grandsire 35, Plain Bob 25, Surprise methods 10, Stedman 7, Kent Treble Bob 7, Double Norwich Court Bob 3, Oxford Bob Triples 2, Oxford Bob Major 1.

A gratifying feature about this record is the large number of first peals. In a peal of Plain Bob Royal at Ossett, Yorks, there were no fewer than five of the company ringing their first peal. Many of those participating were not regular peal ringers. The record does indicate that in no sense is interest in the art of change ringing diminishing and that the coming generation will worthily uphold the traditions of the past.

IN RESPECTFUL HOMAGE TO KING GEORGE VI.

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TEN BELL PEAL

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
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A PEAL OF 5091 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt.

FREDERICK G. LEAKER	*Treble*	FRANCIS C. MOGFORD	6
ALFRED E. REEVES	2	IVOR H. TRUEMAN	7
B. ENID LLOYD ROBERTS	3	EMLYN F. HANCOCK	8
ALBERT M. TYLER	4	NORMAN H. COOMBS	9
REGINALD G. HOOPER	5	WILLIAM H. PARKER	*Tenor*

Composed by EDGAR BENNETT. Conducted by ALBERT M. TYLER.
Rung half-muffled. Also in memoriam to Andrew J. Corrigan, a member of this tower.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

SIDNEY H. JONES	*Treble*	ALBERT E. THOMPSON	5
WALTER G. SOAR	2	FRANCIS R. LOWE	6
HAROLD TAYLOR	3	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	7
JOSEPH WM. COTTON	4	J. W. FRANK TROTMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. MIDDLETON. Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD.
Rung half-muffled.

HEENE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon. Feb. 18, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 10¼ cwt.

*ROBERT WORSFOLD	*Treble*	†STANLEY WHITE	5
*DONALD SMITH	2	EDWARD CHARMAN	6
RICHARD WILSON	3	RAYMOND P. WOOD	7
HENRY WEAVER	4	‡REGINALD BLACK	*Tenor*

Conducted by RAYMOND P. WOOD.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ First peal on eight. First peal by a local band for approximately 15 years. Rung half-muffled.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Elloe Deaneries Branch.)
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A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

MRS. A. RICHARDSON	*Treble*	FRANK TAYLOR	5
LINDA M. REDHEAD	2	CYRIL WANDER	6
STANLEY E. BENNETT	3	NORMAN T. KING	7
FRANK RICHARDSON	4	JOHN G. AMES	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JOHN G. AMES.
Rung half-muffled.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Feb. 20, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-DE-SEPULCHRE,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

*CEDRIC CURSON	*Treble*	NOLAN GOLDEN	5
GEORGE P. ADAMS	2	*F. CHARLES GOODMAN	6
GEORGE SAYER	3	BERT GOGLE	7
ARTHUR G. BASON	4	HARRY PARKES	*Tenor*

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal of Cambridge Major. Rung half-muffled.

AYLESTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Feb. 21, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

*CYRIL WESTON	*Treble*	*HARRY BRAY	5
†MRS. F. E. WILSON	2	‡TERENCE BOLINGBROKE	6
EILEEN BURTON	3	‡DONALD E. WATSON	7
JOHN WALTON	4	FREDERICK E. WILSON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by FREDERICK E. WILSON.
* First peal. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal 'inside.' First peal in method as conductor. First peal on the augmented ring of eight. Rung half-muffled.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(The St. Peter's Society.)
On Thurs., Feb. 21, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 17 cwt. 4 lb. in F.

FREDERICK SEAGER	*Treble*	IRVIN SLACK	5
HENRY R. PARKINSON	2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	6
JACK F. HODSON	3	LEONARD DRAKE	7
ARNOLD COLE	4	RONALD H. DOVE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by LEONARD DRAKE.
Rung fully muffled on the light eight.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 22, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in C.

EDWARD BARKER	*Treble*	CECIL V. EBBERSON	5
*TOM GREENACRE	2	JAMES H. RAPER	6
JOHN E. FOX	3	NORMAN V. HARDING	7
ERNEST H. MASTIN	4	WILLIAM ROSE	*Tenor*
		†CHARLES F. TOVELL	

Conducted by NORMAN V. HARDING.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First peal on eight bells. Rung half-muffled.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

YASS, NEW SOUTH WALES, AUSTRALIA.
THE NEW SOUTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In eight methods, being four extents each of St. Colomb, Southrepps Pleasure, April Day, Old and Norfolk, eight extents of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, and six extents of Grandsire.
Tenor 7 cwt.

*PHYLLIS DAVIS	*Treble*	RONALD S. ROWE	4
LAWRENCE R. A. CURRAN	2	JOHN DUNCAN	5
WILLIAM M. ROWE	3	*RICHARD BURDEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM M. ROWE.
* First peal. First peal by all the band in eight methods, for the Association and in Australia. Rung half-muffled.

YASS, NEW SOUTH WALES, AUSTRALIA.
THE NEW SOUTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT,
A PEAL OF 5160 DOUBLES
In ten methods, being four extents each of Reverse Canterbury, Clifford, Southrepps and St. Columb Pleasure, Old, Plain Bob, April Day and Antelope, five extents of Norfolk, and six of Grandsire.
Tenor 7 cwt.

*G. BURDEN	*Treble*	WILLIAM M. ROWE	4
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*LAWRENCE R. A. CURRAN	3	*HAROLD L. CURLL	*Tenor*

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SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Feb. 12, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF EMMANUEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

CYRIL LOWE	*Treble*	GEORGE MILLS	4
FRED EVETT	2	NORMAN KENRICK	5
WILLIAM FARRIMOND	3	NORMAN HEAPS	*Tenor*

Conducted by NORMAN HEAPS.
Rung half-muffled.

GREAT DALBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being ten six-scores each of April Day, Canterbury, Plain Bob and 12 six-scores of Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM C. WARD	*Treble*	ALFRED E. HINMAN	3
WILFRED L. GOODACRE	2	HAROLD T. BONSHOR	4
CHARLES E. COOPER	*Tenor*		

Conducted by HAROLD T. BONSHOR.
Rung fully muffled.

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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt. in F sharp.

ANNE ROSE	*Treble*	JOHN W. L. SLACK	4
JOHN WORTH	2	MRS. C. W. LAWTON	5
CHARLES W. LAWTON	3	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
Rung fully muffled.

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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.

DENNIS BURLING	*Treble*	FRANK PICKERING	4
GEORGE R. HINER	2	FREDERICK S. WILSON	5
NORMAN V. CHAPPELL	3	HARRY MORTEMORE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY MORTEMORE.
Rung fully muffled.

WINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR
Seven 720's. Tenor 13 cwt. 20 lb. in F.

JAMES BARBER	*Treble*	ROBERT PLUMMER	4
BARBARA M. FILBY	2	GEORGE FILBY	5
CHARLES BROWN	3	GEORGE C. J. FILBY	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE C. J. FILBY.
First peal as conductor. Rung half-muffled.

WROXHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Feb. 17, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one 720 Cambridge Surprise, and two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob .Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

DAVID G. BAILEY	*Treble*	HORACE LUBBOCK	4
HERBERT C. READ	2	GEORGE BAILEY	5
ERNEST G. BENTON	3	FREDERICK G. BOYCE	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE BAILEY.
Rung half-muffled.

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Feb. 18, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.

HAROLD DENMAN	*Treble*	WILLIAM BRETT	4
SIDNEY CARNALL	2	JOHN NEWBERT	5
CHARLES COOK	3	ERNEST PRESTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST PRESTON.
First peal as conductor. Rung half-muffled.

WHETSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Feb. 18, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven 720's called differently. Tenor 8½ cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON	*Treble*	CECIL E. CARR	4
ERNEST MORRIS	2	PETER J. THOMAS	5
GEORGE PICKERING	3	B. STEDMAN PAYNE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
Rung half-muffled.

MARESFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Feb. 19, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

ARTHUR J. HART	*Treble*	PETER OSTLEY	4
RONALD BENNETT	2	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT	5
ARCHIBALD GRIMWOOD	3	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE.

BLAXHALL, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In five methods, viz., Cambridge Surprise, Kent, Oxford, Double Court, and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

G. KEEBLE	*Treble*	J. SMY	4
F. SHAW	2	A. SMITH	5
A. G. LING	3	E. STEWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. G. LING.
Rung half-muffled.

LLANDILO, CARMARTHENSHIRE.
THE ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. TEILO,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being forty-two extents, ten different callings. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALFRED REYNOLDS	*Treble*	RALPH SCUDAMORE	4
JOHN T. WILLIAMS	2	DESMOND CURTISS	5
CHRISTOPHER HAWKINS	3	MELVILLE ALCOCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER HAWKINS.
Rung half-muffled.

TILNEY, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Feb. 26, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 16 cwt.

STANLEY G. ELSEY	*Treble*	ERNEST MASTIN	4
JOHN E. FOX	2	NORMAN HARDING	5
EDWARD BARKER	3	WILLIAM ROSE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST MASTIN.
Rung half-muffled.

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BOCKING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Deanery Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18¾ cwt. in F.

Harry Pratt	*Treble*	Ronald Suckling	5
Frank Claydon	2	John Warner	6
Hilda G. Snowden	3	Ernest Bright	7
Albert Catterwell	4	Albert Wiffen	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. Wilde. Conducted by Albert Wiffen.

CHOBHAM, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Lawrence,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr.

*Robert J. Andrews	*Treble*	*Rex J. Corke	5
†E. John Wells	2	‡James E. Dodson	6
‡G. Kenneth Williamson	3	William J. Paice	7
William J. Parker	4	‡Roy Collins	*Tenor*

Composed by H. Dains. Conducted by William J. Paice.
* First peal of Treble Bob Major. † First peal on eight bells. ‡ First peal of Treble Bob. First peal of Treble Bob as conductor. Believed to be the first peal of Treble Bob on the bells.

ELLAND, YORKSHIRE.
THE HUDDERSFIELD AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr.

Frank Linfoot	*Treble*	Derek Sharples	5
Frank Rhodes	2	John Cotteringham	6
Clifford Aaron	3	Albert W. Bond	7
Arthur Rogers	4	Arthur Hinchcliffe	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Thorpe. Conducted by Albert W. Bond.

LYE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Mon., Feb. 25, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
At Christ Church,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 3¼ cwt.

J. Norman Hadley	*Treble*	Alfred C. Boxley	5
William Davies	2	Stanley Prestidge	6
Ernest Stitch	3	Maurice G. Turner	7
Christopher Wallater	4	Howard Howell	*Tenor*

Composed by John Reeves. Conducted by Harold Howell.

BRASTED, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Feb. 19, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Martin,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, viz., Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford Bob, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

Robert Sherlock	*Treble*	Robert Collins	4
Doris E. Colgate	2	John O. Weller	5
Leonard A. Tidy	3	Fredk. W. Budgen	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frederick W. Budgen.

DEENE, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 720 Oxford Treble Bob, 720 Kent Treble Bob, 720 Single Court Bob, 1,440 Single Oxford Bob, 1,440 Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*Cecil Matthews	*Treble*	Ronald Russell	4
Perck D. Baldock	2	†Robert H. Knight	5
†George Slaughter	3	John H. Bluff	*Tenor*

Conducted by John H. Bluff.
* First peal in five methods. † First 720 Oxford Treble Bob.

IN MEMORY OF DR. J. C. E. SIMPSON

OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 32 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb.

John Worth	*Treble*	Brian D. Threlfall	7
Wilfred Stevenson	2	Leslie W. G. Morris	8
James Fearnley	3	Walter Allman	9
John E. Bibby	4	Peter Laflin	10
C. Kenneth Lewis	5	Joseph Whittaker	11
Fred Dunkerley	6	Edward Jenkins	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by John E. Bibby.
Conductor has now called Cambridge from Minor to Maximus.

LISCARD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Feb. 14, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16½ cwt.

Lester L. Gray	*Treble*	Eric J. Gilbert	5
Walter Allman	2	Brian D. Threlfall	6
Ralph G. Edwards	3	Frank Varty	7
John E. Bibby	4	Thomas Rogers	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Frank Varty.
Rung half-muffled.

ALDENHAM, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

*Hilary Shaw	*Treble*	Stanley M. Evans	5
David J. R. Martin	2	Peter G. Foote	6
Geoffrey F. Carter	3	Vernon J. Benning	7
Denis N. Layton	4	Malcolm S. Cloke	*Tenor*

Composed by York Green. Conducted by Denis N. Layton.
* First peal. Rung half-muffled.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Feb. 20, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Martin and All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising: 1,440 London, 1,120 Rutland, 480 Bristol, 320 New Gloucester, 320 Norfolk, 320 Cambridge, 320 Superlative, 320 Yorkshire, 320 Pudsey, 320 Lincolnshire, with 144 changes of method.
Tenor 7¼ cwt

Edwin G. Moore	*Treble*	Peter Border	5
Victor J. F. Bennett	2	John B. Guy	6
Margaret L. Tutt	3	Fredk. A. H. Wilkins	7
Alan R. Pink	4	Walter F. Judge	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. Pitman (No. 2). Conducted by Walter F. Judge.
Rung half-muffled.

CONISBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 22, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

William H. Jackson	*Treble*	†Denis A. Chapman	5
David G. Jackson	2	Raymond C. Westney	6
*Howard Scott	3	Gibson Jackson	7
Milton C. Fowler	4	W. Eric Critchley	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Surprise Major 'inside.'

The King George VI. memorial peal at Helmingham, Suffolk, reported on page 146, was also rung in memory of Dr. Simpson.

TEN BELL PEAL

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Feb. 21, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

H. JAMES TURNER	*Treble*	TERRY R. HAMPTON ..	6
MURIEL REAY	2	J. MARTIN THORLEY ..	7
BRIAN G. WARWICK	3	*JOHN R. MAYNE	8
GEORGE E. FEARN	4	*WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT ..	9
HENRY H. FEARN	5	WILFRID F. MORETON ..	*Tenor*

Composed by F. E. DARBY. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

MARSHFIELD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 26, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

ERIC NAYLOR	*Treble*	†EDWARD F. CONNOCK ..	5
*KENNETH F. MEDWAY ..	2	WILLIAM F. J. COPE ..	6
MRS. DORA EVANS ..	3	ROGER O. FRY	7
JESSE HALLETT	4	HERBERT J. MERRETT ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.
* First peal 'inside.' † First peal of Triples. Rung as birthday compliments to Mr. H. Merrett and Mr. G. Naylor.

WROTHAM, KENT. .
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 26, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt.

WILLIAM R. MANSER ..	*Treble*	ARTHUR F. LEWRY	5
CHARLES A. BASSETT ..	2	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	6
REGINALD L. SILLS	3	ROBERT COLLINS	7
DORIS E. COLGATE	4	ERNEST J. LADD	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

WESTBOURNE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

GEORGE R. SMITH	*Treble*	ERNEST TREAGUS	5
BLANCHE M. BALL	2	JOHN W. MEADE	6
NORMAN J. SMITH	3	JOHN H. HUNT	7
E. WINIFRED KEYS	4	FREDERICK W. BURNETT ..	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by FREDERICK W. BURNETT.

COLESHILL, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Tues., Feb. 19, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 15 cwt. in F sharp.

J. MARTIN THORLEY ..	*Treble*	*DONALD L. M. HOOPER ..	5
MURIEL REAY	2	WILLIAM C. RHODES ..	6
*KEITH T. TAYLOR	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
*LESLIE L. WILLIS	4	ERNEST H. HILL	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Feb. 20, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 6½ cwt.

HAROLD J. POOLE	*Treble*	ALFRED BALLARD	5
*F. FREDERICK MILNER ..	2	†JOHN E. UNDERWOOD ..	6
DONALD C. PRICE	3	ERNEST W. RAWSON ..	7
MRS. H. J. POOLE ..	4	*HERRICK B. BOWLEY ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED BALLARD.
* 50th peal together. † First peal of Major in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. A birthday compliment to Mr. F. Bowley, jun.



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HUGGLESCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Feb 22, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's Variation. Tenor 16¼ cwt.

E. CHARLES TURNER	*Treble*	*OWEN A. OVER	5
HORACE O. OVER	2	JOHN HILL	6
ERNEST W. RAWSON	3	PETER J. STANIFORTH	7
JOHN UNDERWOOD	4	ROLAND BENISTONE	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
* First peal. A 25th birthday compliment to Owen A. Over.

QUEENSBURY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 22, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14½ cwt.

FRED HODGSON	*Treble*	PAUL BIRKETT	5
ERNEST H. SIMPSON	2	JOHN PEARSON	6
GEOFFREY INGHAM	3	EDWARD JENKINS	7
*ROBERT MOULDS	4	SAM LONGBOTTOM	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by SAM LONGBOTTOM.
* First peal. The treble ringer has 'completed the circle.' Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. Ernest Hoyle, 45 years organist and choirmaster.

WOOD GREEN, WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Fri., Feb. 22, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.

ALAN ELSMORE	*Treble*	*JANE COTTERILL	5
*MONICA WALKER	2	DEREK TRANTER	6
JOHN R. COTTERILL	3	J. NORMAN HADLEY	7
ERNEST STITCH	4	MAURICE G. TURNER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.
* First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to Miss Joan Hadley and Mr. J. R. Cotterill.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
A Variation of J. Reeves' Three-part. Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

GEORGE E. FEARN	*Treble*	BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	5
MURIEL REAY	2	HENRY H. FEARN	6
BRIAN G. WARWICK	3	J. MARTIN THORLEY	7
*ANTHONY AGAR	4	JOHN HILL	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal in the method. A 21st birthday compliment to Harry Poyner, of Leicester.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Ten-part. Tenor 13¾ cwt.

WALTER J. LEMON	*Treble*	PHILIP A. CORBY	5
EDWIN BARNETT	2	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	6
JAMES W. EDEN	3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS	7
JAMES BENNETT	4	WILLIAM E. BOND	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT.
This is the 500th peal on the bells, in 250 of which the conductor has taken part. Believed to be the first occasion on which either total has been reached.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 14¼ cwt.

*LIONEL S. WOODS	*Treble*	*ANDREW J. SALISBURY	5
COLIN E. WRIGHT	2	*IAN CAMPBELL	6
DAVID W. BEARD	3	ARTHUR C. CHAPLIN	7
DULCIE J. FLEETWOOD	4	JAMES R. FLEETWOOD	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID W. BEARD.
* First peal in the method. First peal in method as conductor. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Renée Hopkins. Also to celebrate the engagement of Miss Joyce Fleetwood to Mr. W. R. Barker, of Peterborough.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5152 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E flat.

*GILLIAN GOULDING	*Treble*	ROBERT E. LESTER	5
PATRICIA M. CLARKE	2	MAX P. PAGE	6
†GEOFFREY F. PAGE	3	RONALD W. STEWARD	7
HARRY D. LISTER	4	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.
* First peal of Major. † First peal of Treble Bob. 100th peal as conductor. A diamond wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Collins, of Debenham, who were married in this church on February 22nd, 1892.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 12½ cwt.

A. REGINALD BLABY	*Treble*	WALTER LEE	5
*F. DONALD BOREHAM	2	PERCY NEWTON	6
EDWARD TIMPSON	3	ROLAND BIGGS	7
ARTHUR NEWTON	4	VICTOR EVANS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND BIGGS.
* 125th peal. The 273rd and last peal on the bells, which are now being dismantled.

LECKHAMPTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Variation. Tenor 9 cwt.

MRS. J. THOMAS	*Treble*	*CHARLES ROUSE	5
*ROY TAYLOR	2	EDWIN T. NEWBURY	6
JOHN THOMAS	3	LESLIE ASTON	7
FREDERICK G. NURDEN	4	ALBERT J. NEWMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.
* First peal of Stedman.

LODDON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

CHARLES BAILEY	*Treble*	GODFREY G. WALPOLE	5
ERNEST G. SHORTING	2	NOLAN GOLDEN	6
STANLEY W. COPLING	3	FREDERICK C. GUNTON	7
GEORGE SAYER	4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
Rung in honour of Mr. Ronald E. Browne's 80th birthday. Composition in 24 courses, and containing extent of 4 and 6 in 5-6 has 4, 5 and 6 only in 6ths.

SIX BELL PEALS

HINXWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Biggleswade District.)
On Sat., Jan. 26, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

*W. J. ATHOW	*Treble*	G. SISSON	4
A. DILLEY	2	H. W. SMITH	5
A. SMITH	3	S. H. WALLIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by S. H. WALLIS.
* First peal.

BILLESDON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON	*Treble*	ERNEST H. BAGWORTH	4
J. GEOFFREY GEARY	2	B. STEDMAN PAYNE	5
H. L. WYKES	3	ERNEST F. PAYNE	*Tenor*

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

CHARLWOOD, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Seven extents: (1) Norwich Surprise, (2) Ipswich Surprise, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's, Childwall, (5) Oxford Treble Bob, (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 16 cwt.

*Mary Fuller	*Treble*	*Michael Fuller	4
*Hildegard I. G. Bird..	2	John E. Cannell	5
Barbara A. Mitchell ..	3	Ralph Bird	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ralph Bird.

* First peal in ten methods. First peal in ten methods by the Association.

RISHTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being four 720's of Kent and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

George Harwood	*Treble*	Arthur Tomlinson ..	4
Annie Potter	2	William Procter	5
Norman Tompkins	3	Joseph Thornley	*Tenor*

Conducted by Arthur Tomlinson.

Rung to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Hall, of the Wrekin, Wellington, Salop, who was a ringer for many years at Uppington; also a birthday compliment to the wife of the ringer of the 5th.

HANDBELL PEALS

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD and
HUMPHREY PERKINS SCHOOL CAMPANOLOGICAL SOCIETY.
On Thurs., Feb. 7, 1952, *in* 1 *Hour and* 38 *Minutes,*
At the Humphrey Perkins School,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being forty-two extents. Tenor size 13 in E.

F. Kevon Thompson.. ..	1-2	B. Stedman Payne	3-4
John Chambers	5-6		

Conducted by F. Kevon Thompson.

In memoriam to King George VI.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
In Hertford College,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 18 in G.

*Susan M. Brown	1-2	O. Michael Slaney ..	5-6
Robin G. Turner	3-4	Peter Border	7-8

Arranged and Conducted by Peter Border.

* First peal of Major in hand. First peal in hand as conductor. Rung on the day of the Proclamation of Queen Elizabeth II. in the city of Oxford.

COVENTRY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Feb. 11, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
At 68, Newfield Roar,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED MAJOR

In two methods, comprising 1,696 Kent Treble Bob and 3,360 Plain Bob, with 72 changes of method. Tenor, size 15 in C.

H. Ernest Sibley	1-2	Hubert E. Ashley	5-6
Margaret E. L. Beamish..	3-4	Frank E. Pervin	7-8

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Frank E. Pervin.

First peal of spliced Plain and Kent by all the band and for the Guild.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Feb. 20, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
At 26, Wellington Road,
A PEAL OF 5004 SPLICED MAJOR

In eight methods, comprising 1,456 Plain Bob; 1,380 Gainsborough Little Bob; 576 Little Bob; 464 Reverse; 304 each of Double and St. Clement's Bob; 288 Wellington Little Bob, and 232 Crayford Little Bob, with 397 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

Roy C. Hurst	1-2	Daniel T. Matkin	5-6
Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay ..	3-4	Kathleen E. Fletcher ..	7-8

Composed by Nolan Golden. Conducted by Daniel T. Matkin.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Our feature article this week is of Crayford Parish Church, Kent. It is our pleasure to announce the 500th peal rung in this tower and we should like to hear of any other tower with a similar record. We are indebted to Mr. E. A. Barnett for the article. The statistical details indicate personal pride of the ringers. We know that very many towers keep their peal books and succeeding generations should see that these records are preserved.

When is it proper to fly the Union Jack and the flag of St. George? asks a correspondent.

Warmley, Bristol, ringers are hoping to have their six bells overhauled in the near future.

The peal of Grandsire Triples at All Saints' Church, Hereford, on February 15th, was Mr. John Rock's 100th peal.

The peal of Grandsire Triples at Buckingham on February 15th was conducted by Mr. William Yates and not as stated.

Mr. T. Michell, captain of Pucklechurch tower, near Bristol, has tolled at this church for the death of four sovereigns.

Stradbroke bells are now at the Croydon foundry. Two new trebles are to be provided and the frame is to be extended and new fittings provided.

The 'Western Mail,' Cardiff, had an action picture of Mr. J. W. Jones ringing at St. Matthew's, Dyffryn, Neath, on November 1st. This 85-year-old veteran has now completed his life's ambition of ringing in every tower in the Diocese of Llandaff and Monmouth.

We hope to publish at an early date a series of three articles on the life of Mr. James Robert Haworth, who, 100 years ago, was the Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths. Mr. E. Alex Young, the author, knew Haworth personally.

At the annual church meeting at Lyme Regis, Canon C. C. Cox (Vicar) made an appropriate reference to his ringers. He said: 'Lyme Regis tower has become well known all over the county for the practice of advanced methods which undoubtedly draws ringers to this district for their holidays. It is quite true to say there is not another tower west of Brighton or south of Bristol where a higher standard of ringing can be found. It would be some reward to the band of ringers if the restoration of the bells, for which a fund has been successfully launched, could be accomplished.'

The Master of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, Preb. A. J. Hook, has rung his first quarter peal, at the age of 75. He rang his bell well with no spoken assistance.

An exterminator of bats in the belfry, Mr. Hooper, appeared in 'Picture Page' television feature last week. His advice was at nightfall to block up all holes in the belfry and catch the bats by using a butterfly-net. Mr. Hooper admitted that he had never heard of using a stuffed owl to keep bats away.

On the bells on which he learnt to ring, at Loddon, Norfolk, Mr. Ronald E. Browne heard on February 23rd a peal of Superlative in honour of his 80th birthday. He afterwards entertained the members of the band and their wives to tea. Mr. Browne's family have been coachbuilders and motor engineers for over a century.

Some weeks back we mentioned that a welcome home quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor was rung for Mr. R. J. Stannard, home on leave from the Royal Navy. This week we learn that it was rung at West Stow, Suffolk. The ringers were W. R. Richwood 1, A. G. Ballam 2, R. J. Stannard 3, E. Foote 4, E. A. Murrell 5, A. F. Ballam (conductor) 6.

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INTERESTING RECORD OF ST. PAULINUS', CRAYFORD

IN a letter in 'The Ringing World' of October 22nd, 1943, it was suggested that more peals had been rung at St. Paulinus', Crayford, than at any other church. As this was not disputed, it is reasonable to suppose that February 23rd was the first occasion on which a total of 500 peals on one ring of bells had been reached, and it is also thought that, by taking part in exactly half of these, Mr. Edwin Barnett (who called his second peal of Grandsire Triples for the event, the other having been in 1907) has also created an individual record.

H. Hoverd (1929—1949)	150	(6)
T. Groombridge, sen. (1894—1940)	126	(13)
F. J. Cullum (1917—1952)	108	(16)
T. Groombridge, jun. (1910—1940)	101	(40)
J. Bennett (1923—1952)	93	(6)
G. V. Murphy (1934—1950) ..	88	(5)
G Conyard (1881—1907)	82	(7)
J. Wheadon (1910—1950)	68	
C. W. Roberts (1928—1952) ..	62	(20)
P. A. Corby (1937—1952)	62	(28)
D. M. Sharp (1936—1939)	57	(9)



CRAYFORD PARISH CHURCH

The first peal on the bells, which were augmented from five to eight in 1876 by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, was also Holt's 10-part peal of Grandsire Triples on November 17th, 1877, so that the 500 have taken just over 74 years to amass. Except for a 6,048 of Bob Major in 1887 all have been of normal length, but an unusual one was on Whit Sunday, 1883, of which it is recorded that 'the bells were struck off at ten minutes to five in the morning and were brought round in good style at twenty to eight.' Not surprisingly, this does not seem to have been repeated.

In several years over 20 peals have been rung, the highest total being 25 in 1934. Fifty-seven different methods or combinations of methods have been included, and the aim has been to cater for all tastes. Over the years, efforts to maintain a competent Sunday service band have naturally met with varying success, but of the 430 ringers who have taken part in the peals at least 80 have at some time or other been members of the local band, 67 or more, not all Crayford ringers, of course, have accomplished their first peal there.

As might be expected, individual peal totals have been high, the 30 undermentioned ringers having taken part in 25 or more. The years of first and last peals, and the number conducted, are given:—

E. Barnett (1899—1952)	250	(9)
E. Barnett, sen. (1889—1932) ..	228	(121)
H. E. Audsley (1920—1950) ..	222	(21)
E. A. Barnett (1929—1948)	173	(49)
J. H Cheesman (1891—1938) ..	155	(25)
F. A. Coley (1923—1949)	50	(2)
A S. Richards (1936—1952).. ..	47	
E. H. Oxenham (1910—1948) ..	44	
C. Wilkins (1890—1910)	40	(3)
W. I. Reeve (1877—1895)	37	(2)
H. Gibbs (1889—1921)	35	(5)
I. G. Shade (1885—1926)	35	
F. J. French (1877—1911)	32	(6)
G. H. Cross (1925—1951)	32	(14)
I. Emery (1895—1947)	31	(1)
W. J. Lemon (1932—1952)	30	
G. Povey (1909—1923)	28	
C. Brett-Smith (1932—1948) ..	27	
A. G. Hill (1923—1949)	26	

Forty-four others have ten or more to their credit.

Seven different Associations or Societies have been credited with peals on the bells, the vast majority, of course (446), having been for the Kent County Association. Thirty-one of these have been 'firsts,' of which 15 were conducted by the late E. Barnett, sen.

Four local ringers and four visitors took part in the 500th peal, the latter being representative of those having long-standing connections with the tower. To them, and to the many other ringers who have made these peals possible, the writer, who has arranged most of the last 200 or more attempts, expresses his thanks, especially to those who have on occasions come at short notice, sometimes at great inconvenience. Similarly, the thanks of all concerned are due to the successive incumbents, not least to the present Rector, the Rev. H. H. Hurwood, without whose willing co-operation the 500 peals could not have been rung.

The complete list is as follows:—

Triples (157).—Grandsire 69, Stedman 66, Union 9, Bob 3, Erin 3, Oxford Bob 3, Darlaston 2, Canterbury 1, Court Bob 1.

Plain Major (136).—Double Norwich 61, Bob Major 41, Canterbury 9, Double Oxford 9, Double Bob 2, Reverse Bob 2, Cheltenham Bob 2, Hereward 2, Crayford College 1, Painswick College 1, Pulford Bob 1, St Clement's 1, B.M. and Canterbury 1, B.M. and D.N. 1, B.M. and D.O. 1, D.N and D.O. 1.

Little (10).—Little Bob 3, Erith L. Bob 2, Crayford L Court 1, Dartford L. Bob 1, Gainsborough L. Bob 1, Wellington L. Court 1, Little Albion Treble Bob 1.

Treble Bob (45).—Kent 37, (Granta Variation) 1, Oxford 4, Kent and Oxford 3.

Surprise (152).—Cambridge 50, London 23, Superlative 19, Yorkshire 13, Bristol 12, Four Spliced 9, New Cambridge 5, Norfolk 4, Lincolnshire 3, Pudsey 2, Rutland 2, Six Spliced 1, Cambridge and Superlative 1, Ashtead 1, Crayford 1, Derby 1, Ipswich 1, Kent 1, New Cumberland 1, Painswick 1, Staffordshire 1.

E. A. B.

BELL FRAMES AND TONE

Bellfounders' Protest

The following letter has been sent to the Editor of 'The Daily Telegraph' by Mr. A. P. Cannon on behalf of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, regarding the statement that 'Bells hung from timber have a better tone':—

Dear Sir,—There was a paragraph which appeared under the heading 'Rot in Windsor Castle Belfry' in your issue of February 28th, which stated that 'Bells hung from timber have a better tone.' We, as bellfounders, are anxious to refute this statement entirely.

Although timber has undoubtedly artistic merits, and has proved to be long lasting, we believe there is no tonal advantage whatsoever in bells hung from a wooden frame.

In the case of a metal frame, the bells are insulated by leather or timber pads between the headstock and the bell and so they are, in effect, hung from non-metallic material in any case.

Good seasoned timber is now very difficult to obtain and within the last 25 years the majority of frames built have been made of metal. A big advantage is that the nuts and bolts on a metal frame will remain much tighter than on one made of timber, and consequently the structure will remain more rigid. A metal frame is also of much greater strength to the walls of the tower, in that its inertia takes the thrust of the bells, and the girders supporting the cage act as tie-rods. It is also not liable to attack from insects, such as the death watch beetle, which creates havoc amongst wood frames.

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BELLS IN ENGLISH LIFE

By ERNEST MORRIS

(Continued from page 138)

WE meet with other efforts in the latter half of the seventeenth century to revive and perpetuate the old custom of ringing the 'day' and 'curfew' bells. Thus John Rogers, gentleman, of Haresfield, Glos, by his will dated January 22nd, 1695, gave:—

'All that my house and garden, called Starmead House, in the parish of Haresfield, which I lately bought upon this trust and confidence that they (his trustees) shall therein place and dwell the Parish Clerke if he shall be sufficient, or other person able to ring the biggest bell in the church at nine of the clock at night and five of the clock in the morning every day for halfe an houre att all times between the Feast of All Saints and the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Saint Mary for ever: the person soe putt in the house giveing security to the said Trustees to performe the said service and to pay five shillings per annum to the said Trustees for the building and repairing of the said house . . . . etc.'

From a document in possession of J. D. T. Niblett, F.S.A., of Haresfield Court, the clerk still holds the cottage on the above tenure although the conditions are not rigidly carried out.

MID-DAY ANGELUS

Although an attempt was made to bring the mid-day Angelus into use in England early in the sixteenth century it was not, as in France, generally heard in this country. As already noted at Cropredy, Oxon, provision was made in 1512 for the ringing of the Ave bell at noon. The daily ringing of a single bell at 6 a.m., noon and 6 p.m. at Fishlake, Hatfield and Thorne, Yorks, and in other parishes may be survivals of the **Ave** or **Angelus** bell at mid-day as well as in the morning and evening. The Angelus is a prayer to the Virgin introduced by Urban II. (Pope from 1088 to 1099) in 1095 as an intercession for absent Crusaders. It begins with the words 'Angelus Domini Nuntia vir Mariæ' —The Angel of the Lord announced unto Mary. Then follows the Salutation to Gabriel—Ave Maria—etc.

The prayer contains three verses and each ends with the Salutation, Ave Maria, and is recited three times a day, at the ringing of the Angelus bell so named from the first word of the prayer. After the Crusades the custom languished until in 1327 Pope John XXII. ordered all the faithful to recite the Ave Maria at each ringing of the bell. Other names are Ave Maria bell and Vesper bell, the latter being given by Byron in his paraphrase of a passage in Dante's 'Purgatorio.'

'Soft hour, which wakes the wish and melts the heart,
Or fills with love the pilgrim on his way.
As the far bell of Vesper makes him start,
Seeming to weep the dying day's decay.'

These religious customs are peculiarly beautiful in the land in which they are practised and, as the melody of a sweet-toned bell vibrates on the air, call forth the tender sentiments of love and adoration.

Longfellow more than once refers to this bell in describing the peaceful home of Evangeline in 'Arcadie':—

'Anon from the belfry
Softly the Angelus sounded, and over the roofs of the village.
Columns of pale blue smoke, like clouds of incense ascending,
Rose from a hundred hearths, the homes of peace and contentment.'

And later:—

'Softly over the village the bell of the **Angelus** sounded'

Everyone is familiar with the beautiful picture of Millet's in which we see two Norman peasants, with bowed heads, saying the Angelus, as they hear the village bell in the distant steeple ringing across the fields that are growing dim in the coming twilight. This recalls the passage in Longfellow's 'Castles in Spain':—

'The peasants in the fields, that stay
Their toil, to cross themselves and pray,
When from the belfry at mid-day
The Angelus they hear.'

MODERN EXPLANATION

We have already noted that the mid-day Ave or Angelus was seldom rung in England, but there are many places in which a bell has been rung daily at this hour in recent times; we must, therefore, look for a modern explanation of the custom. It is called the 'dinner bell' at Milton Malsor, Northants, and the 'labourer's bell' at Spratton in that county. It must be, therefore, assumed it was instituted to call the labourers in the fields to dinner. In both cases it was rung at noon, the ordinary working-man's dinner hour, as also at Brailes, Warwicks; Turvey, Beds; Earls Barton and Finedon, Northants; and Kimbolton, Hunts. At Gateshead it was called the 'potato bell.' There are some similar instances in Leicestershire, while in some counties the bell is rung at 1 p.m. At Cranfield, Beds it was rung at 1 p.m. and again at 2 p.m., at Braddon, Northants, and Pontefract at noon and 1 p.m. At Braithwell, Yorks, the day of the month is tolled

BELLS AS TIME-TELLERS

We have already shown that in mediæval times bells were rung regularly throughout the day to denote the Canonical Hours and in the old days before electric clocks were known this must have been—with the morning and evening Ave bells—the only way of marking the time within the reach of the ordinary man. Nor was this extinct in villages where there was no church clock until quite recent times. Mr. H. B. Walters notes that in Pleshey, in Essex, the custom of ringing the 8 a.m. bell on Sunday was kept up in order that people might be able to set their own clocks and watches by it once a week.

The single direction in the Rubrics of the Book of Common Prayer, for the tolling of a bell for daily services, and the meagre references to bells in the Canons (15th, 16th and 18th) give a very inadequate idea of their constant use in the English Church in mediæval times. In churches where the Canonical Hours were then kept, the bells—or some of them—would be ringing very frequently. The Canons made in King Edgar's time (A.D. 960) provided:—

'That the hours be timely notified by ringing (the bells) and that every priest then look out his tide-song in the church (i.e., attend his Canonical Hours) and that prayers be there diligently made in the fear of God and intercession for all people'

But though—as remarked by Dr. Rock ('Church of Our Fathers.' Vol. III.)—

'the ringing of Canonical Hours let the world know the time by day and by night, and in those larger churches where such a custom was followed, the several bells, as well as the different ways in which they rung for this purpose, told the precise service which was then about to be chanted.'

It is difficult to show the exact method adopted. The ringing rules of St. Dunstan, who died A.D. 977, and those of Archbishop Lanfranc are indeed extant, but the meaning is not always certain. Briefly the regulations were:—At midnight, Mattins was said: at three in the morning, Lauds: at six, Prime: at nine, Tierce; at noon, Sext: at three in the afternoon, Nones; at six, Vespers: and the day closed with Compline at nine. Thus every three hours throughout the day and night the Abbey bells were heard, not only in cell and cloister, but also in the streets of the town or the scattered cottages of the hamlet. The very early connection between bells and clocks is, however, clearly indicated by the word for a bell in German and in French, i.e., 'Glocke' and 'cloche' respectively, a word represented by the Low Latin 'clocca,' which appears in old Irish as 'clog.' Our word 'clock,' of course, comes from the same source and it is interesting to note that the word is identical with our 'cloak,' which suggests the shape of a bell or rather that of the mould in which it is cast. Modern bell-founders speak of the outer mould as the 'cope,' again suggesting a comparison with the form of a garment. Alfred the Great, in translating into the Old English tongue a passage in which the Venerable Bede speaks of 'Campana,' renders that word with 'cluggan' or clock.

(To be continued)

RINGING RHYMES

No. 5. PLACE-MAKING

(And Division and Plain Course)

Plain hunting, up and down, once learned,
Brings nearer that for which you've yearned—
To ring, by METHODS, changes true,
With ev'ry stroke a change anew.

But **all** plain hunting brings it round.
In change-rows twice the bells that sound.
Thus, on three bells 'tis round in six,
On four the same in eight you'll fix.

Such BLOCKS the same DIVISION take.
And, when they're linked, the PLAIN COURSE make.

Yes, linked! But how? Well, to extend
The rows unto the plain course end,
Plain hunting's varied by a pause
Called PLACE-MAKING: so named because
The bell 'lays' two blows in one place,
While bells 'beyond' it DODGE apace.
A 'dodge' means bells in pairs must go
Back one step in crossed paths; and so
Proceed in same way as before.
Thus both moves bring up change-rows more.

But note—while this the plain course makes
Each 'working bell' that same path takes.

A. Y-B.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Midland District

On Saturday, February 23rd the Midland District held its first meeting in 1952 at St. Mary-de-Castro's, Leicester, where the eight bells have recently been retuned and rehung by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

The bells were put to good use during the afternoon and evening when the methods ranged from rounds and call-changes for the learners to the standard methods for the more experienced ringers.

A service, taken from the Guild's official form, was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Father J. R. Collins.

A delightful tea, provided by the ladies of the parish, was enjoyed by 70 ringers and friends. For the first time since the District has been formed, the ladies were in the majority and the gentlemen present were entertained to tea by the vice-president, Miss I. Thompson, and the secretary, Mrs. J. Staniforth.

At the business meeting (after the gentlemen had retired to the tower for more ringing) 40 members were present, representing 20 towers in five different counties within the district covered, together with one visitor from Cheshire. Nine new members were elected.

The next meeting will be held at Kingswinford on April 26th and the annual District meeting at Mansfield on May 24th.

It was unanimously decided that as far as the ladies were concerned this was the 'best-yet' meeting since the District has been formed.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

IRREGULAR LEAD-ENDS

An Interesting Comparison

Dear Sir,—Like M. R. P. this will, I hope, conclude my magnum opus on the subject of irregular lead-ends in Minor ringing. The main issue appears to have been diverted, of late, into interesting, albeit irrelevant, channels, but I would, in conclusion, ask anyone who is seriously interested to consider the following:—

ECCLESFIELD T.B.		OLD OXFORD DELIGHT
123456		123456
214365		214365
124635		124356
216453		213465
261543		231456
625134	Calling:	324165
621543	23456	321456
265134	34625	234165
256314	46325 —	243615
523641	63425 —	426351
532614	34562	423615
356241	45236	246351
365421	52643	423651
634512	26543 —	246315
643521	65324	243651
465312	53462	426315
456132	34256	462135
541623		641253
546132	Twice repeated.	642135
451623		461253
415263		416235
142536		142653
412356		412635
143265		146253
134625		142635
B.134256		B.164235

Here we have two methods; the first is irregular, the second is not. I have selected Ecclesfield Treble Bob (sometimes called, erroneously, Ecclesfield Delight), because it is still rung occasionally in this locality. The calling in order to bring home the fifth at the part-end is also appended.

The first, I contend, is an interesting method with plenty of 'movement,' not too difficult and not too easy to ring. The second, in my opinion, is a dull and uninteresting method which would probably have disappeared long ago except for two saving clauses: (a) it is a good 'splicer, (b) it has got regular lead-ends (or heads).

Forty consecutive blows in 5-6, 32 of which are spent in plain dodging! Each preceded and followed by a triple dodge in the middle. Seven-pull dodges in **Minor** when five are considered by some to be a defect in **Major.**

Yet I am asked to believe that by uttering the theoretical abracadabra—'regular lead-ends'—Old Oxford is made the better method. Nevertheless, if people want to ring it, why on earth shouldn't they? Besides it can be used as a 'stepping-stone' to Surprise Minor ringing!

Ecclesfield has one 6-5 at backstroke in the 20th row of the 6th lead of each part. This is the only defect I can discover. At any rate it places the method in select company.

Although I have chosen neither the best nor the worst from either group, I shall, no doubt, be accused of choosing methods to suit my illustration. But why shouldn't I? To sweep away all irregular methods because of the defects of a few is just as absurd as it would be to condemn all regular methods for similar reasons.

This accusation would at least be more accurate than that of being accused of 'leg-pulling' when one is in deadly earnest.—Yours faithfully,

H. CHANT.

Wakefield.

MUFFLED RINGING AND FOOTNOTES

Dear Sir,—Surely the object in muffled ringing is to pay homage. It seems to me that a great deal of the muffled ringing now being reported is to record personal achievements, the real object being secondary, or it would appear so, according to the footnotes. In my opinion there should be **no** footnotes to muffled ringing except the one recording to whom the homage is being paid.—Yours faithfully,

W. F. JUDGE.

Oxford.

LONGEST LENGTH OF MINOR

Dear Sir,—Re the longest length of Minor, on Jan. 1st, 1931, there was rung at All Saints', Rotherham, a peal of Surprise Minor, 10,800 changes, in 6 hours and 10 minutes, in 15 different Surprise methods, conducted by A. Nash; record for the Yorkshire Association.—Yours truly,

A. FIRTH.

Rawmarsh, Rotherham.

Dear Sir,—On Saturday, April 11th, 1896 (nearly 56 years ago), I rang the third bell at Tong Church, Yorkshire (where my father was Vicar for 54 years), in a peal of 10,440 changes, being 14½ extents in 15 different Treble Bob Minor methods. George Bolland was the conductor and the time was 5 hours and 51 minutes. This was the longest length up to date on any number of bells for the Yorkshire Association.—Yours faithfully,

(REV.) R. P. FARROW.

East Lulworth, Dorset.

5,088 Treble Bob Major

By N. GOLDEN

M	I	B	5ths	W	H	234567
					—	423567
	—	—	1		2	325746
2			1	1	2	43265
2		—			1	53624
				1	2	56234
				1	1	23564

Twice repeated..

Rung at Salle, February 13th, 1952.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World' of March 15th, 1912

ODD CHANGES

An annuity of over £50 was left to the bellringers of Bath Abbey by Lieutenant-Colonel Nash, says 'Tit-Bits,' 'provided they should muffle the clappers of the bells of the said Abbey and ring them with a doleful accentuation from 8 a.m to 8 p.m. on each anniversary of his wedding day, and during the same number of hours, only with a merry peal, on the anniversary of the day which afforded him a happy release from domestic tyranny and wretchedness.'

[It would be interesting to know whether the terms of this bequest have ever been carried out!]

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What about these touches for a family affair: on handbells at Tunstall, Staffs, 504 Stedman Triples: Walter Washbrook 1-2, James W. Washbrook, jun., 3-4, James W. Washbrook 5-6, Harry Washbrook 7-8. Also a course of Grandsire Cinques: W. Washbrook 1-2, H. Washbrook 3-4, J. W. Washbrook, jun., 5-6, J. W. Washbrook, 7-8-9-10, Mark Washbrook 11-12. The name of Washbrook is evidently still a name to conjure with.

[Unhappily, only one of Mr. Washbrook's sons survived the 1914-18 war.]

WEDDINGS

MR. GEOFFREY DODDS—MISS JOYCE LEWIS

At St. Mary's Church, Hemel Hempstead, on Saturday, February 23rd, the bells rang out for the wedding of Miss Joyce Lewis, of Hemel Hempstead, and Mr. Geoffrey Dodds, of Isleworth.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a turquoise-blue costume and carried a bouquet of mimosa. She was attended by Miss Elizabeth Robson, an old school friend. The bridegroom's brother, Mr. Eric Dodds, was the best man.

As the party left the church in brilliant sunshine a band of ringers from Apsley and Hemel Hempstead sent the recently-rehung bells, after a few rounds and 'firing,' into a well-struck quarter of Plain Bob Major, conducted by Mr. Walter Ayres. They finished in time to join the other guests at the reception in the toast to the happy couple, who soon after left for their honeymoon in Wells.

As befitted a ringers' wedding the three-tier cake was surmounted by a much-admired miniature bell in a polished aluminium frame. The bell had the same inscription as the old fifth at Hemel Hempstead, had the note F, five octaves above middle C and was specially cast for the occasion.

MR. G. A. OLLIFFE—MISS JEAN M. WARD

On Saturday, February 9th, at St. Margaret's, Leicester, by the Rev. E. N. Ducker (Vicar), Mr. Gordon A. Olliffe, server and ringer of this church, was married to Miss Jean M. Ward, ringer of All Saints', Leicester.

Both bride and bridegroom are well-known in local ringing circles and many congratulatory tributes were paid to them. Owing to the unfortunate death of the King a wedding peal was not possible but as the bridal party left the church handbells were rung.

At the reception following at All Saints' Schools, Mr. John Bramley, the best man, acted as host, and Mr. Arthur Catteli (churchwarden and ringer) paid tribute to the bride, one of his ringers at All Saints'. Mr. Ernest Morris (verger and clerk) added his tribute, on behalf of St. Margaret's, to the bridegroom, which was supported by Mr. Donald Clark for the servers and choir.

The honeymoon was spent at Lyme Regis at the home of Mr. George Stedman Morris and as the happy couple left, handbells were again rung. On Sunday, February 17th, on their return home, a handbell peal of Grandsire Caters was rung.

FLYING OFFICER W. CANNER—MISS B. WALDRON

Miss Barbara Waldron, a member of St. Peter's, Bournemouth, band, was married on February 23rd to Flying Officer William Canner, R.A.F. The bride was attended by three bridesmaids, her cousin, Miss Doreen Wiggins, also a member of St. Peter's band, being one of them.

It was a beautiful spring day and the church was well filled with relatives and well-wishers, including many bellringers, and a full turn-out of the St. Peter's Youth Club, of which the bride was a member.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. John Coutts, M.A., until recently a member of St. Peter's company and now Vicar of Holybourne, near Alton. After the service he climbed the tower to take part in the first touch rung as the happy couple left the church.

The reception was held in St. Peter's Small Hall, which was filled to capacity, and afterwards Mr. and Mrs. Canner left for Hindhead where the honeymoon was spent. Unfortunately St. Peter's company will lose another ringer by Barbara's marriage for she will leave to join her husband in Lincolnshire towards the end of March.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

Subscription Arrears Decrease Balance

The annual general meeting of the Surrey Association was held at Reigate on March 8th when nearly 90 members and friends enjoyed a fine tea following a service in the Parish Church conducted by the Vicar, and a most interesting address by the Vicar of St. Mark's.

At the meeting which followed, the committee's report indicated that service and practice ringing had been well maintained during the year, and drew attention to the fact that about 25 per cent. of members were in arrears with their subscriptions. The balance sheet indicated a fall in balance of about £30, and the Belfry Repair Fund stood at £25.

The Master (Mr. D. Cooper), secretary (Mr. W. F Oatway) and auditor (Mr. T. A. Blow) were re-elected and, in ballots, Mr. P. Davis was elected assistant secretary and Miss B. J. Mayers treasurer. Mr. D. K. C. Birt, a past Master, was elected vice-president in appreciation of his services to the Association, and a hearty vote of thanks accorded to Mr E. G. Talbot, who had found it necessary to relinquish the assistant secretaryship.

An amendment to the rules whereby nominations for officers could be sent to the secretaries up to 28 days before annual meetings (instead of 14 days) was passed, but that to appoint the General Master and general secretary ex-officio members of the District committees was defeated after Mr. E. J. Lindley had opposed the motion.

The annual meeting for 1953 was fixed for March 14th at Walton-on-Thames and Oatlands Park.

After the meeting ringing continued at Reigate and at Redhill which was made available in the evening to avoid disappointment to visitors who hoped to ring there in the afternoon, following the notice that they would be available, which was cancelled at short notice.

At the commencement of the meeting the Master asked the company to stand in memory of Mr. A. D. Maun, of Epsom, and Mr. F. G Miller, Mitcham, who recently passed away.

APPLETON'S OPEN DAY

On Saturday, March 1st, the 133rd anniversary of the opening of the bells at Appleton, Berks, was kept up in the usual fashion, short touches in various methods being rung in the afternoon and evening by the visitors.

Tea was provided at the Thatched Tavern and in the evening the old ringers' songs were sung and there was handbell ringing by the White family.

Visitors included Mr. F. Sharpe (Deputy Master of the Guild), Miss M. Cross and Mr. E. Humfrey (Reading), also ringers from East Hagbourne, East Ilsley, Bicester, Shrivenham, Eynsham, Abingdon, Oxford, Faringdon and Luton (Beds).

HUDDERSFIELD DISTRICT

The meeting held at All Souls' Halifax, on March 1st, was a very good gathering. A short service, jointly conducted by the president and the Vicar of All Souls', was followed by a good tea and a quickly-conducted business meeting which all helped to create a happy atmosphere.

A vote of thanks to the local company, who are mainly lads full of enthusiasm, was heartily endorsed. To make us so welcome and provide such a nice tea and refuse to accept payment deserves great credit. May this young team prosper; indeed, our aim is to encourage the younger generation to our ranks, to strike the simple methods and to learn double handbell ringing.

The octave at this tower, with the 25 cwt. tenor, is very pleasing to the ear, but it certainly takes a good team to handle some of the bells. The best ringing was just before the close of the proceedings at 8 p.m. The next meeting will probably be held at Lightcliffe early in May

A. W. B.

SWANSEA & BRECON GUILD

Southern District

In a real country setting and excellent weather 40 members turned up at St. Matthew's Church, Dyffryn, Neath, for the quarterly meeting of the Guild on March 1st. It was the first meeting to be held at St. Matthew's for 48 years.

The social activities, however, were dwarfed by the presence of Mr J. W. Jones, of Newport, who, by ringing at St. Mathew's Church, completed his life's ambition in ringing at every church in the Diocese of Llandaff and Monmouth where there are bells.

During the service, which was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. — Bedgood spoke of the relationship between ringers, and he noticed they did not ring alone but as a band. This was so like every-day life—working together and following the leader.

A splendid tea was provided by Mrs. Tremaine and friends and a vote of thanks was accorded, on the proposal of Mr. K. J. Lewis.

At the business meeting, Mr. Trevor Roderick moved the adoption of the statement of accounts, and the invitation to Cadoxton for the September meeting was duly accepted. The assistant secretary reported that everything was satisfactory regarding the trip to Knighton, and in reply to Mr. Meredith's query, gave the assurance that two buses would be ordered.

The Vicar then asked everyone to stand in silence, in sympathy with the relatives of Mrs. Buttress, J.P., a life member; Mr. Reg. Pitman, son of Mr. A. J. Pitman; and Mr. Theodore Gibbons, churchwarden, in their recent sad bereavement. A prayer was also said for the speedy recovery to health of Mrs. Williams, mother of the Master and general secretary.

Mr. D. G. Williams proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for presiding at the meeting and allowing the use of the bells. A return to the tower was made by the country lanes, and the bells, under the supervision of the Master, were kept ringing until 8.30 p.m. J. A. H.

LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The February meeting was held at St. Chad's, Headingley, as the St. Michael's tower was not available. The day was ideal and the bells were rung up in peal. Various methods were rung before tea, which had been kindly arranged by the local company in the Church Schools.

Mr. T. W Strangeway (vice-president) presided at the business meeting owing to the absence of the president. Members were present from Armley, Batley, Burley, Bramley, Calverley, East Ardsley, Guiseley, Headingley (St. Chad's and St. Michael's), Leeds Parish Church, Otley, Pudsey, Rothwell, Tadcaster, Thorner, Woodlesford and York.

The secretary referred to the Society's loss by death of Mr. J. Bennett, of Ossett; the members stood in silence as a tribute to his memory.

The usual business details were despatched with a minimum of delay. The vote of thanks to the Vicar of Far Headingley, the local company and the ladies for the efficient arrangements at the tea tables, was proposed by Mr. L. Drake, who referred to the welcome accorded to the Society by the St. Chad's company and said special thanks were due to them for accepting the meeting at short notice and providing a splendid tea. Mr. S. Keighley seconded.

Mr. A. Johnson acknowledged the thanks and said his colleagues were always pleased to welcome the Society and he was sorry their Vicar and secretary were both unable to be present.

The annual nomination meeting will be held at Bramley on March 29th.

A WEEK-END IN THE WEST COUNTRY

Over the week-end of February 22nd-23rd a party of eight keen ringers from Bognor, Chichester, Portsmouth and Winchester spent a very enjoyable ringing week-end in Somerset and Dorset. The Bognor and Chichester members set out at the unearthly hour of 5.30 a.m.

A search for a breakfast at Frome proved fruitless (!) and after a snack in a cafe at Shepton Mallet the first tower, Mark, was reached half an hour late. The good-toned octave (tenor 19 cwt.) was soon set going and a good peal of Double Norwich came round in six minutes over three hours. Having been congratulated by the local band, who were assembling to ring for a wedding, we went on to Burnham-on-Sea for more refreshments.

For various reasons, the afternoon peal attempt at Burnham was abandoned and after a few short touches on the eight (tenor 22 cwt.) in this leaning tower we went to Brent Knoll, across the marshes. Here we found the local band in the belfry, after ringing for a wedding, and their captain (many thanks, Mr. Hunt!) readily gave permission for us to ring on the truly magnificent six (tenor 21 cwt.); Cambridge, Plain Bob and Grandsire were rung.

At Axbridge a meeting was in progress and ringing on this grand Taylor six (tenor 19¼ cwt.) was much enjoyed. A phone call to the Vicar of Wedmore gained permission to ring for a short time. The Vicar and the vice-captain of his ringers very kindly met us at their church and some good touches were rung on the grand heavy eight (tenor 30 cwt.). The eight were lowered in peal with the Vicar and the local ringer standing in. After expressing our thanks we set off for our 'digs' at Wells, which proved 'superlative.'

In the morning, after a good breakfast, the party proceeded on foot to the Cathedral to ring for service. Time would not allow us to attempt a quarter peal as had been proposed, but good touches of Stedman Triples were rung on the back eight (tenor 56½ cwt.) of this magnificent ten. During the ringing Geoff Dodds and his wife (on their honeymoon!) arrived in the tower, and with their help a course of Grandsire Caters was brought round. Our thanks are due to the Wells ringers for allowing us the use of these fine bells.

Repairs to the wagon being complete, the party left for hom. A café proprietor at Shaftesbury was persuaded to provide a meal (although his establishment was closed) and after negotiating Zig-Zag Hill (and what a hill!) and passing Sixpenny Handley (!) we reached Cranborne at 2.30. A good peal of Stedman Triples on this fine new Taylor octave (tenor 17 cwt.) came round just in time for evensong, with three minutes to spare! After refreshments in a local café we continued on via Fordingbridge and Romsey, reaching Winchester at 9 p.m.; one slight incident en route was not unconnected with an empty petrol tank! All agreed that it had been a grand week-end. Thanks are especially due to Norman Smith, who made the arrangements, to John Meade, the long-suffering driver, and to Fred Burnett and John Hunt, who called the peals. P. N. B.

NORWICH DIOCESAN

Western Branch

A well-attended meeting of the Western Branch of the Norwich Association took place at Gaywood on February 23rd. Including friends from the adjoining Ely Association Branch, some 40 ringers were present, among them a good many ladies. Divine service was conducted by the Rector, who extended a warm welcome.

One new member was elected, a lad aged 13, who had rung his first 720 a day or two previously. Should he reach the same age as the oldest ringer present, 83, he can hope to accomplish a good deal The six bells were kept going to a wide variety of methods.

IN MEMORIAM QUARTER PEALS TO KING GEORGE VI.

BECKFORD, WORCS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (360 St. Dunstan's, 420 Grandsire, 360 April Day, 120 Plain Bob): F. Trotman 1, E. T. Newbury (cond.) 2, Mrs. W. J. Newbury 3, A. Pulley 4, K. Pratt 5, C. Diston 6. First quarter for 3, 5 and 6.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ann Miles 1, Florrie Wyman 2, Nan Ickeringill (first 'inside') 3, M. Jennings (first quarter) 4, Audrey Trott 5, G. Jennings 6, L. Stilwell (cond.) 7, W. Slaughter 8.

CHINNOR, OXON.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Aubrey Seymour (cond.) 1, W. J. Clarke 2, A. Strathdee 3, M. J. Clarke 4, P. Harmon 5, T. Wallington 6. Rung half-muffled.

GRESFORD, DENBIGHSHIRE.—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Tilston 1, Norah M. Bibby 2, W. Roberts 3, R. Williams (first quarter) 4, T. R. Griffiths 5, G. H. Randles (cond.) 6, P. Swindley 7, R. Jarvis 8. Rung fully-muffled.

NETHERSEAL, DERBYS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. S. Scattergood 1, W. F. Woodward 2, F. Sharpe 3, A. Yates 4, W. G. Hair (cond.) 5, H. Hillman 6. Rung half-muffled.

PENWORTHAM, PRESTON, LANCS.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,280 Kent Treble Major: J. Blackburn 1, C. Crosthwaite (cond.) 2, R. Price 3, E. Baldwin 4, F. Howarth 5, I. Jones 6, L. Walmsley 7, F. Stead 8.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Feb. 15th, at St. Mary's, Portsea, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Duguid 1, Miss J. Coates 2, Miss C. Burbidge 3, J. H. Harding (first quarter) 4, S. E. Cook 5, S. J. Harding 6, F. W. Rogers (cond.) 7, H. T. Macey 8. Rung half-muffled.

RADLEY, BERKS.—On Feb. 10th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Webb (first quarter away from tenor) 1, Hilary Eason 2, Elizabeth Llewellyn-Jones 3, Ruth Paton (cond.) 4, Janet Eason 5, Rev. J. V. Pixell 6. Rung half-muffled.

RANDWICK, SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA.—On Feb. 7th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: J. Sloan (first quarter Major) 1, Miss E. M. Sloan 2, Ruth Donnelly 3, I. Cummins 4, E. Fowell (first quarter Major 'inside') 5, R. S. Rowe 6, J. Duncan 7, W. M. Rowe (cond.) 8. Also on Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Duncan 1, Ruth Donnelly 2, Betty Sloan 3, I. Cummins 4, W. M. Rowe (cond.) 5, R. S. Rowe 6, L. Curran 7, R. B. Altass 8. Both rung half-muffled.

RODBOURNE CHENEY, WILTS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Harry 1, Miss B. J. Strange 2, Miss B. M. Strange 3, D. Bounds 4, W. B. Kynaston (cond.) 5, T. I. Holborow 6. Rung half-muffled.

SHRIVENHAM, BERKS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Allen 1, T. Dike 2, M. Collins 3, P. Anger (cond.) 4, Capt. E. F. M. Samson 5, C. Anger 6, E. Gainger 7, P. Anger, sen., 8. Rung fully-muffled.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.—On Feb. 15th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. Bareham 1, C. E. Broyd 2, E. Brown 3, B. W. Pettit 4, S. Dace 5, J. Brett 6, A. Catterwell (cond.) 7, C. J. Barker 8.

SOUTHGATE, MIDDLX.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. N. A. Tomlinson 1, W. J. Bowden 2, Miss M. A. Prockson 3, Miss E. M. Fadden 4, S. G. Peck 5, M. Fensom 6, J. G. Nash (cond.) 7, F. Miller 8. Rung half-muffled.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On Feb 17th, 1,334 Plain Bob Major: Glenys R. Bodycote 1, H. Kilby 2, J. J. Morris (cond.) 3, B. S. Chapman 4, S. Cox 5, G. V. Deacon 6, E. J. Jelley 7, A. E. Bodycote 8. Rung half-muffled.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Feb. 7th, at Christ Church, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss P. Manning 1, Miss H. J. Holloway 2, C. J. Gardner 3, Miss M. J. Skinner 4, Miss M. E. Richards (cond.) 5, E. J. Berry 6, T. Townsend 7, H. W. Bishop 8, W. W. T. Daniell 9, W. A. Bullock 10. Rung half-muffled.

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA.—On Feb. 17th, at St. Mary's R.C. Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. J. McIntosh 1, G. Logan 2, J. Boutland (Cheshire) 3, J. Cummins 4, E. Fowell 5, L. Curran 6, T. Goodyer (cond.) 7, C. Dennehy 8. Rung half-muffled.

SYSTON, LEICS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. A. Brooks 1, A. Mansfield 2, Miss A. Mansfield 3, E. F. Payne 4, B. S. Payne 5, H. Humphreys 6, H. M. Payne 7, C. Sanders 8. Rung half-muffled.

THATCHAM, BERKS.—On Feb. 21st, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles, with 7, 5, 8 covering: R. Hutchins 1, Miss J. Mathews 2, Miss S. Pickett 3, R. Christopher 4, J. Chappell 5, R. W. Rex (cond) 6, D. Cooper 7, A. Brown 8. Rung half-muffled

THURCASTON, LEICS.—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. J. R. Smith 1, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 2, J. Hill 3, J. R. Smith 4, S. Burton 5, E. Morris 6, J. Bramley 7, Miss W. M. Burton 8. Rung half-muffled.

TIRLEY, GLOS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (St. Dunstan's and Grandsire): C. Tustin 1, T. Steward (cond.) 2, W. Barnfield 3, F. Bullock 4, H. S. Ball 5, A. C. Chamberlaine 6. Rung half-muffled.

WALMER, KENT.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Penfold (first quarter) 1, A. C. Rye 2, Miss J. Wells 3, F. R. Hawkins 4, P. J. Rye 5, G. E. Ruck 6, F. A. Rye (cond.) 7, H. E. Axon 8. Rung half-muffled.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Windwood 1, E. R. Rapley 2, J. Smart 3, L. Weller (first of Triples) 4, J. Branch 5, S. A. Paice 6, L. Stilwell (cond.) 7, C. Denyer 8. Rung half-muffled, also in memoriam Mrs. Farebrother, the Vicar's wife.

WELLAND, WORCS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Carter 1, F. Lawrence 2, C. Haylings (cond.) 3, H. Price 4, J. Roberts 5, L. Dovey 6. Rung half-muffled.

WHITWICK, LEICS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (in eight methods with 768 covering): R. Witham 1, J. A. Underwood 2, J. W. Bowley 3, L. Chambers 4, R. Beniston (cond.) 5, J. Colledge 6, H. Garrett 7, J. Howson 8. First touch in 8 methods of Doubles by all. Rung half-muffled.

WISBECH, CAMBS.—On Feb. 17, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. Jarvis 1, Miss M. Longbottom 2, S. Haw 3, Miss M. Whitlock 4, W. Storey 5, Miss W. M. Elliot 6, F. Moyes 7, F. Wigmore (cond.) 8, W. Freeman 9, G. Duffield 10. Rung fully-muffled.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Nunn 1, W. Kerrison 2, R. Darch (cond.) 3, J. Jordan 4, J. Thurlow 5, J. Aldridge 6. Rung half-muffled.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Bob Minor: J. Pell 1, D. Mills 2, Mrs. L. Mills 3, A. Cansdale 4, E. Leggett (cond.) 5, L. Mills 6. First quarter of Minor by 1 and 4. Rung half-muffled.

FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: R. H. Mills 1, A. G. Gasson 2, R. E. Woods 3, R. C. Turner 4, L. Hallett 5, G. S. Joyce (cond.) 6. A farewell to A. G. Gasson on leaving the district after 34 years' service.

FULHAM, LONDON.—On Feb. 23rd, at All Saints' Church, 1,952 Plain Bob Major (composed by G. J. Gammon): R. F. Deal 1, H. Belcher 2, R. Charge 3, K. Mackintosh 4, C. Watts 5, M. V. Chilcott 6, R. Sanders 7, J. Phillips (cond.) 8.

HALESOWEN, WORCS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Greenhall 1, Miss M. Tromans 2, S. D. C. Holloway 3, J. H. Cox (cond.) 4, W. F. Morton 5, H. Shilvock 6, F. E. Haynes 7, B. E. Woodall 8.

LODDON, NORFOLK.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Minor (St. Clement's and Plain Bob): Evelyn Killington (first quarter) 1, J. W. Forder 2, C. Bailey 3, S. Copling 4, G. Walpole 5, H. W. Barrett (cond.) 6.

HALIFAX, YORKS.—On Feb. 9th, at All Souls', 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. F. Bryant 1, H. Brown 2, G. F. Bryant 3, H. J. Fielden 4, R. Beaumont 5, R. E. Moulds 6, C. Sweeney (cond.) 7, V. Bottomley 8. First quarter of Major for 2, 3 and 4.

HARPENDEN, HERTS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Day (cond.) 1, W. Hill 2, A. Dockerill 3, Miss A. Bailey 4, Mrs. L. Coburn 5, L. Coburn 6, R. Newson 7, F. C. Jacklin 8.

HEDDINGTON, WILTS.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Walker (first quarter) 1, Miss B. Hacker 2, Miss R. Maundrell 3, F. Hacker 4, W. Hacker (cond.) 5.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. Shutter 1, Gwendolyn F. Good 2, D. E. Latchford 3, A. V. Good 4, F. E. Tompkins 5, L. S. Baines 6, E. J. Upton 7, W. Ayre (cond.) 8. First quarter of Major for 1 and 2. First quarter on the bells since rehanging. Rung for the wedding of Miss Joyce Lewis and Mr. Geoffrey Dodds.

HOLFORD, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Lancaster 1, R. Short 2, Preb. A. J. Hook (first quarter) 3, C. Clarke 4, F. Sweet (cond.) 5. First quarter on the bells. A 75th birthday compliment to Preb. A. J. Hook.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLX.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,440 Spliced Surprise Royal (being 640 each of Yorkshire and Cambridge and 160 Pudsey with 11 changes of method): P. J. Hutchings (first quarter Royal) 1, Miss R. J. Pett 2, C. T. Richards 3, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 4, Mrs. K. F. Parr 5, T. E. Davies 6, S. Croft 7, F. D. Bishop 8, A. L. Pearson 9, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 10. First touch of three Spliced Surprise methods by all. A wedding anniversary compliment to the ringer of the 5th.

LEEDS, KENT.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,400 Kent Treble Bob Royal: A. Purdom 1, W. R. Manser 2, V. Jarrett 3, J. Lyddiard 4, T. Cross 5, P. Spice 6, G. F. Cantrill 7, C. E. J. Norris 8, B. F. Baker 9, W. A. J. Knight (cond.) 10. First quarter of Royal by 2, 3, 5 and 7. Rung for the Accession of H.M. Queen Elizabeth, and a birthday compliment to the conductor.

LYMINGE, KENT.—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. J. Martin 1, G. Webb 2, R. J. Birch 3, C. A. Wratten 4, G. F. Gray 5, J. B. Sansom (cond.) 6, E. J. Walker 7, J. Chittenden 8. First of Triples for 1 and 5. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. Webb, of the local band, and to Mr. A. G. Wratten, father of the fourth ringer.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Feb. 17th, 1,280 Lyme Surprise Major: H. G. Keeley 1, N. Mallett 2, G. S. Morris (cond.) 3, Mrs. C. W. Powell 4, Canon C. C. Cox 5, R. Keeley 6, G. H. Whitemore 7, C. W. Powell 8. Rung in honour of H.M. Queen Elizabeth's Accession.

MARTOCK, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. H. Poole 1, E. Atyeo 2, F. Strickland 3, F. Farrant (cond.) 4, A. Dyer 5, R. Selway 6, A. Atyeo 7, R. Boyce (first quarter) 8. Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Boyce, ringers at this church.

MITCHAM, SURREY.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. J. Uden 1, H. Allen 2, S. Howard 3, J. Tomsitt 4, P. Allen (cond.) 5, E. Eversleigh 6. Rung half-muffled to the memory of Mr. T. Miller.

NAZEING, ESSEX.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob, 660 Grandsire): Miss D. Mansfield 1, K. C. S. Wood 2, A. A. Livings 3, B. G. Burton 4, C. W. Sams 5, F. Wright 6. In memoriam Dr. J. E. B. Wells, buried that day.

SANDHURST, BERKS.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss S. Revell (first quarter of Minor, aged 13) 1, L. Paice 2, J. A. Parker 3, C. W. Barlow 4, C. Fennell 5, W. J. Parker (cond.) 6.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Mary Fuller 1, A. S. Richards 2, M. Fuller 3, R. Bird (cond) 4, J. Cannell 5, Anne Holmes 6. First quarter of Stedman Doubles on the bells and for all the band.

WHITBY, YORKS.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. R. Waller 1, A. V. Coates 2, A. Hunter 3, W. A. Breckon 4, H. Short 5, G. W. White 6, S. R. Elwick (cond.) 7, J. Hodgson 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Percy Shaw Jeffrey, who kindly defrayed the cost of the newly-restored ten bells.

AMERSHAM, BUCKS.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. Edwards 1, Miss D. Fletcher 2, C. J. Chalwin 3, M. Hatchett 4, J. Townsend 5, W. E. Redrup (cond.) 6. Rung for the marriage of Jean, daughter of E. C. Ayres, a local ringer, to P. J. Goodman.

ASH, CANTERBURY.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Willis (first quarter) 1, A. Gambrill 2, W. C. E. Goldup 3, W. Payne 4, E. J. Wells (cond.) 5, A. Kemp 6. Rung for the Accession of Queen Elizabeth II.

ASH, SURREY.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. S. Sherwood (first quarter) 1, Mrs. Pepler 2, P. Sherwood 3, F. Ellis 4, T. Denver 5, E. Pepler (cond., first quarter in method) 6. Rung in honour of the Accession of Queen Elizabeth II.

BOSTON, LINCS.—On Feb. 18th, at St. Botolph's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Nancie Swann 1, A. Freeston 2, S. Jessop (cond.) 3, R. Brown 4, F. Dewey 5, F. Leggott 6, W. E. Clarke 7, J. Petch 8. Rung half-muffled for Mr. James Tilling, chorister, sidesman and church councillor.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At St. Peter's, on Feb. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. C. Hart 1, A. W. Gravett (cond.) 2, Miss B. Stephenson 3, F. Bennett 4, H. W. Woolven 5, R. Beale 6, A. W. Bond 7, C. Riddleston (first quarter) 8.

CANNOCK, STAFFS.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Barker 1, W. Benton 2, E. Barker 3, A. Armstrong 4, G. Bradbury (cond.) 5, J. Williams 6. First quarter for 1 and 6. Rung on back six.

CROSCOMBE, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Hull 1, W. Gulley 2, G. Willmott 3, R. Green 4, H. Smith (cond.) 5, W. Dunkerton 6.

DERBY.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Feb. 25th, 1,248 Pudsey Surprise Major: S. Walklate 1, Miss K. Tivey 2, H. Taylor 3, G. Freebrey (cond.) 4, A. E. Thompson 5, F. R. Lowe 6, P. H. Whitaker 7, M. J. Barker 8. Rung by a resident band, and longest length in method by all.

DITCHEAT, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Harris 1, Miss W. Scutts 2, W. Higdon 3, S. Atwell 4, P. Hull 5, T. Tucker 6, H. Smith (first quarter as cond.) 7, E. Lambert 8.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. White 1, Pamela Webb 2, J. Gordon 3, M. Bishop 4, A. Woodley 5, G. Bishop 6, A. H. Webb (cond.) 7, J. C. Napper 8.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.—On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. A. Leigh 1, E. C. Leigh 2, C. Rodgers 3, B. V. Collison 4, B. W. Pankhurst 5, E. J. Jenner 6, E. J. Ladd (cond.) 7, D. Leigh 8. First quarter 1 and 8.

OBITUARY

MR. WILLIAM CHAPMAN

The many friends of Mr. William Chapman, a member of the band of the Parish Church (St. Editha), Tamworth, will be sorry to learn that he passed away on March 1st at the age of 82 years.

He was a member of the Archdeaconry of Stafford Society of Change Ringers for the long period of 63 years, and a very keen ringer, particularly so regarding Sunday service ringing.

The remaining members would like to place on record their appreciation of all the willing help he gave during his active ringing life. He was quite proud, and we with him, that he had been privileged to ring the treble at the commencement of 56 New Years. Unfortunately, his health compelled him to retire about seven years ago, and his assistance had been much missed by the St. Editha's band as a whole. It can be said of him that he was interested to the last.

MR. J. R. HAYMAN

With regret we record the death of Mr. John Robert Hayman of Lympstone, Devon, in his 71st year, after a long illness.

Until his last illness, Mr. Hayman had been a regular Sunday service ringer at Withycombe Raleigh since he commenced to ring in 1900. During this time he rang 60 peals, 58 of which were Grandsire Triples and the other two Stedman Triples. Of the 58 of Grandsire he conducted 32, and among his 'firsts' there appears that of Holt's Original by resident members of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, and in 1908 the first peal on the 'Stafford' or minor eight at Exeter Cathedral.

The funeral took place at Lympstone Parish Church on February 29th and immediately after the interment a touch of Doubles on the half-muffled bells was rung by his fellow-ringers.

In the evening a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung half-muffled at Withycombe Raleigh by members of the local band.

C. C. D.

MR. S. J. HECTOR

An Appreciation

As one of the younger generation, may I add my humble tribute to the life of Samuel J. Hector, whose passing has deprived the Exercise of a great and good ringer.

It was with some temerity that I first entered Trowbridge tower six short years ago, temerity which was immediately dispelled by Sam's open-hearted welcome and the prompt invitation to have a ring. In a very short time I knew why this grand old gentleman was so loved and well-respected in many towers throughout the country.

A stickler for the best possible standard of ringing, Sam readily appreciated the difficulties confronting a learner and would do his best to help him on his way. The prospect of a young ringer making good delighted him and Sam was always anxious that one should go as far as possible in ringing. When, in 1950, the youngest band ever to ring a peal on twelve bells assembled in Trowbridge tower, nobody took more interest than he did, and nobody was more pleased when the peal was successfully rung on the bells he loved so well.

His peal total of 256 represented much hard work in the area and many of his peals were notable ones. Whether Doubles or Maximus the ringing had to be up to standard and Sam never hesitated to give praise where due and a kindly word of advice when necessary.

As a ringer, as a church worker, as a grand companion, Sam set a fine example, an example which the older ringers may respectfully admire, and one which the younger ones would do well to emulate.

R. O. FRY.

MR. PHILIP H. PIERCE

The death of Mr. Philip H. Pierce, of Brabourne, Kent, took place on February 4th at the age of 86. At his funeral on February 9th at St. Mary's, Brabourne, the bells were rung half-muffled, both before and after the interment, in various methods, but especially in his favourite Stedman. Ringers attended from Ashford, Hythe, Willesborough, Elham, Stowting and Folkestone, with the local band.

Many parishioners were present and the Vicar paid a fitting tribute to the steadfast character of one who for years was a ringer, choirman and member of the Parochial Church Council.

To the younger generation of ringers in East Kent, Phil Pierce is just an oft-recurrent name on peal boards. Older ringers, especially in the Canterbury District, will remember Phil as a very vigorous, forceful, and at times outspoken personality in the 1890's and early 1900's.

He learned to ring at St. Alphege's, Canterbury, about 1887, and later became a member of the Cathedral company. He rang his first peal in 1892 and by 1915 had scored 85, mostly of Stedman, and almost always at the heavy end. No bad-going bell ever daunted him and his perfect striking, even under adverse conditions, was an example to many a learner. During one week in September, 1907, he rang a peal of Stedman Triples every day, Pitstow's Variation, with W. H. Fussell on the treble and the Rev. F. E. Robinson conducting from the seventh. Removal to Brabourne curtailed his ringing activities but from 1930 until a few years ago he was captain of the local band. His eyesight failed with increasing years but even when almost totally blind he found much pleasure in attending Kent Association meetings.

The passing of P. H. P. leaves another gap in the diminishing group of old stalwarts who did so much to build up the Kent County Association in the past.

His peals:—Grandsire Triples 13 (conducted 2), Stedman Triples 50 (18), Stedman Caters 9, Double Norwich Court Bob Major 2, Kent Treble Bob Major 9 (4), Kent Treble Bob Royal 1, Oxford Treble Bob Major 1, Plain Bob Minor 1; total 86 (24).

MR. S. CADWALLENDER

It is with regret we announce the death of Mr. Sam Cadwallender, of Church Road, Rainford, Lancashire, at the age of 70 years.

He was a member of All Saints' tower, Rainsford, since the bells were installed, and for a number of years he had been leader of the local band.

The funeral took place on Monday, March 3rd, and in the evening the 'whole pull and stand' was rung followed by a quarter peal of Grandsire with the bells half-muffled. The ringers were:—E. Saunders 1, W. Bagley 2, A. Wallace 3, C. Blackburn (conductor) 4, W. O. Farrimond 5, H. Grundey 6, H. Blackburn 7, T. Singleton 8.

W. F.

QUARTER PEALS

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—At St. Peter's, on Feb. 23rd, 1,256 Little Bob Major: Mrs. L. Mills 1, J. H. Edwards 3, E. J. Butler 3, A. Cansdale 4, L. D. Mills 5, R. Duesbury 6, G. W. Moss 7, H. J. Miffatt (cond.) 8. First in method by 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Canon R. B. Bertin, a former Vicar.

RADLEY, BERKS.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Elizabeth Llewellyn-Jones 1, Marie R. Cross (cond.) 2, Janet Eason 3, Ruth Paton 4, Hilary Eason 5, Rev. J. V. Pixell 6. First quarter peal in method by all the band. Rung for the christening of the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Porter, of Oxford, and for the birthday of the ringer of the third.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. M. M. Osborne 1, Mrs. J. C. Northan 2, Miss S. Booth 3, H. F. Perry 4, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 5, A. T. Langstone 6. Rung fully-muffled in memory of Mr. A. Underwood, a member of the local band.

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DEATH

CHAPMAN.—On March 1st, 1952, at Tamworth, Staffs, William Chapman, aged 82 years. Much missed by St. Editha's, Tamworth, band. 419

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—The next meeting will be held on March 15th at the Bell Foundry, 3 p.m. St. Margaret's, Barking, afterwards.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 404

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, All Saints', Tilney, Saturday, March 15th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. E. Fox, Dis. Sec. 394

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District. —Meeting previously arranged at St. Neots for March 15th is **cancelled.** Bells not available.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 428

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District. — Combined practice at Farnborough (6) on Saturday, March 15th, 6—9 p.m.—G. S. Joyce, Dis. Sec. 373

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, March 15th, Sedlescombe (6) 3 p.m. Tea. 376

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Annual Henry Johnson Dinner, March 15th. Ringing arrangements: St. Chad's R.C. Cathedral (8) 1 p.m.; Bishop Ryder's (8) 2 p.m.; St. Martin's (12) 2.30 p.m.; Aston (12) 3.30 p.m.; Cathedral (12) 4.15 p.m. 364

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—Joint meeting with Beverley and District Society at Hull on Saturday, March 15th. Bells: Holy Trinity (10) after meeting till 9 o'clock; St. Mary's, Lowgate, 2 to 4 o'clock. Service in Holy Trinity Church at 4.15. Tea (3s. 6d.) in Choir School, near Holy Trinity Church, 5 p.m.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 381

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Axbridge Branch.—Practice meeting, Loxton, Saturday, March 22nd, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.—E. J. Avery, Hon. Local Sec. 427

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—Meeting at Daresbury, March 22nd. If requiring tea, please advise, by the 18th, H. Worrall, 5, Causeway Avenue, Warrington.—John E. Ashcroft, Hon. Sec. 423

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Meeting, Birkenhead St. Mary's (6), March 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea provided for those notifying me by 18th.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 442

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Coventry and Rugby District.—Meeting at St. Andrew's, Rugby, March 22nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at local cafes. Ringing at Newbold-on-Avon 6 to 8 p.m.—F. E. Pervin. 434

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Derby and Ilkeston joint monthly meeting on March 22nd at Duffield. Bells available at 3.30. Own tea arrangements. 445

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District. — Meeting, Hemingford Abbots (6), Saturday, March 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Cups of tea available.—H. S. Peacock. Dis. Sec. 429

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. —Meeting at Kelvedon, March 22nd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Names, if possible, to J. Elliott, 28, Easterford Road, Kelvedon. 398

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Eastern Division.—The new treble bell at Sandon will be dedicated on Saturday, March 22nd, 3 p.m. Bells available for ringing after service. Those requiring tea notify A. Everett, The Chase, Boreham. 432

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Meeting at Longstone (6) on Saturday, March 22nd at 3 p.m. Cafe close by; own tea arrangements. All are welcome. — D. S. Gregory. 412

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Meeting, Stonehouse (6 bells), Saturday, March 22nd 3. Service 4.30. Tea afterwards. Names for tea March 19th, Mr. S. Price, 1, Bridge Cottage, Gloucester Road Stonehouse, Glos. 426

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch—Meeting, Yate (6), March 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5. Notify for tea, by March 18th, Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 424

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Offley, Saturday, March 22nd, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special method: Double Oxford.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec., 13, The Rise, Baldock. 416

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Deal, Saturday, March 22nd. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at 2s. per head. Names for tea, with cash, please, not later than Wednesday, March 19th, to Mr. H. Ansell, 31, St. Leonards Road, Deal.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec. 391

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District. — Meeting, Medbourne, Saturday, March 22nd, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, Horse and Trumpet. Names for tea by March 19th.—L. W. Allen, High Street, Great Glenn. 425

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Rearranged annual meeting, Grantham (10), March 22nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at the Talbot Cafe, Market Place. Names for tea to Mr. R. Woods, 14, Cowes Road, Grantham.—B. H. Dalton, Hon. Sec. 395

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—East Norfolk Branch. — Annual meeting at Acle, Saturday, Saturday, March 22nd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, Church Rooms. All names in by March 19th to J. Harwood, Sec., 189, Palgrave Road, Great Yarmouth. 378

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Meeting, Sandford St. Martin (6), Saturday, March 22nd. Service 4. Tea.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Oxon. 387

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Meeting, Clewer (6), Saturday, March 22nd, 3 p.m. Names for tea by March 17th.—Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 422

SALISBURY GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Wareham, March 22nd. Ringing from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea for those who notify, by March 19th, J. Davis, 109, Wimborne Road, Poole. 440

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. —Practice meeting, East Hoathly (6), Saturday, March 22nd. Names for tea, by 20th, to P. H. Rollison, Div. Sec., 313, Victoria Drive, Eastbourne 439

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Winchester District. — Practice meeting, Sparsholt, Saturday, March 22nd. Bells (5) 3 p.m. (not 2). Service 4.15. Tea 5 at Woodman Inn. After tea, Erin and Carter's practice. Names, by previous Monday, to Miss B. Edmonds, 32, Christchurch Road, Winchester. 420

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Powick, Sat., March 22nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea, by Tuesday, March 18th, to G. J. Lewis, Wychefields, Powick, Worcester. 437

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — The clock installed in Canterbury Cathedral, to the memory of the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, will be dedicated by the Dean of Canterbury following Evensong on Saturday, March 29th, approximately 4 p.m. Bells will be available after service and during evening. No tea arranged; plenty of tea shops.—B. J. Luck. 430

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Meeting, Charing (6). Saturday, March 29th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 435

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Annual meeting at Boston, Saturday, March 29th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea at 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to me by Monday, March 24th.—W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston, Lincs. 438

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, March 29th, at Potterspury. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, by March 22nd, to W. Yates, Welsh Lane, Boycott, Buckingham. 411

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Pitsford, March 29th. **Tea must definitely be booked by March 24th.** 2s. each.—E. Nobles, Hon. Branch Sec., 48, Millway, Duston, Northants. 436

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting, Tamworth, March 29th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea not later than Monday, March 24th.—Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourn. 421

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at Freckenham, March 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—D. M. Reeve. 443

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Finchley being unavailable, quarterly meeting will be held at Bishopsgate, April 5th. Further particulars later.—K. Matthews, Hon. Sec. 444

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting, Ashford, Easter Monday. Usual arrangements. Full particulars later.—G. H. Spice, Hon. Sec. 433

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Annual meeting at Ipswich, Easter Monday. Four towers from 9.30 a.m. Service, St. Lawrence's, 12 noon. Lunch 12.45 (opposite), 4s. each for the first 40 who apply to Cecil W. Pipe, Grundisburgh. 431

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Preliminary Notice.—The annual meeting arranged to take place in Coventry on April 19th has been postponed to April 26th.—D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec. 396

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—Annual meeting, Saturday, April 26th, at Christ Church, Bacup. Teas 3s. per head; application, together with money, before April 22nd, to Mr. A. Mills, 1, Stanley Mount, Lane Head, Bacup. 414

NORWICH ASSOCIATION. — Informal Dinner Mardle, Open to all Norfolk and Suffolk Branches. Wednesday, April 30th, 7.30 p.m., Swan Hotel, East Harling. Handbells after. Tickets 7s. 6d. Names, please, to Dr. Paul Jonason, East Harling, Norwich. 875

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For sending a letter to Joseph Hatch			6
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SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Boreham 1, E. Ambrose 2, W. Scott 3, T. Bird (cord.) 4, A. Fitch 5, L. Johnson 6, A. Haynes 7, F. Bower 8.

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CONDUCTING STEDMAN

ALTHOUGH there are in existence complicated touches and peals of Stedman of various types, the conductor of average ability is normally content with those that follow the customary pattern, apart from a few different lengths that he may know by heart. In Triples, Thurstans' Four-part or one of its variations is by far the most popular peal; while in Caters and Cinques peals with the first part in the Tittums and the second part in the Hand-stroke, with the seconds and fifths place bells fixed in addition to the back bells, far outnumber the rest.

An excellent analysis of Thurstans' Four-part with some valuable hints on its calling can be found in Mr. Trollope's 'Stedman.' A simple formula that can be very helpful is this: Rounds and Rounds Reversed, Queen's and Queen's Reversed; or, if we are calling Heywood's, Queen's and Queen's Reversed, Rounds Reversed and Rounds. This gives a ready reminder of the order of the 'part' bells and of the cyclical changes that come up a whole pull before the part-end. The Queen's changes (13524, 35241, etc.) and Queen's Reversed (42531, 53142, etc.) occur in the half-peal between the singles, the Rounds (12345, 23451, etc.) and Rounds Reversed (54321, 43215, etc.) in the other half. Furthermore, the Queen's changes occur between the extra bobs at 7/8, and the Rounds Reversed changes between the omits.

Thus in Heywood's Variation the single puts us into the Queen's Reversed position, and since our initial sixths place bell is the 5th we know that the next will be the 3rd and that the previous part bell would have been the 2nd. This knowledge will make it easy for us to remember the bells dodging behind at the various calling positions, e.g., 2 and 6 at the 4-bob set, 2 and 5 at 12/13, etc.; we also know that our cyclical part-end will be 31425. The second part-end should be 14253, but the calling of the extras puts us into the Queen's section with the 4th as the part bell so that the cyclical part-end is 13524, followed by 35241, 52413, 24135, 41352. Then the second extras put us back into Queen's Reversed and we have the part-end previously postponed, 14253, followed by 42531, 25314, 53142. The second single restores the Rounds position, but as the omits immediately follow we go into the Rounds Reversed section starting with 54321, followed by 43215, 32154, 21543 and 15432. Then the second omits restore the Rounds position and we end with the familiar quarter peal commencing with 23451 and finishing with 12345.

The easiest peals of Caters and Cinques are those with the treble in seconds place and the fifth or the sixth in fifths place and their calling should present little difficulty after a few touches constructed on the same plan. As most Stedman ringers know, all that it is necessary to learn is the order of the trebles place bells, a starting course and a turning course. Then the following formula or some slight variation of it will produce a peal containing all or most of the best courses (cf. Carter's Broadsheet). In a 'half-and-half' peal call a starting course putting the sixth into fifths place then a block of eleven courses with bobs at 16 plus bobs at 5 when needed to change the trebles place bell; call a single and repeat; then call a turning course, which need contain but two or three calls, and then repeat the first half-peal.

If, as many conductors do, we prefer a peal of Caters with two-thirds in the Tittums it is usual to start with the fifth at home during the first part, which will then contain the course-ends with 5 and 6 at home. Next the sixth is made trebles place bell by an appropriate bob at 5 and is then shifted into fifths place by a bob at 4 (which it makes) in the next course or the one after. Then we ring the Tittums portion again with the 65 course ends, call a turning course and then, we might almost say, 'rounds as usual.'

Orthodox peals of Cinques are, if anything, even easier to call since we do not need to have the fifth in trebles place so much, while with two thirds in the Tittums we do not need it there at all. In fact, in the latter case the fifth or sixth becomes a 'half-hunt' bell when not in fifths place being alternately fourths and sixths place bell at the course-end, and makes the bob at all the calls at 6 after dodging with the fifths place bell. So after the starting course all we have to do is to call a bob at every 19 and a bob at 6 every other course when we see the sixth in position to make it. At this point also the new trebles place will be seen dodging down in 11/10 with the old one. After 2, 3 and 4 have all been trebles place for 2 courses each we call a single instead of a bob at 6 and repeat. We then allow the sixth to become thirds place bell with an extra 19, put it into trebles place with a bob at 6 in the next course and then into fifths with a bob at 5. Then the twelve courses with calls at 6 in alternate ones are repeated producing the 65 Tittums course-ends; a turning course follows, very often the simple one with a bob at 2 and singles at 13 and 15; and finally a block of courses in the Hand-stroke on the same simple plan.

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An experienced conductor will naturally transpose the course-ends as he proceeds and will be able to tell at almost every six whether all is well. For instance, he will know in the Tittums that in the ninth six when the tenth is coming out slow the trebles and fifths place bells will be dodging in 4/5, the treble itself with the eleventh in 8/9. Or again two sixes later when 11 and 8 are behind the treble will be in 4/5 with the trebles place bell and 9 and 10 together in 6/7 as the seventh comes out slow. Such familiarity with the positions of the fixed bells at various points in the course will enable a trip to be quickly righted while the greatest danger to any peal of Stedman, that someone will force his way to the front in the wrong way and 'swop' the sixes, may be averted.

More ambitious conductors may choose with four, eight or even more turning courses, or with the seconds place and fifths place bells frequently changed (by calls at 5 and 18). But they will find that some of the beauty of the music will be lost, although there may be an increase in the 'interest' of the ringing. Certainly peals of the type outlined above should satisfy the average conductor and all but the most expert of bands. F. E. H.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Feb. 28, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 25 cwt.

HAROLD J. POOLE	*Treble*	S. ANTHONY JESSON	7
*RONALD H. DOVE	2	HARRY G. WAYNE	8
MRS. H. J. POOLE	3	JOHN HILL	9
†BRIAN AUSTIN	4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	10
MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH	5	LEONARD TREVOR	11
PETER J. STANIFORTH	6	JOHN R. SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal of Surprise Maximus. † First peal on twelve bells. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. L. Trevor on the birth of a son.

TEN BELL PEALS

BANBURY, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.

*J. B. GUY	*Treble*	†§R. G. TURNER	6
MISS K. HIGGINS	2	P. PRESTON	7
*†O. M. SLANEY	3	M. E. H. BARROW	8
†‡MISS D. M. PANTING	4	F. P. WRIGHT	9
†‡MISS S. M. BROWN	5	P. BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. HALEY. Conducted by J. B. GUY.
* First peal on ten tower bells and of Stedman Caters. † First peal of Stedman. ‡ First peal on ten bells. § First peal on tower bells. First peal on ten bells and of Stedman as conductor. First peal of Stedman Caters on tower bells rung for the Society by a resident band.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5151 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 19 cwt. in D.

HOWELL HOWELL	*Treble*	SAMUEL BIRCH	6
J. NORMAN HADLEY	2	*GEOFFREY C. BAGLEY	7
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	8
ERNEST STITCH	4	†MAURICE G. TURNER	9
ALFRED S. BAYLEY	5	WILLIAM DAVIES	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, SEN. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.
* First peal on ten bells. † 150th peal. Rung on the eve of the Ringers' Festival (Holy Trinity).

KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 17½ cwt.

GEORGE E. LARGE	*Treble*	*JOHN J. OLIVER	6
WILLIAM C. DOWDING	2	WM. B. CARTWRIGHT	7
NORMAN J. GOODMAN	3	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	8
*ENID M. ROBERTS	4	SIDNEY T. HOLT	9
*MOLLY P. FLYNN	5	THOMAS HEMMING	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by WM. B. CARTWRIGHT.
* First peal on ten bells.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 18½ cwt.

*RALPH BIRD	*Treble*	FRANK C. MAY	6
*BARBARA A. MITCHELL	2	†JOHN E. CANNELL	7
PHILIP A. SADLER	3	ARTHUR B. WIFFEN	8
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	4	GERALD FROST	9
†MICHAEL FULLER	5	FRANK B. LUFKIN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by JOHN E. CANNELL.
* First peal of Treble Bob Royal. † First peal on ten bells. First peal as conductor.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(The St. Peter's Society.)
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 23 cwt.

*MARTIN WEBB	*Treble*	BERTRAM C. JOHNSON	6
AUDREY M. BAILEY	2	FREDK. J. SPICER	7
CHARLES F. SAYER	3	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM	8
HERBERT G. MASON	4	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM	9
HAROLD V. FROST	5	WILLIAM J SOUTHAM	*Tenor*

Composed by R. F. DEAL. Conducted by THOMAS J. SOUTHAM.
* First peal. First peal in the method as conductor.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in D.

WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT	*Treble*	FRANK A. PENN	6
WALTER H. TRUEMAN	2	ROGER O. FRY	7
GILBERT H. HARDING	3	THOMAS F. KING	8
W. BERTRAM KYNASTON	4	JOSEPH T. DYKE	9
GEORGE J. HAWKINS	5	WILLIAM R. BAXTER	*Tenor*

Composed by E. GUISE. Conducted by GILBERT H. HARDING.
Rung half-muffled. In memoriam Samuel J. Hector.

CHESTER.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 1, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST AND THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 29 cwt.

JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	*Treble*	GEORGE H. RANDLES	6
NORAH M. BIBBY	2	HARRY PYE	7
*ROGER B. MORRIS	3	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	8
GEORGE F. SPERRING	4	PERCY SWINDLEY	9
JOHN W. BEST	5	R. GORDON CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by M. J. MORRIS (37). Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
* First peal on ten bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Feb. 21, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5056 LEICESTERSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER	*Treble*	THOMAS H. FRANCIS	5
ANNE B. STOCKDALE	2	ALICK CUTLER	6
THOMAS J. LOCK	3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	7
LEONARD H. BOWLER	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS	*Tenor*

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED. Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.
First peal in the method by all the band and by the Association.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 10 lb. in A.

GEORGE E. FEARN	*Treble*	BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	5
MURIEL REAY	2	HENRY H. FEARN	6
BRIAN G. WARWICK	3	J. MARTIN THORLEY	7
*ANTHONY AGER	4	JOHN HILL	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL OF ST. CHAD.
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in F.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Treble*	TERRY R. HAMPTON	5
FRANK E. HAYNES	2	JOHN PINFOLD	6
HENRY H. FEARN	3	JOHN HILL	7
J. MARTIN THORLEY	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

EDGAR R. RAPLEY	*Treble*	*BERNARD G. MOORE	5
JAMES H. LILLEY	2	JAMES W. JEFFERY	6
GEORGE APPS	3	RAYMOND OVERY	7
LEONARD STILWELL	4	WILLIAM T. BEESON	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN HOWES. Conducted by RAYMOND OVERY.
* First peal on eight bells.

DARESBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16¼ cwt.

HENRY PARKER	*Treble*	WILLIAM B. ALLMAN	5
*DOUGLAS KIRKPATRICK	2	*HAROLD WORRALL	6
ERIC HORNBY	3	DENNIS MADDOCK	7
CECIL RADDON	4	HARRY W. HOWARD	*Tenor*

Composed by W. HUDSON. Conducted by HENRY PARKER.
* First peal of Oxford. Birthday compliments to H. W. Howard and Kenneth Parker.

ECCLES, LANCASHIRE.
THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in E flat.

BRIAN HARRIS (Man.)	*Treble*	PHILIP P. CARTER (Man.)	5
*A. R. POCKLINGTON (Not.)	2	ERIC NIXON (Man.)	6
ERIC EDMONDSON (Liv.)	3	W. L. ROBINSON (Man.)	7
PETER E. PARRY (Man.)	4	DEREK OGDEN (Man.)	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by WILFRED L. ROBINSON.
* First peal of Major in the method. Rung to mark the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. G. W. Parkinson, the local tower captain.

KINGSWINFORD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

ARTHUR V. PEARSON	*Treble*	TREVOR REYNOLDS	5
J. DENNIS HOLDEN	2	*GEORGE PAGE	6
RICHARD J. WARRILOW	3	HARRY GRIFFITHS	7
ERIC E. SPEAKE	4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.
* First peal in the method.

MARK, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,
A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt.

PETER N. BOND	*Treble*	NORMAN J. SMITH	5
BLANCHE M. BALL	2	JOHN W. MEADE	6
ERNEST TREAGUS	3	JOHN H. HUNT	7
E. WINIFRED KEYS	4	FREDK. W. BURNETT	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS. Conducted by FREDK. W. BURNETT.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt.

*WM. GEOFFREY HAIR	*Treble*	†BARNABAS G. KEY	5
ERNEST W. BEADSMOORE	2	WALTER G. SOAR	6
SIDNEY H. JONES	3	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	7
JOSEPH WM. COTTON	4	W. HARRY DUNCOMBE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD.
* First Surprise peal. † 250th peal. A wedding compliment to Mr. John Underwood, of the Whitwick band, and Miss Jean Collett, who were married this day.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.
LONDON COUNTY ASSOC. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Variation. Tenor 17½ cwt.

THOMAS H. TAFFENDER	*Treble*	LEONARD W. BULLOCK	5
JAMES BULLOCK	2	JOHN H. LOTT	6
*SHEILA BOOTH	3	JOHN W. WARD	7
EDWIN JENNINGS	4	HARRY F. PERRY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES BULLOCK.
* First peal in the method. Engagement compliment to Sheila. Booth and Leonard Bullock. Also birthday compliment to Miss Lorraine Stella.

SUNDERLAND, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in F.

CHARLES MCGUINESS	*Treble*	KENNETH W. CHEESEMAN	5
KATHLEEN SOFTLEY	2	ERIC N. HARRISON	6
THOMAS W. CROWE	3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	7
MARGARET FIDELL	4	DENIS A. BAYLES	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.
First peal as conductor. First peal on the newly restored bells. A compliment to Miss Joyce Lewis, formerly of Newcastle, on the occasion of her marriage to Mr. Geoffrey Dodds.

SYSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5184 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 26 lb.

TERENCE BOLINGBROKE	*Treble*	JOHN BRAMLEY	5
*F. KEVON THOMPSON	2	†ERNEST F. PAYNE	6
*GEOFFREY J. LOWE	3	†DAVID S. HARRIS	7
†B. STEDMAN PAYNE	4	JOHN E. COOK	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN E. COOK.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Kent Major. First peal of Kent Major as conductor. A birthday compliment to Miss Jean A. Brooks, of this tower, who was unable to stand in through illness.

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THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 19 cwt.

FREDERICK S. SLATFORD	*Treble*	GEORGE W. MASSEY	5
LAWRENCE E. HITCHINS	2	PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING	6
DONALD E. LEE	3	WILLIAM C. WEST	7
GRAHAM R. EYLES	4	SIDNEY G. GRANT	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM C. WEST.

A compliment to Mr. J. Harding, for 54 years a ringer at this church.

CRANBORNE, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Feb. 24, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Washbrook's Transposition. Tenor 17 cwt.

BLANCHE M. BALL	*Treble*	NORMAN J. SMITH	5
JOHN W. MEADE	2	FREDK. W. BURNETT	6
ERNEST TREAGUS	3	JOHN H. HUNT	7
E. WINIFRED KEYS	4	PETER N. BOND	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.

BURGHILL, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Feb. 25, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 10 cwt.

*REGINALD BULLOCK	*Treble*	LESLIE EVANS	5
JOHN BOURNE	2	AUSTIN T. WINGATE	6
WILFRID F. MORETON	3	REGINALD T. JONES	7
FREDERICK R. HARRIS	4	†WILFRED STOKES	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD T. JONES.

* First peal away from the tenor and on eight bells. † First peal. Rung for the Feast of St. Matthias.

DARTFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Feb. 25, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Washbrook's Variation. Tenor 18¾ cwt.

ARTHUR MASON	*Treble*	RALPH BIRD	5
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	2	FREDK. J. CULLUM	6
THOMAS E. TAYLOR	3	GEORGE BUTCHER	7
FRANK WALKER	4	JAMES BENNETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Feb. 25, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

*SAMUEL W. CHAPMAN	*Treble*	JOSEPH W. COTTON	5
ROLAND BENISTON	2	C. WILLIAM HALL	6
*RICHARD E. MANTON	3	ERNEST MORRIS	7
*JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	4	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by ARTHUR E. ROWLEY.

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

A wedding compliment to John A. Underwood.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Feb. 27, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5120 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6½ cwt.

PAUL L. TAYLOR	*Treble*	JOHN E. UNDERWOOD	5
HAROLD J. POOLE	2	ALFRED BALLARD	6
MRS. H. J. POOLE	3	DONALD PRICE	7
ERNEST W. RAWSON	4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by HERRICK B. BOWLEY.

First peal as conductor. A wedding compliment to John E. Underwood and Jean Collett, of Whitwick.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Feb. 28, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 5 lb. in A flat.

HAROLD WALKER	*Treble*	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	5
*HERBERT P. CLIFF	2	KENNETH ARTHUR	6
†WILLIAM E. ROBINSON	3	ERIC N. HARRISON	7
THOMAS W. CROWE	4	DENIS A. BAYLES	*Tenor*

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise. † 50th peal for this Association.

In memoriam Ernest Wallace.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 29, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

PHILIP A. CORBY	*Treble*	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	5
WILLIAM ROGERS	2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	6
THOMAS J. LOCK	3	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	7
FREDERICK J. CULLUM	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LEWIS (C.C.C. 8). Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 29, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,
A PEAL OF 5120 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

CHARLES H. MOORE	*Treble*	GEORGE SAYER	5
STANLEY W. COPLING	2	F. CHARLES GOODMAN	6
CEDRIC CURSON	3	NOLAN GOLDEN	7
ERNEST G. SHORTING	4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

In memoriam Andrew James Corrigan.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 29, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 WEMBLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

*EDWARD LANKESTER	*Treble*	*CHARLES H. KIPPIN	5
*DAVID W. BEARD	2	LEONARD H. BOWLER	6
*ANNE B. STOCKDALE	3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	7
*WILFRED WILLIAMS	4	*FRANK E. DARBY	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

* First peal in the method.

BURFORD, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 1, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRAUNSTONE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb.

DOUGLAS O. WILKS	*Treble*	FRANCIS S. BEAUMONT	5
FREDK. A. H. WILKINS	2	GEORGE F. BURTON	6
HERBERT H. ALEXANDER	3	EDGAR J. SMITH	7
EDMUND E. PEARSON	4	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

The first peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild. Rung for the Feast of St. David.

CHESWARDINE, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Mar. 1, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	*Treble*	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	5
ERNEST STITCH	2	J. NORMAN HADLEY	6
*GEORGE PAGE	3	HOWARD HOWELL	7
†ALFRED C. BOXLEY	4	MAURICE G. TURNER	*Tenor*

Composed by WM. HUDSON. Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method on a working bell.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

WATERINGBURY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Jan. 25, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten extents each of Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, April Day and Grandsire, and one of Morris' 240.
Tenor 8½ cwt. in B flat.

ALBERT KELVIE	*Treble*	DOUGLAS F. DRIVER	4
WILLIAM R. MANSER	2	MAVIS COOMBER	5
TOM SAUNDERS	3	*STAN MARTIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by DOUGLAS F. DRIVER.

* First peal. First peal as conductor and first peal in four Doubles methods by all the band.

KIRK-ELLA, EAST YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in F.

*NORINA BOND	*Treble*	*IAN A. COWPERTHWAITE	4
*VERA G. ALLEN	2	G. RICHARD HESSEY	5
*HARRY B. NICHOLSON	3	*TREVOR PEAT	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. RICHARD HESSEY.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells by local service ringers. Rung half-muffled in memoriam King George VI.

FITTLEWORTH, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Feb. 17, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being four extents of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.
Tenor 7 cwt.

*W. LESLIE WELLER	*Treble*	NORMAN J. SMITH	4
*BLANCHE M. BALL	2	*JOHN W. MEADE	5
*E. WINIFRED KEYS	3	JOHN H. HUNT	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.

* First peal in two methods. Rung half-muffled, in memoriam to Ben Foster, of Coates, for many years a ringer at Fittleworth.

HASLINGDEN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Feb. 21, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor 16 cwt.

GORDON R. WHEWELL	*Treble*	BRIAN H. WOOD	4
JAMES TAYLOR	2	KENNETH HARTLEY	5
A. VICTOR WILLIAMS	3	ROGER LEIGH	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.

Rung fully muffled in memory of the late Mr. J. T. Howarth, churchwarden, and for 30 years headmaster of the parish school.

LOCKING, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Feb. 21, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, ten callings. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb.

GEORGE PRESCOTT	*Treble*	ROY COLEMAN	4
MARJORIE LEGG	2	*DENNIS HAWKINS	5
SAM WHITE	3	*JOHN BAKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by MARJORIE LEGG.

* First peal. The treble ringer has now circled the tower.

STOKE LACY, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 22, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*ROSEMARY JARRETT	*Treble*	FREDERICK R. HARRIS	4
LESLIE EVANS	2	JOHN D. ROCK	5
REV. BERNARD AP IVOR	3	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal on six bells.



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CANNINGTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 19 cwt.

*FREDK. W. SWEET ..	..*Treble*	ARTHUR H. REED	4
*CECIL T. CLARKE	2	*RONALD D. SHORT	5
GORDON WALFORD	3	WILLIAM G. GIGG ..	..*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM G. GIGG.

* First peal in more than one Minor method. First peal of Minor on the bells.

CHARDSTOCK, DEVON.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Rev. E. Bankes James' Arrangement. Tenor 15 cwt.

*HAROLD J. ARSCOTT	..*Treble*	*NORMAN MALLETT	4
ROGER KEELEY	2	HENRY G. KEELEY.. ..	5
*ARTHUR J. SCOTT	3	G. STEDMAN MORRIS	..*Tenor*

Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.

* First peal of Cambridge Minor. Believed to be the first peal of Minor on the bells.

HUMBERSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's differently called. Tenor 19½ cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON	..*Treble*	GEORGE PICKERING	4
ERNEST MORRIS	2	HAROLD L. WYKES	5
J. GEOFFREY GEARY ..	3	ERNEST H. BAGWORTH	..*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

MELDRETH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Thirty extents of Grandsire and twelve of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

*MISS R. GRAY (Newn)..	*Treble*	R. D. EDGE (Queens') ..	4
P. A. F. CHALK (Selwyn)	2	F. E. ROBERTS (Selwyn)..	5
E. W. TAYLOR (Emma) ..	3	W. J. RIDGMAN (Queens')	*Tenor*

Conducted by F. E. ROBERTS.

* First peal. First peal of Doubles by all except conductor.

BRACEBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Feb. 25, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents: Sixteen of Grandsire, ten of Plain Bob, six of St. Simon's, three each of Canterbury Pleasure Reverse, Old Doubles and April Day, and one of Hurdibras. Tenor 9 cwt.

ALBERT SCOTT	..*Treble*	RAYMOND WADE	3
CECIL WADE	2	WILLIAM OLDMAN	4
BERNARD WADE	.. ..	*Tenor*	

Conducted by CECIL WADE.

Rung half-muffled in memory of Rev. R. Towers, Rector of Braceborough since April, 1951.

DOWNHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Feb. 25, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 7¾ cwt. in B flat.

HENRY T. WILSON ..	..*Treble*	ARTHUR J. BRYANT	4
ROBIN N. PITTMAN	2	HERMON J. OLIVER	5
LAWRENCE H. TURNER ..	3	HARRY TURNER	..*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

A diamond wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. A. L. Kirk. Mr. Kirk has been a churchwarden of Downham since 1929, and when residing at Shenfield 40 years ago gave the new tenor to make the present ring of six at that church.

RAVENSTHORPE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Guilsborough Branch.)
On Mon., Feb. 25, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being twelve 120's of Plain Bob and thirty 120's of Grandsire. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

*MICHAEL F. AMOS ..	..*Treble*	*ALBERT COOPER	3
ARTHUR MILLWARD ..	2	STEPHEN J. SUMMERS ..	4
ERNEST G. ORLAND ..	..	*Tenor*	

Conducted by ERNEST G. ORLAND.

* First peal.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Tues., Feb. 26, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 14 extents each of April Day (three callings), Plain Bob (four callings), and Grandsire (ten callings). Tenor 9 cwt. 13 lb.

*DAVID W. BARR ..	..*Treble*	†DENNIS BERESFORD ..	4
*CLIVE M. SMITH	2	†PETER BERESFORD	5
*FRANCIS A. SEDGWICK ..	3	‡BRYAN E. CARSON ..	..*Tenor*

Conducted by DENNIS BERESFORD.

* First peal of Doubles in three methods. † First peal of Doubles in three methods on tower bells. ‡ First peal.

MATHON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Feb. 26, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in ten methods: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Double Oxford and Thelwall, (3) St. Clement's, (4) Fulbeck, (5) Oxford Bob, (6) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, (7) Double and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

*FREDERICK R. HARRIS	..*Treble*	JOHN D. ROCK	4
*C. WILLIAM NUTT	2	LESLIE EVANS	5
*AUSTIN T. WINGATE ..	3	WILFRID F. MORETON	..*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal in ten methods.

COWLEY, OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Feb. 28, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising one extent of Cambridge Surprise and two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 5 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

EDWIN G. MOORE ..	..*Treble*	CHARLES COLES	4
*WALTER F. HOLLOWAY ..	2	EDGAR J. SMITH	5
DOUGLAS O. WILKS ..	3	ALAN R. PINK	..*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal of Minor.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 29, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 ST. CLEMENT'S BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

GORDON R. WHEWELL	..*Treble*	BRIAN H. WOOD	4
KENNETH HARTLEY	2	PETER CROOK	5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ..	3	ROGER LEIGH	..*Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.

First in the method for all and on the bells.

DUNCHURCH, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 29, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of St. Clement's, two extents of Kent Treble Bob and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 18 cwt. 10 lb. in B.

WILLIAM J. VANN ..	..*Treble*	*A. JAMES STUART	4
ERNEST G. ORLAND ..	2	SYDNEY G. OSBORNE ..	5
*MALCOLM J. V. CHOWN..	3	ERNEST MORRIS ..	..*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal of Minor in three methods.

HILPERTON, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 29, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

MRS. W. C. WEST ..	*Treble*	WILLIAM C. WEST	4
LAURENCE E. HITCHINS ..	2	FREDERICK S. SLATFORD ..	5
PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING	3	CHARLES F. ANDREWS ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES F. ANDREWS.

A memorial peal to Mr. S. J. Hector.

LEIGH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 29, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Kent Treble Bob, three extents of Plain Bob and three of Single Oxford. Tenor 9 cwt.

HARRY HARRINGTON	*Treble*	*GORDON D. WHITEHEAD	4
*BERNARD W. PANKHURST	2	*BERNARD V. COLLISON ..	5
LUTHER J. HONESS ..	3	WILLIAM R. MANSER ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM R. MANSER.

* First peal in three methods. A birthday compliment to Miss Randerson and Mr. Caves, also to Mrs. Pankhurst.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Feb. 17, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT SYRRAH, BUCKMINSTER ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5184 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor size 17 in A.

JOHN BRAMLEY	1-2	ALAN CATTELL	5-6
JOHN J. MORRIS	3-4	ERNEST MORRIS	7-8
JOSIAH MORRIS	9-10		

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

A wedding compliment to Gordon A. Olliffe and Jean M. Ward, ringers of St. Margaret's and All Saints', Leicester, respectively.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5184 SPLICED ROYAL

In seven methods, comprising 1,440 Plain Bob; 1,152 Little Bob; 720 each of Reverse and St. Clement's Bob; 432 each of Gainsborough and Wellington Little Bob, and 288 Crayford Little Bob, with 395 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

WILLIAM G. YOUNG	1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN	5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY ..	3-4	ROY C. HURST	7-8
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ..	9-10		

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

The most methods yet rung to a peal of Royal. A compliment to Mr. Arthur G. Janes on his 76th birthday.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Feb. 26, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

ALAN A. POTTS	1-2	JOHN WORTH	5-6
JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	3-4	GERALD FARRER	7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

The conductor's 600th peal.

CLEATHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 29, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT CLEATHAM HOUSE FARM,
A PEAL OF 5004 SPLICED MAJOR

Being 26 methods: Colville, Romsey, Cheltenham, Leamington, Pulford, Avalon, Painswick, Kidlington, Double Oxford, Pershore, Hereward, Double Norwich, St. Clement's, Crayford College, Richmond, New London, Double, Reverse, Plain, Little Oxford, Gainsborough, Wellington, Little Bob, Crayford Little Court, Bastow and Kent Little Court; 352 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. J. BRAY	1-2	JACK BRAY	5-6
GEORGE E. FEIRN	3-4	PHILIP BARNES	7-8

Arranged and Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

At St. Mary's, Southampton, on March 9th for morning service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples was rung non-conducted and silent. No word was spoken. After three whole pulls of rounds the band went into changes and ended with another three whole pulls of rounds

The Editor will be pleased to consider for submission to the Editorial Committee articles of appropriate interest for the front page of 'The Ringing World.'

Miss Doris H. Sheppard, the popular chairman of the Stroud Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, is the first lady member of the Branch to ring 25 peals.

Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay, of Bournemouth, thanks her many ringing friends who have inquired after her well-being since her recent operation.

Mr. Brian G. Warwick writes pointing out that the peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major rung at Birmingham Cathedral on Saturday, February 23rd (see page 166), was on the front eight. The weight of the tenor should, therefore, read 10 cwt. 10 lb. in A.

Mr. P. L. Taylor gave a lecture to the Rotherham Engineering Society on bellfounding on February 29th. Prior to the lecture Mr. Taylor joined in about 40 minutes' ringing at Rotherham Parish Church specially arranged to welcome him. The ringers also attended the lecture, which proved most instructive.

Miss Barbara Hamilton Baynes who, on March 2nd rang her first quarter peal at Edgbaston Old Church, only commenced learning to handle a bell at this church in May, 1951. She is a grand-daughter of the late Bishop Hamiliton Baynes, a former popular Provost of Birmingham Cathedral, and Assistant Bishop of the Diocese. She is to be congratulated on her progress.

Among the footnotes deleted this week was one of 'Last peal of Doubles.' We know that some ringers find Doubles ringing tedious, but an expression of this character at the completion of a peal is not an appropriate footnote. Many have made a mental 'chalk' mark in their memory to such effect, but we have no intention of compiling such a list.

Sapcote, Leics, Sunday service band rang their first peal on the bells on which they were taught to ring, on March 1st.

There was a raw 'deal' at Birmingham on Saturday night when a nightcap of orangeade was brought to a well-known London ringer.

Now that spring is definitely in the air there is talk of taking the high road to Inveraray for another peal attempt—probably in May.

The peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Syston on February 23rd was the first peal in this method on the bells since 1909.

Mr. Michael Freeman, younger son of Mr. J. A. Freeman, Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, is to be ordained at Gainsborough Parish Church on March 23rd.

Mr. James Turner, a ringer at Birmingham Cathedral, is in hospital suffering from pneumonia. At the Henry Johnson dinner, at the request of the Master, the secretary was instructed to convey to him the good wishes of the company for his speedy recovery.

The advice of Mr. Rodney Meadows 'that a hat makes all the difference' we were confidentially told at Birmingham is to be tried next year by a young lady from London who did not receive an invitation for a peal attempt this year. Her first peal, incidentally, was one of London rung with the late Dr. J. C. E. Simpson and other national personalities from the Chester Diocesan Guild.

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64th HENRY JOHNSON COMMEMORATION DINNER

THE ONE SILENT SATURDAY NIGHT IN BIRMINGHAM, SAYS NEW PROVOST — BAD RINGERS AND THEIR GUILDS — FAMOUS RINGER SAT IN BELFRY THREE MONTHS BEFORE ASKED TO RING

THE 'Henry Johnson' commemoration dinner, held last Saturday at the Imperial Hotel, Birmingham, was another of those happy reunions. In many respects it was a brilliant gathering—wit and epigram were intermingled in the speeches, and the Master, Alderman A. Paddon Smith, with his vast lore of Birmingham civic and ringing history to draw on and his genial personality, made an ideal chairman for such a gathering.

The Master was supported by the Very Rev. Michael Clarke (Provost of Birmingham) and Mrs. Clarke, Canon Guy Warman (Vicar of Aston) and Mrs. Warman, the Rev. W. G. Griffin (Vicar of Bishop Ryder's Church), Alderman T. B. Pritchett, Lt.-Col. D. Paddon Smith and Mrs. Paddon Smith, Mr. G. E. Fearn (hon. secretary), and Mrs. Fearn, Mr. E. C. Shepherd (librarian) and Mrs. Shepherd, Mr. G. W. Critchley (Ringing Master), Mr and Mrs. A. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Haynes, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Poole (Leicester), Mr. A. A. Hughes and Mr. J. F. Smallwood.

The visitors included Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Hairs (Reigate), Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Deal (London), Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bibby (Frodsham), Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Newman (Herts), Mr. and Mrs. W. Oatway, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Collins (Croydon), Mr. and Mrs. C. McGuiness (Newcastle), Mr. and Mrs. A. Diserens (Reading), Mr. and Mrs. T. Francis (London), Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Baker (Chester).

Mrs. Richardson (Surfleet), Miss M. Fidell, Miss R. Joyce Pett, Miss A. Diserens, Miss M. Jackson and Miss R. Phillips.

Messrs. P. L. Taylor, H. M. Howard, A. Patrick Cannon, Rodney B. Meadows (Penarth), E. Edmondson (Liverpool), T. J. Southam (St. Albans), F. Dunkerley (Rochdale), J. Worth (Macclesfield), W. Allman (Runcorn), L. W. G. Morris (Bradford), W. T. Elson (London), F. Matthews (London), N. J. Diserens (Reading), H. C. Spencer (Truro), F. Matthews (London), E. Buck and J. E. Dear (Herts), G. E. Large and G. J. Lewis (Worcester), C. Parks (Croydon), C. C. Mayne (Middlesex), H. Walker, J. Davis, R. G. Edwards (Birkenhead), B. Ashford (Stourbridge).

Apologies were received from the Bishop of Birmingham, the Archdeacon of Birmingham, Canon Bryan S. W. Green, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Matthews, Mr. J. A. Freeman, Mr. A. H. Pulling, Mr. and Mrs. K. Croft, Mr. D. T. Matkin, Mr. Tony Cleaver (Bristol), Miss M. E. Cross and Mr. J. Turner.

TAKE TOO MUCH FOR GRANTED

Mr. Harold J. Poole, in proposing the toast of 'Church and State,' said the toast gave ringers an opportunity of reflecting on the duties they owed to both the Church and State. The toast gave them an opportunity of considering the privileges they received at the hands of the Church and those responsible for the governing of the Church. 'We ringers often take a lot for granted: we are given the privilege of ringing for our own entertainment —I was going to say amusement, but I can assure you that many of the peals are far from an amusement—and the toast gives us an opportunity of expressing our very grateful thanks for this privilege.'

Birmingham was very active from a ringing point of view but it could not be without the facilities granted by the Church Authorities. In these days they were apt to value things by what they cost. It might be, as far as ringing was concerned, it had been made too cheap; certainly in regard to ringing the facilities were made cheap—far more cheaply than they should be. Whatever circumstances might be attached to their ringing, whether the bells were rung for their entertainment or the services of the Church, the fact must never be lost sight of that they were rung for the glory of God.

It was essential that the Church and State should go hand in hand and they had seen disastrous results to the State where that had not been the case. In their thoughts to-day was the grievous loss the Church and State had recently experienced by the death of their beloved Monarch, King George VI. They were fortunate in having as their young Queen one who was following the strict path of duty as her illustrious father, and they knew by her upbringing she would carry out those duties to her satisfaction, which would be their satisfaction.

'A SILENT SATURDAY NIGHT'

The Very Rev. Michael Clarke, the new Provost of Birmingham, who replied, said it was a great privilege to be among them on the one silent Saturday night in Birmingham during the year (laughter). The toast of 'Church and State' had been honoured at that dinner for 64 years and it had been honoured for many years before, and it would be interesting to picture how it had been honoured in the City 100 and 200 years ago. In 1750 there were only four churches standing in the confines of the City of Birmingham. He could imagine an irrascible old clergyman then saying that there was no future for the country as they had increased the fares on the stage coach from Birmingham to Lichfield from 9d. to 11d. One hundred years ago there were protests against the new tax—an income tax of 9d. in the £, a thing that all right-minded Englishmen then felt should never have been imposed. In Birmingham the relationship of Church and State had been a happy one and it was their wish that that association would be both a prosperous and happy one.

The chairman announced that he had been informed by the Vicar of Aston that the tombstone to Henry Johnson erected by the ringers of England in Aston Churchyard, was one of the two stones now standing on the south side of the church. It was preserved and left standing by the goodwill of the Vicar, in whose charge were left Henry Johnson's mortal remains which were interred beneath the shadow of the tower where he spent so many happy hours of his life.

The toast 'The memory of the late Henry Johnson' was submitted by Mr. Frank E. Haynes, who said the time was rapidly coming when it would be impossible to find anyone who rang with or knew Henry Johnson in the flesh. Henry Johnson, in one sense, might be looked upon as the founder—not of St. Martin's Guild—but of that function, as it originated as a birthday party given in his honour when he was 70 years old by Sir Arthur Heywood. After his death it was decided to hold that dinner as his memorial on the first Saturday in March, the Saturday nearest his birthday which was February 28th. Unfortunately this year they were not able to keep to that Saturday.

A COLOSSUS

Previous proposers of that toast had referred to Henry Johnson's character, his peal performances and his work as a composer. Henry Johnson was indeed a colossus of the ringing fraternity of their city. Their chairman had mentioned his grave in Aston Churchyard. Three weeks ago he was standing by that stone erected to his memory and he was reminded of a passage from Ruskin when he wrote about the pine trees, making comparisons with them and the oak and elm, whose rounded outlines seemed to be in accordance with the contours of the earth while the pine rose in uprightness and the spirit of independence. It struck him that Henry Johnson was like the pine, a man who was a leader and stood upright.

The toast was drunk in silence; then, at the request of the chairman, Mr. Charles Williams stood up in response to those present who knew Henry Johnson in the flesh. A silent bob course of Stedman Cinques was then rung by C. E. Shepherd 1-2, F. W. Perrens 3-4, A. Walker 5-6, J. F. Smallwood 7-8, F. Pervin 9-10, F. E. Haynes 11-12.

Mr. Fred Dunkerley, secretary of the Lancashire Association, submitted the toast of 'Continued Prosperity to the St. Martin's Guild.' He recalled that the Guild was formed in 1755 and likened it to Guilds of craftsmen on the Continent. He was himself a member of two or three Guilds in Switzerland and there, if a craftsman did not do his job properly, he was brought before a Guild to answer why. It would not be a bad idea in ringing. There were some good ringers, others medium and some bad. The bad ones they hoped would improve their craftsmanship.

They were there to pay homage to one of the Guild's most illustrious sons, but the toast he was submitting to them did not lie with the past but the future—it was the continued prosperity of the Guild. They could look back on noted names such as Bastable, Goddan, J. Carter, Bill Short and Groves. He was told that the last-named could lower six quarts—well they had one in Cheshire who could beat him. He would not tell them his capacity—it was a challenge to Birmingham.

SECRET OF PROSPERITY

Their Guild was very fortunate in the remarkable list of its performances. Particularly impressive was the non-conducted peal of Stedman Cinques 'in hand,' where the pairs of bells were drawn for by the ringers. They were also very fortunate in being able to welcome to the city so many young ringers of experience and with the extraordinary good ringers they had in the city, it helped towards establishing the Guild's popularity throughout the country. But it was no use relying on past personalities. They had among them many who had given the Guild their best for many years—that great little man, Albert Walker, who had been the corner stone of the Guild for 50 years, and their hard-working secretary, Mr. G. E. Fearn.

Guilds and Associations had some force about them that could not be defined. Everyone in the country knew if a Guild was virile, and the yardstick of a Guild's prosperity was good craftsmen and good ringers.

In days gone by there was much rivalry and jealousy between the different Guilds. They now got Associations and Guilds grouping together on ringing tours. His own Association regularly joined with the Yorkshire Association and Chester Guild in peal performances and they were delighted to see that the same fellowship existed among the younger people. Just look at St. Martin's Guild. If any ringer in these islands desired a peal he just wrote to their secretary and it was arranged. That would have been impossible 50 or 100 years ago when there was too much clannishness. He charged the younger ringers of St. Martin's to safeguard the future. 'The only thing we can wish you is Godspeed in your work.'

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Henry Johnson Dinner—Cont.

WAITED THREE MONTHS

Mr. Albert Walker, who responded, said he had been a member of the Guild since 1897. In his young days it was not so easy for young ringers to get on as to-day. He remembered that when he first went up St. Martin's tower he sat in that tower for three months before he was asked to have a pull. It was about 1902 that he called his first touch there—he remembered still the surprise of the Master when he called five courses of Stedman Caters. Since those days he had had most loyal support.

Throughout the years he had seen the Guild grow and prosper; to-day they had quite a lot of young ringers coming on and they were very fortunate in getting these young ringers of experience and in the fact that they could offer them a peal on any day of the week. This year there had been an innovation by starting eight-bell practices and they had borne fruit as some members were ringing Spliced Surprise Major in four, six and eight methods—in fact he took part in six methods on the treble (laughter).

The popular secretary, Mr. George E. Fearn, was also called upon to reply and he said their younger ringers included Mr. Wilfrid Moreton, Mr. J. Martin Thornley and Mr. Brian Warwick who were at Saltby Training College. They had some lady ringers in Miss Claudia Harding and Miss Shirley Rymer, and Mr. John R. Mayne, who was at Birmingham University. They had made a tremendous difference to their ringing—not that they had been short—but they had been able to get them on. One of the reasons for their prosperity was the very good fellowship between the ringers and the clergy. He did not think there were many cities in the country where conditions were so favourable as at Birmingham and it was because the ringers confined their ringing to one regular practice night during the week unless there was a special occasion.

FROM FAR AND WIDE

Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd proposed 'The Visitors.' He said as long ago as 1786 the College Youths came to Birmingham and if they wanted entertainment the company should read what happened on that occasion. Since then they had entertained a lot. Charles Henry Hattersley and Sir Arthur Heywood delighted to come to Birmingham. It was their pleasure to have with them the Deputy Lady Mayoress and Lt.-Col. Donald Paddon Smith, and with them they recalled the hospitality of their Master when the Guild visited the Council House. Once again they had been honoured by many people from all parts of the country. From Bournemouth they had Mr. Arthur Davis, East Anglia was represented by Mrs. Richardson and from Cornwall, with that homing instinct, came Mr. Herbert Spencer. There were with them friends from Lancashire and Cheshire where the loss of that great ringer, Dr. Simpson, was keenly felt. They welcomed visitors from Liverpool where the hospitality of the Dean was on the same massive scale as the tower. From the north came Mr. and Mrs. McGuiness and Miss M. Fidell. Their friends the bellfounders were with them and he also welcomed an old friend in Mr. Cecil Mayne.

Mr. Shepherd concluded his speech with delightful references to hospitality as presented by Charles Dickens, recalling such characters as Bob Sawyer and Sarah Gamp.

Mr. Leslie W. G. Morris, secretary of the Yorkshire Association, deputised for Canon Bryan S. W. Green, who was indisposed, and thanked the St. Martin's Guild for their wonderful hospitality. He reminded the assembly that the Snowdon dinner had be resuscitated and that it would be held at York on October 25th, when they would do everything possible to entertain them in the same lavish way as St. Martin's Guild had that evening.

The toast of 'The Ringing World' was submitted by Mr. Rodney B. Meadows. Ringers, he said, were divided into four categories—those who took it on Fridays by post, which he hoped applied to all those present; those who took it through the newsagent; those who did not take 'The Ringing World' and did not read it; and those who read it and did not take it.

After wishing the Editorial Committee every success in their efforts to maintain the journal at 16 pages at its present price, Mr. Meadows proposed certain suggestions for increased revenue, stressing the importance of a contribution accompanying every peal and quarter peal. The proportion of advertisements to news in 'The Ringing World' was only 23 per cent. and compared very unfavourably with other journals. He suggested that above the 12-bell peal column should be a picture of a well-known ringer ringing eleven and twelve, with the caption 'He is twice the man on Worthington' (laughter). Above the eight-bell peals should be a picture of a forlorn damsel with such a quotation, 'Poor girl, no one asked her to stand in a peal until a hat made all the difference.' With the six-bell peals there should be one of those series of strip pictures, the first being the picture of missing a bob in the peal followed by the declaration of being a life's failure, the consultation with the doctor and the remedy for night starvation. The final picture would be one of 92 Surprise Major methods and 'Great show, old man. You know this is Horlicks' (laughter).

'PEAL CONTRIBUTIONS ESSENTIAL'

Mr. T. W. White, the Editor, replied. He emphasised that 'The Ringing World' would only be able to meet its obligations if those who rang peals and quarter peals sent a contribution with their reports. There was no other way the selling price of the journal could be kept at fourpence. To those who had already recognised this responsibility and sent contributions he expressed the sincere thanks of the Editorial Committee.

The health of 'The Chairman' was submitted by Alderman T. R. Pritchett, who quoted from 'Henry VIII.': 'The force of his own merit makes his way.'

Acknowledging the toast, the chairman said Alderman Pritchett came from a ringing family, his father and six or seven of his uncles were all ringers at King's Norton—his Uncle John was also an alderman of the City of Birmingham and Master of this Guild. It gave him great pleasure to be Master of their Guild. He supposed that most of them, if they were not ringing, were listening to the broadcast last Christmas morning. He was exceedingly proud of the broadcast from St. Martin's; it was lovely. The half-muffled ringing of Stedman Cinques for the passing of the King was also most beautiful and he would like to congratulate those who took part. A friend of his told him the echo effect of the muffled bells sounded like a message from above.

Between the speeches, songs and duets were sung by Mr. Albert E. Barley and Mr. David Gee, accompanied by Mr. E. J. Woodhall, and there was also handbell ringing. The arrangements were made by Mr. G. E. Fearn and left nothing to be desired.

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UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

Annual Dinner at a Chinese Restaurant

An ecumenical flavour was imparted to the proceedings at the Society's annual dinner on February 23rd by the decision to hold it at a Chinese restaurant. Although the spectacle of well-known members of the Exercise endeavouring to use chopsticks was obviated by the supply of more conventional cutlery, the cautious approach of the uninitiated to the dishes before them was, as a source of amusement, only equalled by the appetites of the enthusiasts.

After ringing at Immanuel and St. Leonard's, Streatham, and St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, the service was conducted at the last-named church by the Vicar, who preached an instructive and interesting sermon. The dinner followed at Ley On's Chop Suey Restaurant, Wardour Street.

After the toast of 'Church and Queen,' the Master, who was in the chair, spoke of the loss the Society had sustained by the death of its president, Dr. J. C. E. Simpson, and of the great help he had given to it and to University ringing generally.

The secretary, Miss Mary Martin, then proposed the toast of 'The Guests,' who included the Master of the College Youths, Mr. J. Prior, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bevan and Mr. Hardy. Representatives of other universities were unfortunately absent, though whether this was due to innate conservatism in the matter of diet or to other causes was not clear, since they had sent apologies rather than excuses.

Mr. James Prior replied on behalf of the guests, and in a very kind speech suggested membership of the Ancient Society to that part of those present who were eligible. (A warm invitation to the other sex to join the Cumberlands was interjected by a member of that Society.)

Mr. Geoffrey Carter proposed the toast of 'The Society,' warning new members that the demands it made on their holidays and spare time would seem to leave little opportunity for other interests. In spite of his undoubted talent (and his impersonations later that evening class him at once as a serious rival to Miss Anna Neagle) it must be pointed out that not for many years will Mr. Carter's assumption of the role of ageing and wistful uncle to the members be anything other than a brilliant tour de force.

In replying on behalf of the Society, the Master, Mr. Denis Layton, briefly reviewed this session's activities, and mentioned that a half-muffled peal had been rung in memory of the late president, a learners' practice had been held in January and good progress was being made in teaching generally. Arrangements for the Whitsun and summer tours concluded the gathering.

P. R. L.

RINGING RHYMES

No. 6.—CALLS

On four bells plain course is th' extent,
On three a division was all we went.
But higher numbers need a CALL,
To get beyond plain course at all!

The BOB affects a number **odd**
Of bells that coursing-order plod.
This brings up courses more and more
Till, in some methods, PEALS you score.

In others, such their structure is
That half their change-rows you will miss
Without another call—the SINGLE.
(Hard to explain in this short jingle!)

Briefly, the single changes PHASE.
New name for 'Course—in/out,' these days—
So that all minus rows turn plus,
And plus turns minus. Even thus
The full row-complement is won.
(You'll get this clear before you've done!)

A. Y-B.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

LONG LENGTHS OF MINOR

Dear Sir,—At Wath-upon-Dearne, Yorks, on Shrove Tuesday, February 27th, 1816, 15,120 being 21 extents in 8 hours and 27 minutes:—Evening Delight, Evening Star, Cheapside, Cambridge, Symphony, Bob Royal, Morning Exercise, Morning Star, Morning Pleasure, Primrose, Tulip, College Treble, College Pleasure, London Scholars, Oxford, St. Ann's Delight, Navigation Bob, Violet, Duke of York, City Delight and Rodney's Victory.

Christopher Taylor. Edward Myers.
Joseph Blackburn. Matthew Blackburn.
Joseph Myers. William Blackburn.

A 10,080 peal was rung at Wath on April 2nd, 1815; a 10,800 at Darton, Yorks, in 1815; a 10,080 at Gislingham, Suffolk, being 14 extents of 'Gransir Bob' on April 6th, 1822.

10,080 fourteen T.B. methods at Thornham Magna in 5 hours and 10 minutes on December 26th, 1912.

10,800 at Rickinghall, Suffolk, on May 5th, 1928 (three methods).

10,800 at Thornham Magna, Suffolk, in 1920.

A tablet at Whaplode, Lincs, records on February 27th, 1775, was rung 10,080 changes of 84 peals by Wm. Jackson, Richd. Harwood, Wm. Money, Stephn. Davis and Ricd. Pollenger. Raised and settled the bells in 7 hours and 25 minutes.'

We have always been given to think that the peal at Wath-upon-Dearne, Yorks, is 21 720's, 15,120 changes and the record length on six bells.—Yours faithfully,

RONALD W. STEWARD.

Ipswich.

SUSTENANCE WHILE RINGING

Dear Sir,—The peal mentioned by Mr. E. Morris (at Wath-on-Dearne) is recorded on a board in the tower of that church. A painting of the ringers 'in action' depicts a small child supplying the ringers with sustenance.

A peal of Surprise Minor (10,800) in 15 different methods was rung in six hours and ten minutes at Rotherham Parish Church (front six) on January 1st, 1931, conducted by the late Albert Nash. Three of the participants, Mr. C. T. Ryder (Rotherham), Mr. W. Green (Wath) and myself, are still going strong.—Yours faithfully,

H. CHANT.

Wakefield.

10,080 MINOR AT EMBERTON

Dear Sir,—With reference to the report of the peal of 10,080 of Minor rung at Emberton on June 23rd, 1923, it was rung in 14 methods, not 13 as reported. It was the treble ringer's first peal, and he stood in at short notice owing to one of the intended band being unable to be there.

The peal was attempted three weeks previous to that date but was lost after five hours owing to the breaking of the fifth rope.—Yours, etc.,

ONE OF THE BAND.

Harrold, Beds.

A COLLECTION BY JASPER W. SNOWDON

Dear Sir,—On looking through some old copies of 'Bell News,' I came across a list of peals of 10,000 changes which had been collected by the late Mr Jasper W. Snowdon. The longest length of Minor that appears there is 15,120 in 21 six-bell methods (names are not given), rung at Wath, Yorkshire, on February 27th, 1816, in 8 hours 27 minutes. The conductor was William Blackburn. The issue of 'Bell News' was that of June 30th, 1883, by the way. If this is true I am sorry that it refutes my friend of the Clerical Guild.—Yours sincerely,

K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

Southampton.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY'S PEALS

Dear Sir,—While congratulating the band that recently rang a peal at St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Oxford, I think their claim that it was the first peal on the bells by the University Society is not correct. No doubt some of the band that I believe rang the first peal by the University Society there will come forward. I always understood that a peal was rung either on the occasion of VE Day or VJ Day. Indeed, I believe a second attempt came to grief shortly before the end. The Rev. C. E. Wigg, our president, rang the tenor to both attempts, I think. Unfortunately the Society's peal book was lost before I became Master, so I have never seen the report in print but have always understood that such a peal was rung. It is just possible that the peal I am recalling was rung for the Oxford Diocesan Guild, but if it was someone will no doubt correct me.

However, I cannot allow the opportunity to pass of reminding the Cambridge University Guild that there is no doubt whatever that the Oxford University Society have rung a peal at their University Church. In spite of invitations from us, they have been unable to return the compliment; although, having turned the 28 cwt. tenor in to several quarter peals, I fully sympathise with the Cambridge band who on one occasion had to give up an attempt.—Yours faithfully,

P. W. B. SEMMENS.

Middlesbrough.

BRISTOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY'S MISFORTUNES

Dear Sir,—I enclose details of a quarter peal of Grandsire Caters rung this evening, Feb 24th. This is the Society's first success of 1952! We attempted a half-muffled quarter of Grandsire Triples on the day of the late King's death but it broke down one lead from the end. An attempt of Grandsire Caters (also half-muffled) last Sunday evening also came to grief after 20 minutes.

Our worst luck occurred on the day of the late King's funeral; an attempt was made of a peal of Oxford, Kent and Plain Bob Minor at St. John's-on-the-Wall. We had completed two extents each of Oxford and Kent—well-struck, too—when over half-way through the first 720 of Plain Bob the conductor, who shall remain incognito, called a bob a lead too early through becoming over-confident, as he himself admitted!

Yesterday the Society's fourth attempt at Stedman Triples was stopped after about an hour by the conductor, due to indifferent striking. What with these failures and another of Double Court Bob Minor a few weeks ago, the Society had become somewhat disheartened until the success to-night, which has done much to restore our confidence.—Yours sincerely,

LANCE C. I. WATSON,
Hon. Sec., U.B.S.C.R.

OBSERVATION BELLS IN STEDMAN

Dear Sir,—Your correspondent who asked how many people other than W. H. Barber, Maurice Hibbert and Maurice Swinfield have called peals with absolutely no observation bell was obviously referring to seven-part peals of Stedman Triples. Speaking at a College Youths' dinner 60 years ago Sir Arthur Heywood said: '. . . . . there is nothing new to be had in the realm of composition except perhaps a seven-part peal of Stedman Triples in which **every bell must be the observation bell in its turn.**'—Yours, etc.

F. B.

CENTENARY OF FAMOUS FAMILY PEAL

Sir,—It was on March 27th, 1852, that the famous family peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Mary's Church, Woolwich, by the Banister family.

The peal was conducted by Henry Banister, who rang the 7th and his sons were stationed on the bells according to the seniority of their ages, counting from the 'back-end' (William rang the 4th) while the tenor was rung by Edwin West, who was Henry's son-in-law.

The peal board recording this peal is a printed one and came into the possession of the tower only a few years ago. It bears a footnote: 'The only peal where a father and his six sons rang the changes . . . . A performance never before achieved by one family.'

That record still stands and it is doubtful if in these days of small families it will ever be equalled.

The 'Bailey Peal' was rung by eight brothers many years later.

Provisional arrangements to ring a peal of Grandsire Triples to mark the centenary of this peal were made, but permission for the use of the bells has been refused, so it is not possible to do this at Woolwich.

It is hoped, however, that the centenary will be observed in the appropriate way in another tower.—Yours sincerely,

A. GROVE, SEN.

Abbey Wood, S.E.2.

BELLS OF EAST BERGHOLT

Dear Sir,—During Whitsun week, 1890, when the Manchester Unity of Oddfellows were in session at Ipswich, two of the delegates, one from Lancashire and one from Newcastle, wanted to try these bells at change-ringing.

Mr. J. Mobbs, Mr. W. Mobbs and myself, members of the St. Mary-le-Tower's band, Ipswich, in 1890, went with them to try the bells on the Thursday evening and after several lessons in handling them (by J. Mobbs), we rang a half extent of Grandsire Doubles (60 changes) which we found quite enough to ring at one time.

We were given to understand that a band from West Suffolk had rung a full 120 about ten years before that date.—Yours, etc.,

R. W. STANNARD.

Barking.

NO OBSERVATION BELL PEALS

Dear Sir,—Page 152: Belfry Gossip: No observation bell. A peal of this description is one composed while being rung. This I did at Whittlesey on November 20th, 1948, to 5,152 Plain Bob Major in three hours and two minutes. There are many peals with no observation bell, i.e., ringing plain courses only, but whatever peal it be, there are either full hunt, half hunt or quarter hunt bells and any bell can be made to these positions as circumstances permit. Looking at Mr. N. Golden's extension of Wath Minor, it would appear the music would be much better if rung in reverse, starting Apex, Tenor.—Yours truly,

FRANK WARRINGTON.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Biggleswade District

A very successful meeting of the Biggleswade District was held at Clifton on March 8th which was attended by 45 ringers representing 20 towers in six different counties.

The bells were set going at 3 o'clock and ringing continued until 4.30 when the service was taken by the Vicar. A company of 40 sat down to tea at the Golden Lion. The business meeting followed and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Southill, if the bells were available. Methods rung during the meeting ranged from Plain Bob to Carlisle Surprise.

L. H. B.

JAMES ROBERT HAWORTH

PRINTER, PHILANTHROPIST, BELLRINGER

Looking back through 350 years of bellringing history, it is noticeable that, since 1600, each century has produced a group of outstanding characters from the members of our Exercise. Long may that trend persist, and long may the passing commentator be able to say: 'There have been giants in our days.'

In the nineteenth century one such ringer undoubtedly stands out—viz., James Robert Haworth, who was born in the City of London, on April 21st, 1821, and died within its boundaries on Christmas Eve, 1910, in his 90th year. His whole business life was in the world of printing—as were those of his father, two brothers and other relatives. They were all, like himself, compositors. He was born, lived and died within sight and sound of Fleet Street, and that famous thoroughfare, so beloved by Dr. Johnson, was given as his address when, as an accomplished ringer he joined the 'College Youths' in 1839.

Thereafter bellringing was closely woven into the texture of his life, as was probably journalism, or perhaps both combined, for, at the age of about 55, he gave up his connection with printing, and shortly afterwards we find him writing for a weekly paper—'Church Bells'; he gave a page devoted to the Exercise and bells generally, and in so doing followed Jasper Snowdon. He is now said to have travelled much over all the country, taking part in opening ceremonies, etc., in connection with bellringing, even going across to Ireland. He probably often secured useful 'copy' for local and other papers.

Haworth, during his long life, had now reached a period in which many of his friends and contemporaries can yet recall him. (The writer rang in 'Scroof' with him 61 years ago.) They recall with pleasure his gifts as a ringer and also his benign and quaint personality. In appearance he was still erect and spare in figure, in height a little above the medium, his face was rather pale and wrinkled—with quick-glancing grey-blue eyes, and his head was crowned with brown hair which, with his side whiskers, gave no sign of white—indeed, his use of an oily pomade suggested a dye, and he was nicknamed "Uncle Treacle." But the writer has often thought that this name derived from his earlier dynamic years, when Haworth's blend of reticence and suavity, laced with a certain whimsicality, had enabled him to gain control of those, often 'difficult,' groups of paid ringers frequently met with in those days. He was a good organiser and his cleverness was in pushing around a small number of ringers to man a large number of ropes. Of course this was all before the great reduction in paid ringing, when the vestries and church rates were abolished in 1885.

'Bob' Haworth was by nature frugal and his love for ringing kept him in good health; he was apprenticed to a trade which always commanded good money; to this must be added the steady trickle of his fees for paid ringing. On the other hand he lived cheaply in a small flat up a court off the Old Bailey—there telling away his remaining years in quiet content, till he was nearly 90.

It was now that the great eye-opener occurred. To our astonishment, the late Mr. J. R. Haworth who had closed his life with the end of 1910, received a public funeral at his Parish Church, St. Sepulchre's, Newgate. At this, the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs of the City of London were present, as a mark of respect for his useful life. It was reported that he had left several thousand pounds in Charities. And so we found that, during many years, we had been entertaining a philanthropist unawares!



JAMES ROBERT HAWORTH

[Photo supplied by Mr. A. A. Hughes, J.P.

The report of the Printers' Charitable Institution for 1910 contains this reference to Mr. Haworth, which we are permitted to publish by kind permission of the secretary:—

'He was an official bell-ringer at Westminster Abbey at the Coronation of Queen Victoria and took part in the ringing on the celebration of every subsequent birthday of Her Majesty, also on the occasions of her Jubilee and Diamond Jubilee. Her Majesty caused her photograph to be sent to him. This portrait is now in the possession of the Ancient Society of College Youths, of which Mr. Haworth was a member for 71 years. Every birthday of His late Majesty King Edward VII. saw Mr. Haworth in the belfry at the Abbey. It was his ardent wish, unhappily not to be realised, that he might live to ring at the Coronation of King George V.

'Mr. Haworth began his interest in the Printers' Pension Corporation in the year 1846 by a contribution of two guineas, which he repeated in subsequent years, until in the year 1888 he gave £200 to form the nucleus of a Pension.

'The present secretary recalls the evening, within a few weeks of his appointment to the office, upon which an aged man came to Gray's Inn Chambers to make a gentle and kindly inquiry as to how he was progressing in his new duties. Work being pressing at the moment, Mr. Haworth was asked to stay a little while, the impression formed by the secretary being that the old gentleman was probably a candidate for a pension. The secretary's astonishment was considerable when, in reply to the question as to the nature of his business, the answer came in a few brief words that he only desired to leave "a little something as an encouragement." Slowly from his pocket was brought what was thought to be a postal order, but in unfolding it there was the unmistakable rustle of a crisp bank note. Astonishment was yet to be increased when, not a £5 note but one for £100 was slowly and carefully smoothed out upon the table. Thus began an annual custom, broken only once or twice in thirteen years. Throughout that period Mr. Haworth was a familiar guest at the Anniversary Festivals of the Institution, down to that upon which His Majesty, then Prince of Wales, presided, when the Royal president honoured him by a separate audience and evinced a gracious interest in his career.

'As a mark of respect for his useful life, the Right Hon. Sir T. Vesey Strong (Lord Mayor) was present at the funeral service at St. Sepulchre's Church, Holborn, prior to his interment at Highgate.'

THE KING'S SYMPATHY

'On behalf of the Council, the secretary forwarded an intimation of Mr. Haworth's death to the Right Hon. Sir Arthur J. Bigge, His Majesty's Private Secretary, from whom the following reply was received:—

York Cottage, Sandringham.
14th January, 1911.

Dear Mr. Mortimer,

I have received and laid before the King your letter of the 11th instant. His Majesty heard with regret of the death of Mr. Haworth, who, during his long life, had done so much to benefit those engaged in the handicraft of printing.

The King well remembers, on the occasion of your Festival in 1909, meeting Mr. Haworth, and that he was known to be one of the oldest bell-ringers in the United Kingdom. His Majesty is touched at the wish of the old man—alas! not to be realised—to ring at Westminster Abbey at his Coronation.

Will you be good enough to convey to Mr. Haworth's family the expression of His Majesty's sympathy with them in their loss.

Yours very truly,
(Signed) ARTHUR BIGGE.'

Extract from the annual report for the year 1912:—

'The Institution has benefited by the Will of the late Mr. J. R. Haworth to the extent of £256 19s. To perpetuate the memory of so remarkable and generous a friend of the Institution, the Council have had placed over his grave in Highgate Cemetery a stone commemorating his long years of self-denying devotion to the cause of the aged printer.'

GIFT OF FURNITURE

Notes from Mr. Robert H. Lucas, Secretary of the 'Printers' Pension and Almshouse and Orphan Asylum Corporation, sent to Mr. E. A. Young:—

'The present secretary was informed by Mr. Mortimer that on one occasion Mr. Haworth visited the offices and complained that the furniture then existing was not dignified for so important an Institution He then took Mr. Mortimer to one of the large furnishing stores (I forget which) and bought the present Board Room furniture. When he got back to the office with Mr. Mortimer he paid the bill in gold, and to celebrate the occasion he took Mr Mortimer down to Henekeys, a wine store, underneath the Corporation's offices, and ordered two short drinks. Just about this time there had been an increase in the price of whisky, and when the two drinks were bought he was charged a ½d. each for soda water. This broke the old man's heart, and in spite of his generosity in handing over to the secretary about £70 in gold he refused point-blank the publican!'

E. A. Y.

(To be continued)

ALMONDSBURY, GLOS.—On Mar. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Wills (first quarter) 1, H. Atwell 2, R. Beck 3, Miss P. Thorne (first quarter 'inside') 4, H. Robbins 5, J. Turner 6, V. Wills (cond.) 7, W. Cook 8. A compliment to M. H. Atwell, who has completed 50 years as a ringer at this church.

ALVERSTOKE, HANTS.—On Feb. 29th, 1,260 Erin Triples: E. A. Marsh 1, N. J. Smith 2, Miss B. M. Ball 3, Miss S. K. M. Knight 4, H. A. Nobes 5, J. W. Meade 6, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 7, E. A. Jurd 8. First quarter in the method for 1 and 4.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICS.—On Mar. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Chambers (first quarter) 1, J. Chambers 2, R. G. W. Soans 3, J. W. Lowe 4, F. K. Thompson 5, K. E. Lovett (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to R. G. W. Soans.

BATH.—At the Abbey, on Feb. 24th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: K. Medway 1, T. F. King 2, Mrs. D. Evans 3, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 4, W. J. Prescott 5, W. H. Hurford 6, E. J. Fry 7, M. Helps 8, J. Hallett 9, H. Merrett, A. Read 10. Rung in honour of the Accession of H.M. Queen Elizabeth.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On Mar. 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Grace 1, C. Corderoy 2, A. Greenough 3, I. Gardner (first in method) 4, F. James 5, H. Aldridge 6, R. Blond (cond.) 7, C. Corderoy 8.

BOCKING, ESSEX.—On Feb. 14th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss J. Starling (first quarter of Major) 1, Miss H. G. Snowden 2, Mrs. M. E. Moore (first quarter 'inside') 3, R. Linsell 4, H. A. Pratt 5, C. Snowden 6, J. Warner 7, R. Suckling (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam King George VI.

BRADWELL, BUCKS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Goodyer (first quarter) 1, T. Walters 2, A. Lathall 3, E. Whitlock (cond.) 4, W. French 5, F. Watson 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of King George VI.

BRISTOL.—On Feb. 24th, at Christ Church with St. Ewen, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss H. J. Tesson 1, Miss J. A. Rose 2, Miss M. I. Kennelly 3, Miss B. E. Lloyd Roberts 4, A. P. Cave 5, R. J. Stokes 6, L. C. I. Watson 7, I. H. Trueman 8, J. R. Worrall (cond.) 9, F. D. Mack 10. First quarter of Caters for 1, 2 and 6.

BROADCLYST, DEVON.—On Mar. 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. C. C. Marshall 1, C. Deem 2, S. Skinner 3, J. Carter 4, E. E. Retter 5, J. A. Smith 6, B. Pidgeon (cond.) 7, J. Quick 8.

BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. R. Millward 1, A. Lewis 2, J. Hayes 3, J. E. Usher 4, A. G. Watkin 5, F. H. Birks 6, D. H. B. Millward (cond.) 7, P. C. Roberts 8. A farewell to B. R. Millward, who is leaving to join the R.A.F.

CANTERBURY.—At the Cathedral, on Mar. 1st, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss J. Roberts (first quarter on ten) 1, J. Walter 2, Mrs. R. G. French 3, W. F. Jenkins 4, B. J. Luck 5, J. W. Unwin (cond.) 6, S. Walter 7, T. H. Holmes 8, H. R. French 9, R. G. French 10. Rung half-muffled after the dedication by His Grace the Archbishop of a 'Book of Life,' naming 115 people killed by bombs in the war, one of whom was G. G. Jenkins, a member of the Cathedral company.

CHELSEA, LONDON.—At St. Luke's, on Mar. 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Caters: Miss K. M. H. Branson 1, F. Howson 2, Miss I. M. R. Atkins (first quarter on 10) 3, J. H. Lott 4, C. M. Meyer 5, P. A. Carter 6, A. F. Udall (comp. and cond.) 7, C. Nichols 8, C. W. Ottley 9, W. W. Bailey 10. First quarter as conductor. A farewell to Preb. W. G. Arrowsmith on his retirement.

CHERTSEY, SURREY.—On Mar. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. J. Andrews 1, M. W. Harbott 2, F. G. Fairhead 3, D. Sleet 4, J. Crocker 5, W. A. Goldstone 6, W. Peck (cond.) 7, T. Warden 8. Rung for the 21st birthday of Miss Warden, daughter of the tenor ringer.

CHIGWELL ROW, ESSEX.—On Mar. 2nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. H. Worboys 1, Miss S. Booth 2, S. Meadows 3, R. Smith 4, J. Carrott 5, F. V. Gant (cond.) 6, T. East 7, L. W. Bullock 8. First in method 2 and 3.

CLAPHAM PARK, SURREY.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Doreen Maidment (first quarter) 1, G. Lucas (cond.) 2, Edith Kiernan 3, A. Tyers 4, J. Lee 5, T. Taffender 6, J. Tonkin 7, T. Tyers 8. First quarter on eight for 2, 3, 4, 7 and 8.

COWLEY, OXFORD.—On Mar. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Holloway 1, C. Bennett 2, W. Fern 3, Janet Smart (first quarter) 4, T. Bowles (cond.) 5, L. Busby 6.

CROYDON, SURREY.—At St. John-the-Baptist, on Mar. 2nd, 1,341 Grandsire Cinques: R. Davies 1, Mrs. F. E. Collins 2, Mrs. W. Oatway 3, E. Razzell 4, Miss P. Steere (first quarter of Cinques) 5, P. Humphries 6, C. Parks 7, G. H. Humphries 8, R. Abbott 9, W. Oatway 10, D. Cooper (cond.) 11, F. E. Collins 12.

DODFORD, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Tomalin (first quarter) 1, June Hill (first 'inside') 2, B. Hill 3, R. Smith 4, V. A. Perry (cond.) 5.

EAGLE, LINCS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,440 Minor (consisting of 360 each of Single Court and Single Oxford and 720 Plain Bob): G. E. Smith 1, Miss S. Roe 2, Mrs. C. F. Butler 3, J. R. Phillips 4, Mrs. J. R. Phillips 5, C. F. Butler (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam King George VI.

QUARTER PEALS

EATON, LEICS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Hubbard 1, Miss H. Shipman 2, N. Cooke 3, P. Turner 4, H. W. Shipman 5, J. Morris (cond.) 6. In memory of King George VI.

EARL STONHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Parker 1, Lt. Allum (first quarter as cond.) 2, D. Mitson 3, F. Sterry 4, V. Lockwood 5.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Mar. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples Barbara E. Hamilton Baynes (first quarter) 1, Evelyn M. Fletcher 2, J. F. Atkins 3, S. G. Chaplin 4, Joan Ashton 5, A. Timmins 6, W. C. Dowding (cond.) 7, E. Lloyd 8.

ERDINGTON, WARWICKS.—On Mar. 9th, at the Abbey Church of SS. Thomas and Edmund, R.C., 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, with 7, 6, 8 covering: Miss E. Barnes (first quarter) 1, J. McDonald (first as cond., aged 13½ years) 2, P. J. Morton 3, M. G. Morton 4, A. Bailey (first quarter 'inside') 5, F. Blake (first quarter) 6, G. Williams 7, V. Morris (first quarter) 8. First on the recast bells by a band belonging to the church.

FEERING, ESSEX.—On Feb. 25th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. Langstone 1, S. Fisher 2, J. C. Newman 3, J. Papworth 4, W. Arnold (cond.) 5, C. Burton 6, H. Nicholls 7, F. Fludder 8. A 70th birthday compliment to J. C. Newman, over 50 years steeple keeper, and to Mr. P. F. Marshall, for many years churchwarden.

FOBBING, ESSEX.—On Mar. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Ockendon (first quarter) 1, H. Kenyon 2, Mrs. B. Wiltshire (first quarter) 3, A. Reeve 4, Miss C. Chinnery (cond.) 5, A. Hammond 6, E. Smith 7, B. Gisbey 8. Rung with two covering bells.

FULHAM, LONDON.—On Mar. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Maxwell 1, H. Belcher 2, B. Lunn (first quarter away from the treble) 3, J. Stephenson 4, A. B. Wiffen 5, A. J. Phillips 6, J. Phillips (cond.) 7, H. M. Page 8.

FYLINGDALES, YORKS.—On Mar. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Harland 1, J. A. Alexander 2, A. V. Coates 3, W. A. Breckon 4, G. W. White 5, H. Short (cond.) 6, S. R. Elwick 7, T. N. Tindale 8. Rung half-muffled. A tribute to Matthew J. Cooper, for 35 years a ringer in this tower, whose death occurred on March 2nd.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.—On Mar. 2nd, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: E. Larter 1, R. Hayden 2, F. Whitby 3, L. Whitby 4, V. Tipton 5, E. Rochester 6, W. Aley (cond.) 7, S. Clark 8.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Feb. 27th, 1,320 Annables Surprise: J. R. G. Spicer 1, F. Warrington (cond.) 2, L. W. Fisher 3, W. Ransom 4, F. R. Nicholls 5, H. S. Peacock 6. First by all except conductor.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss D. Fleetwood (first in method) 1, A. H. Worboys 2, J. Carrott 3, F. V. Gant 4, C. E. Wright 5, S. Penfold 6, T. East (first in method as cond.) 7, G. Procter 8. Rung with the best wishes of the band for the engagement of Miss J. Fleetwood (Dagenham) and Mr. W. R. Barker (Peterborough).

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints', on Mar. 2nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: A. T. Howes 1, H. B. Bull 2, C. J. Young 3, J. R. G. Spicer 4, H. S. Peacock 5, S. Gilbert (cond.) 6.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.—At St. Margaret's, on Feb. 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Bowell 1, K. Whittel 2, J. Munnings 3, C. Woodward 4, J. Cracknell 5, S. Arbon 6, E. Blomfield (cond.) 7, F. Kinsey 8. Rung fully muffled in memory of King George VI.

KINGSTHORPE, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Felce (first quarter) 1, J. Payne 2, B. E. Frost (first quarter as cond.) 3, S. F. Earl 4, F. Benfield 5, D. Wright 6.

LAMBETH, LONDON.—On Mar. 2nd, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. A. Hales 1, T. H. Taffender 2, Miss J. Weddell 3, Miss A. M. Castle 4, N. G. Hollingworth (cond.) 5, E. T. Beauchamp 6, C. H. Wood 7, J. Bullock 8.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Feb. 25th, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: C. W. Powell (cond.) 1, E. L. Taylor 2, N. Mallett 3, Canon C. C. Cox 4, H. G. Keeley 5, R. Keeley 6, G. H. Whitemore 7, G. S. Morris 8. Rung for the Eve of the Feast of St. Matthias.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.—At Christ Church, on Feb. 17th, a quarter peal Stedman Caters: A. A. Potts 1, W. Stevenson 2, J. Worth (cond.) 3, G. Farrer 4, Anne Worth 5, D. Pearson 6, W. Gayes 7, H. Farrer 8, H. Wood 9, R. Booth 10. First quarter of Stedman by 6 and 10. Rung half-muffled.

MARGATE, KENT.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Darch 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, P. Dadds 3, L. Twyman 4, A. J. Dadds 5, R. G. Dadds 6, F. J. Gadsden (cond.) 7, H. Lade 8. A welcome home from Korea to the son of the conductor.

MARKET DRAYTON, SALOP.—On Mar. 2nd, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: H. White (first quarter in the method) 1, B. Madely (first 'inside' of Surprise) 2, R. Hazeldine 3, A. Hickman 4, T. Price 5, F. Price 6, S. Hughes 7, W. H. Tyler (cond.) 8. Rung by local band as a birthday compliment to the son of the treble ringer.

NANTWICH, CHESHIRE.—On Feb. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Davies 1, E. J. Boffey 2, T. S. Astbury 3, J. E. Brough (cond.) 4, F. Barnard 5, J. Thomas 6, F. Ollier 7, H. Stubbs 8. To celebrate the 79th birthday of F. Barnard (father of fifth ringer), 60th birthday of the 6th ringer, 73rd birthday of the 8th ringer, and silver wedding of the 7th ringer.

OLVESTON, GLOS.—On Mar. 8th, 1,440 Minor (720 Oxford Treble Bob and 720 Plain Bob): R. J. Bowden 1, E. Sutton 2, F. C. Mogford 3, S. G. Riches 4, R. G. Hooper 5, W. F. Webb (cond.) 6.

OXFORD—At the Church of St. Ebbe's, on Feb. 24th, two 720's of Cambridge Surprise Minor: D. Hill 1, W. H. B. Wilkins 2, C. Coles 3, F. Beaumont 4, F. A. H. Wilkins 5, W. C. Porter (cond.) 6. A farewell to the Rector (the Rev. M. A. P. Wood), who is leaving for Islington.

POYNTON, CHESHIRE.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Hall 1, Mrs. S. Hough 2, R. Boardman 3, I. Jenkins 4, S. Hough (Jun.) 5, E. Holdsworth (cond.) 6.

PRIVETT, HANTS.—On Mar. 8th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Miss S. K. M. Knight 1, Miss B. M. Ball 2, P. N. Bond 3, J. W. Meade 4, N. J. Smith 5, P. Page 6, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 7, F. W. Burnett 8. First quarter of Surprise Major for 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. First quarter of Surprise Major as conductor.

READING, BERKS.—At St. Laurence's, on Mar. 2nd, 1,040, Cambridge Surprise Maximus: R. G. Burton 1, Miss R. J. Pett 2, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 3, Miss E. Farrell 4, Miss S. Harris 5, T. E. Davies 6, Mrs. P. Lewington 7, F. D. Bishop 8, W. Hibbert 9, C. T. Richards 10, D. J. Charnley 11, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 12 Longest length in the method by all except the ringer of the 9th.

SALTWOOD, KENT.—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. A. Wratten (cond.) 1, G. F. Gray (first on tower bells) 2, M. J. Martin (first 'inside') 3, S. Mowl 4, E. J. Walker 5, J. Soles 6.

SELLINDGE, KENT.—On Mar. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. J. H. Small 1, Miss O. M. Boulden 2, Miss M. Vantom 3, J. R. Cooper 4, R. Swift 5, C. A. Wratten (first of Minor as cond.) 6. First of Minor for 2, 3 and 4.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCS.—On Mar. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. J. Collin (first quarter, aged 14) 1, Mrs. D. Wray 2, H. P. Collin 3, D. H. Mettam (first quarter) 4, J. H. Musson 5, N. Whitney (first quarter) 6. Conducted by H. P. Collin and J. H. Musson. Rung half-muffled in memory of Sir L. Tollemache, Bart., patron of the gift of the living.

SOUTHAMPTON.—At St. Mary's, on Mar. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ann West 1, D. Cecil Williams 2, J. W. Faithfull 3, M. J. Butler 4, Joyce Cox 5, W. Glasspool 6, O. N. Curtis 7, E. Brown 8. Rung non-conducted and by local service band.

STANFORD-LE-HOPE, ESSEX.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): Wendy Cooper (first quarter, aged 14) 1, H. Kenyon 2, Joan Hills 3, A. Reeve 4, Constance Chinnery (cond.) 5, A. Hammond 6, P. Wright 8. Wedding anniversary compliments to Alec and Joan Hammond and Bert and Doris Kenyon.

ST. IVES, HUNTS.—On Mar. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: W. O. Noble 1, F. Warrington (cond.) 2, G. Nicholls 3, W. Ransom 4, H. W. Pratt 5, L. W. Fisher 6, A. Clements 7, G. H. Dunnington 8.

TIVERTON, DEVON.—On Mar. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. W. Payne 1, S. H. Green 2, F. Norrish 3, L. H. May 4, E. J. Taylor (cond.) 5, W. H. Ware 6, J. Upton 7, A. Kerslake 8. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

TOTTENHAM, LONDON.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. J. Brown 1, Miss J. Weddell 2, T. H. Taffender 3, J. Bullock (cond.) 4, F. Blewer 5, T. Coles 6, C. W. Ottley 7, J. Rae 8.

UPPER CLAPTON, LONDON.—On Mar. 2nd, 1,256 Little Bob Major: Miss G. L. Friswell 1, Miss J. H. Friswell 2, Miss M. A. Prockson 3, Mrs. H. Smith 4, G. A. Parsons 5, R. K. C. Wilkings 6, W. D. Prockson 7, D. Neal (cond.) 8. First in the method for 1, 2, 4, 6 and 8.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Feb. 24th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: L. W. G. Skinner 1, Barbara Mitchell 2, Anne Holmes (first of Treble Bob 'inside') 3, W. A. Hughes 4, M. Fuller 5, R. Bird (cond.) 6.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.—On Feb. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Roger 1, W. Clifton 2, F. Burnett 3, J. Skinner 4, C. Deem 5, J. L. S. Glanvill (cond.) 6, J. Deem 7, F. Bastin 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. J. R. Hayman, a late member of this band, who was interred this day at Lympstone.

WOOD GREEN, WEDNESBURY, STAFFS.—On Mar. 6th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. Elesmore 1, Miss M. Walker 2, D. Tranter 3, J. N. Hadley 4, D. Frith 5, M. G. Turner (cond.) 6. First of Surprise for 2, 3 and 4 and first as conductor.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World' of March 22nd, 1912

LONDON

The Ancient Society of College Youths

On Saturday, March 16th, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes

at the Church of St. Michael-upon-Cornhill.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES
5,019 CHANGES

Tenor 41 cwt. in B.

Challis F. Winney	Treble
Samuel E. Joyce	2
Alfred B. Peck	3
George R. Fardon	4
Thomas H. Taffender	5
Charles S. Burden	6
Frederick J. Hardy	7
Francis E. Dawe	8
Alfred W. Grimes	9
Henry R. Newton	10
Herbert Langdon	11
Walter Prime	Tenor

Composed and conducted by Francis Edward Dawe.

Rung to commemorate the conductor's 50th birthday.

[Learning to ring in an age when youth is said to have been unwelcome, Frank Dawe was something of a prodigy in his day. He conducted a peal of Grandsire Caters on his 20th birthday, and one of Stedman Cinques from the 11th at St. Saviour's, Southwark, on his 21st. Master of the College Youths five times in the six years 1888-1893, he created a record unequalled in peace-time, succeeding in that office the ringer of the 2nd in the above peal who, at less than 20 years of age, was (and still is) youngest ever to hold it. Mr. Dawe was also the first secretary of the Central Council. One of his ambitions was to ring a peal in every ancient cathedral of Great Britain possessing eight or more bells, and over a period of 50 years he came very near to accomplishing this. His death during the recent war passed almost unnoticed.]

50 YEARS AT ALMONDSBURY

Tributes to Mr. H. Atwell's Service

A very successful supper and a social evening were arranged by the local ringers on March 8th in the Old School Room at Almondsbury, Glos. to commemorate 50 years' ringing at the local tower by Mr. H. Atwell.

Mr. G. Harding (chairman, Bristol Rural Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association) presided over a party of 35 which included the Vicar (the Rev. Radcliffe Cox). After the loyal toast the chairman said it gave him very great pleasure to come with his wife to such a gathering. Fifty years' ringing at one tower was no mean achievement and was something to be proud of. Mr. Atwell had done nothing spectacular but he had been a regular Sunday service ringer and always punctual and reliable, and these requirements meant so much to the captain and other ringers of any tower. He (the chairman) hoped Mr. Atwell would be spared many more years to carry on the good work.

The Vicar, in his remarks, thanked Mr. Atwell for his splendid record of service and said how much he and the church appreciated the amount of work he had put in.

The captain, Mr. Wells, and also the tower secretary, Mr. H. Robins, spoke of Mr. Atwell's service.

Mr. Atwell suitably replied and especially mentioned the late Stephen Wood and George Capewell, both of whom had done so much for Almondsbury tower.

Songs, stories, and community singing brought to a close a very pleasant evening.

C. R. H.

SHEFFIELD & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The annual meeting of the Society was held at Ranmoor on March 1st when about 35 members and friends gathered together to ring on the light ring of ten. Most of the towers in the area were represented and it was a special pleasure to welcome an old friend from Nottingham and a lady ringer from Stockport. The attendance would no doubt have been greater had it not been for a counter attraction at Bolsover, Derbyshire, where a re-opening after rehanging was taking place. However, 'the faithful' were quickly in attendance as usual, and the bells were kept busy throughout the afternoon with rounds on ten for the less experienced, Bob Major and Grandsire Triples, Little Bob Royal and a really well-struck tea-time touch of Stedman Caters.

In the Church Hall a magnificent repast was prepared by Capt. E. G. Dickens, M.C., and his helpers and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. At the business meeting which followed, the chair was taken by the Vicar of Ranmoor, the Rev. J. H. Pain, who made a short speech of welcome to the Society before commencing on the rather lengthy agenda. The balance sheet for 1951 was presented by the chief auditor, Mr. F. B. Ditcher. A total of 31 peals for the Society was reported, including one of Stedman Cinques, the leading conductor being the Ringing Master, Mr. N. Chaddock. The president, treasurer, Ringing Master and auditors were all re-elected to office and J. E. T. was called upon once again to 'sail the ship.'

THE LADIES' GUILD

West Midland District

A very enjoyable meeting was held at Shirley, Birmingham, on March 1st. Mr. V. A. Hemming welcomed the members and friends and an hour's ringing was enjoyed before tea, which was taken at the High Stool, Stratford Road.

The business meeting followed, the president, Mrs. D. E. Beamish, taking the chair. The secretary, Miss M. Beamish, read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were signed, and apologies were read from Mrs. Carpenter (Allesley), the Misses J. Knight, F. Warden and R. Ashley (Bulkington).

New members, proposed by Miss M. Bailey and seconded by Miss A. Timms, were Pamela Coles, June Kent, Wendy Stokes, Barbara Bayliss, Barbara Wilson, Pat Hickmott, Jocelyn Bland and Margaret Gough, all of the Shirley band.

Leamington was decided upon as the place of the next meeting. The members were asked to bear in mind the date of the 40th Anniversary Dinner to be held in Leicester on October 25th. Miss I. B. Thompson (Nottingham) was warmly welcomed.

Methods rung during the meeting ranged from rounds and Grandsire Doubles to Double Norwich.

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Western Division's Encouraging Report

Ringers, wives and friends, numbering 119, gathered at Arundel during the afternoon for the postponed annual meeting and dinner of the Western Division on March 8th.

The bells were ringing shortly after two o'clock and continued in methods up to Cambridge Major until the business meeting at 4.30. A course of London Major was rung after.

It was a pleasure to have the Master of the Association (Mr. G. W. Cecil) in the chair for the second time in succession, supported by Mr. S. E. Armstrong (hon. general secretary). The Bishop and Archdeacon of Chichester sent their best wishes to the members and regretted their inability to be present. A satisfactory report and balance sheet was approved and adopted by the meeting.

One alteration was made in the election of officers, that of auditor changing from Mr. F. S. Smithers to Miss E. W. Keys. A suggestion to form a library was accepted. One of the young girls from Thakeham received congratulations on ringing her first peal, an achievement which reflects great credit on the leader at Thakeham (Mr. B. W. Farhall). The admirable bell-handling of the young persons from this tower has frequently been commented upon. The business meeting concluded with several expressions of thanks to the many contributors to the day's programme and the Divisional Ringing Master (Mr. R. P. Wood) outlined his policy to encourage further the many young ringers in the Division.

Yet, with so much accent on youth, it was pleasing to hear the expression: 'It's nice to see old John Netley here to-day.' Indeed, it is more pleasing to know of the high esteem in which this grand old gentleman is held at his own tower of Lyminster. It is helpful at times to pause awhile and recall the amount of bad ringing these old veterans must have tolerated to encourage the present day Surprise ringer!

TWENTY-ONE YEARS IN OFFICE

The most notable performance in the Division's recent history is unknown to many. The minutes of a meeting held at Heene on February 29th, 1936, records: 'Mr. Butcher proposed and Mr. Walter Charman seconded a vote of thanks to the retiring secretary, which was received with acclamation. Mr. Groves replied thanking Mr. Butcher and Mr. Charman for their kind words and praise; also all the members who had supported him during the 21 years he had held office without once being absent from a meeting.' Is any ringing performance quite equal to such an achievement? The 'Father' of the Division (Mr. A. W. Groves), it is sad to report, is in very poor health. What of progress if ringers fail recognise the work and example of these old Masters of our art?

Evensong followed, conducted by the Vicar of Arundel (the Rev. H. A. King) whose address on the various expressions of bells was helpful. A collection was taken for the local Bells Fund.

The company then adjourned to a nearby hall for a dinner and social evening. It will be gratifying to the many helpers, from the typing of tickets and arranging of tables and trestles to the talented vocalists, to know how much their efforts were appreciated. The wholehearted co-operation of so many could not fail to produce the desired result. Thank you for a grand time.

SHERBORNE, DORSET.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. C. Atyeo 1, Mrs. M. M. Godley 2, W. H. Poole 3, P. H. Hull 4, D. V. Gare 5, J. W. Drew 6, H. J. Gaylard (cond.) 7, R. G. Field 8.

STONHAM-ASPAL, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 17th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. E. Allum 1, Miss P. Clarke 2, R. E. Lester 3, R. Parker 4, R. W. Steward 5, W. J. Button 6, G. A. Blaxcell 7, L. G. Brett (cond.) 8.

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ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District. — Meeting, Hemingford Abbots (6), Saturday, March 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Cups of tea available.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 429

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. —Meeting at Kelvedon, March 22nd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Names, if possible, to J. Elliott, 28, Easterford Road, Kelvedon. 398

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Eastern Division.—The new treble bell at Sandon will be dedicated on Saturday, March 22nd, 3 p.m. Bells available for ringing after service. Those requiring tea notify A. Everett, The Chase, Boreham. 432

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DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Annual meeting, April 5th at Dudley. Bells 2.30. Guild service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 o'clock. Please send number for tea, not later than April 1st, to F. Colclough, Hall Park Street, Bilston. 449

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TOLERANCE AND INTOLERANCE

FROM time to time there appear in our paper articles dealing with events and epochs in the history of ringing and reminding us of the achievements and work of men of the past. To a number of ringers these accounts of past times are of little interest and are often dismissed with impatience as being of importance only to the antiquarian. To most ringers, on the other hand, there must be a fascination in tracing the rise and fall of ringing bands, the struggles of composers towards the light of knowledge, the early transactions of guilds, and the gradual growth of prestige of the Central Council.

It was to Inspector Macdonald, who bluntly declared that he was a practical man and had no time for the criminal of the past, that Sherlock Holmes offered this reproof: 'Mr. Mac, the most practical thing you did in your life would be to shut yourself up for three months and read twelve hours a day at the annals of crime.' To the person who ignores the past the same advice might well be offered; for the story of ringing will undoubtedly hold for us, among other things, a chastening and a corrective, a means of humbling ourselves and adjusting our own achievements in the light of those of bygone ringers, and a source from which we may learn tolerance and moderation in the expression of our views.

For out of the intolerance, prejudice and suspicion of days gone by there have emerged slowly but surely reasonableness, forbearance and generosity, and a general desire to conduct our affairs, and particularly our controversial affairs, with dignity and restraint. This, of course, was not always so. The early volumes of 'The Bell News,' and particularly those of the '90's, bear witness to jealousies and suspicions and rivalry brought often to the point of violent hatred. No one can read, for example, the great Kidlington dispute of 1899, the violent attack on the Bermondsey peal of the same year, the allegations relating to the record peal of London at Drayton, or even the minor disputes, without agreeing with reputable folk like Canon Papillon, G. E. D. Boutflower and R. A. Daniell that the whole makes melancholy reading.

It would be wrong, of course, to suppose that all controversy of that day was conducted with such inelegance and bitterness as those just mentioned, but even in the scientific discussions there was frequently an apparent lack of desire to approach problems objectively and to reject personalities. Among the composers and method builders there were constant disputes and arguments, and these ranged from the rude, such as the Rogers–Davis quarrel over peals of Grandsire Caters, to the frankly amusing John Carter–William Palmer claims to a method known as King's Norton Pleasure. Composers of the day were fierce in the defence of their progeny, and although the claims to originality were often so slight as to be inadmissible to-day, at that time they were fought for with great vigour.

It is probably true to say that much good has emerged from these former disputes, deplorable as the conduct of many of them may have been. For out of them has come knowledge, and with it a realisation that abuse is not argument. The controversy of to-day is often vigorous and outspoken, and it is well that at times it should be so. But the mistakes of the past have given to us a larger measure of tolerance in our dealings with each other, and in the maintaining of this spirit the reading of past days must have much value. E. C. S.

NEWS FROM DEVON

MANY of our readers have the happiest of recollections of Devonshire, a county favoured for its holiday attractions and the generous manner in which its towers are placed at the disposal of visiting ringers. This week we have received the 77th annual report of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers which will be presented at the annual meeting on Easter Monday. The outstanding event of 1951 was the rally held at Exeter to celebrate Festival of Britain year, which was attended by 350 ringers from all parts of the county. This was the largest assembly of ringers as a body throughout the country during 1951, and it is a matter of congratulation that a Guild with a membership of only 541 can stage such an event in co operation with the Devon Association of Ringers.

During the year 28 peals were rung, twelve of which were by a party of visitors during August. Of the remainder it is pleasant to observe that no fewer than 31 first peals or first peals in the method are recorded. The deaths of two notable figures in the Guild are recorded with regret. Mr. T. Laver was general secretary from 1925 to 1940 and general treasurer from 1941 to 1947, and for a few years one of the Guild's representatives on the Central Council. The other was Mr. A. H. Hayward, and it was entirely due to his leadership that change ringing has survived at all in North Devon, and the Combe Martin band, in continuing to build on the foundations he so well established, are paying the finest possible tribute to his memory.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Feb. 28, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Treble*	FRED NEWTON	7
FRANK E. HAYNES	2	J. MARTIN THORLEY	8
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	9
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	4	W. NORMAN PARK	10
JOHN PINFOLD	5	HENRY H. FEARN	11
WILLIAM THOMPSETT	6	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Tues., Mar. 4, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

GEORGE E. FEARN	*Treble*	FRED NEWTON	7
CLAUDIA A. HARDING	2	J. MARTIN THORLEY	8
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	9
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	4	WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT	10
FRANK E. HAYNES	5	HENRY H. FEARN	11
JOHN PINFOLD	6	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 8, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. WOOLOS,
A PEAL OF 5169 GRANDSIRE CINQUES
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

*JAS. L. FITZGERALD (13)	*Treble*	*THOMAS YEOMANS	7
JACK R. WORRALL	2	*LESLIE A. TREMEER	8
*BRYNLEY J. PARRY (13)	3	†CHARLES GREEDY	9
*JACQUELINE S. EVANS	4	†RODNEY B. MEADOWS	10
*DONALD G. CLARKE	5	*ROBERT E. COLES	11
*A. RYAN PRICE	6	*DAVID S. VOSS (17)	*Tenor*

Composed by A. WRIGHT. Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.
* First peal on twelve bells. † First peal of Grandsire Cinques. First peal on twelve bells as conductor. First peal of Grandsire on the bells and for the Association.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Mar. 13, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

ALBERT WALKER	*Treble*	J. MARTIN THORLEY	7
MURIEL REAY	2	JOHN R. MAYNE	8
SHIRLEY V. RYMER	3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	9
BRIAN G. WARWICK	4	HENRY H. FEARN	10
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	5	GEORGE E. FEARN	11
JOHN PINFOLD	6	FRANK E. HAYNES	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

TEN BELL PEALS

WORCESTER.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 1, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 23 cwt.

R. GEORGE MORRIS	*Treble*	CYRIL TANSELL	6
ALLEN MORGAN	2	ALBERT E. HUMPHRIES	7
SIDNEY T. HOLT	3	THOMAS W. LEWIS	8
*GEORGE E. LARGE	4	CHARLES J. CAMM	9
REGINALD WOODYATT	5	†FREDERICK C. PUGH	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE J. HAWKINS. Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.
* 350th peal. † First peal on ten. Quarterly peal for Western Branch.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 8, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 19½ cwt.

THOMAS G. FOX	*Treble*	FRANK V. GANT	6
JOHN G. NASH	2	*JOHN F. GROVE	7
*DAVID W. BEARD	3	*CHAS. E. WILLMINGTON	8
MRS. R. F. DEAL	4	FRANK B. LUFKIN	9
FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN	5	JOHN H. CRAMPION	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by JOHN H. CRAMPION.
* First peal of Cambridge Royal. In memoriam William Pye, March 8th, 1935.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Mar. 12, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6½ cwt.

ERNEST W. RAWSON	*Treble*	ALFRED BALLARD	6
HAROLD J. POOLE	2	HARRY G. WAYNE	7
JOHN R. SMITH	3	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	8
J. FREDERICK MILNER	4	*DONALD C. PRICE	9
MRS. H. J. POOLE	5	WILLIAM J. ROOT	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by ALFRED BALLARD.
* First peal of Royal in the method. First peal of Royal as conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 1, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

*PHILIP P. CARTER	*Treble*	*ERIC NIXON	5
JEAN C. BROWN	2	BRIAN HARRIS	6
NEVILLE A. BROWN	3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD	7
WILFRED L. ROBINSON	4	DEREK OGDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. A wedding compliment to Mr. Peter Calverley and Miss Ethel Hargreaves, who were married at the church on the same day.

BURWASH, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 1, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 10¼ cwt.

ALBERT RELFE	*Treble*	CHARLES A. BASSETT	5
WILLIAM R. MANSER	2	ARTHUR F. LEWRY	6
FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN.	3	ERNEST J. LADD	7
LUTHER J. HONESS	4	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.
The first peal of Triples on the bells.

EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 1, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. SIMON AND JUDE,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's Variation. Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE A. NEWTON	*Treble*	CECIL E. CARR	5
ALFRED BALLARD	2	T. KELHAM DEACON	6
ALAN HOUGH	3	FRANK K. MEASURES	7
*JOHN HOUGH	4	DAVID A. PRICE	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK K. MEASURES.
* First peal in the method.

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FRESSINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 1, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17¼ cwt. in F.

L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE	*Treble*	NOLAN GOLDEN	5
H. WILLIAM BARRETT	2	ARTHUR G. BASON	6
GEORGE SAYER	3	†ERNEST WHITING	7
*WILLIAM J. FLATT	4	CHARLES W. LOOME	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal in the method. † Completes 'circle.'

GUISELEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 1, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Containing 1,280 London, 1,312 Bristol, 1,568 Cambridge and 992 Superlative, with 106 changes of method. Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr.

WILLIAM DIXON	*Treble*	*GORDON BENFIELD	5
MILTON C. FOWLER	2	J. FREDERICK MILNER	6
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	3	GIBSON JACKSON	7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	4	ALFRED SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
* First peal in these four methods spliced.

MOSSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 1, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

JAMES A. MILNER	*Treble*	ALAN A. POTTS	5
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	EDWARD JENKINS	6
HENRY O. BAKER	3	WALTER ALLMAN	7
JOHN E. BIBBY	4	JOHN WORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

PENSHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 1, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5088 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.

ALEC E. RICHARDSON	*Treble*	THOMAS J. LOCK	5
JOHN O. WELLER	2	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	6
ANNE B. STOCKDALE	3	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	7
PHILIP A. CORBY	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. KIPPIN (No. 14). Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

RADCLIFFE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 1, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

FRANK J. MAUDE	*Treble*	G. ARTHUR BELL	5
MRS. P. T. ROBBINS	2	ROGER LEIGH	6
A. EDWARD REEVES	3	FRANK REYNOLDS	7
KENNETH HARTLEY	4	REV. R. D. ST. J. SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by REV. R. D. ST. J. SMITH.

RINGWOOD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 1, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18¼ cwt.

*WILLIAM C. SHUTE	*Treble*	*DAVID R. REED	5
†HERBERT E. ABRAHAMS	2	†JOHN HARTLESS	6
†RONALD N. MARLOW	3	WILLIAM E. CHEATER	7
ARTHUR V. DAVIS	4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN	*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.
* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method on eight bells.

SALEHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 1, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in E.

BETTY M. VIDLER	*Treble*	ROBERT COLLINS	5
*THOMAS E. SONE	2	DORIS E. COLGATE	6
MALCOLM S. CLOKE	3	S. GEOFFREY WATERS	7
REGINALD E. LAMBERT	4	ROBERT T. LAMBERT	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE (No. 15). Conducted by R. T. LAMBERT.
* 450th peal. First peal in the method for all the band. Rung for the Feast of St. David. Mr. T. E. Sone has 'completed the circle' in this tower and had already done so in twelve other towers.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 1, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

NORMAN J. SMITH	*Treble*	HENRY C. WEAVER	5
BLANCHE M. BALL	2	RAYMOND WOOD, JUN.	6
*RICHARD WILSON	3	JOHN H. HUNT	7
E. WINIFRED KEYS	4	FREDK. W. BURNETT	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by FREDK. W. BURNETT.
* First peal in the method.

WROTHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 1, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Being 1,792 Cambridge, 1,408 Bristol, 1,088 Superlative and 768 London, with 112 changes of method. Tenor 20 cwt. 10 lb. in E flat.

REGINALD L. SILLS	*Treble*	*FREDERICK G. HUCKSTEPP	5
RICHARD F. B. SPEED	2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	6
*ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
THOMAS J. LOCK	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN (No. 9). Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
* First peal of four spliced.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Mar. 3, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt. in F sharp.

*RICHARD KENDALL	*Treble*	C. HENRY HARDING	5
DENNIS KNOX	2	RONALD J. SHARP	6
HAROLD P. BURTON	3	ALFRED E. RUSHTON	7
†JOHN CHURCH	4	ANDREW C. SINFIELD	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by RONALD J. SHARP.
* 50th peal. † First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to Mr. John Church.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Mar. 5, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6½ cwt.

JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	*Treble*	HARRY G. WAYNE	5
ERNEST W. RAWSON	2	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	6
MRS. H. J. POOLE	3	DONALD C. PRICE	7
HAROLD J. POOLE	4	JOHN R. SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by JOHN R. SMITH.
First peal of Surprise as conductor.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Mar. 6, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

*MARGARET ROWLAND	*Treble*	†ROGER SAVERY	5
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	2	‡RALPH HARRIS	6
MRS. J. THOMAS	3	*PATRICK HARRIS	7
JOHN THOMAS	4	*JOSEPH E. NEWMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.
* First peal of Superlative. † First peal of Surprise. ‡ First peal of Superlative 'inside.'

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Mar. 7, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13¼ cwt.

ALFRED BALLARD	*Treble*	PETER J. STANIFORTH	5
HAROLD J. POOLE	2	FRANK K. MEASURES	6
MICHAEL E. BROWN	3	JOHN R. SMITH	7
J. FREDERICK MILNER	4	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDERICK H. DEXTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

BENENDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 8, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5056 ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt.

DORIS E. COLGATE	*Treble*	*ALEXANDER WADDINGTON	5
THOMAS E. SONE	2	ROBERT T. LAMBERT	6
REGINALD E. LAMBERT	3	*MALCOLM S. CLOKE	7
ROBERT COLLINS	4	*S. GEOFFREY WATERS	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE BAKER. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. A birthday compliment to Miss Jill Hoffman.

DARLINGTON, COUNTY DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 8, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,
A PEAL OF 5120 DARLINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 14 lb. in F.

DENNIS R. AIREY	*Treble*	THOMAS COOKE	5
GEORGE F. NEWTON	2	MICHAEL P. MORETON	6
CHARLES MCGUINESS	3	DENIS A. BAYLES	7
W. NORMAN PARK	4	ROLAND PARK	*Tenor*

Composed by E. A. BARNETT. Conducted by ROLAND PARK.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.

FELTHAM, MIDDLESEX.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Mar. 8, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

DONALD G. CLIFT	*Treble*	LEONARD H. BOWLER	5
*MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT	2	RICHARD E. PRICE	6
WILFRED WILLIAMS	3	JOHN E. CHILCOTT	7
TONY PRICE	4	FRANK E. DARBY	*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
* First peal in the method.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 8, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

LESLIE G. BRETT	*Treble*	RUSSELL PARKER	5
FRANK RUFFLES	2	*WALTER RUFFLES	6
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN	3	WALTER W. MILLER	7
CHARLES W. BEECROFT	4	ERNEST E. GRIMES	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.
* 100th peal.

GODMANCHESTER, HUNTS.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 8, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans'. Tenor 21 cwt.

W. J. RIDGMAN (Queens')	*Treble*	*A. R. GUY (Jesus)	5
*E. C. BATES (Caius)	2	*C. M. P. JOHNSON (Sel.)	6
*R. D. EDGE (Queens')	3	P. A. F. CHALK (Selwyn)	7
F. E. ROBERTS (Selwyn)	4	*A. D. R. KER (Clare)	*Tenor*

Conducted by P. A. F. CHALK.
* First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman as conductor.

GREAT BARDFIELD, ESSEX
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 8, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE SAUNDERS	*Treble*	H. WALTER SMITH	5
GEORGE SCHLUETER	2	JOHN WARNER	6
FRANK HARRINGTON	3	RONALD SUCKLING	7
*FRANK ROPER	4	JOSEPH JENNINGS	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.
* First peal in the method. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment for Miss Queenie Jennings, daughter of the tenor ringer. The conductor's 200th peal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 8, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5024 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6¼ cwt.

THOMAS C. BELTON	*Treble*	ALBERT E. THOMPSON	5
HAROLD TAYLOR	2	MARK J. BARKER	6
DENIS R. CARLISLE	3	PHILIP H. WHITAKER	7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	4	FRANCIS R. LOWE	*Tenor*

Composed by G. FREEBREY. Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
First peal in the method by all, and first in the method for the Association. Rung as a wedding compliment to the brother of the ringer of the 5th, Mr. Geoffrey Thompson.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 8, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

JAMES A. MILNER	*Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS	5
ALAN A. POTTS	2	*HARRY FARRER	6
*WILFRED STEVENSON	3	JOHN WORTH	7
†GERALD FARRER	4	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
* 250th peal for the Chester Guild. † First peal of Surprise.

NEWCHURCH-IN-ROSSENDALE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 8, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5088 ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14¾ cwt.

LEONARD WALSH	*Treble*	KENNETH HARTLEY	5
CHARLES W. BLAKEY	2	BRIAN H. WOOD	6
FRANK REYNOLDS	3	ROGER LEIGH	7
NORMAN SMITH	4	REV. R. D. ST. J. SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by REV. R. D. ST. J. SMITH.
First peal in the method on the bells and by all the band.

PENISTONE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
On Sat., Mar. 8, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt. in F.

JOHN E. TURLEY	*Treble*	*FRED JACKSON	5
HERBERT O. CHADDOCK	2	FRANK REED	6
ARTHUR CHAMPION	3	ERIC STAINROD	7
DENNIS HOLLAND	4	NORMAN CHADDOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN E. BURTON. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.
* 25th peal. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Champion on their 17th wedding anniversary.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 8, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5008 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR
Being 3,424 Plain Bob and 1,584 Little Bob with 214 changes of method. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	*Treble*	FREDERICK H. BIRKS	5
DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	2	JOHN W. BEST	6
NORAH M. BIBBY	3	GEORGE H. RANDLES	7
GEORGE F. SPERRING	4	PERCY SWINDLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by F. NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 8, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 1,472 Yorkshire, 2,176 Cambridge and 1,408 Superlative, with 134 changes of method. Tenor 14¼ cwt. in F.

EDWIN G. MOORE	*Treble*	*HERBERT H. ALEXANDER	5
*GEORGE F. BURTON	2	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS	6
MARIE R. CROSS	3	*EDGAR J. SMITH	7
*EDMUND E. PEARSON	4	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Composed by YORKE GREEN. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal in more than two Surprise Major methods spliced. Rung to commemorate the Feast of St. Perpetua.

SIX BELL PEALS

WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Feb. 20, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three 720's each of Kent and Oxford and one of Plain Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt.

ANNE WORTH	*Treble*	SYDNEY SAGE	4
M. JILLIAN BRIERLEY ..	2	NEIL D. LOMAS	5
DOROTHY KIDD	3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by DOROTHY KIDD.
Rung fully muffled in memoriam H.M. King George VI.

MINSTERWORTH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 29, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

*DORIS H. SHEPPARD ..	*Treble*	WILLIAM RICHINGS	4
LESLIE BARRY	2	TREVOR PRITCHARD ..	5
CHARLES ROUSE	3	JACK R. WORRALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.
* 25th peal.

PIDDINGTON, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Northampton Branch.)
On Fri., Feb. 29, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Consisting of two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

*WALTER MAWBY	*Treble*	BERTIE O. SODEN	4
IVOR J. DICKIN	2	BERNARD E. FROST	5
PHILIP JONES	3	ERIC NOBLES	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERIC NOBLES.
* First peal of Minor in three methods. Rung on the eve, to commemorate the Feast of St. David, and conductor's birthday.

POWICK, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 29, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 23½ cwt.

*THOMAS LEWIS	*Treble*	REGINALD WOODYATT ..	4
GEOFFREY J. LEWIS ..	2	*CYRIL TANSELL	5
GEORGE MORRIS	3	FRED HYDE	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS LEWIS.
* Hundredth peal together. First peal of Stedman as conductor.

ADWICK-LE-STREET, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Doncaster and District Society.)
On Sat., Mar. 1, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb. in G sharp.

*GRANVILLE VANN	*Treble*	†RAYMOND C. WESTNEY ..	4
DENNIS A. CHAPMAN ..	2	HOWARD SCOTT	5
*PETER G. TREGELLES ..	3	CHARLES NOTTAGE ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by HOWARD SCOTT.
* First peal. † First peal of Minor. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the tenor, who has been for 55 years a ringer at this tower. Also a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

COSBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 1, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON	*Treble*	PETER J. THOMAS	4
ERNEST MORRIS	2	FRANK T. LONG	5
GEORGE PICKERING	3	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
A birthday compliment to the verger's wife, Mrs. Crofts.



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CUDHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 1, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven callings. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

HILDEGARD I. G. BIRD	*Treble*	MICHAEL FULLER	4
MARY FULLER	2	JOHN E. CANNELL	5
BARBARA A. MITCHELL	3	RALPH BIRD	*Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

A birthday compliment to Mrs. P. M. Cannell, mother of the ringer of the fifth.

EASTRINGTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 1, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

ROBERT B. SMITH	*Treble*	*EDWARD PHILPOT	4
*HARRY HAWCROFT	2	JOHN J. TAYLOR	5
WILLIAM GRAVES	3	LESLIE M. WOODHEAD	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE M. WOODHEAD.

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor.

ELMORE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 1, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

*MARGERY BIRCH	*Treble*	CHARLES ROUSE	4
MARY DREW	2	JACK R. WORRALL	5
†JOAN BUSSEY	3	LESLIE BARRY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor 'inside.' Believed to be the first peal of Minor on the bells.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 1, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and one 720 of Kent Treble Bob and four 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 15¼ cwt. in F sharp.

DOUGLAS A. COLLINS	*Treble*	ROBERT E. LESTER	4
*GILLIAN GOULDING	2	MAX P. PAGE	5
†MICHAEL PIZZEY	3	GEOFFREY PAGE	*Tenor*

Conducted by MAX P. PAGE.

* First peal in three methods. † First peal of Minor. Birthday compliments for Bob Lester and Max Page.

NEW RADNOR, RADNORSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 1, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 7¼ cwt.

*HAROLD EVANS	*Treble*	*BRYAN GIDDINGS	4
BRYAN ELLSMORE	2	LESLIE EVANS	5
DOROTHY HUGHES	3	JOSEPH BAKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE EVANS.

* First peal. Rung in honour of St. David's Day.

POLESWORTH, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Mar. 1, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDITHA,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 16 cwt.

*CLIVE SMITH	*Treble*	JOAN BERESFORD	4
*J. DENNIS HOLDEN	2	PETER BERESFORD	5
ALAN ELSMORE	3	GEORGE E. OLIVER	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. OLIVER.

* First peal of Cambridge Minor.

RETTENDON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 1, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9¼ cwt. in A flat.

*IVAN SAUNDERS	*Treble*	JOHN WEST	4
JEAN M. HARRIS	2	JOE E. G. ROAST	5
PETER J. CAME	3	FRANK L. HARRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JEAN M. HARRIS.

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

SAPCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Hinckley District.)
On Sat., Mar. 1, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in A flat.

*ROY HALL	*Treble*	‡THOMAS COOPER	4
*ROBERT E. BROWN	2	MICHAEL E. BROWN	5
†ALLAN CHAPMAN	3	JOHN T. TURNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL E. BROWN.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ First peal of Doubles. First peal of Doubles as conductor. First peal on the bells since being rehung by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co.

SENNEN, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 1, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SENNEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being forty-two 120's, ten callings. Tenor 5¼ cwt.

HENRY TAYSOM	*Treble*	MRS. A. S. ROBERTS	4
GEOFFREY W. TAYSOM	2	REV. A. S. ROBERTS	5
EILEEN SYMONS	3	*JAMES H. R. JOHNS	*Tenor*

Conducted by REV. A. S. ROBERTS.

* First peal. This first peal on the 'First and Last' bells in England, this being the church at Land's End.

SOMERLEYTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 1, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5010 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, four different callings. Tenor 9 cwt.

EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	*Treble*	KENNETH L. BROWN	4
JACK KING	2	JOHN S. BARNES	5
*DAVID HEIGHTON	3	ARTHUR W. BIRD	*Tenor*

Conducted by KENNETH L. BROWN.

* First peal in the method. A birthday peal for ringers of 2nd and 4th.

WASHINGTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 1, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 25 lb.

*MARIAN SKINNER	*Treble*	†BRIAN J. LUFF	4
*EDWARD F. FOSBERRY	2	*FRANK F. BROOKES	5
†GEOFFREY LEE	3	PETER R. BLACKMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER R. BLACKMAN.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. Rung for the Feast of St. David.

WINTHORPE, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD
(Newark District.)
On Sat., Mar. 1, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, ten different callings. Tenor 7 cwt. (approx.).

*CHARLES J. COPP	*Treble*	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER	4
FREDERICK G. HOOPER	2	‡HAROLD STEVENSON	5
†SIMON L. BARLEY	3	ANTHONY W. BARLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK G. HOOPER.

* First peal away from tenor. † First peal on an 'inside' bell. ‡ First peal.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Mar. 2, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 2,160 Grandsire and 2,880 Plain Bob. Tenor 19¼ cwt.

*JILL HAFFENDEN (14)	*Treble*	‡REGINALD E. LAMBERT	4
MALCOLM S. CLOKE	2	S. GEOFFREY WATERS	5
†ROBERT T. LAMBERT	3	FRANK W. TOMLIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by MALCOLM S. CLOKE.

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

LYMINSTER, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Mar. 4, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

*JEANNE ELLIOTT	*Treble*	ERNEST TREAGUS	4
†G. WILLIAM HOLLISS	2	HENRY C. WEAVER	5
GEOFFREY LEE	3	RAYMOND P. WOOD, JUN.	*Tenor*

Conducted by RAYMOND P. WOOD, JUN.

* First peal. † First peal in the method 'inside' and first peal for over twenty years.

HANDBELL PEALS

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Tues., Feb. 12, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
IN HERTFORD COLLEGE,
A PEAL OF 5248 ST. CLEMENT'S BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

*ROBIN G. TURNER	1-2	MICHAEL SLANEY	5-6
†JOHN GUY	3-4	†PETER BORDER	7-8

Arranged and Conducted by MICHAEL SLANEY.
* First peal of St. Clement's. † First handbell peal of St. Clement's. First peal of St. Clement's as conductor. Rung in memory of His Majesty King George VI.

MONTMORENCY, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA.
ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL SOCIETY, MELBOURNE.
On Fri., Feb. 29, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT RATTRAY ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 13 in E.

*VALERIE WILLARD	1-2	†PHILIP M. J. GRAY	5-6
JOAN GRAY	3-4	‡CHRISTOPHER BILLINGTON ..	7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by PHILIP M. J. GRAY.
* First peal of Major 'in hand.' † First peal 'in hand' on an 'inside' pair. ‡ First peal. First peal on the bells.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sun., Mar. 2, 1952, *in* 1 *Hour and* 36 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Double Bob and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor size 12 in F.

*MICHAEL P. MORETON ..	1-2	WILFRID F. MORETON ..	3-4
*J. MARTIN THORLEY ..	5-6		

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First handbell peal of Minor in four methods.

HELLESDON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Mar. 5, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
AT 87, REEPHAM ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

NOLAN GOLDEN	1-2	HERBERT J. LASKEY	5-6
WALTER FORD	3-4	BERT GOGLE	7-8

Composed by HAROLD G. CASHMORE. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

CHALFORD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Mar. 6, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
AT THE GROVE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores, ten callings.

JOAN BUSSEY	1-2	LESLIE BARRY	3-4
DORIS SHEPPARD	5-6		

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.
Rung as a compliment to Mrs. Sheppard on the eve of her 89th birthday.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 8, 1952, *in* 1 *Hour and* 57 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. PETER'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different 720's. Tenor size 11 in G.

*VALERIE GUTTERIDGE ..	1-2	DEREK OGDEN	3-4
WILFRED L. ROBINSON ..	5-6		

Conducted by WILFRED L. ROBINSON.
* First peal. First handbell peal of Minor of the Guild.

RISLEY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Mar. 12, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT 85, DERBY ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 11 in F.

DENIS R. CARLISLE	1-2	JACK BAILEY	5-6
CLEMENT GLENN	3-4	*DAVID MARSHALL	7-8

Composed by H. JOHNSON. Conducted by JACK BAILEY.
* First handbell peal.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Anniversaries, which may conceivably be called noteworthy, were commemorated by the quarter peal of Cambridge Major rung at Woburn on March 15th, namely, the 70th of the founding of the Bedfordshire Association, the 100th birthday of Mrs. Frost (now living with the people's churchwarden), the 4th of the latter's grandson, the 54th of the conductor's elder son (all on the same date) and the 77th of the conductor himself (Mr. H. D. Harris) which occurred the previous week.

Miss Gillian Goulding is the first lady to ring a peal on the bells of St. Clement's, Ipswich.

Twyford bells were installed in 1913 and the peal on March 8th was the first to be rung on them by the local band. There were four first peals.

Mr. Frank C. W. Knight, who has been away from ringing for nearly two years through a ruptured intestine, has now started ringing again. He has recently been appointed Director of Music at Finchley Grammar School.

The regular service band at St. James', West Derby, consists entirely of lady ringers under the supervision of Mr. W. H. Rawsthorne. With the assistance of Mr. Rawsthorne and Mr. Fred Woodward they are making good progress with Plain Bob.

Mr. J. Cheek, who rang the tenor to the peal at Arreton, Isle of Wight, on March 13th, is the first local ringer to take part in a peal although the tomb of William Raynor, a noted Newport (I.W.) ringer of 150 years ago, is situated in the shadow of the tower. This ring was augmented to six by the addition of a treble last year and so far as is known a peal was never rung on the old five.

We regret to announce the death on March 18th of Mr. J. Rumley, a well-known London ringer, who rang at Westminster Abbey. As is the custom of servants of the Abbey, his remains were taken to the Abbey the night before the funeral to lie in state.

The average age of the band that rang the peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major at Ashton-under-Lyne on March 1st was 19 years 4 months. Is this the youngest band ever to ring a peal of Double Norwich?

It is pleasing to see Miss Eileen Symons' (president of the Truro Guild) name in a peal again, this being at Sennen. Her last previous peal was at Gulval in 1939.

In the peal of Stedman Cinques rung at St. Martin's Birmingham, on March 4th, no calls were made except the opening and turning courses. Whilst, of course, there can be no question of claiming a non-conducted peal, the band find that it adds interest to peals if those on the working bells can ring the composition without bobs being called.

There were two 13-year-old ringers—James L. Fitzgerald and Brynley J. Parry—in the peal of Grandsire Cinques at St. Woolos' Cathedral, Newport, on March 8th. They are both pupils of Mr. Donald G. Clarke, and their performances were all the more praiseworthy in that they were on the front end where the bells are almost set up at every stroke. It was the first 12-bell peal for the Association, in which the majority of the ringers were resident members. The peal enabled Miss Jacqueline Evans and Messrs. D. G. Clarke, A. Ryan Price, T. Yeomans, L. A. Tremeer, C. Greedy and R. E. Coles to complete Grandsire from Doubles to Cinques.

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At Rededication of Bolsover Bells

On Saturday, March 1st, the bells of Bolsover Parish Church were re-opened after rehanging on ball bearings by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

A very impressive service in the Parish Church was conducted by the Vicar, Canon G A. Lewis-Lloyd, and one of the lessons was read by Mr. A B. Cooper, joint Ringing Master of the Bolsover band.

In his address the Vicar made several references to a recent leading article in 'The Ringing World' and stressed that the ringing of church bells must always be recognised as part of the complete act of worship. A tower which was full of ringers for a mid-week practice but empty on Sundays was a bad tower, stated Canon Lloyd, but the tension which sometimes seemed to exist between incumbents and ringers was often exaggerated when reported in print and should be avoided at all costs by mutual discussion and consideration on both sides.

During the service Canon Lloyd reminded the congregation of the faithful service given to the church in Bolsover by four former ringers, John Flint, Charles Mason, Jesse J. Moss and Remaliah Coupe, in whose honour and memory the bells had been restored

An illuminated scroll, designed and painted by one of the Bolsover Sunday School teachers to record the names of the four ringers, was placed in the ringing room. Whilst the congregation were singing the last hymn the Vicar and the server went in procession to the ringing chamber and the service concluded with prayers of dedication and thanksgiving.

A band of Bolsover ringers rang the opening touch—Little Bob Major—and despite new ropes the striking was well up to the standard established over many years. Approximately 60 ringers were present from Chesterfield, Staveley, Denby Derby, North Wingfield, Warsop, Treeton, Diss and Heath and the bells were rung to various methods.

Tea was provided in the Church Hall and in a short speech Canon Lewis-Lloyd said how pleased he had been to see so many visitors at the service and in the tower. Mr. A. B. Cooper thanked all subscribers to the restoration fund and the wives of the ringers who had prepared the substantial meal. Mr. F. Adams, chairman of the Chesterfield District of the Derbyshire Association, replied for the visitors. Mr. Paul Taylor, representing the bell-hangers, spoke of how much he enjoyed his first visit to Bolsover.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World' of March 29th, 1912

SOUTHWARK, LONDON

The Ancient Society of College Youths

On Saturday, March 23rd. 1912, in 4 hours and 15 minutes

At the Cathedral Church of S. Saviour

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5,280 CHANGES

Tenor 50 cwt.

Edwin Horrex	Treble
Harry R. Pasmore	2
Challis F. Winney	3
Thomas Faulkner	4
Thomas H. Taffender	5
Henry R. Newton	6
William H. Pasmore	7
Frederick Dench	8
John W. Golding	9
Herbert Langdon	10
William T. Cockerill	11
Alfred B. Peck	Tenor

Composed by F. Dench. Conducted by A. B. Peck.

[There was no footnote to this peal, but it was the first of Cambridge 12 in London and, presumably by all. The conductor and the ringers of 5, 7, 8 and 10 are still with us.

WEDDING

MR. K. A. SNELLING—MISS G. A. APPS



BRIDE AND BRIDEGROOM
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A wedding of great interest to Sussex ringers took place on March 15th at Cuckfield Parish Church. The bridegroom, Mr. Kenneth A. Snelling, eldest son of Mr. A. Snelling and the late Mrs. Snelling, of 73, High Street, Crawley, is captain of the Crawley ringers. His bride, Miss Gladys A. Apps, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Apps, of 24, Chatfield Road, Cuckfield, is also a ringer, and her father is secretary of the Cuckfield band.

The Rev. P. A. B. Cory, of Crawley, officiated at the service and the Rev. H. F. C. Kempe, Vicar of Cuckfield, also attended. The service was fully choral, with Mr. G. Alfred Bailey, director of music at Cuckfield Parish Church, as organist.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was attractively dressed in a long pale blue classic gown of crepe marocain, worn with a cap of the same material. She carried a bouquet of carnations, anemones and freesias, and wore a dark blue necklace, the gift of the bridegroom.

Mrs. Violet G. Reid (sister of the bride) was the matron of honour. She was attired in a pale blue gown of cloque, her bouquet being composed of mauve tulips and freesias. She was presented with a string of pearls by the bridegroom.

Mr. Stanley Snelling (brother of the bridegroom) was best man.

Following the service a reception was given by the bride's parents in the W.I. Hall.

The honeymoon is being spent in the Isle of Wight. Mrs. Kenneth Snelling travelling in a strawberry-pink crepe dress, grey coat and navy blue accessories.

After the service the bells rang merrily and a peal of Oxford Bob Triples was rung at Cuckfield on March 17th, in honour of the occasion.

On the previous Sunday evening the couple were presented with a chiming clock in the belfry of St. John's Church, Crawley, by their fellow-ringers.

A GUIDE TO PLYMOUTH BELLS

We have received a copy of 'The Rings of Church Bells in the City of Plymouth,' by F. Stuart Worth, a handy little book for those visiting the West Country. In a foreword, the Bishop of Plymouth writes: 'It brings together information not otherwise easily accessible and it will be of value both to ringers and to all who are interested in our ancient city.'

IRISH ASSOCIATION

Eastern District

The annual meeting of the Eastern District of the Irish Association was held in Drogheda, Co. Louth, on St. Patrick's Day, when 70 bell-ringers from Arklow, Bray, Dublin (St. Patrick's and Christ Church Cathedrals, St. John's O.S.A. and St. George's), Londonderry, Belfast and Holywood and the local tower attended.

The contest for the Gabriel Lindoff Cup took place on the bells of St. Peter's Church—a fine eight recently restored by Taylor's. Bray were the first to compete and came out with 610 faults due to bad rhythm and clashing. St. George's, Dublin, were next and had reasonably good rhythm but poor changing; they recorded 402 faults. Drogheda team then competed. Their rhythm was not so good but their changing was almost perfect; they recorded 202 faults. The judges, Dr. S. E. Darmon and Mrs. Darmon and Mr. J. T. Dunwoody, worked independently and all arrived at the same results—comparatively speaking. They awarded the cup to Drogheda team. This is the first bell-ringing trophy ever won by them. The team was as follows:— W. Bovenizer 1, J. Huber (15) 2. W. Green 3, Rita Dukes 4, F. Henly 5, W Graham 6, F. E. Dukes (conductor 7. M. Kearney 8. Ringers of 3 and 5 last month completed 50 years' service in ringing at Drogheda. Mr. Robert W. Smyth acted as Ringing Master for the competition.

Drogheda now have to meet finalists of Southern and Northern District contests to decide the destination of the All-Ireland trophy —the Murphy Cup.

The District chairman, Mr. F. Henly, called upon Mrs. S. E. Darmon to present the cup to Mrs. Dukes, the only lady competitor in the competition.

THE BUSINESS MEETING

The business meeting was presided over by the District chairman, Mr. Fred Henly; also present were the Association president, Mr. William Pratt and Northern secretary, Mr. J. T. Dunwoody.

Fourteen new members were elected and they were presented with membership certificates by the president.

The election of officers resulted as follows:— Chairman, Mr. James MacManus (St. John's, Dublin); treasurer, Mr. John Fennell (Bray); Ringing Master, Mrs. S. E. Darmon (nee Jean Southerst), St. Patrick's, Dublin; secretary, Mr. Fred E. Dukes; vice-president of Executive Council, Mr. Sam Evans (Arklow); delegates on Executive Council, Mrs. Darmon, Messrs. J. Fennell and J. MacManus.

Lunch and tea were kindly provided for the meeting by the local company. The ringers' wives made the catering arrangements and were supervised by Mrs. T. Emerson—an expert in this side of bell-ringing activity, although not a ringer. The arrangements were well appreciated.

The bells of St. Peter's Church were put to good use during the day between 10 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. when touches of Plain Bob Triples, Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob Major and Cambridge Surprise were rung, much to the pleasure of the inexperienced in method ringing. Some well-struck touches were heard and were conducted by Mrs. Darmon, Dr. Darmon, Messrs. John Dunwoody and F. E. Dukes. Handbells were available and touches of Plain Bob Minor and Major were rung.

Blessington and Dublin were decided as the venues of the next two meetings and a proposal to hold the 1954 annual meeting in Kilkenny jointly with Southern District was unanimously approved.

BELLS IN ENGLISH LIFE

By ERNEST MORRIS

(Continued from page 170)

IT is probable that the earliest clock-bells were not actually sounded mechanically by the horologe, but rung by hand at stated times. The exact date when clocks, in the modern sense, were invented is unknown. All kinds of devices were tried by the ancients for measuring time and probably some of these evolved by almost imperceptible gradations into the primitive dial with its revolving hands. A curious clock, the admiration of all who saw it, was presented to Charlemagne by the Caliph Haroun al Raschid, and mention is made at Westminster of one in the year 1288.

Clocks striking the hours in Italy early as the end of the 13th century, and the great clock at Strasbourg Cathedral, which has a number of small bells struck by figures, was first constructed in 1352. Legend has it that the artificer who made it destroyed it in revenge for having had his eyes put out lest he should make another equally wonderful clock for some other church. This clock has been reconstructed twice since, the first time being from 1550 to 1574, the chief designer being Conrad Rauchfuss, assisted by David Volkenstein, an astronomer, the brothers Habrecht constructing the mechanism, and Tobias Stimmer doing the ornamental parts. Michael Habrecht repaired the clock in 1669 and Jacques Straubhar again in 1732. It ceased to act in 1789 and the present clock was commenced in 1838 by Schineque and finished in 1842.

All these clocks were alike in complexity and the present one has four little bells on which the quarters of the hours are struck. At the first, the figure of a little boy comes forward and strikes the first bell with an apple; at the second a youth strikes two bells with a dart; at the third an armed man strikes three bells with a sword; at the fourth an old man comes with a staff and strikes four bells. At each quarter a figure of Death comes and tries to catch the boy or the man; but on the other side comes the figure of the Saviour who drives Death in again. At the last quarter Death is allowed to strike the hour on the large bell with the bone of a skeleton.

JACKS OF THE CLOCKHOUSE

Similar clocks were formerly not uncommon in England the automata being popularly knowns as 'Jacks' or 'Jacks of the Clockhouse.' The clock and its bells in Old St. Paul's is thus described:—

> 'The great dial is your last monument, where bestow some half of the three score minutes to observe the sauciness of the Jacks that are above the man in the moon there; the strangeness of their motion will quit your labour.'

These Jacks, of course perished in the great fire of 1666 with the Cathedral, and at one time there was in contemplation a scheme to replace them. A paper called 'The Affairs of the World,' published in 1700, assures us that 'Mr. Tompion, the famous watchmaker in Fleet Street, is making a clock for St. Paul's Cathedral which, it is said, will go one hundred years without winding up, will cost £3,000 or £4,000 and will be far finer than the famous clock at Strasbourg.' For some reason this scheme was not carried out and St. Paul's had to be without its Jacks. The boom of the hour from the great bell now used must be infinitely more impressive than would have been possible had some imitation of the Strasbourg clock been adopted.

Mr. T. Reid, writing on clocks, avers that on a clear, still day in June, 1773, he heard St. Paul's bell toll noon at Windsor, twenty-two miles off; and the story of the soldier condemned to death for sleeping at his post on sentry on Windsor terrace, but saved his life by declaring that he heard St. Paul's bell strike thirteen at midnight, and producing evidence that it actually did so, is well known.

ST. DUNSTAN'S

The most famous Jacks in London are the giants of St. Dunstan's, Fleet Street. They and their clock were constructed in 1671 by Thomas Hardy and they continued the admiration of all country visitors to town until the old church was pulled down in 1829. Lord Hertford purchased the clock and all its appurtenances and put it up at his villa in Regent Park. The mechanism caused the two giants to strike two bells which hung beside them at each quarter hour. Recently they were restored to their original place at St. Dunstan's, where they now carry on their work of marking the fleeting hours as they did in olden days.

We also recall the famous figures of Gog and Magog who did duty in Cheapside, London, assisted by their subsidiary figures of Father Time and Venus. These two giants were for seventy or more years one of the 'Sights of London,' but in 1929 were sold to Mr. Henry Ford who took them to his museum in America.

Other Jacks may be seen at Southwold and Blythburgh, in Suffolk, but these, like many of their kind, no longer fulfil their original duties. Minehead, Somerset, has a Jack now on the rood screen, and two at Norwich Cathedral no longer perform their ancient tasks. All Saints' (Leicester) Carfax (Oxford), St. Mary's (Exeter), Wimborne Minster and York Minster have their examples and, of course, Wells Cathedral which has several.

Shakespeare, who rarely missed any such items, refers to such 'Jack o' the Clocks' in 'Richard II.' Act v., Sc. 5:—

> '. . . . my time
> Runs posting on in Bolingbroke's proud joy,
> While I stand fooling here, his Jack o' the clock.'

And again in 'Richard III.', Act iv., Sc. 2:—

> '. . . . like a Jack thou keep'st the stroke
> Betwixt thy begging and my meditation.'

In an old comedy produced in 1615 'The Fleire,' by Edward Sharpman, it is said of some gossips:—

> 'Their tongues are like a Jack o' the clock, still in labour.'

Leigh in his 'New Picture of London,' Cowper in his 'Table Talk,' and Sir Walter Scott in 'Fortunes of Nigel' all refer to the giants of St. Dunstan's.

CLOCK BELLS

Many churches still possess special bells for the clock to strike on (though usually it is the ordinary bells which are used for the quarters, and the tenor for the hour). They are to be found in London and many in the Eastern Counties, some dozen or more being of mediæval date and may originally have been Sanctus bells. One at Sonning, Berks, dates from 1300, and those at Hadleigh and Stowmarket, Suffolk, are also of the 14th century. Others again are of the period just prior to the Reformation and are probably genuine clock-bells, as at Bocking, Great Chesterford and Littlebury (Essex), Linton (Cambs) and Stoke-by-Clare (Suffolk). They are usually hung 'dead' in a frame as they only require to be struck by a hammer, not swung by a rope. In some instances they hang outside on the spire as, for example Hadleigh, Stowmarket (Suffolk), Braintree (Essex), Histon (Cambs), Barnstaple (Devon) and elsewhere.

St. Paul's and Worcester Cathedrals not only possess special hour bells, like most other Cathedrals, but also quarter bells, as does Kidderminster Parish Church, and there are, of course, many examples in secular edifices of which the best known is the Palace of Westminster.

The flight of time at sea is marked by a number of strokes on a bell, hung usually near the mizzen mast or in the forecastle. The whole day is divided into seven watches, five of four hours each and two 'dog-watches' of two hours each. At the end of each half-hour a bell rings, telling by the number of strokes how many of the half-hours constituting that particular watch has elapsed. Thus 'three bells' does not of itself indicate the time of the day, but simply that three half-hours of the watch have passed

The use of bells as time-tellers finds especially frequent mention by the poets. Thus in a well-known passage in his 'Night Thoughts,' Young exclaims:—

> 'The bell strikes one. We take no note of time but from its loss.'

Campbell, alluding to the invention of the clock by the Germans, whom he addresses in one of his odes, expresses this wish on their behalf:—

> '. . . The clock ye formed to tell
> By its sound, the march of time.
> Let it clang oppression's knell
> O er your chime!'

THE BELLRINGER'S POET

Longfellow, who has been called the 'Bellringer's Poet,' has several allusions to bells proclaiming the hours at various times. Thus in 'Daybreak':—

> 'It shouted through the belfry tower
> Awake O bell! Proclaim the hour.'

In 'Kerames' we hear:—

> '. . . . suddenly sounding peal on peal
> The church bell from the neighbouring town
> Proclaimed the welcome hour of noon.'

Again in 'The Ropewalk':—

> 'Then an old man in a tower,
> Ringing loud the noon-tide hour,
> While the rope coils round and round
> Like a serpent at his feet,
> And again in swift retreat
> Nearly lifts him from the ground.'

In 'Evangeline' we read:—

> 'So the morning passed away: And lo! with a summons sonorous
> Sounded the bell from its tower, and over the meadows a drum beat,
> Thronged ere long was the church with men.'

In 'King Witlaf's Drinking Horn':—

> 'Till the great bells of the convent,
> From their prison in the tower,
> Guthlac and Bartholomew,
> Proclaimed the midnight hour.'

Sir Walter Scott, in 'The Bridal of Triermain,' canto 3, vi.:—

> 'Twas then was heard a heavy sound,
> (Sound, strange and fearful there to hear,
> 'Mongst desert hills, where leagues around,
> Dwelt but the gorcock and the deer),
> As, starting from his couch of fern,
> Again he heard, in clangour stern,
> That deep and solemn swell.
> Twelve times, in measured tones, it spoke
> Like some proud Minster's pealing clock,
> Or city's 'larum bell.
> What thought was Roland's, first when fell
> In that deep wilderness, the knell
> Upon his startled ear?
> To slander warrior were I loth,
> Yet must I hold my minstrel troth—
> It was a thought of fear.'

(To be continued)

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The Northern District held a monthly meeting at Offley on March 22nd. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. followed by a short service conducted by the Vicar the Rev. J. M. Courtenay. About 30 members and friends had tea together and a short business meeting was conducted by Mr. A. E. Symonds. Methods ranged from rounds to Surprise Minor.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY PEAL BOOK

Dear Sir,—Mr. Semmens is correct in saying that the peal book of the Oxford University Society was missing during his Mastership, but he will be pleased to learn that it returned to Oxford some time ago.

I do not remember an attempt for a Victory peal at St. Mary-the-Virgin's. On VE Day and the following day three peals were rung, one 'in hand' one at Carfax and one at St. Ebbe's, but the Carfax peal was subsequently found to have been false, and was withdrawn. On VJ Day the Society was on a ringing tour in Cambridge and it was on this occasion that the peal was rung at the Cambridge University Church.

In conclusion I should like to congratulate the band which rang at St. Mary-the-Virgin's. I was able to listen to more than half of the peal and considered it an extremely good performance.—Yours truly,

KATHLEEN HIGGINS.

Oxford.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD AT OXFORD

Dear Sir,—I note that a correspondent in a recent issue appears to labour under a misapprehension regarding the peal-ringing prowess of the Cambridge University Guild. The true facts of their attempt for a peal at the University Church in Oxford are these:—The day, the hour and the band were fixed and permission was granted but the organisers entirely omitted to obtain the key. As a result the peal attempt had to be abandoned through lack of time but an excellent quarter peal was brought round.

As to the peal supposedly rung by the Oxford University Society on VJ Day, I suggest that your correspondent has again misunderstood the facts. A peal was, indeed, rung, but not for the University Society, and I believe it was subsequently withdrawn due to falseness.—Yours faithfully,

BRIAN D. THRELFALL.

Thornton Hough, Cheshire.

THANKS TO NEWCHURCH, LANCS

Dear Sir,—In the autumn of 1948 a Service friend and I approached the captain of the local ringers and requested instruction in change-ringing Despite the fact that either of us was liable to leave the district at short notice, our request was granted and we received our first lessons in bell-handling.

Within a month my friend had gone overseas but, despite this early disappointment, my teacher continued to drive home the ethics of ringing, and I eventually graduated to changes, touches and finally service ringing.

In the three and a half years' ringing I enjoyed with the Newchurch band, two facts have been indelibly impressed on my mind—the value of open leads and good striking. Could any aspiring bellringer have been given more? I think not.

Thus, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' I would like to place on record this small token of gratitude for the kindness and tolerance shown by Mr. Joseph Leatherbarrow and the ringers of Newchurch, in Lancashire.—Sincerely yours,

H. R. C. GRICE.
C.P.O., Royal Navy.

R.N.A.S. Eglington,
N. Ireland.

CURFEW TOWER, WINDSOR

Dear Sir,—I should like to point out that some of the information recently published about the Curfew Tower, Windsor Castle, was rather misleading.

The belfry, that is, the tower itself, is much older than indicated and was actually built as part of the fortifications during the years 1227-1230. It was only the wooden bellframe which was constructed in 1478 when the bells were moved from the campanile in which they had previously hung.

As regards the ringing, it is not correct to say there is a peal attempt on the death of a Sovereign; the bells are simply rung muffled during the evening of the day of the funeral.

Lastly, with regard to the statement that bells hung in timber have a better tone, I would suggest that tone in a different sense was intended and it was meant to convey the fact that a timber frame added tone to the bells and the whole building.—Yours, etc.,

K. BUCKINGHAM.

Windsor.

RINGERS' INSURANCE

Dear Sir,—The question of insurance against ringing accidents has not bothered many of us until the recent tragic event of which we all have read. A number of churches have insured the ringers, but upon investigation it has been found that the policy is merely one of third-party cover, whereby the Parochial Church Council insures against any claim by a paid or voluntary church worker who has been accidentally injured by anything proved to be caused by negligence on the part of the Parochial Church Council.

Having approached many well-known insurance companies and finding nothing suitable, I eventually contacted the Ecclesiastical Insurance Office, of Norfolk St., Strand, W.C., and have found that a proper Bellringers' Policy is in existence, drawn up in conjunction with the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers. I am sure that hundreds of ringers, like myself, had no knowledge of such a policy. It covers any given number of ringers; automatically allows for increase of membership during the year; covers a ringer in his own tower or any other; and also covers travelling to and from ringing at any time. All for a premium of 2s. a year per member!! Surely this should be regularly advertised so that new ringers know of the existence of such an insurance.

The Guildford Guild is sending a circular to each of its towers together with a proposal form, urging the captain to take up the matter with the Parochial Church Council, failing which, the ringing company should take out the policy themselves. Perhaps some Guilds and Associations already have collective policies, but I have not heard of any.—Yours, etc.,

CHARLES DENYER.

Farnham, Surrey.

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THOMAS NASH OF BATH

By ERNEST MORRIS

The note in a recent issue regarding the singular bequest made by Thomas Nash to the ringers of Bath Abbey is contained in a codicil to his will, proved in Doctors' Commons thus:—

'I do hereby give and bequeath to the Mayor, the Senior Alderman and Town Clerk of Bath for the time being, the sum of £50 per annum, in trust, payable out of the Bank Long Annuities, standing in my name at the Bank of England, for the use, benefit and enjoyment of the set of ringers belonging to the Abbey Church, Bath, on condition of their ringing, on the whole peal of bells, with clappers muffled, various solemn and doleful changes (allowing proper intervals for rest and refreshment) from eight o'clock in the morning until eight o'clock in the evening, on the 14th day of May in every year, being the anniversary wedding-day: and also the anniversary of my decease, to ring a grand bob major and many mirthful peals unmuffled, during the same space of time, and allowing the same intervals as above mentioned, in joyful commemoration of my happy release from domestic tyranny and wretchedness; and for the full, strict, and due performance of such conditions, they, the said ringers, are to receive the sum of £50 per annum, in two payments of £25 each, on those respective days of my marriage and decease. And now that dear divine man (to use Mr. Nash's own words) the Rev. ——— of ———, may resume his amatory labours, without enveloping himself in a sedan chair for fear of detection. I further will and direct that the aforesaid ringers do enter upon office (for the first time only) the very next day following my interment, and to receive £25, one half-year's dividend for so doing. Written with my hand the 14th day of May, 1813.

Thomas Nash.'

The above inspired the late Mr. G. F. Margetson to break out with:—

'Come muse, let's sing of Thomas Nash,
Who found a wife at Bath;
Who gnashed his teeth while quoathing cash
For ringers' gain and mirth.
Upon the 14th day of May—
His anniversary wedding day.

No joyous peals were they to ring,
But long, sad, doleful knells:
His love had proved a wretched thing,
So muffled are the bells.
With proper intervals for rest
You're sure the ringers try their best.

Whole pull and stand they labour on,
From morning until night.
Not sorry when the hours are gone,
To see the end in sight:
Diversions then employ the cash
Left by the will of Thomas Nash.

And since poor Tom has gone aloft,
They ring for his decease,
Most joyous peals come stealing forth
In praise of his release,
From all the miseries of life,
By taking to himself a wife.

Bob Majors now ring wild and true,
To tell poor Tom is dead,
Reminding those he never knew
To pause before they wed:
Great is the ringers' grief for Nash,
But tears subside where there is cash.

PEAL WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir,—I have just been informed by the peal secretary of the Yorkshire Association that a composition of 5,040 Forward Major which I conducted at Handsworth, Yorks, on August 15th, 1951, is false and must be struck from the records.

May I tender my sincere apologies to all those who took part in the peal.—Yours truly,

JOHN J. L. GILBERT

Sheffield.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD

Retiring Chairman Appointed Vice-President

The 25th annual meeting of the Guild was held at East Grinstead on March 8th when 53 members attended, representing most of the towers in the Guild's area.

After some trouble in finding the right key for the belfry door the bells were raised at 3.15 and continued in methods up to Double Norwich until 4.30, when the service was held, conducted by the president, Dr. G. Golding-Bird, with Mr. Pattern at the organ. The address was by the Rev. H. F. Burroughs, Vicar of Hammerwood.

As usual, the president entertained the company to tea in the small Parish Hall and afterwards took the chair for the business meeting, conducting the same in the way the Guild had come to expect by getting up and telling some tale or anecdote between items on the agenda.

Two new members were elected—the Misses Margaret Ladd and Valerie Rood, both of Tunbridge Wells.

The balance sheet showed a drop of £1 0s. 1d. on the year's working, mainly owing to the cost of entering peals into the new book and this deficit would have been much more had it not been for an anonymous donation of £5 5s.

All the officers were re-elected with the exception of Mr. E. J. Oliver, who, owing to ill-health, felt obliged to resign his office as treasurer. Mr. E. J. Ladd, the chairman, and Mr. G. D. Burroughs, the auditor, both spoke of Mr. Oliver's excellent services to the Guild, and said that they were sure that members would know Mr. Oliver was not giving up through lack of interest. From the chair it was proposed that, in recognition of his services, Mr. Oliver should be made a vice-president. This was immediately seconded and carried with acclamation. On the proposition of Mr. B. Collison, Mr. A. F. Wellington, of Tunbridge Wells, was elected treasurer.

After alternative routes had been passed round, the one via Haslemere and Chichester was chosen for the summer outing and it was agreed that it should be held on a meeting day but in which month caused quite a discussion. Finally, after being put to the vote, August was chosen.

Mr. E. J. Ladd proposed that the Guild should celebrate its silver jubilee by holding a dinner in East Grinstead some time in the autumn. This was agreed to and a small sub-committee was set up to make all the arrangements.

At the end of the business all those responsible for making the meeting such a success were heartily thanked, especially Dr. Golding-Bird and Miss Shepherd and as the company left the hall the usual belfry collection was made and realised £1 6s. 7d. C. A. B.

RINGING RHYMES

No. 7. METHOD-FORMS

All methods into two groups fall.
The first we 'Omni-working' call;
Because *all* bells the same work do
In running straight the plain course through.

Examples: Erin, Duffield, and—
The method Stedman, well thought grand!

The second class is 'Hunt-controlled.'
So-called because one bell will hold
A steady hunting course right through.
The rest—dependent work will do.

Such hunt-bell mostly treble is,
Though other bells might well be this.
Some methods have a second bell
Within the hunt. (As most know well!)

Thus: Grandsire, D.N.Caters, show
(With others) how these twin-hunts go.
At calls the second 'hunt' comes out,
When other 'hunts' take turn about.

A. Y-B.

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD

A quarterly meeting of the Guild was held at the Church of St. Teilo, Llandilo, on March 8th. The bells were available at 2 p.m. and the service, at 3.30 p.m., was conducted by the Vicar (Canon Tudor Hughes), assisted by the Revs. V. L. T. Evans and R. H. Evans. Mrs. P. R. Davies was the organist.

The ringers were entertained to a very nice tea at the Church Hall where 25 members attended and the Vicar presided at the business meeting.

Before the meeting was opened all the members stood up as a token of respect to two members of the Guild who had died since the last meeting—Mrs. W. Buttress, of Godre-y-Graig, and Mrs. Ed. J. Thomas, of Carmarthen. The Vicar offered a prayer.

The Vicar then declared the meeting open and the usual touch on the handbells was rung by Mr. Brian Price, Mr. Scudamore and Mr. C. H. Hawkins.

A collection for the Bell Restoration Fund realised £1 4s., and three new ringing members were made; the Vicar kindly consented to become a vice-president of the Guild.

The next quarterly meeting will be at Pembroke on September 13th. The secretary reminded members of the annual meeting which will take place at St. David's Cathedral on June 14th.

Although the attendance of the ringing members was poor, the presence of Mr. Brian Price, of Brynmawr, Breconshire, Mr. D. J. Hughes, of Llandilo, Mr. L. T. Morgan, of Burry Port, and many other honorary members made the meeting a success.

A hearty vote of thanks was extended to the Vicar by Mr. J. T. Williams, of Morriston, for having the Guild at Llandilo and for the very nice tea received. This was supported by the secretary and the Vicar suitably responded.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Western District at Brighouse

The annual meeting of the Western District was held on March 15th at St. Martin's Church, Brighouse, when over 50 members were present from a very representative area. Despite the restrictive dimensions of the belfry, relays of visitors kept the bells going in a variety of methods until 5 p.m. when members sat down to an excellent tea provided by the local company.

At the business meeting which followed, Mr. T. W. Strangeway was re-elected Ringing Master, and Messrs. A. Bairstow and E. H. Simpson were re-elected to the District committee. Mr. A. W. Bond was elected to the vacant seat on the committee caused by the resignation of Mr. W. Dransfield. Mr. A. Bairstow retains his seat on the general committee. Arrangements will be made to hold the next meeting at Mirfield, in June.

All those present were pleased to hear that Mr. William Ambler, who gave up the secretaryship last year due to ill-health has had a better report from his specialist and is consequently looking forward to better health.

ACCIDENT INSURANCE FOR BELLRINGERS

Many teams of bellringers are insured under the special policies issued by the Ecclesiastical Insurance Office Ltd., 11, Norfolk Street, Strand, W.C.2. Particulars will be supplied on application. Those with old policies are recommended to consider increasing the scale of benefits provided.

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

New Officers For South and West District

The South and West District annual meeting was held at Acton on February 9th. With the nation in mourning for the late King, the bells of both Christ the Saviour's and St. Stephen's, Ealing, were rung half-muffled during the afternoon to a variety of standard methods, well struck. Unfortunately the bells of St. Mary's, Acton, were not available but, after tea, the business meeting was held in the vestry of that church with the president, the Rev. P. Gough, in the chair.

Of the past year's officers, Mr. T. Price (Master), now holding the office of Association Master, Mr. G. Dodds (secretary), shortly moving out of the District, and Mr. T. Blunt (assistant secretary), now in the Forces, did not seek re-election.

The new officers are Master, Mr. R. E. Price; Deputy Master, Mr. F. G. Baldwin; secretary, Mr. F. W. Goodfellow; assistant secretary, Mr. G. Ingham; central committee—Mr. F. Finch, Mr. Webb, Mr. Kilby; auditor, Mr. E. C. S. Turner.

Arrangements for ringing in the District on the day of the late King's funeral were discussed and a peal was arranged at Acton on the following Saturday. Half-muffled ringing was to take place at most other towers on the Friday evening.

The statement of accounts showed that more peals had been rung and fewer subscriptions collected, leaving a balance much as last year. The secretary's report showed that, in spite of a fairly large number of peals and quarter peals, the general tower activity had declined. Most ringable towers in the District had had meetings during the year.

Five new members were elected. Amongst other business, long touches at meetings were criticised, arrangements for the Heston Supper on March 15th were announced and a prepared list of meetings for the year was read out.

The meeting concluded with best wishes to Mr. Dodds on his forthcoming marriage, and to the president on his recovery. Votes of thanks were passed to all concerned in the day's arrangements. G. D.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL

Swindon Branch

The spring quarterly meeting was held at Malmesbury on March 8th and attracted a large number of visitors in addition to Branch members. Among the visitors was the Master of the Association (Mr. J. G. Jefferies). Good use was made of the recently-augmented bells in various methods up to Cambridge and Superlative.

At the business meeting the Branch chairman (Mr. W. H. Trueman) congratulated the local ringers on the great improvement in the ringing chamber. It was proposed that meetings be held at St Mark's, Swindon, Blunsdon and Bishopstone during the next three months.

W. B. K.

Gloucester Branch

A successful meeting was held on March 8th at Gloucester. The Cathedral bells were raised at 2.45 p.m. and many members and friends enjoyed their first ring on the bells. At four p.m. all attended choral service in the choir, part of the Association's form of service being used. A high tea followed.

Evening ringing was at St. Mary de Crypt's and good use was made of this Rudhall ring. Methods rung were Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich, not forgetting rounds for the not-so-advanced ringers. L. B.

BRISTOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

A Week-end in Wiltshire

AFTER a successful tour in November of last year, reported under the title 'Ditched in Dorset,' members of Bristol University Society have once again embarked upon a similar venture. This time we were unable to have the use of the 1934 taxi-cab but 'went one better' by hiring an Austin 16-h.p. 1935 car. It was large enough to accommodate six—Heather J. Tesson, B. Enid Lloyd-Roberts, Ivor H. Trueman, Robert J. Stokes, Lance C. I. Watson (chauffeur) and Frank D. Mack. Another member, Alan P. Cave, heroically cycled the whole way.

The start had been timed for 6.15 p.m. on Friday, February 29th, but due to a misunderstanding about calling for the car, Bristol was not left until 7 o'clock The first tower was Wellow, amongst the Somerset hills. Although late we were patiently awaited by the Vicar, tower master and Alan The fine old bells were soon set swinging and in a remarkably short time, considering their weight (tenor 25 cwt.), they were 'up.' The recent work of rehanging the bells and installing a lantern roof has been a truly worthy job. At Norton St. Philip, where we were to have rung next, we decided to forgo a 'pull' because of the late hour, and proceeded to our destination, Melksham. Here a sumptuous feast was spread and, as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Kennelly, we were made comfortable in every possible way.

TEN TOWERS IN A DAY

The following morning found us at Lacock soon after 9 o'clock where we were glad to see Brian Bladon, of Swindon, who was to be with us for most of the day. The bells were discovered to be not easy to handle and also slightly out of tune. At St. Paul's, Chippenham, we enjoyed a ring on the musical octave, including a touch of Stedman containing Queen's, Whittington's and Tittums. Still in Chippenham, we called at St. Andrew's where we were unable to do justice to the good Rudhall (1734) bells.

At midday the heavy six at Corsham were set booming across the countryside, now wreathed in sunshine following the morning's wet mist. We had a spot of bother with bell-ropes 'slipping wheel' and, there being only a few feet and one floor between us and the bells we found them noisy

Having lunched at Melksham, we set off again to the south-west, stopping first at Holt. The tuneful six swung merrily to Cambridge Surprise and Oxford Treble Bob Minor. We left them behind to reach Christ Church, Bradford-on-Avon, after some low-gear work. After a pleasant ring on the light eight we went downhill to Holy Trinity Church with its contrastingly weighty octave.

At North Bradley is a fine example of good tower-keeping and we couldn't resist a touch of Bob Minor on a brand-new set of handbells prominently on view. Brian now took his leave for the long homeward journey to Swindon.

Almost before the bells were 'up,' it was 'Go. Plain Bob,' at Hilperton, which has room for six ringers only, standing shoulder to shoulder at the back of the church. A short ring at Seend concluded our day's ringing, since most of us were feeling quite weary.

On Sunday we joined the local band for morning service, ringing at Melksham Parish Church. After a hearty lunch and an early tea, we again made off in the car to Trowbridge in order to ring on the fine twelve. Here, as in many other Wiltshire places, we found yet another link with the renowned Mr. William Cave, whose grandson, Alan, was greeted by Mr. Gilbert Harding We reached Bristol quite safely at about 8 p.m.

In conclusion we would like to record our thanks to Mary I. Kennelly, who arranged the tour (unfortunately she was unable to take part due to illness), and to the incumbents and tower captains for making our visits possible. To Mrs. Kennelly we are especially grateful for her magnificent hospitality in coping with us all. We had a happy week-end and although humpback bridges were traversed at alarmingly high speeds, we remain alive to tell the tale.

F. D. M.

NORWICH ASSOCIATION

Branch Chairman Retires After 21 Years

Seventy-five ringers and friends from 40 parishes in Norfolk, Suffolk and Essex (a record) attended the annual meeting of the South Norfolk Branch at Diss on March 8th.

The service was conducted by Canon J. A. Appleton (Rector), assisted by Canon Nock, R.D., the Rev. C. B. Morgan (curate) and the preacher was the Rev. F. E. Vokes. Mr. H. V. Cartwright was the organist

After tea, in the Corn Hall, Mr. William L. Duffield presided at the meeting, supported by Canon and Mrs. Appleton, the Revs. F. E. Vokes and C. B. Morgan, Mr. Ernest Whiting (Branch Ringing Master), Mr. A. G. Harrison (Branch secretary), Messrs. E. G. Bennett, C. E. G. Banham, F. C. Roper, W. A. Lock and F. C. W. Phillippo (committee).

Four new members were elected—Mr. T. Stagg and Mr. H. Fuller (Thetford), Miss P. Fifield (Diss) and Mr. D. Nicholls (Bunwell).

At the election of officers for 1952, Mr. Duffield asked to be relieved of his duties as chairman, owing to advancing years. Canon Appleton (vice-president) spoke of the long and valuable service of Mr. Duffield who had completed over 21 years as Branch chairman. The Branch secretary said during that time 63 meetings had been held in the Branch and Mr. Duffield had only missed 12 meetings. The Rev. F. E. Vokes was unanimously elected as the new chairman and Mr. H. Moss was added to the committee.

It was decided to visit Redenhall on May 17th.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The Shropshire Association started their year's programme with a well-attended and lively meeting at Malins Lee on March 8th. The local band, led by Mr. A. Woodvine, extended a warm welcome and full use was made of the bells in a large variety of methods; a conspicuous feature being the absence of Grandsire Doubles.

Mrs. Woodvine, Mrs. Fletcher and others provided a substantial tea which Mr. Snow (lay reader) and the churchwardens attended. As the parish is without a Vicar, the lay reader conducted the Association service and spoke of the earlier uses of bells.

It was very gratifying to see three members of the Wrockwardine band, who were helped to ring rounds. They are being coached by Mr. L. Hewitt.

Socially the meeting was a great success as well as from a ringing point of view, the only criticism being about the bells themselves. It is a pity that these bells, the 'go' of which is second to none, should have such appalling tonal qualities. The local band, whose efforts are evidently much appreciated by the church generally, certainly deserve better fare and the Association would like to see something done in the matter. W. A. F.

STAFFORD.—At St. Mary's, on Mar. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. B. Garbett 1, F. R. Wiggin 2, P. Fisher 3, F. Eley 4, C. Hone 5, A. E. Garbett 6, R. J. Warrilow (cond.) 7, J. Warrilow 8. To celebrate the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Wiggin.

OBITUARY

MR. H. SYCAMORE

A well-known and respected figure in Ewell, Mr. Henry Sycamore died peacefully in his bed on the morning of February 22nd. He was a regular service ringer for many years and rang his first peal in December, 1900.

In the 1914-18 war he served in the old Royal Flying Corps and in 1917 was invalided out with acute shell-shock and suffered from this for the rest of his life. But despite this handicap he still went on ringing, until forced to give up during the last war. He was determined to ring for VE Day, however, and when it came was helped up the stairs of the tower.

This was the last time he rang, but he maintained interest to the end, listening to the bells and always avid for news of ringing. Visitors to meetings at Ewell will remember Mr. Sycamore assisting his wife with the preparation of the tea.

A member of the Surrey Association (he rang in the Association's first peal this century) he also belonged to the Guildford Diocesan Guild. From active ringing he turned to bowls, and he also enjoyed billiards and snooker. He was a keen supporter of the Epsom Football Club and attended most of their games.

His death occurred two weeks after that of the late King; fifty-one years after he had taken part in a peal of Grandsire Triples at Ewell with the bells 'deeply muffled on the Funeral Day of Our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria, February 2nd, 1901.'

At Mr. Sycamore's funeral on February 27th handbells were rung over the grave by Messrs. A. Winch, J. Hoyle and F. Oakshott. In the evening, 1,259 half-muffled Grandsire Triples was rung by the following:—A. Reid 1, Margaret Howard 2, H. E. Good 3, E. J. Lindley (conductor) 4 J. Seager 5, J. E. Beams 6, F. Oakshott 7, G. Hill 8. J. E. B.

'Ringing Worlds' at Buckingham Palace

Copies of the memorial issues of 'The Ringing World' to H.M. King George VI. were sent to Buckingham Palace by Mr. W. T. Elson. He has received the following gracious acknowledgment from Her Majesty's Lady-in-Waiting.

Dear Mr. Elson,

I am commanded by the Queen to thank you for your letter and for your kind thought in sending the copies of 'The Ringing World' for Her Majesty to see

Yours sincerely,
HENRIETTE PALMER,
Lady-in-Waiting.

BELLRINGER'S NOTEBOOK AND DIARY, 1952

We nearly broke our record and produced the 'Diary' without errors this year. However, we find we must reserve our 'laurels' for another occasion as there is a mistake in the 'Bob' diagram of New Bob Doubles, one of the ten Doubles methods on the front end-paper.

This bob should be made as follows:—

24135
21453
12435
14235
41253
42135

and not as printed.

W. VIGGERS.
M. HODGSON.

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QUARTER PEALS

ABINGDON, BERKS.—At St. Nicholas', on Mar. 16th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Dorothy Cockshead 1, A. E. Lock 2, Audrey J. West 3, M. Angela Carter 4, Janet E. Dicks (cond.) 5, Mrs. A. L. Lock 6.

BETCHWORTH, SURREY.—On Mar. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. S. C. Cannon 1, C. J. Champion 2, C. S. Hoad 3, W. B. Judd 4, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 5, Rev. K. G. Hoare 6, E. R. Warner (Woking) 7, T. Arrow 8.

BEVERLEY, YORKS.—At St. Mary's, on Mar. 11th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss B. Hall 1, T. Southwick 2, G. Dowling 3, A. Taylor 4, L. Daggitt (cond.) 5, C. Constable 6, A. E. Sellers 7, F. Osgerby 8, C. Barker 9, G. Braithwaite 10. Rung fully-muffled as a last tribute to Mr. H. Malkin, 29 years organist at the above church, interred this day.

BOCKING, ESSEX.—On Mar. 2nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. W. Moore (first quarter Major) 1, C. Snowden 2, Mrs. M. E. Moore 3, R. Linsell 4, Miss H. G. Snowden 5, H. A. Pratt 6, R. Suckling (cond.) 7, S. Bones 8.

BRADFORD ABBAS, DORSET.—On Mar. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. R. Moore (first quarter) 1, R. Moore 2, R. J. Fox (first quarter) 3, T. E. Marks 4, T. J. Setter (cond.) 5, H. Gaylard 6.

CAMBERWELL, LONDON.—On Mar. 9th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: F. R. L. Blewer 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, Miss J. Weddell 3, Miss A. M. Castle 4, N. G. Hollingsworth 5, E. T. Beauchamp 6, W. D. Grainger 7, C. W. Ottley 8.

CHIPPENHAM, WILTS.—At St. Andrew's, on Mar. 10th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: G. Miflin 1, Miss R. Gibbons 2, L. Hitchens 3, T. Davison 4, P. W. Harding 5, G. R. Eyles 6, F. Slatford 7, C. F. Andrews (cond.) 8. First quarter in the method by all except ringer of tenor.

CHIPPING NORTON, OXON.—On Mar. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Francis 1, H. Cook 2, J. Keyte 3, S. Pulker 4, R. Jarvis (cond.) 5, I. Harris 6, J. Jarvis 7, C. Tompkins 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect for D. G. Coombes, a ringer at this church for many years, and interred same day.

CLERKENWELL, LONDON, E.C.—At the Church of St. James, on Mar. 16th, 1,264 Bob Major: R. H. Begrie 1, Miss M. Prockson 2, E. Prior 3, G. A. Parsons 4, J. L. Morris (cond.) 5, W. D. Prockson 6, D. Harman 7, F. C. Knight 8.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—At St. James' Church, on Mar. 9th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: M. Hunt 1, W. Mortimer 2, P. Hunt 3, H. A. Gummer 4, J. Potter 5, J. S. Weeks (cond.) 6. To welcome the birth of a son to Mrs. P. H. Geake, wife of the assistant priest.

DITCHEAT, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sheila Collett (first quarter) 1, W. Higdon 2, W. Higgins 3, P. Hull (cond.) 4, H. Smith 5, R. S. Tucker 6, H. C. Lintern 7, A. Lintern 8.

DOVER, KENT.—At St. Mary's, on Mar. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. H. George 1, H. J. Saunders 2, H. Tourle 3, C. George (cond.) 4, E. T. Ellender 5, E. J. Walker 6, J. D. Thomas (first quarter) 7, G. Gray 8.

FULHAM, MIDDLX.—On Mar. 9th, 1,282 Cambridge Royal: R. Charge 1, Jill Brittain 1, M. V. Chilcott 3, H. Belcher 4, D. E. Parsons (cond.) 5, K. W. Mackintosh 6, J. Phillips 7, R. Sanders 8, R. F. Deal 9, J. E. Chilcott 10.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Mar. 9th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. Woodley 1, Pam Webb (first quarter Plain Bob) 2, J. Gordon 3, M. Bishop (cond.) 4, J. Blond 5, G. Bishop 6, H. Bishop 7, B. Brown 8.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Mar. 5th, 1,320 Beverley Surprise: J. R. G. Spicer 1, F. Warrington (cond.) 2, A. Clements 3, W. Ransom 4, F. R. Nicholls 5, H. S. Peacock 6. First quarter in method by all except conductor.

HIGHGATE, LONDON.—On Mar. 16th, 1,312 Plain Bob Major: J. O'Dell (first quarter Major) 1, T. Bevan 2, J. L. Morris 3, G. F. Carter 4, A. W. J. Butler 5, D. F. Harman 6, P. G. Foote 7, F. C. W. Knight (cond.) 8. Rung to honour the birth of a daughter to the wife of Mr. Foote.

HOLLOWAY, LONDON.—On Mar. 9th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: W. D. Prockson 1, Miss M. A. Prockson 2, J. L. Morris 3, R. Newman 4, E. F. Pryor 5, A. F. Lancaster 6, D. F. Harman 7, F. C. W. Knight (cond.) 8.

HONITON, DEVON.—On Mar. 13th, at St. Paul's, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Clapp 1, F. H. Parr 2, A. Hodge 3, W. Webb 4, F. Warren (first quarter as cond.) 5, J. Real 6. Believed to be the first quarter of Doubles on the bells.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Mar. 9th, 1,256 Little Bob Major: D. Salisbury 1, J. Carrott 2, A. Salisbury 3, A. H. Worboys 4, C. E. Wright 5, S. Penfold 6, T. East 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8. First in method for 4, 6 and 7.

KILBURN, LONDON.—On Mar. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Ruth Stafford (first of Bob Minor) 1, Dorothy Watts 2, Constance Brook (first of Bob Minor inside) 3, Audrey Barker 4, D. C. Birkinshaw 5, E. M. Atkins (cond.) 6.

LONDON.—At St. Giles-in-the-Fields, on Mar. 2nd, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: R. Charge 1, J. S. Hawkins 2, W. R. Winterton 3, F. A. Barker 4, G. A. Parsons 5, A. W. Coles (cond.) 6, R. H. Begrie 7, J. Euston 8. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th.

MARGATE, KENT.—On Mar. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Silman (first quarter) 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, R. G. Dadds 3, P. Page 4, L. Twyman 5, W. Fairbeard 6, F. Gadsden (cond.) 7, H. Lade, 8.

MAXEY, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 8th, 1,440 Minor (being 720 each of Double Oxford and St. Clement's Bob): G. Bush 1, H. Goakes 2, P. D. Baldock 3, R. Russell 4, T. Austin 5, J. H. Bluff (cond.) 6. Also 1,440 Minor (being 720 each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob): J. H. Bluff (cond.) 1, H. Goakes 2, P. D. Baldock 3, R. Russell 4, G. Bush 5, T. Austin 6.

MIDDLETON, LANCS.—On Mar. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Tunnicliffe (first quarter) 1, S. H. Dearden 2, A. F. Taylor 3, D. Sanderson 4, J. Taylor 5, I. Kay 6, F. Pritchard (cond.) 7, Miss M. Leach 8. A welcome to the new Rector of Middleton.

NORTH OCKENDON, ESSEX.—On Mar. 16th, 1,260 Doubles (360 Stedman, 360 Plain and 540 Grandsire): F. V. Gant 1, C. E. Wright (cond.) 2, H. Long 3, A. R. Chapman 4, C. E. Brown 5, W. J. Carter 6. A birthday compliment to A. R. Chapman.

PORTHKERRY, GLAM.—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Marion Norman 1, H. Green 2, Jean Norman 3, G. Francis 4, H. D. Dimond (cond.) 5, H. Smart 6. First quarter for 1, 3 and 6. Also on Mar. 18th, 1,260 Doubles (360 Southrepps, 360 Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire): Dorothy Charley 1, H. Green 2, L. J. Malings 3, R. J. Curtis 4, H. D. Dimond (cond.) 5, T. Charley 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On Feb. 26th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor (rung with tenor behind): N. Philips 1, Miss S. Booth 3, Mrs. J. C. Northan 4, D. J. Woodhams 5, H. Corney 6, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 7, H. F. Perry 8. First quarter in method for 1, 5 and 6. First quarter in method as conductor. Engagement compliment to Miss S. Booth and L. W. Bullock.

SAWLEY, DERBYS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,320 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 840 Grandsire): O. Cripps 1, Sheila Kilbourn 2, W. E. Simpson 3, Mrs. I. Simpson 4, D. J. Marshall (cond.) 5, Mr. Newsum 6. Rung fully-muffled in memory of King George VI.

SIDMOUTH, DEVON.—On Mar. 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: K. Clarke 1, R. Pike 2, Betty Smith 3, P. Davis 4, C. Turner 5, R. Woodley 6, E. Rowe (cond.) 7, B. Vincent 8.

STAMFORD HILL, LONDON.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss E. Perrin (first quarter Minor) 1, J. L. Morris 2, E. J. Rowe 3, W. T. Forrester 4, M. Parry 5, F. C. W. Knight (cond.) 6.

STOWTING, KENT.—On Mar. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): M. J. Martin 1, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 2, P. J. H. Small 3, G. F. Gray 4, E. J. Walker 5, J. Chittenden 6. First in two methods for all the band.

THAKEHAM, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 14th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Marian Skinner 1, C. B. Skinner 2, F. Brooks 3, B. Luff 4, B. W. Farhall 5, H. Weaver 6.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On Mar. 9th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Haynes (first quarter) 1, Mrs. C. Ilett 2, H. T. Rooke 3, D. H. Rook (cond.) 4, Miss J. Smith 5, F. Flint 6.

WHITBY, YORKS.—On Mar. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Elwick 1, A. V. Coates 2, A. Hunter 3, J. R. Waller 4, W. A. Breckon 5, H. Waters 6, S. R. Elwick (cond.) 7, H. Short 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. G. W. White, wife of one of the ringers.

WHITCHURCH CANONICORUM, DORSET.—On Mar 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. J. Arscott 1, H. Parkes 2, H. G. Keeley 3, G. S. Morris 4, J. L. Glyde 5, R. Keeley 6, W. H. Poole (cond.)7, A. J. Scott 8.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On Mar. 16th, 1,260 Double Bob: Miss M. Newton 1, Miss P. Lowes 2, E. S. Ruck 3, L. C. Smith 4, R. J. Carlton 5, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 6. Also 1,260 Double Court: E. S. Ruck 1, Miss P. Lowes 2, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 3, W. J. Lancefield 4, R. J. Carlton 5, L. C. Smith 6.

WOBURN, BEDS.—On Mar. 15th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: H. D. Harris (cond.) 1, A. S. Smith 2, C. H. Harding 3, R. J. Sharp 4, J. Church 5, S. Wallis 6, L. H. Bywaters 7, B. F. Sims 8.

WYCHBOLD, WORCS.—On Mar. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Wilson 1, H. Homans 2, R. Woodyatt (cond.) 3, R. W. Sayers 4, A. Morgan 5, F. Yates 6. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Beryl Holm.

YAXLEY, HUNTS.—On Mar. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. G. Whiteside 1, R. E. King 2, L. Sharp 3, J. Plummer 4, H. Goakes 5, B. T. Austin (first quarter as cond.) 6. First quarter for 1, 2, 3 and 4.

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MEETINGS

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Meeting, Charing (6). Saturday, March 29th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 435

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Practice, St. Mary's, Lambeth, Monday, March 31st, 7.15 p.m. All welcome. No practice first Monday in April.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth, Midd'esex. 473

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Opening of bells (8) at Pakefield Church, Lowestoft, by the Lord Bishop of Norwich, Thursday, April 3rd, at 7 p.m. Ringing after the service.—A. G. G. Thurlow, Gen. Sec. 453

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—Meeting at Harrold, April 5th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Room 5. Special method, Barham Delight Minor.—Michael Stephens, 24, Durler Avenue, Kempston. 485

' COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Sherbourne, April 5th. Names for tea by the 1st, please.—Edden 25, Deppers Bridge, Southam, Rugby. 490

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Annual meeting April 5th at Dudley. Bells 2.30. Guild service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 o'clock. Please send number for tea, not later than April 1st, to F. Colclough, Hall Park Street, Bilston. 449

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting, Willingham (6) April 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Miss M. Grain. Dis. Sec. 498

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. Division.—Quarterly meeting, South Benfleet (6), April 5th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., to be followed by tea and business meeting. Further ringing till 8 p.m. Names for tea to C. L. Matson, Elm Tree Cottage, St. Mary's Road, South Benfleet. 462

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Chobham, April 5th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at White Hart Hotel. Names for tea, by Wednesday, April 2nd, to me.—W. Simmonds, 33, Burwood Close, Hersham. 497

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Goudhurst (8), April 5th, at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, by April 3rd, to R. A. Whitehead, 19, Deakin Leas, Tonbridge. 472

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting, Holy Trinity, Burnley, April 5th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 479

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Meeting at Low Bentham, Saturday April 5th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided; bring own food.—R. F. Eccles, Branch Sec. 500

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch. — Meeting at Leyland (St. James'), Saturday, April 5th. Bring own food; cups of tea provided. Croston Road bus from Preston (Fox Street) 2.13 and 2.43, or any Leyland bus to Seven Stars.—L. Walmsley. 483

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Copt Oak, April 5th. Bells 2.30. Tea 5 o'clock in Vicarage. Service 6.15. Names for tea, by 2nd, to Mr. C. W. Hall Charnwood Heath, Coalville.—C. W. Hall. 482

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Kirby Muxloe (5), April 5th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names, by Tuesday, April 1st, to J. R. Smith, 13, Leopold Street, South Wigston. 481

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Kingsley, Saturday, April 5th. Names for tea to W. Carnwell, 33, Hayles Cross Road, Kingsley, Stoke-on-Trent.—W. Carnwell. 480

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—A monthly meeting at Wroughton-on-the-Green Saturday, April 5th. Bells (6) at 5 p.m. All welcome.—R. H. Howson. 495

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice at Wargrave (8) on Saturday, April 5th, 6 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 478

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting at Creaton (6), Saturday, April 5th. Names, before April 1st please, to E. Orland, High Street, Long Buckby, Rugby. 494

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meeting, April 5th, Bishopsgate. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea (essential), by April 2nd, Mrs. E. Davis, 118, Sarsfeld Road, S.W.12. St. Margaret's, Westminster in evening.—K. Matthews, Hon. Sec. 476

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SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting at Dronfield on Saturday, April 5th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea to J. E. Turley, 356, Main Road, Sheffield 9. 496

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, April 5th, at Barton-in-Fabis. Tea for those only who notify me by Wednesday, April 2nd. Ringing from 2.30.—Patricia Lewin, 44, Nottingham Road, Hucknall. 456

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting, Aston, April 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify, by April 1st, for tea.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green Birmingham 28. Phone: SPR 1025. 499

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern. — Practice meeting, Saturday, April 5th, Hammerwood (5), 3 p.m. and, after tea, East Grinstead (8). Tea at 5.15 p.m. at The Swan East Grinstead, for those who advise, by Wednesday, April 2nd, G. T. Jennings, , Malthouse Road, Crawley. 503

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD. — Northern Branch. — Quarterly meeting, St. John's, Cefn Coed, Saturday, April 5th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names, please.—W. Smith, Hon. Sec. 466

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting, Owslebury, Saturday, April 5th. Bells (6) 2. Service 4.30. Tea 5 in Village Hall. Names, by previous Wednesday, to Mr. J. A. C. King, 29, Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester. 471

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual meeting at Bedford, Easter Monday, April 14th. Lunch must be ordered, by 10th, from Mr. Stephens, 24, Durler Avenue Kempston, Bedford. 504

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Huntingdon, Easter Monday April 14th. Bells: St. Mary's (8) and All Saints' (6) from 10.30; St. Ives' (8) 10.30 to 1 p.m. Service, St. Mary's, 3.30, followed by tea and business. Godmanchester (8) at 6 p.m.—W. W. Cousins, Gen. Sec. 492

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Berkeley on Easter Monday, April 14th. Bells (10) available from 10 a.m. Divine service 12 noon. Lunch 1 p.m. Meeting 2.30 p.m. Tea afterwards. Lunch 3s. 6d., tea 2s. Will those requiring lunch and/or tea please notify, **together with remittance, not later than Monday, April 7th.** Miss D. M. Drew, Bibstone Farm Cromhall, Wotton-under-Edge, Glos. Failure to notify will mean disappointment.—F. Skidmore, Gen. Sec. 477

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — Annual festival, Combe Martin, Easter Monday, April 14th. Service 12.15 p.m. Luncheon 1 p.m. Luncheon tickets (5s.) and particulars of 14 towers open, from E. J. Taylor, Gen. Sec., Westhayes, Post Hill, Tiverton. 469

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Ashford, on Easter Monday. Service 12 noon. Applications for lunch tickets (see last week's 'Ringing World') by not later than April 7th. Towers and times next week.—G. H. Spice, Hon. Sec. 505

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION. — Annual meeting, All Saints', Newport, Easter Monday. Bells available 12 noon. Service 4 o'clock. Tea and business to follow. (Important business).—F. J. Hannington 32, Surrey Street, Canton, Cardiff. 491

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Easter Monday, April 14th, at Norwich. Lunch, Mancroft Youth Centre, 1 p.m. Admission **only** by ticket, which much be ordered, **enclosing remittance**, 4s. each, before Saturday, April 5th. Business meeting after lunch. Bells available: Mancroft (12) and St. Giles' (8), 10 to 11.45 and after business meeting; St. John de Sepulchre (8), St. Miles' (8) and St. George Colegate (6) after business meeting. Service, Mancroft, 12 noon; preacher, the Rev. F. E. Vokes, Rector of Forncett. Remittance for lunch, before April 5th, to Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, Gen. Sec., 3, Colegate, Norwich. 448

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North Western District.—District meeting will be held on Easter Monday, April 14th, at St. Barnabas', Ranmore Common. Bells (8) 2.30. Tea 4.30. Names for tea to me by April 9th. Buses from Dorking North at 2.10 and 3.33. Further details next week.—R. Lathbury, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames. 501

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Worcester, Easter Monday, April 14th. Service in All Saints' 11 a.m. General meeting, College Hall, 12 noon **prompt.** Reports and subscriptions in College Hall up to 2.30 p.m. Coffee obtainable in College Hall 1.15—2 p.m.; bring own lunch sandwiches. Tea (2s. 6d. per head) at 5 p.m. to all who notify me by Wednesday, April 9th. Bells available: All Saints' (10) 10—11 a.m. and from 6 p.m.; Claines (10), St. John's (8) and Kempsey (6) all 2.30—4.30 p.m.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 486

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION. — Quarterly meeting and six-bell contest, Silkstone, Saturday, April 19th. For teas notify, by Saturday, April 12th, H. Mann, 21, Manor Park, Silkstone, Barnsley.—A. Farrand, Hon. Sec. 465

NORWICH ASSOCIATION. — Informal Dinner Mardle. Open to all Norfolk and Suffolk Branches. Wednesday, April 30th, 7.30 p.m., Swan Hotel, East Harling. Handbells after. Tickets 7s. 6d. Names, please, to Dr. Paul Jonason, East Harling, Norwich. 875

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Annual Festival will be held at Bridport on Saturday, May 10th, 1952. Details later.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec. 489

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY. — Preliminary Notice.—Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 28th. Lunch and tea. Book the date.—L. E. Pitstow. 493

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual dinner, Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, October 4th at 6.30 p.m. Ringing arrangements later. Tickets now available from Frank J. Matthews, 177, Engadine Street, Southfields, S.W. 18. 502

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LENT AND EASTER

By Preb. A. J. HOOK, M.A.,

Master of Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.

SOME of us are old enough to remember that Lent in our early days was something very different from the modern Lent. For example, the Theatre in Oxford was closed for the entire season, pantomimes came to an end before Ash Wednesday, there were no dances or entertainments, and there were even shocked looks at people who went hunting in Holy Week. That is all gone. With most people Lent has become no different from any other time in the year, and are people any the happier? On the lowest ground, to abstain from harmless pleasures for a time makes us enjoy them more. We should get bored with cricket if the cricket season went on all through the winter. We should begin to hate whist drives if we had to go to one every night. And it is the same with ringing. If it is curtailed during Lent, the outburst of bells at Easter is enjoyable and glorious both for ringers and for the listeners. So those who have given thought to this matter recommend that there should be no peal ringing in Lent, and that quarterly meetings which would normally fall in that season should be put off until after Easter. That would mean that during Lent there would be ringing only for services and for necessary practice. If that recommendation were adopted generally there would be a new joy for ringers at Easter. But that it is not generally observed among ringers is plain from 'The Ringing World' of March 21st, in which it appears that 14 peals on tower bells were rung in the first week in Lent, two of them in cathedrals, and one actually on Ash Wednesday, though that one was not rung in a church tower.

All that is on the lowest ground. But ringers are church workers, and they do not ring, or they ought not to, just because they enjoy it. They will look deeper into the reasons which suggest that a disciplined Lent is right and proper. The central figure in Lent is our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. We see Him fasting in the wilderness, and then follow Him in His mysterious journey, in the gathering darkness, up to Jerusalem. There we enter into the mystery of God's love and man's sin in Passiontide, and so come to the climax in Holy Week, which significantly has been called 'Quiet Week.' Even the disciples, who did not know what was going to happen on Good Friday, were downcast, 'and as they followed they were afraid.' They would not have felt inclined to have a festivity 'as a birthday compliment' to Matthew or Thomas, nor ought we. The Passion took place in history 2,000 years ago, but it is an eternal fact in the Body of Christ. We go with the Master as truly as did the disciples, and like them we should feel an awe which surely will teach us that the joyful ringing of bells does not fit into the picture. This seems to suggest that reverence to God, for Whose glory the bells are hung and rung, would keep our bells as quiet as possible during this solemn time.

But behind all the gloom and desolation of Good Friday there is the rising glory of the Easter sun. Easter is the greatest and most joyful of all the feasts. Some of us may have a nostalgic desire to give Christmas the pride of place, but that may be a subconscious recollection of the joy of presents and pudding. The observance of Easter is older than that of Christmas, and in the primitive Church practically the only feasts that were observed were Sundays, Easter and Pentecost. So at Easter we link up with the joy of all Christians from the days of the Apostles, as well as with the Church Triumphant in Heaven, and quite naturally we proclaim that joy by the ringing of bells; and the more they are rung the better, for we show forth our joy in the triumph of Christ, and all who hear share in it. But beyond that we are making a public proclamation, which everyone can hear, of the faith of the Church which is built on the truth of the glorious Resurrection of Christ from the dead. On that sure foundation Christ's Holy Catholic Church is built, and the gates of hell cannot prevail against it.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World' of April 5th, 1912

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
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Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in D.

FRED DUNKERLEY	*Treble*	*KEITH SALTER	7
MURIEL REAY	2	WALTER ALLMAN	8
FRANK E. HAYNES	3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	9
CHARLES MCGUINESS	4	JOHN WORTH	10
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	5	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	11
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Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.
* First peal on twelve bells.

TEN BELL PEALS

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
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On Sat., Mar. 15, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 24 cwt. 18 lb. in E flat.

MARGARET FIDELL	*Treble*	ERIC EDMONDSON	6
THOMAS H. FRANCIS	2	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM	7
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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Mar. 20, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

MURIEL REAY	*Treble*	TERRY R. HAMPTON	6
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Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

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THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Mar. 22, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
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HOWARD HOWELL	*Treble*	SAMUEL BIRCH	6
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EIGHT BELL PEALS

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THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 8, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 15½ cwt.

RONALD H. BULLEN	*Treble*	ALEXANDER RICHARDSON	5
DOROTHY JEAN DUNN	2	JOHN W. SYKES	6
DENNIS S. GREGORY	3	HERBERT E. TAYLOR	7
GEORGE H. PAULSON	4	NORMAN HOTCHIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT E. TAYLOR.

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THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 8, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
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Holt's Ten-part. Tenor 12 cwt.

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Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb.

JOHN E. BIBBY	*Treble*	CECIL RADDON	5
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	WILLIAM ALLMAN	6
DENNIS MADDOCK	3	RALPH G. EDWARDS	7
*HAROLD WORRALL	4	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

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Tenor 6¼ cwt.

STANLEY PRESTIDGE	*Treble*	ERNEST STITCH	5
WILLIAM DAVIES	2	VINCENT A. HEMMING	6
J. NORMAN HADLEY	3	MAURICE G. TURNER	7
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	4	HOWARD HOWELL	*Tenor*

Composed by J. NICHOLLS. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Mar. 8, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
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*CLIVE A. BRETTELL	*Treble*	JAMES CORBETT	5
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BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
HUBERT G. SUMMERS	4	†JOHN H. JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
* First peal. † First peal on eight bells. In memoriam Alfred H. Summers and Albert E. Hughes.

TWYFORD, BERKSHIRE.
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*JANET D. CUDBY	3	WALTER HUNT	7
*PATRICIA V. HOLLOWAY	4	*WILLIAM F. BOLTON	*Tenor*

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A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 1,440 each of London and Rutland, 800 Bristol, and 480 each of Yorkshire, Superlative and Cambridge, with 129 changes of method. Tenor 10 cwt.

MRS. H. J. POOLE	*Treble*	JOHN HILL	5
MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH	2	JOHN R. SMITH	6
ERNEST W. RAWSON	3	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	7
HAROLD J. POOLE	4	PETER J. STANIFORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
First peal in six Spliced Surprise Major methods by all and for the Guild.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Tues., Mar. 11, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

*JOHN MCDONALD	*Treble*	GEORGE E. FEARN	5
MURIEL REAY	2	ANTHONY AGER	6
BRIAN G. WARWICK	3	R. THOMAS NEWMAN	7
J. MARTIN THORLEY	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* First peal, aged 13 years.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Mar. 12, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-part.
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	*Treble*	GEORGE H. RANDLES	5
FRED EVANS	2	PERCY SWINDLEY	6
NORAH M. BIBBY	3	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	7
JOHN E. USHER	4	GEORGE F. SPERRING	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Mar. 13, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

C. EDWARD LANCASTER	*Treble*	ANNE B. STOCKDALE	5
DAVID W. BEARD	2	LEONARD H. BOWLER	6
ALICK CUTLER	3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	7
THOMAS H. FRANCIS	4	THOMAS J. LOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Fri., Mar. 14, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

PETER BORDER	*Treble*	*MICHAEL SLANEY	5
KATHLEEN HIGGINS	2	‡RICHARD JAMES COOK	6
*DONALD H. NIBLETT	3	FRANK P. WRIGHT	7
†ROBIN G. TURNER	4	JOHN T. HOMFRAY	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First peal of Triples. † First peal of Grandsire Triples and on eight tower bells. ‡ First peal.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Fri., Mar. 14, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6½ cwt. in A.

MARGARET FIDELL	*Treble*	WALTER ALLMAN	5
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	GEORGE E. FEARN	6
*CHARLES MCGUINESS	3	JOHN E. BIBBY	7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	4	JOHN WORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
* 350th peal.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 15, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt.

BETTY M. VIDLER	*Treble*	REGINALD E. LAMBERT	5
*THOMAS E. SONE	2	ROBERT T. LAMBERT	6
FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN.	3	MALCOLM S. CLOKE	7
BENJAMIN F. BAKER	4	*S. GEOFFREY WATERS	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by MALCOLM S. CLOKE.
* 25th peal together. The conductor's 25th peal of Major. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss A. Bailey, of St. Albans.

CAMBERWELL, LONDON.
LONDON COUNTY ASSOC. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 15, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 14 cwt.

FRANK R. L. BLEWER	*Treble*	WILLIAM D. GRAINGER	5
JAMES BULLOCK	2	ARTHUR W. J. BUTLER	6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDEN	3	JOHN W. WARD	7
ERNEST W. FURBANK	4	CHARLES W. OTTLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES BULLOCK.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Mar. 15, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 11½ cwt.

GEORGE E. OLIVER	*Treble*	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	5
*CLIVE M. SMITH	2	WALTER J. COPE	6
DENNIS WHATMORE	3	PETER BERESFORD	7
†J. DENNIS HOLDEN	4	TREVOR REYNOLDS	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER BERESFORD.
* First peal of Triples. † 100th peal. Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. D. Whatmore.

EBBW VALE, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 15, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in D.

*BRIAN WERRY	*Treble*	JACK ALSOP	5
*ALAN EVANS	2	*GEORGE FRANCIS	6
ROBERT ALSOP	3	A. RYAN PRICE	7
*JULIAN PAWLEY	4	ROBERT E. COLES	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. RYAN PRICE.
* First peal of Triples. First peal of Triples as conductor. Rung for the Confirmation.

ENVILLE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Mar. 15, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt.

HAROLD J. SHUCK	*Treble*	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	5
ALFRED C. BOXLEY	2	J. NORMAN HADLEY	6
ALAN ELSMORE	3	MAURICE G. TURNER	7
WILLIAM DAVIES	4	HOWARD HOWELL	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.
First peal of Plain Bob Major as conductor.

LONGSTANTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 15, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 7½ cwt. in A flat.

JOHN G. GIPSON	*Treble*	*HARRY L. MARTIN	5
*CYRIL A. HURST	2	*ROBERT H. BROOKER	6
GEORGE E. CRISP	3	ERNEST G. HIBBINS	7
†T. REGINALD DENNIS	4	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.
* First peal of Surprise. † 200th peal First peal of Surprise as conductor. A compliment to T. Reginald Dennis, who has now reached his 50th year as a ringer.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 15, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5188 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 6½ cwt.

FRANCIS R. LOWE	*Treble*	MARK J. BARKER	5
JACK BAILEY	2	*REUBEN E. CARLISLE	6
MRS. D. R. CARLISLE	3	*RALPH W. CARLISLE	7
HAROLD TAYLOR	4	DENIS R. CARLISLE	*Tenor*

Composed by SAMUEL PINDER. Conducted by JACK BAILEY.
* First peal in the method.

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 15, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM H. CURSON	*Treble*	WALTER G. SOAR	5
ROLAND BENISTON	2	JOHN UNDERWOOD	6
JOSEPH WM. COTTON	3	SIDNEY H. JONES	7
ALBERT E. THOMPSON	4	ALFRED MOULD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.
First peal in the method as conductor. A birthday compliment to Miss B. Curson and Mrs. J. W. Cotton.

PENDLETON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 15, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

JOHN F. WOOD	*Treble*	RAYMOND JOHNSON	5
GEOFFREY PEARSON	2	JOSEPH THORNLEY	6
NORMAN TOMPKINS	3	PETER CROOK, SEN.	7
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	4	ERNEST J. GOWER	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by ERNEST J. GOWER.
To celebrate the birthdays of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Prescott, of Farnworth.

RAINFORD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar 15, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13½ cwt.

*THOMAS SINGLETON	*Treble*	*HARRY BLACKBURN	5
RONALD POCKLINGTON	2	JOHN ASHCROFT	6
KENNETH EDWARDS	3	WILLIAM O. FARRIMOND	7
GORDON A. HALLS	4	CHARLES BLACKBURN	*Tenor*

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by CHARLES BLACKBURN.
* First peal of Bob Major. First peal of Bob Major as conductor. Rung half-muffled in memory of the late Mr. Samuel Cadwallender, who died on February 29th; he had been a ringer at All Saints' since the bells were installed, and was towerkeeper until his death.

SANDHURST, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 15, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.
A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

JACK R. WORRALL	*Treble*	†ROBERT J. STOKES	5
THOMAS NEWMAN	2	†THOMAS R. BOREHAM	6
*FRANK D. MACK	3	†LESLIE BARRY	7
†LESLIE E. ASTON	4	†WILLIAM RICHINGS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.
* First peal of Major. † First peal of Kent Major. First peal of Kent Major as conductor. A 70th birthday compliment to Mr. Wm. Cox and a 13th birthday compliment to Michael Barry.

SEATON, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Mar. 15, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GREGORY,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

NORMAN MALLETT	*Treble*	FREDERICK WREFORD	5
HENRY G. KEELEY	2	*ELI S. HAWKER	6
ARTHUR J. SCOTT	3	ROGER KEELEY	7
CYRIL C. DEEM	4	G. STEDMAN MORRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.
* First peal of Major. Birthday compliments to Cuthbert W. Powell and Harry Parkes. Rung for the Patronal Festival.

UFFORD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 15, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13½ cwt. in F sharp.

RONALD W. STEWARD	*Treble*	FRANK L. FISHER	5
*RODERICK W. PIPE	2	CHARLES E. FISHER	6
WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN	3	WILLIAM J. BUTTON	7
GEORGE W. PIPE	4	CECIL W. PIPE	*Tenor*

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.
* First peal of Surprise, aged 11 years.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 15, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

*JOHN WEST	*Treble*	*WILLIAM GLOVER	5
*PETER J. CAME	2	JEAN M. HARRIS	6
*JOE E. G. ROAST	3	FRANK L. HARRIS	7
*RONALD GROVES	4	†JOHN CRAWLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.
* First peal of Triples. † First peal.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Mar. 16, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt.

BETTY M. VIDLER	*Treble*	THOMAS E. SONE	5
DORIS G. DOBBIE	2	ROBERT T. LAMBERT	6
GEORGE KENWARD	3	STANLEY B. DOBBIE	7
REGINALD E. LAMBERT	4	S. GEOFFREY WATERS	*Tenor*

Composed by ALEX WADDINGTON. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Mar. 17, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt.

ROGER A. BEALE	*Treble*	HENRY STALHAM	5
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT	2	ALBERT W. BOND	6
PETER F. ROMNEY	3	MAURICE THOMAS	7
JOHN DEARLOVE	4	FREDERICK PAGE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by FREDERICK PAGE.
A compliment to Henry Stalham on his 80th birthday.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Mar. 17, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES
Parker's irregular Five-part. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

MARY HOWELL	*Treble*	*BASIL W. WHITE	5
RAYMOND OVERY	2	HORACE E. LILLEY	6
JAMES H. LILLEY	3	JAMES W. JEFFERY	7
GEORGE APPS	4	EDWIN J. BRETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by RAYMOND OVERY.
* First peal in the method. Arranged to celebrate the marriage of Mr. Kenneth Snelling to Miss Gladys Apps, which took place in this church the previous Saturday.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Mar. 17, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR
In four methods, viz.: St. Clement's, Crayford College, Double and Plain Bob, with 127 changes of method. Tenor 12 cwt.

JOSEPH W. COTTON	*Treble*	C. WILLIAM HALL	5
ERNEST MORRIS	2	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	6
*SAMUEL W CHAPMAN	3	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	7
RICHARD E. MANTON	4	ROLAND BENISTON	*Tenor*

Composed by G. E. FEIRN. Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.
* First peal of Spliced. First peal of Spliced as conductor.

HINGHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Tues., Mar. 18, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16½ cwt. in E

HENRY TOOKE	*Treble*	GEORGE SAYER	5
ERNEST MASTIN	2	ARTHUR G. BASON	6
NOLAN GOLDEN	3	NORMAN V. HARDING	7
GEORGE P. ADAMS	4	BERT GOGLE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
First peal on the bells after restoration.

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Mar. 19, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Swithun,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in D.

Ernest J. Ladd	*Treble*	William Rogers	5
Robert Collins	2	Frank H. Hicks	6
Reginald E. Lambert	3	Robert T. Lambert	7
Thomas E. Sone	4	Harry Parkes	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by William Rogers.
By ringing the treble Mr. E. J. Ladd has now completed the 'circle' at this tower.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Mar. 19, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

Mrs. Ansley Fox	*Treble*	*Frank V. Gant	5
*C. Ronald Smith	2	John F. Grove	6
David W. Beard	3	Chas. E. Willmington	7
Frederick W. Housden	4	John H. Crampion	*Tenor*

Composed by Chas. W. Roberts. Conducted by John H. Crampion.
* First peal in the method.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Mar. 21, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Remigius,
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

Nolan Golden	*Treble*	Ernest G. Shorting	5
F. Charles Goodman	2	William Clover	6
George Sayer	3	*Charles H. Moore	7
H. William Barrett	4	Henry Tooke	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Nolan Golden.
* First peal in the method.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Mar. 21, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 7¼ cwt.

*Marjorie Gorton	*Treble*	Joseph W. Whittaker	5
Neil D. Lomas	2	†Bazil Jones	6
Anne Worth	3	†Donald Pearson	7
Wilfred Stevenson	4	John Worth	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by John Worth.
* First peal. † First peal of Bob Major.

NORTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Mar. 21, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. T. Hollis's One-part. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

Doris H. Sheppard	*Treble*	Ivor Goulter	5
George R. H. Smith	2	William Richings	6
Joan Bussey	3	Jack R. Worrall	7
Leslie Barry	4	*E. John Trueman	*Tenor*

Conducted by Jack R. Worrall.
* First peal. First peal of Grandsire Triples on the bells.

CHISWICK, LONDON.
LONDON COUNTY ASSOC. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 22, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

Herbert J. Eldred	*Treble*	†Squire Croft	5
*Wilfrid G. Wilson	2	Francis D. Bishop	6
*Mrs. Olive L. Rogers	3	*Victor W. Grimwade	7
Thomas E. Davies	4	Harold W. Rogers	*Tenor*

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Harold W. Rogers.
* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.' A 70th birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.



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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Mar. 7, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

GORDON R. WHEWELL	*Treble*	LEONARD WALSH	4
NORMAN SMITH	2	ROGER LEIGH	5
KENNETH HARTLEY	3	BRIAN H. WOOD	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.

FINBOROUGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., Mar. 7, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 12⅓ cwt. in G.

RONALD W. STEWARD	*Treble*	MAX P. PAGE	4
PATRICIA M. CLARKE	2	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL	5
ROBERT E. LESTER	3	*URBAN W. WILDNEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

* 25th peal in seven Minor methods.

SHERBOURNE, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 8, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and five 720's of Plain Bob, called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.

FRED C. LYNE	*Treble*	ROBERT EDDEN	4
WILLIAM COLLETT	2	HAROLD HUXLEY	5
WILLIAM MALE	3	C. ARTHUR MANNING	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. ARTHUR MANNING.

A compliment to Mr. V. Adkins and Miss E. R. Harris, of Leamington, who were married on above date.

WYMONDHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 8, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being eight six-scores each of Reverse Bartholomew, April Day, Canterbury and Plain Bob, and ten of Grandsire. Tenor 19¼ cwt.

ROWENA TYLER	*Treble*	J. HARRY COOK	4
ALFRED HINMAN	2	B. STEDMAN PAYNE	5
HAROLD T. BONSHOR	3	R. CYRIL TYLER	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD T. BONSHOR.

A 78th birthday compliment to Mr. John W. Wright.

HOLKHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Mar. 9, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WITHIBURGA,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being five 120's of St. Martin's, one 120 of April Day, ten of Grandsire, twelve of St. Simon's and fourteen of Plain Bob. Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. in E.

*ROBERT LANGLEY	*Treble*	ROBERT ALLCOCK	4
ROY OWEN	2	JOHN COUZENS	5
TONY OWEN	3	JACK WILLIAMSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by TONY OWEN.

* First peal. Mr. Jack Williamson has now 'circled' the tower.

WIGMORE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Mar. 9, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 9 cwt.

FREDERICK R. HARRIS	*Treble*	RONALD H. MEWIES	4
LAURENCE T. MAINWARING	2	LESLIE EVANS	5
DOROTHY HUGHES	3	JOHN D. ROCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE EVANS.

Ringers of treble and tenor have now completed the 'circle' in this tower.

GREAT GLEN, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Mar. 12, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

*JAMES C. SCHOFIELD	*Treble*	JOHN HILL	4
BARRY COPE	2	JOHN E. COOK	5
MARY C. PAYNE	3	JOHN J. MORRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN J. MORRIS.

* First peal. The ringers are external students of the University of London at the University College of Leicester.

MULBARTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Mar. 12, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and St. Clement's and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8¼ cwt. in A.

H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Treble*	HARRY J. HALL	4
*A. SPENCER BROTHERS	2	ERNEST V. BLAKE	5
CEDRIC CURSON	3	F. CHARLES GOODMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by F. CHARLES GOODMAN.

* First peal in more than one method and for 15 years. In memoriam Tom Miller, of London.

ARRETON, ISLE OF WIGHT.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Mar. 13, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 8 cwt. (approx.).

SIDNEY MOODY	*Treble*	LESTER BAILEY	4
CLIVE C. CALLAWAY	2	*FREDERICK A. GREEN	5
*ERNEST F. RIDDETT	3	*F. JAMES CHEEK	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESTER BAILEY.

* First peal. First peal of Doubles as conductor. First peal on the bells. A birthday compliment to the conductor's wife.

ALDFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 15, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and two extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12¼ cwt. in F.

GEORGE F. SPERRING	*Treble*	ROGER B. MORRIS	4
J. BENJAMIN BUDD	2	BRIAN HARRIS	5
DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	3	R. GORDON CORBY	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.

First peal in six methods by all.

APSLEY END, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 15, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

In 17 methods: (1) Chester and Munden, (2) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Primrose, Hull, Bourne, (3) Lightfoot and Wearmouth, (4) York and Durham, (5) London and Wells, (6) Beverley and Surfleet, (7) Norwich; 82 changes of method. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

*FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW	*Treble*	WILLIAM C. HUGHES	4
WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT	2	TERENCE G. MORTON	5
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD	3	WALTER AYRE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise Minor. First peal in 17 methods on the bells, by all the band and by the Association. Rung to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the first peal on the bells; also as a 75th birthday compliment to James Banfield, and a birthday compliment to Roger, son of the ringer of the 2nd.

ASHCHURCH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 15, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, London Surprise, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

GEORGE MORRIS	*Treble*	E. TREVOR NEWBURY	4
JOHN THOMAS	2	CYRIL TANSELL	5
FREDERICK G. NURDEN	3	THOMAS W. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

COUND, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 15, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

*ERNEST F. WILLCOX	*Treble*	†FREDERICK G. BEDDOW	4
CLIFFORD A. BARRON	2	JOHN F. BUTLER	5
BESSIE A. CARTER	3	JOHN N. LINDON	*Tenor*

Conducted by CLIFFORD A. BARRON.

* First peal of Minor. † 50th peal.

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 15, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*KEITH DAVIS	*Treble*	GEORGE CHALLANS	4
HAROLD DENMAN	2	ERNEST PRESTON	5
HERBERT T. ROOKE	3	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ROOKE.

* First peal. An 84th birthday peal for mother of second ringer.

HUTTON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 15, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being eight extents each of Stedman, New Doubles, St. Simon's and Plain Bob and ten extents of Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt.

CHARLES E. HILL	*Treble*	*RICHARD VALENTINE	3
HERMON J. OLIVER	2	DESMOND G. MAYELL	4
HARRY TURNER	*Tenor*		

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

* First peal of Doubles. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. M. Baker, of Hutton, whose 25th wedding anniversary was on December 27th last. A peal attempt on that date was lost owing to a rope breaking.

HANDBELL PEALS

EPSOM, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Mar. 19, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT 74, HOOKFIELD,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MAJOR

In three methods, comprising 1,920 Plain Bob, 1,760 Double Bob and 1,360 Little Bob, with 231 changes of method. Tenor size 16 in B.

GILLIAN R. BRITTAIN	1-2	RUTH M. K. HOW	5-6
EDWIN J. LINDLEY	3-4	ALBERT J. ADAMS	7-8

Adapted from B. ANNABLE. Conducted by ALBERT J. ADAMS.

First peal in these three methods by all the band and for the Association. First peal 'in hand' as conductor.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Mar. 20, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT 76, COLLINGHAM ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5077 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor size 18 in G sharp.

HAROLD J. POOLE	1-2	PETER J. STANIFORTH	5-6
MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH	3-4	ALFRED BALLARD	7-8
BRIAN G. WARWICK	9-10		

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
Witness: WINIFRED M. BURTON.

A birthday compliment to Brian G. Warwick.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Fri., Mar. 21, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours,*
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 16 in B.

J. MARTIN THORLEY	1-2	WILFRID F. MORETON	5-6
*BRIAN G. WARWICK	3-4	BRIAN R. SUTTON	7-8

Composed by F. E. W. MEADOWS. Conducted by W. F. MORETON.

* First peal of Major on handbells 'inside.'

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A NEW QUARTER

This is the first issue of the new quarter and new postal subscribers for 1952 can be enrolled for 17s. 8d. Will those who have not yet renewed their quarterly subscriptions (6s.) please remit without delay to Mr. J. E. Jeater, 11, Frankswood Avenue, Petts Wood, Kent.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Youth was very much in evidence at the quarterly meeting of the Western Branch of the Worcestershire and Districts Association at Powick on March 22nd. The ringing catered for all tastes, with plenty of opportunity for the 'not-so-far-advanced.' We appreciate the kind impulse that induced the meeting to send ten shillings to meet 'Ringing World' expenses.

Mr. J. R. Worrall informs us that the footnote to the peal of Grandsire Cinques at Newport on March 8th should read 'First peal of Grandsire Cinques on the bells and for the Association.

The higher costs in all printed matter has, with a new edition, necessitated Mrs. E. M. Powell raising the price of that popular publication 'The Ringers' Handbook.' New prices, including postage, are:—4 to 8 bells 4s. 6d.; 4 to 6 bells 2s. 6d.

The Sussex ringers' coach tour of Gloucester and Hereford is arranged for July 6th—13th inclusive. There are a few vacant seats and anyone interested is invited to write to Miss F. Wyman, 10, Three Bridges Road, Crawley, Sussex

The peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major rung at Overseal on March 15th was a birthday compliment to Mrs. J. W. Cotton and Miss B. Curson, both honorary members of the Midland Counties Guild. It may be interesting to note that Miss Curson was elected an honorary member at the tender age of two years.

Veteran member of the Bunwell (Norfolk) band, who rang his first peal in May, 1902 is Mr. A. Sturman. His 80th birthday was given peal honours on March 16th. Still keen to have a pull, Mr. Sturman visits the tower as often as possible. With this peal Mr. R. E. Burt, one of his pupils, 'completed the circle' of Barwell tower.

Mr. C. D. Nichols, who called the quarter peal of Stedman Triples recently at St. Leonard's Streatham, and is a member of the local band, is the son of the late David J. Nichols, of Kettering. His father was for many years hon. secretary of the Central Northants Association, now the Peterborough Diocesan Guild. A high standard of ringing was set up in the districts around Kettering at the beginning of the century. Many Surprise peals were rung and were looked upon as great achievements in those days. It is believed there are some of those ringers happily still with us.

To those who ring peals and quarter peals a correspondent gives a reminder that the new Queen's birthday in on April 21st.

Salehurst is in Sussex and not Kent. We regret the error in regard to the peal published last week.

In a recent letter on East Bergholt bells, the names of J. and W. Motts was wrongly printed as Mobbs. We apologise for not being able to decipher the writing correctly.

At Apsley End peals are not normally rung during Lent, but the Vicar willingly agreed to the peal on March 15th to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the first peal on the bells, which was conducted by Mr. G. N. Price. Mr. F. W. Brinklow rang the treble for both peals.

A gramophone recording has been made by the Leicester ringers. On the one side is muffled Stedman Cinques at Leicester Cathedral for His late Majesty King George VI. and on the other is Cambridge Surprise Major on handbells by Mrs. P. J. Staniforth, Peter J. Staniforth, Alfred Ballard and Harold J. Poole. The records are 12s. each and can be obtained from Mr. J. Cook Radio Engineer, 93, Wellington Street, Leicester.

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'THERE IS NOTHING TO IT'

I HAD watched them ringing out the Old Year. It looked so easy; I must learn to ring. 'Certainly; come up half an hour before the weekly practice and we will teach you.'

Eagerly I climbed the tower stairs, grasped the rope and listened to my first instructions. With an 'old hand' controlling the sally, leaving me to cope with the rope's end, I began to get the 'feel' of it. I set my bell at backstroke and then at handstroke. It seemed easy. A bumped stay meant nothing to me, in spite of warnings. I thought I could ring.

In a week or two I was handling the rope both ways. I thought I was getting on fine when down came the bell with lashing rope, leaving me helpless, not knowing how to put matters right. But I persevered and was allowed to stay on at the proper practice with the band, and took my place for rounds, without a tied clapper. I could not do it. I could not keep my place. The bell was ringing me; she set in, or came down, just as she pleased. I worked too hard, in a bath of perspiration, trying desperately to make her speak in her right place. My spirits sank. This wasn't what I expected at all. I was discouraged; I didn't want to come any more; it was too hard work.

NERVE GONE

The band was kindness itself, encouraging me and cheering me on. I tried again determined not to be beaten. Then someone was yelling to me to let go, and the rope went whipping through my hands and disappeared through the hole in the ceiling. I found myself cowering in the corner, expecting the bell, if not the whole tower, to come crashing about my ears. She had gone over. 'Never mind,' they said, 'no one can ring till they've done that, just as you cannot ride a horse till you have fallen off.' I fled. My nerve was gone. They thought they would never see me again. My knuckles were swollen and bruised and the skin was off my fingers but it was no worse than that. It took me some weeks to get over my fright. It was a lesson I shall never forget.

Month by month I kept on, and tried other bells in the tower. Gradually the ache in my arms went and I found I could control my bell better. Instead of wondering how much longer I could keep going I became sorry when the call came to stand. I learned to raise and lower my bell It was hard. I couldn't take up that coil without losing my place. I could not keep a tight rope. It is still one of the hardest things to do tidily.

Then came the book work. I studied and studied and wrote out the Plain Course. I memorised the letterpress and the diagrams. I wrote out 'Touches.' I thought I knew it. I wanted to try it, but was still kept on rounds. How could I learn it without practice? How could I practise without the band? I couldn't. I was stuck. I wanted to run before I could walk. It seemed simple enough on paper but I wasn't given the chance to try it.

Then one night they put me on the third. 'Go. Grandsire.' I made the first dodge all right because I had learned the bells, but then the ropes, out of their accustomed order of rounds, confused me, and everything I had learned went out of my head. I was lost. That was all I was allowed to do that night. Week after week I ruined every effort to ring just the Plain Course. I could not make any progress at all. I was ready to give up again.

'THE JIG-SAW'

Finally I had to memorise the whole of the coursing order of one bell, although they told me not to. Until I did, I could not see where I passed the treble. The TREBLE the Guiding Light in Grandsire, to which I anchored all I learned. It's just practice,' they said, but how could I practise alone? 'It will come to you all of a sudden,' but it never did. It came gradually, bit by bit, as I pieced together each new instruction and fitted it into what I had already beaten into my dull brain. I will say that it gathered momentum, so that at the end the picture became clear like adding the last few pieces to a jig-saw puzzle and seeing the thing as a whole instead of innumerable little pieces.

I visited other towers. There they thought I knew more than I did and they put me in with a good band. At once I rang the Plain Course without a mistake. I went round more and picked up tips that were not to be found in any books. I was beginning to get the idea; but back in my own tower I just could not do it. They knew where I usually went wrong and I always did!

The day came when I tried a touch with calls. I could see it on paper and knew what I had to do, but do it I could not. When a call came, panic seized me; I searched frantically for my dodging bell, my in-between bell, and when I had to lead. 'Keep your head' they said. 'Don't get so upset when they shout at you; there is nothing to it.' No, not once you have mastered it; not when you can ring without having to think of your bell as well as the method: not when you know where the treble parts the circle and how to keep going when she isn't there when you want her. Not when you have a steady band, who catch your eye when it's time to dodge, and the bells are running well When that day came for me the sweetest reward of all was when, absorbed in the work of my bell and oblivious to the passing of time, a voice called, 'This is all' and I heard the bells running round again, and I had rung my first quarter. 'There was nothing to it.'

YOUNG HAND.

BARNSLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Some of the old irregular Minor favourites were introduced in the long programme of ringing at the March meeting of the Barnsley District Society held at Kirkburton. The following towers were represented:—Cawthorne, Crofton, Felkirk, Horbury, Huddersfield, Kirkthorpe Lindley, Marsden, Royston, Meltham, Sandal, Shelley and the local company.

The president (Mr. N. F. Moxon) was in the chair for the business meeting which followed tea. Five new members were elected.

The best thanks of the meeting were expressed by the chairman and seconded by Mr. E. Earshaw to the Vicar for the use of the bells and to Mr. H. Roberts for making the arrangements. The next meeting will be at Monk Bretton on April 12th.

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MEMORIAL TO MR. J. J. PRATT

Bookcase Dedicated at Hillingdon

On Saturday, March 22nd, in the ringing chamber of St. John-the-Baptist, Hillingdon, a memorial bookcase subscribed by parishioners and ringing friends was dedicated to the memory of the late Mr. Joseph J. Pratt by the Vicar of Hillingdon (the Rev. F. C. Tyler).

Mr. Pratt was well known to the older generation of ringers in Middlesex and Bucks and rang many peals in those areas. He was secretary of the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association from 1902–1907.

Most of the local ringers and some visitors were present at the short service, which concluded with the prayer 'O God by Whose word all things that we do or by which we are influenced are hallowed; pour, we beseech Thee, Thy blessing upon this bookcase, which we dedicate to Thy service in pious memory of Joseph John Pratt, that from the books contained in it, true knowledge and sound learning may ever be available to the ringers of this tower.'

Immediately after the dedication, a short touch of Grandsire Caters was rung by those who were well acquainted with Mr. Pratt, including Mrs. F. W. Goodfellow, who is now the senior active member of the band, being a member since 1918.

Later, a peal of Stedman Caters (1,347 changes) was rung by Mrs. Manchip 1 F. W. Goodfellow (conductor) 2, Miss D. R. Fletcher (Beaconsfield) 3, A. R. G. Twinn 4, R. W. Darvill (St. Albans) 5, F. G. Baldwin 6, F. Corke 7 W H. Coles 8 H. W. Impey 9, T. G. Bannister 10.

A bronze plate on the bookcase bears the following inscription: 'In memory of Joseph J. Pratt, captain of this belfry for many years and a ringer from 1888 to 1947.'

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Meeting With Beverley Society

The spring meeting, a combined one with the Beverley and District Society, was held at Hull on March 15th and was attended by over 50 ringers representing 20 towers. The ring of six at St. Mary's, Lowgate, was rung during the afternoon and the ring of ten at Holy Trinity Church in the evening.

The service was conducted by the Vicar of Hull in Holy Trinity Church when a course of Grandsire Trioles was rung on handbells in the middle of the singing of the 150th Psalm.

Tea was served in the Choir School and was followed by the business meeting presided over by the vice-president, Mr. A. E. Sellers, who gave a special welcome to the secretary, Mr. H. S. Morley, on his recovery from his recent operation. The secretary thanked the meeting for their kind reception remarking how pleased he was to be with them and hoping to resume active ringing again soon.

Five new members were elected— Mr. Trevor Peat and Miss Vera Allen (Kirk Ella). Messrs. James V. Davies and John W. T. Chew (Bridlington) and Miss D. Houghton (Hull).

The annual District meeting will be held at Bridlington on June 7th.

A collection for the Association's Bell Repair Fund realised £1.

A RECORD TO BE PROUD OF

Mr. John William Wood, of Bell Gardens, Great Hale, Sleaford, Lincs, rang a peal of Grandsire Trioles at Heckington for the funeral of Queen Victoria; a peal of Stedman Caters, at Ewerby, in 1910, for the funeral of King Edward VII.; a quarter peal of Stedman Trioles at Heckington for the funeral of King George V.; and at Heckington, on February 15th, for King George VI.

Mr. Wood began ringing at Great Hale in 1898 and his notebook shows that he has rung over 140 peals. He joined the Lincoln Diocesan Guild in his first year of ringing.

BELLS IN ENGLISH LIFE

By ERNEST MORRIS

(Continued from page 202)

BELLS were sometimes used in popular rejoicings of a questionable kind. It is said that in the days when cock-fighting was in all its glory, a peal was rung to celebrate the victory of the bird of local fame. In early days the Master of Manchester Middle School provided cock birds which were to be buried up to their necks in the ground to be shied at by the boys on Shrove Tuesday and on St. Nicholas' Day; and in 1661 a Mr. Graham, by his will, bequeathed a silver bell to Mayfield School, and when the fight was over between the two cocks the bell was suspended on the hat of the victor, to be transmitted down from one captain of the school to another.

From a remote period down to comparatively modern times, schoolrooms were turned into cockpits, masters and pupils enjoying the sport. Some of the old school teachers added greatly to their income by payments made by boys for game-cocks, and from visitors going to the schools to witness the sport. At Sedburgh Grammar School, Yorks, the master used to receive on Shrove Tuesday fourpence halfpenny from each pupil for the purchase of fighting cocks. Kendal Grammar School records show similar payments, as also at Grange-over-Sands, where the amount varied according to the social standing of the parents, ranging from half-a-crown to five pounds. At Haversham, near Milnthorpe, the cock-pit was near the school, while entries in accounts at Congleton, in 1601, and Fortrose, 1776, both show items of payments towards the sport. At Wreay, near Carlisle, their silver bell bears the inscription 'Wreay Chapple, 1655' which is remarkable, for it was a year after Cromwell prohibited cock-fighting. It was the gift of Mr. Graham and seemed to show his contempt for the Roundheads!

Pocklington Grammar School, which dates from 1514, was noted for its cock-fighting, and a small silver bell, given as a prize, has been handed down by successive masters. It is about two inches in height and 7¼ inches in circumference. At the top is a small handle, while round it is an inscription:—

'Tho. Ellifon Moderator 1666, Scholæ Liberæ Grammaticalis de Pocklinton. Johannes Clarke Moderator 1660. Scholæ Liberæ Grammaticalis de Pocklinton.'

Many Scottish schools had similar customs.

'THRASHING THE FAT HEN'

A rather different form of amusement was in vogue a century or more ago, and known as 'thrashing the fat hen.' A man carried a hen upon his back and had horse-bells fastened to him by the sounds of which his fellows, who were blindfolded, endeavoured to follow him and to strike the hen with sticks.

HORSE RACING

The proverbial phrase 'bearing away the bell,' which implies superiority, arose from the old custom of giving a bell as the prize for a horse race. Chester races are regarded as the oldest in England, and an order relating to them, dated January 10th, 1571, provided for the Saddlers' Ball, which was of silk, being changed for a silver bell of the value of 3s. 4d., as the 'rewarde for the horse which with speedy runninge should run before all others.' In 1610 three cups were substituted for the bell, and in 1623 'one faire silver cuppe' valued at £8 in place of three smaller cups. In the early period the bell seems to have been held only for the year, then returned to the Corporation at the end of twelve months to be offered again for competition. The Chester contest became known as the St. George's Race, and the prize, St. George's Bell. The latter was 'of good value of eight or ten pounds,' bought with 'moneyes collected' from the citizens for that purpose. It was to be given to the one 'who won the last course or trayne' in a race 'five times round the Roody' starting from the new tower. In 1624 alterations were made in the conditions of running, it being decided (on St. George's Day, April 23rd) that in future the successful horseman should be awarded the prize absolutely to hold as his own for ever.

As early as 1590 horse-racing was practised in the Forest of Galtres on the east side of the city of York, the prize being a small bell of either gold or silver, which was attached to the headgear of the winning horse, the latter afterwards being paraded round in triumph. Manningham, in his 'Diary,' has the following entry:—'To-day (6 April 1602) there was a race at Sapley neere Huntingdon, invented by the gentlemen of that county; at this, Mr. Oliver Cromwell's horse won the sylver bell; and Mr. Cromwell had the glory of the day.' That Mr. Oliver Cromwell whose horse 'bore away the bell' was uncle to his namesake, the Protector.

There are traces of silver bells in Scotland, while as early as 1552 annual horse races were established at Haddington, the prize for the winner being a silver bell. Lanark Races are said to belong to this period, the chief prize being also a silver bell. It is four and a half inches high, four and a half inches at its greatest girth and to it are attached 22 tablets bearing the names of the winners. The oldest date on them in 1628, the full inscription being:—

'VIN x RE x ME x SIR x JOHNE HAMILTON OF x TRABROUN x 1628.'

There are no more until 1852, when we learn that the race was won by Capt. Key's 'Little Jack.' In 1887 there was a dead heat:—Mr. J. Hope's 'Lady Adelaide' and Mr. W. Cairn's 'Brian Born,' both being named on the label.

At Paisley, the town council, in 1608 instituted an annual horse race and voted a silver bell for the winning horse. Another instance was at Dumfries, where the magistrates ordered the treasurer on April 15th, 1662, to purchase a silver bell to be run for annually by the 'work-horses' of the burgh. This race took place in May, one condition being that the same horse and rider must win it three consecutive years before the bell should 'appertain unto the wooner therof for evir.' Whether anyone ever won the bell outright is not known, but the whole affair was suppressed in 1716: 'severall irregularities and misdemeanours to the scandal of the place and dishonour of God' having taken place, the treasurer was ordered 'to sell the muck-bell (as the race-prize was called) for the best advantage.'

In Camden's 'Remains' is an epitaph commencing:—

'Here lies the man whose horse did gaine
The bell, in race on Salisbury plain.'

In the municipal records of Carlisle are many references to Horse and Nage Bells, and some years ago two of them were found in the Town Clerk's Office. Round the larger one is the inscription:—

x The x sweftes x horse x thes x bel x to x tak x for x mi x lade x daker x sake.

The lady referred to is Elizabeth, daughter of the fourth Earl of Shrewsbury, and wife of Lord Dacre who was Governor of Carlisle in Queen Elizabeth's reign. The other bell, also of silver, has the initials of Henry Baines, Mayor of Carlisle (H.B.: M.C.) and the date 1559.

The churchwardens of St. Edmund's Salisbury, have an entry in their accounts in 1646 thus:—

'Ringing the Race Day that the Erle of Pembrook his horse won the Cuppe . . vs.'

Until comparatively recent times the church bells of Doncaster joined in the Yorkshire carnivals of September races held on the town moor there.

CHESTER RACE BELLS

Reverting to the Chester races before mentioned, the following record by Lysons, the county historian, is most interesting and fully substantiates the foregoing notice:—

'In 1609 Mr. William Lester, mercer, beinge Mayor of Chester, and Mr. Robert Ameryc, ironmonger, Sherife of the City, at his own coste chief, did cause three silver cuppes or bells, to be made, of good value, which bells he appointed to be run for with horses, upon St. George's Daye, upon the Roode-Dee; that horse which did rune the rest to have the best bell, the seconde to have the seconde bell for that year, putting in money, and for to . . . and shureties to deliver in the bells that day twelvemonth.'

The other bell was run for on the same day in like manner:—

'Among the corporation records are some old articles of a race for two bells; and likewise a cup to be run for at the rings: the bell appears to have been first given for a prize at the horse races at Chester in 1512. From this custom of running for a bell as a prize arose, it is probable, the proverb "to bear the bell."'

At Chesterfield a custom of ringing at the races had arisen, probably during Georgian times, but was successfully resisted by the Vicar—afterwards Archdeacon Hill—in 1830. A full report is given in the 'History of Chesterfield' (1839). The Mayor had put himself at the head of the race-adoring party, but was openminded enough to be convinced by arguments advanced by a lawyer at the meeting which had been called for the continuance of the ringing; and better counsels prevailed against bells. The final decision as to the propriety of the occasion lies with the incumbent, subject to any complaint in an Ecclesiastical Court should he overstep his authority.

HAWKING

In the days of falconry, bells figured in the equipment of the hawk or falcon, two small bells being fastened to the bird's legs. In 'As You Like it' (Act. iii., Sc. 3) Touchstone says:—'As an ox hath his bow, sir, the horse his curb and the falcon her bells, so man hath his desires.' and Master Stephen in Johnson's 'Every Man in His Humour' says:—'I have bought me a hawk, and a hood, and bells and all.' Gervase Markham in 'Boke of St. Albans' thus describes these bells:—

'The bells which your hawk shall wear, look in anywise that they be not too heavy, whereby they overload her, neither that one be any heavier than another, but both of like weight; look also that they be well sounding and shrill, yet not both of one sound, but one at least a note under the other.'

These bells were often of silver, the best coming from Milan. A character of Thomas Heywood's old plays, speaking of a hawk's flight, utters his impressions thus:—

'Her bels, Sir Francis, had not both one waight,
Nor was one semitune above the other.
Mei thinkes theis Milanes bels do sound too full
And spoile the mounting of your hawke.'

In a flight of hawks it was sometimes arranged that the different bells varied in tone, so a babel of sweet tones might be produced.

At Thurnby, Leicestershire, the bells were at one time rung on the occasion of a meet of the hounds in the village. In this case the Vicar protested and locked the belfry door, and subsequently won his case at law with the churchwardens, the clerk and the ringers for having broken into the belfry contrary to his orders.

At St Mary's, Stamford, a bell formerly rang at 10.45 on the morning of each November 13th to announce that the 'bull-running' was on the point of being started..

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FIRST PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE MAXIMUS IN LONDON

Dear Sir,—The first peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus in London was rung at St. Michael's, Cornhill, January 28th, 1911, and was conducted by the late Harry R. Pasmore. The inspiration to attempt the peal came from the talented band at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, who rang the first and, I believe, the second peals rung in the method. We, in turn, inspired the Birmingham men, who rang one shortly afterwards. Our band was E. Horrex, C. F. Winney, H. R. Pasmore, T. H. Taffender, H. Langdon, H. R. Newton W. H. Pasmore, F. Dench, R. F. Deal, A. B. Peck, J. W. Golding, W. T. Cockerill.

It was, of course the first of Cambridge 12 by all the band, six of whom are still living. I think the Southwark peal was the second in London.—Yours sincerely,

A. B. PECK.

[Mr. R. F. Deal also writes reminding us of this peal, which was rung by the College Youths, and adds: If my memory serves me correctly this was rung within a few weeks of the first peal of Cambridge Maximus, which was accomplished by a mixed band at Ipswich.]

LONGEST LENGTH OF MINOR

Dear Sir,—My record of the peal of 10,440 at Tong is a printed page from the Yorkshire Association's report. I also kept a cutting from the 'Yorkshire Post' of April 14th, 1896, and a local paper of April 17th, 1896. In all three cases the peal was described as a record and I am surprised that if this were not so it was not disputed at the time. I should like to know the following about the Wath peal:—

(1) Was it rung the whole time by the same six ringers and were they all members of the Yorkshire Association?

(2) Was it rung for the Yorkshire Association?

(3) Is it possible that the Yorkshire Association had not come into being so far back as 1816, 80 years before the peal at Tong?

Can anyone enlighten me on these matters? Incidentally, our record was beaten very soon after by a team who were then supposed to hold the record.—Yours truly,

(REV.) R. P. FARROW.

East Lulworth Vicarage,
Wareham.

RICHARD CHANDLER, BELL FOUNDER, 17th CENTURY

Dear Sir,—Can you possibly give me answers to the following questions?

(1) Did Richard Chandler, who had a foundry at Drayton Parslow, Bucks, in the 17th century, also have a foundry at Gamlingay in Bedfordshire?

(2) Northill's former fourth bell was recast in 1711 and has on it 'Richard Chandler made me, 1711.' As this was a **re-casting** in 1711, as is clearly shown by Northill churchwardens' accounts, why did he put on the bell 'made me 1711'? Was this customary in a recast?

(3) North, in his book on Bedfordshire bells, says that nearly 50 bells were supplied by Richard Chandler (who had his foundry at Drayton Parslow) to Bedfordshire. Can a list of these bells be obtained from any source?

(4) Thomas Tompion made a bell for Willington Church, in Bedfordshire. Is it known where this bell was cast? The only inscription on the bell itself is: 'Thomas Tompion Fecit 1671.'

I hope, through the medium of your excellent paper, answers to these questions may be obtained. I should be so grateful for your help.—Yours sincerely,

A. J. NIXSEAMAN,
Rector of Northill, Beds.

AN 1823 PEAL AT BRIGHTON

Dear Sir,—I have recently come into possession of some old copies of 'Brighton Gazette' and one dated July 10th, 1823, has this bit of bellringing news that might interest your readers, particularly in the Sussex area. 'On Monday last was rung in the tower of our Parish Church, a true and complete peal of 5,040 changes of Grandsire triples in three hours and two minutes, by the undernamed:—John Allen, Chailey, treble: T. Markwick, Uckfield 2d; T. Leney, Cuckfield 3d; W. Wells, Bolney, 4th; A. Manwaring, Benenden, Kent, 5th; J. Parsons, Ditchling 6th; J. Tester, Balcomb, 7th; S. Good, Bognor, tenor. Conducted by J. Tester.'—Yours truly,

LEONARD PIERCE.

Brenchley, Kent.

DOUBLE COURT TRIPLES

Dear Sir,—I should like to point out that the peal of Double Court Triples published on page 208 of 'The Ringing World' as the composition of E. C. Gobey will be found in the Central Council Collection of Peals, Section I. (Odd Bell Treble-Dominated Methods), where it appears on page 124, Peal Number 8, as the composition of the late Joseph J. Parker, of Farnham Royal.

This collection was published in 1903, which means that Mr. Parker must have produced these figures prior to this date. In addition to this peal the Collection contains 17 other six-part peals on this plan. It is, therefore, apparent that this type of peal has been known to the Exercise for many years.—Yours sincerely,

CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

Waltham Abbey, Essex.

BILBIE'S BELLS

Dear Sir,—I have noted with interest the recent correspondence relating to Bilbie's bells and I have a photographic copy of two old receipts bearing the signatures of Thomas and Abram. Bilbie which may be of interest.

The bells, dated 1769, are by Thomas, but the 1770 bell bears the name of Abraham, the writing in both bills seems to be in the hand of Abraham, but the signature of Thomas is in a different hand.

The Bilbies may not have had a secret formula but they certainly turned out bells with a rich quality of tone and the whole was generally well balanced, and considering the crude methods were fairly well in tune.

The bells at North Cadbury were tuned at the Whitechapel Foundry some years ago and the second and third had to be recast but they are still Bilbie's bells, perfectly matched in tone, which must be due to the great art of the modern bellfounder.—Yours faithfully,

W. A. OSBORN.

Galhampton, Yeovil.

BELLS IN ENGLISH LIFE

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Equally objectionable was the custom, once common enough, of ringing church bells in token of a party victory at a Parliamentary Election. In one case, at least, the passage of a Bill through Parliament itself was hailed throughout the country with bellringing—this was when the Reform Bill was read a third time in the House of Commons in September, 1831. A tragic occurrence in connection with a political peal happened at Alphington, near Plymouth, on June 10th, 1826. The bells were ringing in honour of Mr. Kekewick's return to Parliament when the tower was struck by lightning and damaged and one of the ringers killed.

(To be continued)

DEDICATION

SANDON, ESSEX

On Saturday, March 22nd, before an assembly of parishioners and ringers, the Venerable E. N. Gowing, Archdeacon of Southend, dedicated the new treble bell at Sandon, Essex. This bell was a gift by the people of Sandon to mark the Festival Year

The bell, cast by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston bears the inscription, 'Festival of Britain, 1951.' and weighs 4½ cwt.

In an address, the Archdeacon paid tribute to the work of the late Rector, the Rev. E. L. Andrews, who did so much to help his parish, and was instrumental in getting the new bell installed. The late Rector suffered much at the hands of the Japanese during the war, being a prisoner-of-war for several years.

The Archdeacon stressed the important part ringers play in the work of the Church. By ringing the bells, the message of God was sent forth for all to hear and many were, by the sound of the bells, forcibly brought to remember that the Church and God still existed.

After the dedication the local band rang the first touch upon the six.

Tea, kindly provided by the Church Council, was served in the Rectory.

During the evening ringers made full use of the bells, all being anxious to try out the treble. The old five were rehung about two years ago and the additional bell is a very good splice.

P. B.

CATHERINGTON RINGERS' WEDDING

The wedding was solemnised at All Saints', Catherington, on March 22nd between Miss Marian Wynne, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wynne, and Mr. John H. Harding, only son of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Harding. The Rev. P. B. Sheppard officiated. Both ring for evening service at Catherington, and the bridegroom for morning service at Hambledon, an adjoining village.

The bride was attended by Miss K. Harding (the bridegroom's sister) and two pages, the best man being Mr. Dennis Hill.

The light musical six were set going merrily to Grandsire Doubles before and after the service by the local band, Messrs. M. Dobson, H. Dobson, F. Bessant, S. J. Harding, assisted by Messrs. C. Turner, T. May, Mrs. J. Hall, of Hambledon, and Mr. E. J. Harding, the bridegroom's uncle who, after the first touch, acted as organist.

A surprise feature after the ceremony, was an archway of splints and bandages provided by the local branch of the British Red Cross, of which the bride and bridegroom are active members.

The bridegroom is the grandson of the late Mr. E. J. Harding, who for many years was a very active member of St. Mary's, Portsea, and of the Winchester Guild.

The honeymoon was spent in London.

5,088 Yorkshire Surprise Major

By PATRICK G. CHAPMAN

23456	B	M	W	H
65432		—	—	—
53624	X			3
25634			—	3
53246	X			3
26435		—	—	2
63254	X			3
52436		—	—	3
35426			—	3
23456			—	3

JAMES ROBERT HAWORTH

AS BELLRINGER AND ONE OF THE 'OLD STALWARTS'

(Continued from page 188)

The first portion of these 'Notes on J. R. Haworth' as craftsman and a man of such benevolent character, left little space for further 'tales.' There remain, however, various items which can be gleaned from his career as a well-known ringer. Unfortunately at the present time only the 'spot-lights' can be observed —for since the late war, ordinary sources of information are still, more or less, under 'lock-and key.' *

To whom Haworth was indebted for his training in ringing is yet unknown. However, as he was born and lived just off Bouverie Street, and apprenticed off Fleet Street, he had half a dozen belfries within earshot, i.e., from St. Clement Danes in the west, to Bow-bells in the east. He was probably musically-gifted, as is shown by his good 'striking.'

Haworth's first appearance in any record is his becoming a member of the St. James' Society, early in 1839. Goozee (of the 'Cumberlands') being then Master: at the end of this year he decided also to become a 'College Youth,' and was duly elected. The Society was then under the Mastership of Richard Mills, who occupied the chair during the three years around the time of its bicentenary in 1837, and to mark which he offered to have medals struck and presented to ringers achieving the three neet peals of Oxford Treble Bob upon eight, ten or twelve bells.

One of the founders of the St. James' Society was young Tom Tolladay, who was a fine conductor and evidently a man of parts. He had joined the 'College Youths' in 1829, and was now their recognised bob-caller. In getting together suitable members to man the ropes for these peals, which he now had in view, Tolladay chose young Haworth who thus, in December, 1841, rang his first peal for the Society, viz., one of Treble Bob Royal, at St. John's, Bermondsey, in which he rang the 3rd, and so became a Mill's Medalist.

James Mash and other ringers also secured medals; Mash's medal was later presented to the Society. The writer believes that Haworth's is also in its possession; the other was used as the Master's Badge for some 50 years, until the Ancient Society of College Youths celebrated its 300th Anniversary in 1937, when the Past Masters gave the one now in use. After ringing in this peal, Haworth rang in seven of the eleven which followed it during the next four years, nearly all conducted by Tolladay, who in 1844 died, being only 41. Haworth showed great respect to his memory and it is probable that Tolladay taught him ringing. Thereafter Haworth's name is continually met with in the peals achieved. Trollope gives his total as 176. This is only a moderate number, even for those days, and one may infer that he was certainly not a 'peal-snatcher.'

Haworth, who was born in 1821, happened to have for contemporaries many of the men who were associated with the great revival in ringing which followed the disastrous 'low-water mark' which occurred at the turn of the century, i.e., about 1790-1810. It severely affected all the change-ringing societies in London at the time when, indeed, several succumbed. Reaction, however, came. The actual weakness of the two old societies, viz., the 'College Youths' and the 'Cumberlands,' with their self-imposed rule of disunion, caused the early strength of the joint St. James' Society, formed in 1824, and it, in return, infused them with its new blood.

As Trollope justly remarks: 'About this time a number of young and very clever ringers appeared, who for many years dominated change ringing.' He enumerates John Cox, Hewitt, Henry Haley (Cox's great rival in conducting), Haworth, Dwight, Cooter, Lansdell, Ferris and Matt. Wood; and he refers later to others, such as Stockham, Muskett, Hayes and Horrex.

At this time, too, the regained knowledge of their ancient history, so long lost, was a stimulant to the old societies and a new rivalry ensued in establishing 'records' as between themselves and it extended to the provincial ones also.

In all this Haworth played a worthy part. And, throughout the years, there was hardly any prominent peal rung (or attempted) without his being in it.

During 1851 (the year of the Great Exhibition), being then only 30 years of age, Haworth became Master of the 'College Youths,' for in November he followed James Dwight in the chair. In the previous January they were both in one of those often transient peals rung to 'beat the record,' or, shall we say, one to mark the wonderful year? It was one of 7,524 Cinques, at Cripplegate.

The record having, in 1858, gone to Painswick, they met again, in the winning peal, one which held the record for 20 years! This time it was at Cornhill, rung in 1861, and of 8 580 changes. It was justly sung by James Dwight (who composed words, music and rang the tenor) as 'the famous peal the "College Youths" did ring.' He gave to each ringer a verse. (The tune and two verses survive, but not Haworth's.)

E. A. Y.

(To be continued)

* Many of the books of the 'College Youths' are in the Dean's strongroom at St. Paul's. Those of the London County Association and North Southwark Diocesan Guild (St. James' Society) are held by Officers, and the Trollope MSS. are at Stanmore.

RINGING RHYMES

No. 8. DIVISION-FORM AND CYCLICS

Fifth rhyme 'Divisions' did explain,
As linked, the Plain Course to obtain.
And this holds true for methods all,
In any class you choose to call.

Divisions halve; (above—below),
And mirror-image patterns show.

Moreover, at each new div-head,
POSITION CYCLIC, clear, will shed
A light on *where* your bell should sound,
As these successive rows come round.
Thus: in Bob Maior ('plained') you'll see
It's: 2-4-6-8-7-5-3.

BELL CYCLIC, next, will clearly tell,
For given place in row, which *bell*
Must be there, as div-head rows form.
If not—result will be a storm!
Thus: in Bob Maior ('plained'), 'tis true
It's: 3-5-7-8-6-4-2,

And though 'tis strange, you'll clearly see
These Cyclics 'mate' reciproc'ly.

A. Y-B.

SNOW STORMS PREVENT LONG LENGTH

An attempt for 10,080 changes of Minor in 14 different methods was to have been made last Saturday at Holbrook, Suffolk but had to be cancelled owing to the heavy gales and snowstorms preventing the band travelling. It is hoped to attempt the peal in the near future.

OBITUARY

MR. A. J. BARTLETT

One of the best-known ringers in the Guildford Diocesan Guild, Mr. Arthur James Bartlett, of Ridgeley Road, Chiddingfold, died suddenly on March 25th, aged 68. He had been at work in the morning at his forge and collapsed after his mid-day meal while sitting in a chair. He died two hours later.

For many years Mr. Bartlett had been captain of the Chiddingfold ringers. Fifty years ago last year he called his first peal, Holt's Original, and had many peals to his credit, including one of 10,000 at Haslemere. His friendliness and cheerful personality endeared him to his many friends

Mr. Bartlett's family had been blacksmiths at Chiddingfold for nearly 300 years. Another of his interests was brass bands, and only last year he became conductor of the Northchapel Band on it being re-formed. In his younger days he was keen on sport and played cricket and football for the village team.

The funeral took place last Monday at Chiddingfold Parish Church.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Hunts Branch at Hemingford Abbots

In the small picturesque village of Hemingford Abbots, at the beautiful church of St. Margaret, a meeting of the Hunts District was held on March 22nd, about 30 ringers attending.

Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. The Guild service, at 4.30, was conducted by the Rev. H. B. W Denison, M.A., Rector, who gave an excellent address from 'If I be lifted up I will draw all men unto me.' Mrs. Denison was at the organ and the District Ringing Master read the lesson.

During the afternoon and evening the following methods were rung:—Beverley, Annable's, Cambridge, Ipswich, London, Norwich, Primrose and Yorkshire Surprise, Kent, Oxford and Woodbine (rebel), Double Oxford Double Court, St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Plain Bob, Stedman and Grandsire with rounds for beginners. It is believed this was the best meeting (six bells) held in the Hunts District. F. W.

PRESENTATION TO SPALDING VETERAN

A Westminster chiming clock was presented to Mr. A J. Farr in the belfry of Spalding Parish Church after morning service on March 23rd in the presence of many subscribers and the local band.

The presentation was made by the Vicar (the Rev. M. R. H. Linge, president of the Elloe Deanery Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild). If they looked round the belfry, he said they would see Mr. Farr's name on many of the peal boards. It was during the captaincy of Mr. Farr that the custom of paying the ringers £25 a year was discontinued and it was very nice to think that the ringers were voluntary servants of the Church.

It was on the doctor's advice that Mr. Farr was relinquishing the captaincy and it was the wish of all present that he would ring for services for many years to come.

Mr. Farr, in accepting the clock, said he wanted those present to cast their minds back to the time when Canon Nicholas asked him to be captain. He refused as he knew there were other ringers who had been longer in the belfry and better able to do it. In August, 1929, the Rev. H. Law James, Vicar of Surfleet and Ringing Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, came and saw him and said if Mr. J. T. Brown resigned and Mr. Nicholas asked him to accept the post it was his duty to do so. This happened and he had done it as a duty ever since.

Mr. L. C. Harvey, Vicar's warden, and Mr. R. T. Proctor, parish warden, also expressed their appreciation of Mr. Farr's services.

METHOD EXTENSION

By D. MOTTERSHEAD

The columns of 'The Ringing World' have recently contained several articles on method structure, method extension, and no doubt the subject of nomenclature will soon crop up again. May I be allowed to contribute a little towards unification of existing views upon these topics?

First, let us examine the Plain Bob system. A method extremely popular on eight bells, which causes some controversy in this section, is Double Norwich. Below are the true extensions to Royal and Maximus:—

1234567890	1234567890ET
2143658709	2143658709TE
2413567890	2413567890ET
4231658709	4231658709TE
2436157890	2436157890ET
4263518709	4263518709TE
2436581790	2436581790ET
4263857109	4263857109TE
2436587019	2436587019ET
4263850791	4263850791TE
4628305971	243658709T1E
	42638507T9E1
	4628305T7E91

These two extensions conform to the general rules that (1) commencing from rounds, when we examine the 3rd, 5th, 7th, etc., rows, the bells striking over the treble are 3, 5, 7, etc.; and a similar state of affairs exists with the even rows; (2) successive extensions are characterised by the addition of one more dodge. The Major and Minor (Double Court) methods also conform to these rules. There is, however, an unfortunate feature in the Royal, namely, that it comes round after three leads:—

23456789O
860492735
795038264
234567890

This does not apply to the Maximus, though, which seems quite in order.

The extensions generally given are very different:—

1234567890	1234567890E1
2143658709	2143658709TE
2413567890	2413567890ET
4231658709	4231658709TE
2436185079	243618507T9E
4263810597	42638105T7E9
4628301579	4628301T5E79
6482035197	648203T1E597
4623305917	68402T3E1579
6487039571	8604T2E35197
6843293751	68402T3E5917
	8604T2E39571
	806T4E293751

[The final summary contains a note which refers to the difference in these extensions.]

Double Norwich has also been rung on odd numbers of bells. As such, there are two hunts and the method resulting falls into the Grandsire system. In view of this, it might be advisable to label all extensions to even numbers Double Norwich (including Minor) and give the name Double Court to the method derived for odd numbers of bells. In 'The Ringing World' dated January 5th ('Forty Years Ago') there appeared a peal of St. Clement's Major, with a comment that this method is an extension of St Simon's Doubles. It is also desirable to re-name the Doubles method, since it is exactly the same method and is in the same system; hence St. Clement's Doubles.

[The advocation by Mr. H. Dains to call the method Reading is not surprising, since Reading is the same Doubles method with 5ths place instead of 2nds at the lead ends.]

The following are extensions of St. Lawrence Little Bob:—

123456	12345678	1234567890	1234567890ET
213546	21354768	2135476980	213547698E0T
231564	23157486	2315749608	23157496E8T0
325146	32514768	3251476980	325147698E0T
352164	35217486	3521749608	35217496E8T0
531246	53124768	5312476980	531247698E0T
513264	51327486	5132749608	51327496E8T0
153624	15372846	1537294068	1537294E6T80
156342	15738264	1573920486	157392E4T608

This method apparently extends ideally to all even numbers of bells. It retains the bells completely in their backward-coursing order throughout each division.

[A peal of the Major has, I believe, been rung.]

Finally in this section, would the following be regarded as an extension of Reverse New Doubles?

12345	1234567
21354	2135476
23145	2314567
32415	3241657
23451	2346175
24351	2436715
	4263751

[New Doubles and Reverse New Doubles are half-lead variations of each other.]

Four methods are possible from the Triples, by variations at the lead-end and half-lead. The method does not seem to extend **satisfactorily** beyond seven bells.

Next the Stedman System, which contains Principles. Stedman itself and Erin [which is composed entirely of Stedman 'slow' sixes] extend ideally to 7, 9, and 11 bells:—

Stedman	Erin
13254	21435
12345	12345
21354	21354
23145	23145
32415	32154
23451	31245
24315	13254
42351	
43215	31524
34251	
43521	
45312	
54321	
53412	
etc.	

The very simple principle named 'Forward' also extends ideally:—

132546	13254768	1325476980	132547698E0T
123456	12345678	1234567890	1234567890ET
213465	21346587	2134658709	2134658709TE
124356	12435678	1243567890	1243567890ET
214365	21436587	2143658709	2143658709TE
241635	24163857	2416385079	241638507T9E
etc.			

Duffield, a principle by Sir A. P. Heywood, also exists for eight, ten and twelve bells; but this principle does not even retain its coursing-order between the ends of successive divisions (cf. Woodbine). Scientific Triples suffers from the same defect and has, furthermore, another undesirable feature in that it is not even symmetrical! Therefore it is most advisable to dispense with both these principles as soon as possible for they are very inconsistent with the rules which apply to the structure of other principles and methods.

214365	21436587	2143658709	2143658709TE
123456	12345678	1234567890	1234567890ET
213465	21354687	2135476809	2135476980TE
231645	23145867	2314567089	231456789T0E
321654	32154876	3215476098	321547698TE0
236145	23518467	2351740689	23517496T80E
263415	25381647	2537104869	2537194T608E
624351	52836174	5273018496	527391T406E8
264315	25863147	2570381469	25793110468E
246135	28536417	2753018649	275391T4086E
426153	82563471	7250381694	72593T1048E6
	28654317	2705836149	2795T301846E
241635	26845137	2078563419	297T5038164L
421653	62481573	0287654391	92T7058361E4
412563	26418537	2086745319	29T07856314E
etc.	24681357	2807654139	2T970583641E
	42618375	8206745193	T290785634E1
		2860471539	2T098765431E
	24163857	2684017359	20T89674513E
	42136875	6248103795	028T694715E3
	41263785	2641830759	2086T491753E
	etc.	2468103579	280T6947135E
		4261830597	8206T49173E5
			28604T19375E
		2416385079	268401T3957E
		etc.	6248103T59E7
			26418305T97E
			2468103T579E
			42618305T7E9
			241638507T9E

When the principle shown is extended [ideally, it seems] to a higher number of bells, a greater number of changes in each division is produced. In this respect it differs from the other principles mentioned and is akin to methods in other systems [except 'Little' methods, where the manner of extension bears a similarity to the way in which the more well-known principles are extended]. There is a simple formula connecting the number of changes per division with the number of bells used for this principle.

Another ideally extensible principle is Double Erin:—

214365	21436587	2143658709	2143658709TE
123456	12345678	1234567890	1234567890ET
213465	21354687	2135476809	2135476980TE
231645	23145867	2314567089	231456789T0E
321654	32154876	3215476098	321547698TE0
312564	31245786	3124567908	312456789ET0
132546	13254768	1325476980	132547698E0T
315264	31527486	3152749608	31527496E8T0
135246	13572468	1357294680	1357294E680T
etc.	etc.		

The principle in the previous paragraph was produced in a similar way to the derivation of the above from Erin, the odd-number principle; but the parent odd-number principle in the previous case is false within the plain course on 5, 7, 9 and 11 bells.

A principle named Double Stedman Major has been put forward for a Festival of Britain method. (To be continued)

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QUARTER PEALS

BETHERSDEN, KENT.—On Mar. 22nd, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Miss M. Fensome 1, W. C. Marshall 2, P. Jarvis 3, C. W. Marshall 4, W. W. Ring (cond.) 5, D. Borton (first quarter) 6. Rung for the wedding of Mr. D. Hallows and Miss J. Bourne.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYS.—On Feb. 24th, 1,290 Grandsire Triples: J. Hodgson (first quarter) 1, Norma Howes 2, D. Mellor 3, D. Jean Dunn 4, G. H. Paulson 5, D. S. Gregory 6, H. T. E. Taylor (cond.) 7, N. Hotchin 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Abraham Rooke, Rector's warden.

DORKING, SURREY.—On Mar. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Clear (first quarter) 1, A. Read 2, G. Peters 3, Miss M. Brown (first quarter) 4, A. Smith 5, W. G. Elkins 6, A. Harman (cond.) 7, G. Coldman 8.

FINCHAMPSTEAD, BERKS.—On Mar. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Fleet (first quarter, aged 11) 1, A. Fleet (cond.) 2, Mrs. W. White 3, S. Borrett 4, C. Fennell 5, R. N. Elliott 6.

FULHAM, LONDON.—On Mar. 23rd, at All Saints', 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Maxwell 1, R. Mackerill 2, B. Lunn 3, J. Stephenson 4, A. J. Phillips 5, H. Belcher 6, J. Phillips (cond.) 7, H. M. Page 8.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On Mar. 23rd, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Mrs. D. L. Gullick 1, P. W. Croft 2, G. Cherry 3, D. L. Gullick 4, W. J. Croft 5, F. W. Croft (cond.) 6.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Mar. 19th, 1,320 York Surprise: J. R. G. Spicer 1, F. Warrington (cond.) 2, F. R. Nicholls 3, W. Ransom 4, A. Clements 5, H. S. Peacock 6. First by all except conductor.

HERTFORD.—At St. Andrew's, on Mar. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Thorne 1, J. Kemp 2, R. Dore 3, A. Wright 4, C. Springham 5, A. S. Carter (cond.) 6, G. H. J. Ditton 7, P. W. Saunders 8. A birthday compliment to Mr. R. Dore.

HOVINGHAM, YORKS.—On Mar. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Marshall 1, J. Brown 2, F. Bishop (cond.) 3, P. Bradshaw 4, E. Wilson 5, W. Bishop (first quarter) 6. Rung prior to the christening of the infant sons of the ringers of the 3rd and 4th.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.—On Mar. 23rd, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: F. Whiterod 1, J. Papworth 2, Miss W. Elliott 3, J. Elliott 4, C. Burton (cond.) 5, C. J. Buttons 6. Birthday compliments to Miss W. Elliott and Mr. P. Elliott, another member of the local company.

KINGSDON, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 20th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: H. Burt (first quarter) 1, R. P. Selway 2, A. W. Dyre 3, F. J. White 4, R. G. Field 5, H. J. Gaylard (cond.) 6.

LONG MELFORD, SUFFOLK.—On Mar. 23rd, 1,288 Kent Treble Bob Major: M. T. Symonds (cond.) 1, V. Ambrose 2, T. Chinery 3, B. Adams 4, F. Boreham 5, L. Poulson 6, D. A. S. Symonds 7, A. Haynes 8.

NASSINGTON, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. Freer (first quarter) 1, W. Freer (first quarter) 2, H. Strangward 3, A. B. Clarke (first quarter) 4, Mr. Edwards (cond.) 5.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTS.—On Mar. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. T. Ladd 1, F. S. Slatford 2, L. E. Hitchins 3, D. E. Lee 4, R. Harding (first quarter of Triples) 5, C. Barber 6, P. W. J. Harding (cond.) 7, A. R. Harding 8. Rung by members of the St. Nicholas' band as a compliment to Donald E. Lee on the occasion of his engagement to Miss Bernice Shawe.

PIDDLEHINTON, DORSET.—On Mar. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Doris Walden 1, N. B. Davis 2, A. Tyers 3, F. C. Davis 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5, B. Cheeseman 6.

PINNER, MIDDLX.—On Mar. 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Punt (first quarter in method) 1, Miss B. Beeson 2, Mrs. H. D. Niblett 3, E. W. Thurlow 4, H. D. Niblett 5, R. W. Wilkinson 6, W. N. Genna (cond.) 7, H. Stratford 8. A farewell compliment to Miss B. Beeson, who is shortly going to Australia.

STOKE CANON, DEVON.—On Mar. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. D. Ashdown 1, W. Panter 2, G. Walford (cond.) 3, R. Perry 4, H. Butt 5, G. Court 6.

STREATHAM, LONDON.—At St. Leonard's, on Mar. 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. A. Reeve (83) 1, R. Charge 2, S. Howard 3, R. Sanders 4, T. W. Welbourne 5, J. W. Chapman 6, C. D. Nichols (cond.) 7, E. Wright 8.

WALTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.—On Mar. 16th, 1,264 Grandsire Triples: E. H. Cave (first quarter) 1, Mrs. V. Lathbury 2, L. Houghton 3, B. Calcombe 4, G. Curtis 5, G. Barnett 6, G. Dobson (first quarter as cond.) 7, W. Alderton 8.

WOOTTON BASSETT, WILTS.—On Mar. 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. J. Gardner 1, Miss P. Manning 2, Miss M. E. Richards 3, W. Sidwell 4, R. G. Townsend 5, W. H. Trueman 6, W. B. Kynaston (cond.) 7, H. W. Bishop 8. A compliment to Mr. L. A. Wilson on his 76th birthday.

YATE, GLOS.—On Mar. 23rd, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Miss O. Nelson 1, Miss J. Shellard 2, M. Wilshire 3, S. J. Cox 4, H. T. Ferris 5, P.C. W. F. Scudamore (cond.) 6. First quarter of Surprise for all and on the bells. Rung for Mothering Sunday.

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MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—No ringing will take place at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Holborn, W.C., during Holy Week and the monthly meeting for April will be cancelled. 512

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MEETINGS

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting, Willingham (6) April 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Miss M. Grain, Dis. Sec. 498

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. Division.—Quarterly meeting, South Benfleet (6), April 5th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., to be followed by tea and business meeting. Further ringing till 8 p.m Names for tea to C. L. Matson, Elm Tree Cottage, St. Mary's Road, South Benfleet. 462

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Saturday, April 5th, Stoke Bishop, (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting Church House, 5 p.m.—A. Bennett, Hon. Sec. 519

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Chobham. April 5th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at White Hart Hotel.—W. Simmonds. 497

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Goudhurst (8), April 5th, at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. 472

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Warminster (8), April 5th. Usual arrangements.—F. Slatford. 520

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meeting, April 5th, Bishopsgate. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. St. Margaret's, Westminster, in evening.—K. Matthews, Hon. Sec. 476

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting, Aston, April 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—G. E. Fearn. 499

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern. — Practice meeting, Saturday, April 5th, Hammerwood (5), 3 p.m. and, after tea, East Grinstead (8). Tea at 5.15 p.m. at The Swan East Grinstead.—G. T. Jennings. 503

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting, Owslebury, Saturday, April 5th. Bells (6) 2. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in Village Hall. 471

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting at Whitechapel Bell Foundry, Saturday, April 12th, 3 p.m.—A. B. Peck Hon. Sec. 513

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Ossett, April 12th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Those requiring teas must notify, not later than April 9th, Mr. L. Fisher, Greatfield House, Greatfield Road Ossett, near Wakefield.—D. Smith Hon. Sec., 18, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 529

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Minchead on Easter Monday. Service 12 noon at the Parish Church of St. Michael. Luncheon, admission by ticket, 1 p.m., at Dorrien Bakeries The Parade. Business 2 p.m. at Church Institute, Bancks Street. Bells 10.30—11.30 and from 3—8. Minehead (10), Old Cleeve and Dunster (8's), Carhampton (6).—J. T. Dyke, Chilcompton, Bath. 526

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Bedford, Easter Monday April 14th. St. Paul's (10 bells) from 10.30 a.m., St. Peter's (8 bells) from 12 noon, Biddenham (6 bells) from 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon. Lunch 1.30 p.m., St. John's Hall, only for those who notify, by Thursday, April 10th Mr. Stephens 24, Durler Avenue, Kempston, Bedford. Further ringing at St. Paul's and St. Peter's after business meeting. 525

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Easter Monday, April 14th, Sutton-in-Ashfield (8). Bells available 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting after tea. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, April 9th to Miss M. Heathcote, Portland House, Station Road, Sutton-in-Ashfield. 527

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Huntingdon, Easter Monday April 14th. Bells: St. Mary's (8) and All Saints' (6) from 10.30; St. Ives' (8) 10.30 to 1 p.m. Service, St. Mary's, 3.30, followed by tea and business. Godmanchester (8) at 6 p.m.—W. W. Cousins, Gen. Sec. 492

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Berkeley on Easter Monday, April 14th. Bells (10) available from 10 a.m. Divine service 12 noon. Lunch 1 p.m. Meeting 2.30 p.m. Tea afterwards. Lunch 3s. 6d., tea 2s. Will those requiring lunch and/or tea please notify, **together with remittance, not later than Monday, April 7th.** Miss D. M. Drew, Bibstone Farm Cromhall, Wotton-under-Edge, Glos. Failure to notify will mean disappointment.—F. Skidmore, Gen. Sec. 477

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — Annual festival, Combe Martin, Easter Monday, April 14th. Service 12.15 p.m. Luncheon 1 p.m. Luncheon tickets (5s.) and particulars of 14 towers open, from E. J. Taylor, Gen. Sec., Westhayes, Post Hill, Tiverton. 469

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Ashford, Easter Monday. Service 12 noon. Apply for lunch tickets by not later than April 7th, to Mr. F. Mitchell (see previous notice for prices, etc.). Committee meeting in Parish Room next Church, 10.30. Towers: Ashford, Wye, Lenham, Willesborough, Bethersden, Great Chart, Sellindge, Charing, Tenterden and Biddenden after 4 p.m.—G. N. Spice, Hon. Sec. 523

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION. — Annual meeting, All Saints', Newport, Easter Monday. Bells available 12 noon. Service 4 o'clock. Tea and business to follow. (Important business).—F. J. Hannington 32, Surrey Street, Canton, Cardiff. 491

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Easter Monday, April 14th, at Norwich. Lunch, Mancroft Youth Centre, 1 p.m. Admission **only** by ticket, which much be ordered, **enclosing remittance,** 4s. each, before Saturday, April 5th. Business meeting after lunch. Bells available: Mancroft (12) and St. Giles' (8), 10 to 11.45 and after business meeting; St. John de Sepulchre (8), St. Miles' (8) and St. George Colegate (6) after business meeting. Service, Mancroft, 12 noon; preacher, the Rev. F. E. Vokes, Rector of Forncett. Remittance for lunch, before April 5th, to Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, Gen. Sec., 3, Colegate, Norwich. 448

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Annual meeting at Ipswich, Easter Monday. Four towers from 9.30 a.m. Service, St. Lawrence's, 12 noon. Lunch 12.45 (opposite), 4s. each for the first 40 who apply to Cecil W. Pipe, Grundisburgh. 431

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North Western District.—District meeting will be held on Easter Monday, April 14th, at St. Barnabas', Ranmore Common Bells (8) 2.30. Tea 4.30. Names for tea to me by April 9th. Dorking bells 7 p.m. Buses from Dorking North at 2.10 and 3.33.—R. Lathbury, 15 Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames 501

Next Week's Publication

Because of Good Friday, the next issue of 'The Ringing World' will be on sale on Thursday, April 10th.

It is, therefore, important that all Notices for this issue must be received not later than first post next Monday, April 7th.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Worcester, Easter Monday, April 14th. Service in All Saints' 11 a.m. General meeting, College Hall, 12 noon **prompt.** Reports and subscriptions in College Hall up to 2.30 p.m. Coffee obtainable in College Hall 1.15—2 p.m.; bring own lunch sandwiches. Tea (2s. 6d. per head) at 5 p.m. to all who notify me by Wednesday, April 9th. Bells available: All Saints' (10) 10—11 a.m. and from 6 p.m.; Claines (10), St. John's (8) and Kempsey (6) all 2.30—4.30 p.m.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 486

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting Saturday, April 19th. Committee meeting, Cathedral Diocesan House, 3.15 p.m.; Diocesan Jubilee Service, Cathedral, 4.15 p.m. Tea and general meeting, Cathedral Diocesan House, 5 p.m. Ringing arrangements: 10.30 a.m.—12.30 p.m., St. Andrew's; 2.30 p.m.—4.15 p.m., 6.30 p.m.—8 p.m., Cathedral and St. Peter's. Names for tea, by April 16th, to Miss K. Tivey, 232, Chellaston Road, Shelton Lock, Derby.—A. B. Cooper. 515

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Eastern Division.—Meeting Maldon, All Saints' (8), Saturday, April 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. Everett, 24, The Chase, Boreham. 522

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—N.E. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Huntsham, Saturday, April 19th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names to C. G. Dymond, Silverton, Devon. 508

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION. — Quarterly meeting and six-bell contest, Silkstone, Saturday, April 19th. For teas notify, by Saturday, April 12th, H. Mann, 21, Manor Park, Silkstone, Barnsley.—A Farrand, Hon. Sec. 465

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Claverley, Saturday, April 19th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Notifications for tea, before Thursday, April 17th to Mr. F. Bennett, Rydal, Pool House Road, Wombourn, near Wolverhampton.—H. G. Thomas, Sec. 510

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, St. Albans, Saturday, April 19th. Cathedral service 4 p.m.; preacher the Bishop of Bedford; collection for the Association. Tea 5.15 p.m., Abbey Institute, 2s. 6d. Ringing at Hatfield 10 a.m.—12 noon; St Peter's and St. Michael's 2 p.m.; Cathedral 2.30 p.m. Resolutions: That the annual meeting be held at St. Albans at intervals of not less than three years; that Rules 10 and 12 be deleted; Rule 10 to read: 'All peals rung for this Association shall be printed in the annual report. The particulars of each peal, with the composition and the fee of sixpence per member taking part, shall be sent to the District secretary by the conductor, who shall also be responsible for the payment of the subscriptions of any persons elected in the tower upon the occasion otherwise the peal will not be recognised.' Names for tea to H. V. Frost, Hon. Sec., 43, Leyland Avenue, St. Albans. 521

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Gillingham (8) on Saturday April 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in the Church Room. Names for tea to me by Wednesday, April 16th.—B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, near Sittingbourne. 524

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District.—Annual meeting, Winterton April 19th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify, not later than Monday, April 14th, Mrs. Hall, Glasgoed, West Street, Winterton, near Scunthorpe. 514

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting Shenington (5), April 19th. Service 4. Tea. Members attending are invited to the private light six at the residence of churchwarden, C. Jarvis, Balscote, after tea.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury, Oxon. 511

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch. — Meeting, Willoughby, Saturday, April 19th. Names for tea to me by Monday April 14th.—F. W. Hancock, Church View, Willoughby, Rugby. 518

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Annual meeting, Newark, Saturday, April 19th. Service, Newark Parish Church, 4.30. Business meeting, Parish Church belfry 6. Own tea arrangements: numerous cafes. Parish Church bells (10) and Winthorpe (6) available 2.30—8. For Winthorpe, board Town Bus Service to terminus, then short walk Come and make this a bumper meeting. All welcome. — J. W. Raithby, Gen. Sec. 517

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Opening of Castleacre bells, augmented to six, on Saturday, April 26th, by the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow Service 3. Tea and ringing after service. Names for tea by Saturday, April 19th to the Rev. R. N. Evans, Castleacre Rectory. Owing to many visitors there, no tea without previous notice.—A. G. G. Thurlow, 3, Colegate, Norwich. 458

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Next meeting, April 26th, at Ruyton-XI-Towns, not at Pulverbatch as on meeting cards. Names for tea please, in advance, to G. C. Bagley, Hon. Sec., 34, Wharfage, Ironbridge. 528

NORWICH ASSOCIATION. — Informal Dinner Mardle, Open to all Norfolk and Suffolk Branches. Wednesday, April 30th, 7.30 p.m., Swan Hotel, East Harling. Handbells after. Tickets 7s. 6d. Names, please, to Dr. Paul Jonason, East Harling, Norwich. 875

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY. — Preliminary Notice.—Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 28th. Lunch and tea. Book the date.—L. E. Pitstow. 493

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CAMBERWELL, LONDON.—On Mar. 9th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: F. Blewer 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, Miss J. Weddell 3, Miss A. Castle 4, N. Hollingworth 5, E. T. Beauchamp 6, W. D. Grainger 7, C. W. Ottley 8.

DERBY.—On Mar. 18th, at St. Andrew's, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: D. Walklate (first quarter) 1, S. Walklate 2, F. R. Lowe 3, P. H. Whitaker 4, H. Letts 5, G. Freebrey 6, H. Taylor (cond.) 7, A. E. Thompson 8, M. J. Barker 9, W. Shaw 10. Rung for Confirmation Service.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLX.—On Mar. 23rd, 1,440 Spliced Surprise Royal (being 640 each of Yorkshire and Cambridge and 160 of Pudsey, with 11 changes of method): Mrs. K. Parr 1, Miss R. J. Pett 2, Miss S. Harris 3, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 4, A. L. Pearson 5, Miss E. Farrell 6, S. Croft 7, F. D. Bishop 8, D. J. Charnley 9, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 10. First of 3 Spliced for 3, 6 and 9.

KENSINGTON, LONDON.—At St. Mary Abbot's on Mar. 23rd, 1,257 Stedman Caters: F. Blewer 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, Miss J. M. Weddell (first of Stedman Caters) 3, Miss A. M. Castle 4, N. G. Hollingworth 5, E. T. Beauchamp 6, A. F. Udall 7, C. E. Willmington 8, J. Bullock 9, C. W. Ottley 10.

LISS, HANTS.—At St. Mary's, on Mar. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Double, with 7, 5, 8 covering: T. Riley 1, C. Pound 2, J. Newman 3, H. E. Tice 4, T. Fry (first quarter) 5, A. Betsworth (cond.) 6, D. Wheeler 7, K. Wright (first quarter) 8. Rung on Mothering Sunday as a tribute to mothers, and a compliment to the wife of the ringer of the 7th on the birth of a daughter.

ST. IVES, HUNTS.—On Mar. 23rd, 1,376 Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major: H. W. Pratt 1, F. Warrington (cond.) 2, G. Nicholls 3, W. Ransom 4, H. S. Peacock 5, L. W. Fisher 6, A. Clements 7, G. H. Dunnington 8. First quarter Spliced Major by all except conductor.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDS.—On Mar. 16th, 1,296 Spliced Surprise Minor (720 London and Wells, 576 Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet): Joan Newman 1, J. Sinfield 2, R. J. Scott 3, A. Broyd 4, J. Newman 5, D. Knox 6. First quarter of Spliced Surprise by all. A farewell to J. Sinfield, who is leaving to join H. M. Forces.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On Mar. 16th, 1,320 Double Oxford Bob Minor: A. Whittle 1, D. H. Rooke (cond.) 2, Miss J. Smith 3, D. Chadwick 4, H. T. Rooke 5, F. Flint 6. First quarter in the method by all the band and on the bells.

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THE AFFIRMATION

SOME things in life give the Editor a glow of pleasure. When he hears of old ringers talking of ringing at 6 a.m. on Easter Day and receives reports of the band assembling at 7 a.m. and afterwards attending the Communion service there can be only two apparent conclusions. The first is a deep-seated sense of loyalty to the Church, coupled with it the boldness to make a public affirmation of their creed, or alternatively an unctious pomposity bordering on hypocrisy, as pre-breakfast ringing before a service can in no sense qualify in the realm of personal performance.

The Editor has been brought up in the belief that there are elements of goodness in all human nature, although some have slipped from the path of rectitude. Too many people get a wrong orientation by viewing life with a great element of suspicion, looking first, when anything praiseworthy is done, for an ulterior motive. 'If you knew ringers as I know them, you would take a different view,' has more than once been a comment he has received, when he has been apt to accept at face value what sounded as a sensible proposition. And so he passes in their minds for one of those simple folk, one of those foolish innocents, who will eventually be disillusioned by the wily clever folk. Of course, there have been disappointments when that initial trust has not come up to expectations, but the search after goodness in human relationship has brought a far richer reward than the matching of intellect against intellect in a war of suspicion.

Thus it comes about that the writer prefers to take the view that those who ring early on an Easter morning do so with a strong sense of affirmation. The first is that the grave is not the end of human existence; it is true it is the end of the earthly body, but the soul, in some mysterious form not revealed to man, lives on. To a degree Nature in its wonderful circles provides a degree of comprehension. The second is far more significant: the conquest of death is through Christ. The Resurrection is no empty fable. It was the Son of God Who took human form, was crucified for the transgressions of the world and on the third day rose again. This firm belief is the message of the Easter bells.

The great love of God for mankind did not reach this earth by a prophet, a university professor renowned for his learning, a writer or publicist whose word gripped everybody, a great philanthropist who drew men to him by his compassion or a monarch who by wise statesmanship ruled his people. His Son came among us as of the humblest of folk, His mother a village girl, His father a craftsman. By the skill of His hands he earned his livelihood as a carpenter, and throughout His short ministry of three years lived a life of the simplest character, accepting hospitality where proffered. That perfect life has been the greatest influence the world has known, the source of all true inspiration.

The vital thing is that that inspiration is just as virile to-day as it was in Judea 1,900 years ago. It has been manifested in many directions. The advance of civilisation, the recognition of the freedom of man, the responsibility of man for the care of his neighbour are equally as great as the outward manifestations of that Divine inspiration as are to be found in the great cathedrals of our land often completed after centuries of labour to the glory of God. His presence and His influence, working in the humdrum things in life, are among the greatest marvels of the world to-day—totally inexplicable unless there is the basis of that affirmation.

And where do we ringers come into this picture? Those first disciples were not drawn from the ranks of the erudite or those who had lived sheltered lives, but from hardy rugged folk capable of a good round oath when the occasion demanded. In the main we as ringers are largely recruited from such a class; it is freely admitted that we have in our ranks our intellectuals and those who by scholarship or in other directions have an honoured place in the social fabric of to-day. As a body we are largely inarticulate, living simple lives either as craftsmen or in agricultural pursuits. Our affirmation of 'Christ is risen' comes not as some would regard through the orthodox channel—the message from the pulpit or the singing of hymns. High up in the belfry, away from the ordinary people, perhaps as the Psalmist describes on 'loud sounding cymbals,' comes a rolling majesty giving to the world our affirmation that 'they in Christ shall all be made alive.'

Let the ringing this coming Easter Day be with that conviction. Let it truly be to the glory of God; the best we can do. With prayer and faith, the message we preach, though inarticulate in words, may bring that hope and consolation so needed in our towns and villages to-day.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Mar. 24, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5280 BUCKINGHAM SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 25 cwt.

MRS. H. J. POOLE	*Treble*	JOHN R. SMITH	7
DOROTHY M. UDALE	2	HARRY G. WAYNE	8
ERNEST W. RAWSON	3	SIDNEY O. CHENEY	9
*MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH	4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	10
HAROLD J. POOLE	5	*†PETER J. STANIFORTH	11
SHIRLEY BURTON	6	WILLIAM J. ROOT	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* 200th peal together. † 300th peal. First peal of Maximus to be rung in this method. A birthday compliment to Mrs. H. B. Bowley. A wedding compliment to Yvonne Staniforth (sister of Peter J. Staniforth) and Eric Barton. All the ringers are members of the Sunday service band at the Cathedral.

TEN BELL PEALS

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 22, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5077 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 28 cwt.

*WILLIAM J. LEACH	*Treble*	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	6
NOREEN BRAIN	2	BARNABAS G. KEY	7
GORDON HARRISON	3	SIDNEY H. JONES	8
†WALTER G. SOAR	4	GEORGE L. RODEN	9
†HAROLD H. HARRISON	5	EDWARD J. WHITE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* 50th peal. † First peal of Stedman Caters. Rung for Confirmation.

NOTTINGHAM.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Mar. 27, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 20 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in E.

J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF	*Treble*	REGINALD A. ALEY	6
GEORGE E. PADGETT	2	R. THOMAS NEWMAN	7
CLEMENT GLENN	3	FRANK BRADLEY	8
PATRICK PRESTON	4	WALTER NICHOLS	9
HERBERT LEWIN	5	ARTHUR E. HOODLESS	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

A farewell to F. Bradley, of the local company, who is leaving for Penryn, Cornwall.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Mar. 29, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

WILLIAM A. LACEY	*Treble*	WILLIAM ROGERS	6
WILLIAM C. DOWDING	2	WILLIAM C. PORTER	7
WILLIAM HIBBERT	3	*WILLIAM SIMMONDS	8
WILLIAM H. HEWETT	4	WILLIAM T. BEESON	9
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD	5	WILLIAM J. ROOT	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by WILLIAM H. HEWETT.

* First peal of Surprise Royal. First peal of Surprise Royal by a 'name' band.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.
LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 29, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL
Comprising 2,240 changes each of Yorkshire and Cambridge and 560 changes of Pudsey, with 41 changes of method. Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

VICTOR W. GRIMWADE	*Treble*	THOMAS E. DAVIES	6
R. JOYCE PETT	2	SQUIRE CROFT	7
SHEILA E. HARRIS	3	FRANCIS D. BISHOP	8
MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS	4	DAVID J. CHARNLEY	9
A. LESLIE PEARSON	5	HAROLD W. ROGERS	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by HAROLD W. ROGERS.

First peal of three Spliced by all, on the bells and for the Association and in the county of Middlesex. All members of the local company except the ringer of the treble. A 45th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Brooks.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 29, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 Version. Tenor 30½ cwt in D.

G. RONALD EDWARDS	*Treble*	ALAN A. POTTS	6
HENRY O. BAKER	2	WALTER ALLMAN	7
WILFRED STEVENSON	3	RALPH G. EDWARDS	8
JOHN E. BIBBY	4	JOSEPH WHITTAKER	9
C. KENNETH LEWIS	5	JOHN WORTH	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

The first peal in the method, in the county, by the Guild and on the bells. This composition contains 18 567890's and 18 657890's.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER AD VINCULA,
A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 8 lb.

JOHN BEARDMORE	*Treble*	FREDK. E. WILSHAW	5
JUNE M. HENSHAW	2	EWART H. EDGE	6
ARTHUR PEAKE	3	CHARLES H. PAGE	7
G. ARNOLD MOORE	4	FREDK. WM. GROCOTT	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by FREDK. WM. GROCOTT.

First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Association. Rung fully muffled to the memory of King George VI.

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Feb. 19, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

*JOHN BEARDMORE	*Treble*	RONALD T. BARLOW	5
*JUNE M. HENSHAW	2	FREDK. E. WILSHAW	6
FREDK. WM. GROCOTT	3	EWART H. EDGE	7
*G. ARNOLD MOORE	4	CHARLES H. PAGE	*Tenor*

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE. Conducted by FREDK. WM. GROCOTT.

* First peal in the method. Also first peal of Superlative on the bells. Rung half-muffled to the memory of King George VI.

BURNHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 8, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Pritchard's Four-part. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

HILDA M. TAYLOR	*Treble*	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	5
CYRIL A. BURGESS	2	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE	6
RONALD DISERENS	3	REGINALD W. REX	7
NOEL J. DISERENS	4	GEORGE GILBERT	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT. Witness: MISS EDNA HEARSEY.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Mar. 19, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6½ cwt.

MRS. H. J. POOLE	*Treble*	J. FREDERICK MILNER	5
ERNEST W. RAWSON	2	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	6
HAROLD J. POOLE	3	*DONALD C. PRICE	7
JOHN R. SMITH	4	ALFRED BALLARD	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by ALFRED BALLARD.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung on the 25th anniversary of the conductor's first peal.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 22, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14 cwt. 8 lb. in F.

*BERYL WORSFOLD	*Treble*	ALAN SMITH	5
EDWARD E. COWARD	2	ALBERT HARMAN	6
FRANK OAKSHOTT	3	ARTHUR SMITH	7
*JAMES E. SYMONDS	4	SIDNEY W. ARBON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

* First peal.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 22, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 13 methods, being 960 Rutland, 640 London and 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Cray, Eastcote, Lincolnshire, Lindrum, New Gloucester, Pudsey, Superlative, Wembley and Yorkshire, with 139 changes of method. Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

James A. Milner	*Treble*	C. Kenneth Lewis	5
Fred Dunkerley	2	John Worth	6
Wilfred Stevenson	3	Peter Laflin	7
Alan A. Potts	4	Joseph Whittaker	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. Pitman (Reversed). Conducted by C. K. Lewis.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 22, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13¾ cwt.

*Ann Miles	*Treble*	Basil W. White	5
*Lena S. Skeet	2	James H. Lilley	6
Frank H. Hicks	3	Raymond Overy	7
Geoffrey D. Burroughs	4	Leonard Stilwell	*Tenor*

Composed by Frank Bennett. Conducted by Leonard Stilwell.
* First peal. A wedding compliment to Kenneth Snelling, of Crawley, and Gladys Apps, of Cuckfield.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 22, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Paulinus,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's Variation of Washbrook's. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

Walter J. Lemon	*Treble*	Frederick W. Budgen	5
James Bennett	2	John O. Weller	6
Ralph Bird	3	Frederick J. Cullum	7
Leonard E. Tidy	4	George J. Butcher	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frederick J. Cullum.
50th peal of Stedman Triples as conductor. The ringer of tenor has now completed the 'circle.' Rung as birthday compliments to Mr. A. Mason and the conductor.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 22, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
At Christ Church,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Variation. Tenor 20 cwt.

Harry F. Holding	*Treble*	George A. Packer	5
John E. Brough	2	*Harry W. Howard	6
*Arthur Rogers	3	Richard D. Langford	7
Ivor R. Nichols	4	Henry Parker	*Tenor*

Conducted by Richard D. Langford.
* First peal in the method. A welcome to the new Vicar, Rev. Francis G. Gentry.

EDMONTON, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 22, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Comprising 960 London, 960 Rutland, 640 Yorkshire, 480 Cambridge, 480 Superlative, 320 Wembley, 320 Watford, 320 Lindum, 320 Bristol and 320 Hereford, with 149 changes of method. Tenor 17¼ cwt.

Philip J. Coward	*Treble*	*Alfred J. House	5
*Anne B. Stockdale	2	Leonard H. Bowler	6
Thomas H. Francis	3	Richard F. B. Speed	7
Alick Cutler	4	Harold G. Cashmore	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Richard F. B. Speed.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise in ten methods.

FRITTENDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 22, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

Harry Baker	*Treble*	Frederick G. Huckstepp	5
Peter D. Huckstepp	2	Mark S. Lancefield	6
*Cyril A. Wratten	3	Thomas Cullingworth	7
Benjamin F. Baker	4	Harry Parkes	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Fredk. G. Huckstepp.
* First peal in the method.

GLOUCESTER.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF CRYPT YOUTH and
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 22, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-de-Crypt,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 14 cwt.

Harry Newman	*Treble*	William Richings	5
Joan Bussey	2	Thomas Boreham	6
Thomas Newman	3	Leslie Barry	7
William T. Cox	4	Charles Larner	*Tenor*

Composed by W. Mathews. Conducted by Leslie Barry.
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. E. C. Pritchard, who was inducted Vicar on March 17th.

GREAT BENTLEY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 22, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 7¼ cwt.

*Arthur G. Button	*Treble*	George A. Andrews	5
George N. Orman	2	George Waterman	6
Urban W. Wildney	3	Edward E. Davey	7
*Roy Duesbury	4	Alan R. Andrews	*Tenor*

Composed by Sir Arthur Heywood. Conducted by A. R. Andrews.
* First peal in the method.

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 22, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. in E.

Harry Wooding	*Treble*	Ronald J. Sharp	5
John King	2	William J. Whitmore	6
George Care	3	*John E. Skerritt	7
Ernest E. Whitmore	4	Patrick G. Chapman	*Tenor*

Composed by Patrick G. Chapman. Conducted by George Care.
* First peal in the method.

HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 22, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF 5088 ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

Charles McGuiness	*Treble*	Kenneth Arthur	5
Michael P. Moreton	2	J. Alan Ainsworth	6
Kathleen Softley	3	William E. Robinson	7
Thomas W. Crowe	4	Eric N. Harrison	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. Wilde. Conducted by Eric N. Harrison.
First peal in the method on the bells and by all the band except the treble ringer.

LEYTON, LONDON.
LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 22, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*Jean M. Weddell	*Treble*	Nevil G. Hollingworth	5
Thomas H. Taffender	2	Eric T. Beauchamp	6
Audrey M. Castle	3	James Bullock	7
Charles W. Ottley	4	Chas. E. Willmington	*Tenor*

Conducted by Nevil G. Hollingworth.
* First peal. First peal as conductor.

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MELBOURNE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 22, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

Albert E. Thompson	*Treble*	*John F. Wilkinson	5
*Walter G. Soar	2	*Philip H. Whitaker	6
Francis R. Lowe	3	Denis R. Carlisle	7
Walter P. Whitehead	4	Harold Taylor	*Tenor*

Composed by Fredk. Wm. Grocott. Conducted by W. P. Whitehead.
* First peal in the method. The quickest peal of Major on the bells, and the first peal of Bristol for the Association. Rung as a farewell to John F. Wilkinson, of the R.A.F., who is leaving for Canada.

NORTON, EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(Southern Branch.)
On Sat., Mar. 22, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Egwin,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 14 cwt.

Geoffrey J. Hemming	*Treble*	C. Arthur Manning	5
*Brenda M. Smith	2	R. Roger Savory	6
Wilfred J. Newman	3	Gerald C. Hemming	7
Clifford J. Darke	4	†Kenneth Mitchell	*Tenor*

Conducted by Geoffrey J. Hemming.
* First peal 'inside' on eight. † First peal. A compliment to Brenda M. Smith on her 17th birthday.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 22, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Thomas-of-Canterbury,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 25¼ cwt.

Frederick W. Burnett	*Treble*	Patrick Page	5
Blanche M. Ball	2	Norman J. Smith	6
*S. Kathleen M. Knight	3	John W. Meade	7
E. Winifred Keys	4	John H. Hunt	*Tenor*

Composed by Frank Hopgood. Conducted by John H. Hunt.
* First peal of Major. The 60th consecutive peal on the bells by Mr. F. W. Burnett.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 22, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5056 CHELTENHAM BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

Fred Evans	*Treble*	John W. Best	5
John W. Griffiths	2	George H. Randles	6
Norah M. Bibby	3	*Brian Harris	7
Dennis H. B. Millward	4	Percy Swindley	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. Heywood (No. 25). Conducted by P. Swindley.
* 50th peal for the Guild. First peal in the method by all and for the Guild.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 22, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Denys.
A PEAL OF 5024 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

William Rogers	*Treble*	*Robert Collins	5
*Barbara A. Mitchell	2	*John E. Cannell	6
*Doris E. Colgate	3	*Richard E. Price	7
Arthur S. Richards	4	Philip A. Corby	*Tenor*

Composed by R. F. B. Speed. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.
* First peal in the method. Rung for the wedding of Patricia, eldest daughter of Mr. W. Rogers. Also a fifth birthday compliment to his grandaughter, Yvonne, and a birthday compliment to Miss Doris E. Colgate, ringer of the third.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 22, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Mary,
A PEAL OF 5056 DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt.

Ronald W. Steward	*Treble*	George W. Pipe	5
Horace J. Mansfield	2	Max P. Page	6
Robert E. Lester	3	Harry D. Lister	7
Derek G. Woodward	4	Garnham A. Blaxcell	*Tenor*

Composed by Nolan Golden. Conducted by Harry D. Lister.
First peal in the method by all the band and on the bells.

TERRINGTON ST. CLEMENT, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 22, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Clement,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MAJOR
Comprising three methods: Plain Bob, Gainsborough Little Bob and Little Bob; 120 changes of method. Tenor 11½ cwt.

Edward Barker	*Treble*	Cecil V. Ebberson	5
Wallace W. Cousins	2	*Norman V. Harding	6
John E. Fox	3	Ernest H. Mastin	7
Stanley G. Elsey	4	Claude Cousins	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Carter. Arranged and Conducted by E. H. Mastin.
* 150th peal. First peal in three Major methods by all and for the Ely Association.

THATCHAM, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 22, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 23 lb.

Albert Diserens	*Treble*	†Walter E. Lewington	5
*Ronald F. Diserens	2	Reginald W. Rex	6
Mrs. P. Lewington	3	Noel J. Diserens	7
†Joseph Napper	4	Alan R. Pink	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' † First peal of Surprise. First peal of Cambridge Major on the bells.

THORPE BAY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 22, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Augustine,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16¼ cwt.

Arthur Hubble	*Treble*	Frank C. May	5
William S. May	2	Frank B. Lufkin	6
Phillip Sadler	3	Gerald Frost	7
Arthur B. Wiffen	4	Frank V. Gant	*Tenor*

Composed by H. Dains. Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
A birthday compliment to Arthur B. Wiffin and Mrs. A. Hubble.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Mar. 23, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5280 APSLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb. in E.

*J. Leonard Glyde	*Treble*	William Rogers	5
Doris E. Colgate	2	Henry G. Keeley	6
Robert Collins	3	S. Geoffrey Waters	7
Thomas E. Sone	4	G. Stedman Morris	*Tenor*

Composed by H. G. Cashmore. Conducted by G. Stedman Morris.
* First Surprise peal. First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Mar. 24, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
At Bishop Ryder's Church,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

Terry R. Hampton	*Treble*	John Pinfold	5
Muriel Reay	2	J. Martin Thorley	6
Claudia A. Harding	3	Henry H. Fearn	7
G. William Critchley	4	George E. Fearn	*Tenor*

Composed by George Baker. Conducted by George E. Fearn.

HELMSHORE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Mar. 25, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Thomas, Musbury,
A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

Albert Mills	*Treble*	Norman Smith	5
Herbert Mills	2	Kenneth Hartley	6
Thomas Isherwood	3	Roger Leigh	7
Rev. P. T. Robbins	4	Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Reeves. Conducted by Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith.
First peal in the method as conductor. Rung for the centenary of the church, consecrated on March 25th, 1852.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Mar. 26, 1952, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6½ cwt.

John A. Underwood	*Treble*	John R. Smith	5
Ernest W. Rawson	2	Herrick B. Bowley	6
Elizabeth Smith	3	Donald Price	7
J. Frederick Milner	4	Harold J. Poole	*Tenor*

Composed by G. R. Pye. Conducted by Harold J. Poole.

A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Staniforth on their first wedding anniversary.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Mar. 26, 1952, in 3 Hours,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

*Shirley Golding	*Treble*	George H. Randles	5
John W. Griffiths	2	†Dennis H. B. Millward	6
Norah M. Bibby	3	Percy Swindley	7
Fredk. Evans	4	Brian Harris	*Tenor*

Composed by Henry Dains (C.C.C. 30). Conducted by Brian Harris.
* First peal of Double Norwich. † 50th peal for the Guild. First peal of Double Norwich as conductor.

DARLINGTON, COUNTY DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs. Mar. 27, 1952, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 13 lb.

*Doris M. Killingley	*Treble*	Thomas Cooke	5
*Frederick W. Cooke	2	*William H. Kingcott	6
George F. Newton	3	W. Norman Park	7
Michael P. Moreton	4	Roland Park	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton Conducted by Roland Park.
* First peal of Surprise Major.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Mar. 27, 1952, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5056 MIDDLETON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

Ernest H. Kilby	*Treble*	Leonard H. Bowler	5
*Anne B. Stockdale	2	Thomas H. Francis	6
Alick Cutler	3	Alfred J. House	7
Thomas J. Lock	4	Richard F. B. Speed	*Tenor*

Composed by H. G. Cashmore. Conducted by Richard F. B. Speed.
* 75th peal. The first peal in the method.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Mar. 28, 1952, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

Arthur Mason	*Treble*	Ralph Bird	5
George J. Butcher	2	Herbert E. Audsley	6
*Mrs. C. J. Matthews	3	Frederick J. Cullum	7
James Bennett	4	Philip A. Corby	*Tenor*

Composed by Frank Bennett. Conducted by Fredk. J. Cullum.
* First peal in the method.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 29, 1952, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Original. Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in E flat.

*Raymond I. F. Parsons	*Treble*	John W. Stevenson	5
†Kenneth W. Mackintosh	2	David E. Parsons	6
Gillian R. Brittain	3	Frank E. Darby	7
Michael V. Chilcott	4	†John E. Chilcott	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank E. Darby.
* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Triples. First peal of Triples as conductor.



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FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

KEELE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 12, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt.

*O. MICHAEL SLANEY	*Treble*	FREDK. E. WILSHAW	4
*JUNE M. HENSHAW	2	*DENIS M. KNOX	5
*ERIC NIXON	3	FREDK. W. GROCOTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK WILLIAM GROCOTT.
* First peal of London Minor.

KINGSLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 12, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

*ANN SHERRATT	*Treble*	FREDK. E. WILSHAW	4
FREDK. WM. GROCOTT	2	†WILLIAM CARNWELL	5
ERIC NIXON	3	DENIS M. KNOX	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENIS M. KNOX.
* First peal. † 100th peal. First peal in the method as conductor.

ALMELEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Mar. 2, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being five 240's of Morris's arrangement, two 240's of Pitman's and 28 six-scores. Tenor 10 cwt.

ARTHUR W. WILLIAMS	*Treble*	WILFRED NORGROVE	4
GEORGE BARKER	2	FREDERICK R. HARRIS	5
MRS. E. CHANDLER	3	RICHARD SQUIRES	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK R. HARRIS.
A farewell to the Rev. P. C. Matthews, who is leaving the parish.

DISLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 15, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven extents in 25 methods, with 50 changes of methods: (1) Abbeyville, Crowland, Combermere, Vale Royal and St. Werburgh Delight, (2) Marple and Willesden Delight, (3) Newdigate, Old Oxford and College Bob IV. Delight, (4) Braintree and Wragby Delight; (5) Charlwood, Neasden and St. Albans Delight, (6) Morning Star, Ockley, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise and Norbury Treble Bob, (7) Oxford, Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston Treble Bob. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*BASIL JONES	*Treble*	*NEIL D. LOMAS	4
*ANNE WORTH	2	ALAN A. POTTS	5
C. KENNETH LEWIS	3	JAMES A. MILNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.
* First peal in 25 methods. Rung fully muffled as a last tribute to Rev. Charles Musgrave, M.A., Vicar of Disley, 1924-1948.

ROTHLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 15, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

*PETER CHAMBERS	*Treble*	ROYSTON WILMORE	4
†DIANA SEAL	2	F. KEVAN THOMPSON	5
MARY A. CARPENTER	3	B. STEDMAN PAYNE	*Tenor*

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.
* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

WEST STOW, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 15, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 15 cwt. (approx.) in F.

ERNEST FOOTER	*Treble*	ARTHUR F. BALLAM	4
ALBERT G. BALLAM	2	EDWARD A. MURRELL	5
*WILLIAM F. RICKWOOD	3	PETER C. WRIGHT	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER C. WRIGHT.
* First peal. Rung in honour of the third anniversary of the appointment of the Rev. William J. Parker, as priest-in-charge of West Stow.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Mar. 16, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

*DAVID NICHOLLS	*Treble*	T. CHARLES BROWNE	4
KENNETH W. MUTTOCK	2	RONALD E. BURT	5
FRANK C. J. ARNOLD	3	FRANK C. W. PHILLIPPO	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK C. W. PHILLIPPO.
* First peal. An 80th birthday compliment to Mr. A. Sturman, former captain of the company and one-time churchwarden at Bunwell.

HASKETON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Tues., Mar. 18, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR
Tenor 9¾ cwt. in A.

LEWIS J. LAST	*Treble*	FREDERICK J. CRAPNELL	4
JAMES W. SMITH	2	CECIL W. PIPE	5
THOMAS C. WARD	3	RONALD W. STEWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by RONALD W. STEWARD.
Conductor's 100th peal of six bells. Rung in memoriam to the late George Thompson, of Hasketon, a local service ringer.

STAGSDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Mar. 18, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being an extent each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Surfleet, Beverley and Cambridge. Tenor 10¾ cwt.

PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	*Treble*	ANDREW C. SINFIELD	4
RONALD J. SHARP	2	W. NORMAN PARK	5
EVELYN STEEL	3	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. NORMAN PARK.
Rung for the 70th anniversary of the Association.

KIRBY BELLARS, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Mar. 19, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Consisting of eight 120's each of St. Bartholomew, April Day, Canterbury, Plain Bob and ten of Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

R. CYRIL TYLER	*Treble*	JAMES WEBB	3
HAROLD T. BONSHOR	2	ERNEST MORRIS	4
		ALFRED E. HINMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD T. BONSHOR.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Mar. 21, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of College Exercise Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Childwall, St. Clement's, Fulbeck, Double Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

GORDON R. WHEWELL	*Treble*	BRIAN H. WOOD	4
CHARLES W. BLAKEY	2	CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON	5
KENNETH HARTLEY	3	ROGER LEIGH	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.

BAGLAN, GLAMORGAN.
LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Mar. 21, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three 720's of Oxford Bob and four 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*JOHN LOCK	*Treble*	ALFRED HANNINGTON	4
TREVOR M. RODERICK	2	EDMOND MORRIS	5
J. ARTHUR HOARE	3	GWYN I. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.
* First peal in two methods. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. H. A. Llewellyn, of Baglan Hall, whose family were the donors of this beautiful church and bells; also to the Very Rev. Dr. Gwyn Davies, Dean of Monmouth.

HARLAXTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Mar. 21, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Mary and Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents of Plain Bob and 36 of Grandsire, ten callings.
Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

*Sergt. Douglas Wray	*Treble*	*P.C. James R. Holmes	4
Sp. Con. F. S. Parsons	2	P.C. H. Reginald Woods	5
†Sergt. Harry Valters	3	P.C. R. P. Armstrong	*Tenor*

Conducted by P.C. H. Reginald Woods.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal. First peal ever rung by an all-Lincolnshire County Police band of ringers.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Mar. 21, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Denis,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720'. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

*Daphne M. Weston	*Treble*	Henry P. Collin	4
Hugh Longland	2	*Neville Whitney	5
Donald H. Mettam	3	James H. Musson	*Tenor*

Conducted by James H. Musson.

* First peal. A 12th wedding anniversary peal for the conductor and his wife.

BENEFIELD, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 22, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 1,440 Oxford Treble Bob, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob and 2,160 Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr.

John H. Bluff	*Treble*	*Ronald Russell	4
Herbert Goakes	2	George Bush	5
*Percy D. Baldock	3	Thomas Austin	*Tenor*

Conducted by John H. Bluff.

* 25th peal together. Believed to be the first peal of Minor on the bells.

BRAUNSTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Guild Officers.)
On Sat., Mar. 22, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

*Fred W. Hancock (Daventry Branch, Secretary and Treasurer) *Treble*
William Yates (Towcester Branch, Secretary and Treasurer) 2
*George H. Hancock (Daventry Branch, President) 3
Ernest G. Orland (Guilsborough Branch, Secretary and Treas.) 4
Geoffrey E. Watson (Kettering Branch, Secretary and Treas.) 5
*Eric Nobles (Northampton Branch, Secretary and Treasurer) *Tenor*

Conducted by Eric Nobles.

* First peal of Minor in seven methods.

HANDBELL PEALS

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Jan. 13, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
In the Belfry of the Church of St. Giles,
A PEAL OF 5000 SPLICED MAJOR

Being 12 methods, viz.: Plain, Reverse, Double, Little Bob; Kent Crayford, Wellington Little Court; Gainsborough, Spalding; Ashbourne, St. Clement's and Crayford College; 256 changes of method.

Eric Nixon	1-2	O. Michael Slaney	5-6
Fredk. W. Grocott	3-4	Ronald T. Barlow	7-8

Arranged by O. Michael Slaney. Conducted by Fredk. W. Grocott.
First peal in 12 methods by all and for the Association.

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Feb. 20, 1952, *in* 1 *Hour and* 45 *Minutes,*
In the Belfry of the Church of St. Giles,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

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Ronald T. Barlow 5-6

Treble and tenor ringers each called two 720's and 3-4 ringer called three 720's. A farewell peal to F. W. Grocott, who is leaving North Staffordshire for service in H.M. Forces.

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A NEW QUARTER

This is the second issue of the new quarter and new postal subscribers for 1952 can be enrolled for 17s. 8d. Will those who have not yet renewed their quarterly subscriptions (6s.) please remit without delay to Mr. J. E. Jeater, 11, Frankswood Avenue, Petts Wood, Kent.

BELFRY GOSSIP

We have received a quarter peal of Stedman Triples rung at a church dedicated to St. Michael and all Angels in the Chester Diocese. Will the sender please supply us with the name of the town or village in which this performance took place, the name of the conductor and the name and address of the sender (in evidence of good faith).

Another good ringer is going to Cornwall. Mr. F. Bradley, of Nottingham, is leaving for Penryn, Cornwall.

A West Country reader reminds us that Alphington is near Exeter and not Plymouth as was inadvertently stated in 'Bells in English Life.'

Cheshire ringers visited All Saints', Loughborough, on March 29th and rang a peal of London Surprise Royal, No. 3 Version, and provided Leicester Guild with something new!

One of our eminent young conductors upon joining the Forces forgot one of his duties in civilian life—the prompt reporting of his peals to 'The Ringing World.' After waiting three weeks his colleagues have now made good the omission.

Mr. A. Patrick Cannon, the well-known heavy-bell ringer, has had the great privilege of being the first ringer to 'turn in' Liverpool Cathedral tenor. This was done by ringing three leads of Treble Ten on Saturday last with the tenor rung single-handed.

We have received another interesting letter from Mr. Ernest Weatherby, of Los Angeles. He has contacted Mr Peter Povooth, who is taking a course in the Technical Institute of Pasa Ceria. Mr. Pavooth is taking additional courses with the Water and Power Company of Los Angeles and at Seattle and hopes to reach Victoria and Vancouver and ring on these bells before returning to England in September.

When Mr. Denis Mottershead sent a telegram asking for assistance from the local band as he was short of a treble ringer for a peal attempt, he received the following amusing telegram in reply: 'No table wringer. Try Ivor.' Errors in transmission can be most humorous.

Mr. John E. Chilcott, one of the foremost of our young conductors of Stedman Cinques, has now rung his first peal of Grandsire Triples—and that from the tenor!

To attend a District meeting in the Midlands, one veteran enthusiast travelled 80 odd miles by train and bus for the privilege of ringing in a new six-bell tower. He adds that the few short touches of Minor were much enjoyed.

The first anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Staniforth was celebrated by peals at Leicester and Loughborough. The peal of Buckingham Surprise Maximus at Leicester Cathedral was something new in Maximus ringing. It was Peter's 300th peal and Jill and Peter's 200th together.

A number of our readers are interested in music. We have received the prospectus of the Canford Summer School of Music which embraces all branches of music. The courses are very comprehensive ranging from vocal to full orchestras. Canford is two miles from Wimborne and eight miles from Dorchester. The course is from August 10th—24th.

Members of the Leiston band of ringers rang handbells at Theberton Church on March 29th at the wedding of Mr. Alan Robert Bridges, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Bridges, of Leiston, and Miss Edna Mary Walker, daughter of the late Mr. C. S. Walker and Mrs. Walker, of Theberton Post Office. The bridegroom is a member of Leiston St. Margaret's ringers, and the bride is actively connected with the Theberton Brownie Pack and Sunday School. The honeymoon was spent at Torquay.

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SIDELIGHTS ON RINGING IN SUFFOLK

CONCERN OVER CONDITION OF BELLS IN FAMOUS TOWERS

TWO interesting reports giving an insight into Suffolk ringing of to-day are contained in the annual report of the Suffolk Guild for 1951, which will be presented at the annual meeting at Ipswich on Easter Monday.

The Ringing Master, Mr Charles J. Sedgley, writes:—

'The chief interest in our peal records for the past year is that for the first time in its history peals of Minor rung for the Guild exceed those of Major, the totals being Minor 42 and Major 26. This opens up several interesting lines of thought, but I shall confine myself to two. The first is that the generation of ringers that built and maintained the prestige of the Guild for so many years is passing away. Some have joined the great majority, and I need only mention Charles Bailey, of Leiston, William Rumsey, of Debenham, and T. William Last and George Whiting, of Helmingham, in this respect; others, by reason of infirmity and other matters, are, we trust temporarily, laid aside.

'The other inference is that we have a growing band of young Minor ringers who have put up some good performances this year, especially in seven-method peals and in whose hands lie the future prestige of the Guild. But—and here I sound a note of warning—in ringing, as in most things, we cannot remain static; either we progress or we recede; we either go forward to fame or we slip back to nonentity. That choice is theirs, but they will attain nothing by ringing peal after peal of Minor in one, two or three methods, than which nothing could be more paralysingly monotonous.'

Mr. Sedgley concludes by offering his congratulations to Rodney Pipe on calling his own composition of Kent Treble Bob Royal from a working bell and to Mr. Frank L. Fisher, who in its bi-centennial year, conducted—not for the first time—Holt's Original.

MEMBERSHIP INCREASING

Mr. C. W. Pipe, as general secretary, in his report writes:—

'Every person who takes more than a frivolous interest in our Guild will wish to know whether we are making progress or whether the Guild is on the decline. Progress, it may be held, depends on many factors. There are some ringers who will judge progress by the quantity and quality of peals. Others will judge by the number of meetings and the introduction of young and new members, and, finally, there are those who base their opinion upon the increase or decrease of membership and the financial situation. The latter usually interests the majority of members and it is with great satisfaction I can report a healthy increase in membership and finance.

'It must be admitted, however, that our standard has deteriorated and it is a matter of regret that peals of Surprise Royal and Maximus, Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Cinques and London and Bristol Major do not feature in last year's peal columns. Were it not for the Surprise Major peals under the conductorship of Mr. Leslie Brett, our 1951 performances would look very humble indeed. This steady contribution of better class ringing is a challenge to many of our intelligent young men to emulate the example set by the Framsden ringers.

'In other years the need has been stressed for finding recruits; for more service ringing by everyone: the prompt and regular payment of the small subscription. But if our standard does not improve, and that very quickly, there will be a sharp decline in interest and our good work will vanish rapidly. The chief fault is the failure to observe the open and closed lead and the offenders in this respect cannot claim to be good strikers.'

RESIGNATIONS AND DEATHS

Good work, stated the report, had again been put in by the District secretaries, who had arranged meetings all over the county in order to achieve better feeling, better striking and more members. Mr. George Felby offered his resignation after holding the office of a District secretary for many years. Mr. Edward Ellenger decided to become a minister of the Free Church and his resignation was received with great regret. Before this, the Guild was stunned by the sudden passing of Mrs. Ellenger. Thus Ipswich lost two staunch supporters. Mr. Max Page had taken up the work and responsibility for the Ipswich District and had already made a name for himself by his keenness. Deeply regretted also was the decision of Mr. Archie Fitch to resign as District secretary of Sudbury, a post he had held since 1945. He had given good service to the Guild.

By death the Guild had lost the Rev. George Porter, of Easton, Mr. Charles F. Bailey, of Leiston, probably the greatest ringer that Suffolk had produced, Mr. Charles Crapnell, of Ipswich, and Mr. William Dye, of Grundisburgh.

RESTORATIONS

Four very useful restorations took place during the year. At Bures, through the hard work of Mr. Leslie Mills, two trebles were added to the fine old six bells. Later, at Cotton, two trebles were added to complete the octave, and for this they had to thank Mr. Chilvers. The six bells at Copdock had been rehung on ball bearings. At Tunstall a complete restoration had taken place, and the little ring of six was now a credit both to the parish and the bell founders. Work had been commenced at Pakefield (Taylor's), Stradbroke (Gillett's) and at Lavenham (Mears').

'It can be truly said that nearly all our heavy rings, including those of our two leading churches, are now in a poor condition, and these should be reported to the Church authorities without delay in order that funds may be opened before the bells become totally unringable and the cost of restoration double what it may be to-day. Clumsy and heavy-going bells, with poor tonal quality, will neither attract young recruits nor inspire the listening public; they are not worthy of the fine churches in which they hang. However, it is heartening to know that a dozen orders, chiefly from the minor churches, have been placed with all three bell founders and we may confidently look forward to the day when the majority of our bells are in a respectable condition and on a par with the "go" and tone of bells in many other counties.'

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DEDICATION OF HELMORE MEMORIAL

In spite of atrocious weather, several members braved the elements to attend the dedication of the clock presented to Canterbury Cathedral belfry in memory of the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, late hon. general secretary of the Kent County Association

The short, simple ceremony was conducted in the belfry by the Dean, who was assisted by the Precentor, the Rev. C. Ludlow. The ringers were welcomed by the Dean (Dr. Hewlett Johnson), who said they had come that day to pay honour to one who had given much for ringing. They mustn't think of him as dead but that he was still very near them. The Precentor read a short passage from Numbers x., the Dean then saying the dedicatory prayers.

The clock is of decorated walnut and is a 14-day striking one, and having the more usual Westminster chimes, together with changes on eight bells. A plate has been affixed which has the following inscription:—'Presented by the Kent County Association of Change Ringers in memory of Frederick John Ottlet Helmore. Priest. Honorary General Secretary K.C.A.C.R. 1891—1929. President of the Cathedral Company 1885—1938.'

Miss H. Helmore, who had placed a new door at the foot of the belfry steps in memory of her father, was present at the service. Among other members of the Association who attended were Mr. J. Willis (trustee) and Messrs. Knight and Norris (Rochester), J. Unwin, T. H. Holmes, W. F. Jenkins, R. G. and Mrs. French and other members from Ashford, Maidstone, Walmer and Boughton.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

MEETING AT BITTON

The spring quarterly meeting was held at Bitton on March 29th and in spite of a heavy snow storm was well attended by visitors and members.

Before the general ringing a band of members rang a quarter peal of Stedman to the memory of Andrew J. Corrigan. By 3 p.m. the fine ring of eight was set going to various methods up to Double Norwich until 4.30 p.m. when the members attended a service conducted by the local Rector. Ladies of the parish afterwards entertained them to tea.

Before opening the business meeting the chairman spoke of Mr. Corrigan's services both to the Association and to the Exercise. The members then stood in silence as a token of respect.

After a successful meeting the members returned to the tower for further ringing before setting out for their homes through wind and snow.

W. F. S.

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BERRINGTON, a small village with a big ringing history

By W. A. FARMER

VILLAGERS, I think, hear more of their bells than their neighbours in towns, where trains, buses and cars are more numerous. Frequently, too, village churches are comparatively isolated, instead of being surrounded by high buildings, as sometimes occurs in towns.

This is the case at Berrington, where the church of All Saints is surrounded by fields, except on the south where stands the ancient manor house, now a farmhouse. In spring and summer the sound of bells floats over the countryside, mingling with the song of birds. In winter, on frosty nights, their sound seems to echo from the frozen ground.

Berrington is about five miles south-east from Shrewsbury, and the progress made in recent years with both bells and ringers is typical of what is happening in Shropshire and in England generally.

The handsome stone church, built in the thirteenth century, follows one of ancient foundation, as a priest is mentioned in 1086. The present font is thought to be Saxon, and the church contains other features of interest.

Parish registers from 1559, and also records of some of the old customs of the parish, show the continuity of social life, which was entirely centred round the church until recent times.

Church bells played an important part in sounding for services, for the deaths of parishioners, and for events of national importance.

The tower, built perhaps a little later than the church, is of pleasing proportions. Buttresses at each corner decrease in size in stages as they rise, adding to the appearance, and also to the solidity of the tower, about which there is no doubt.

THE ORIGINAL BELFRY

Perhaps bells were installed very early, but the first record is of 1549: 'Burinton iiij bells and one sanctus.' Churchwardens' accounts of 1680 show a payment of £10 to a bell-founder and again in 1682 for 'a saint's bell.' There was a clock in 1704 and the curfew was rung regularly until 1752.

There were then five bells hung for ringing, the smallest being inscribed: 'Thomas Farmer, Eaton Mascott 1653.' We shall see that Eaton Mascott plays no small part in the provision of bells for its parish church. William Blakeway and William Callcott, wardens in 1611, had their names perpetuated on the third bell, and 'Roger R. F., 1616' appeared on the fifth. Nothing is known of the origin of these bells.

Nor do we know anything of their musical qualities. Some of this period that remain in other towers are quite good. For whatever reason, all were recast by Thomas Mears of London in 1796 into a ring of six, and these are still in use.

Although change ringing was by this time well established in Shropshire, it was generally only applied to eight bells, when the full peal of 5,040 changes was the aim of all. At Berrington, no doubt, the bells were rung both in 'rounds,' the natural order down the scale, and in the usual musical sequences 135246, 125346, etc.

The bells were highly valued and in regular use, we may be sure, if only because the recasting mentioned above cost £341—the equivalent of £2,000 to-day!

The church was generally restored in 1877, and one authority states that Messrs. Blews, of Birmingham, rehung the bells then. This seems doubtful, as the faculty, without which alterations are not permitted to church property does not mention the bells. Further, Mr. G. E. Purslow and Mr. A. Jones, two ringers, made and fitted new bearings to the tenor bell early in the present century. Mr. Purslow, whose two sons are both ringers today, is uncertain of the date.

Finally, in 1928, repairs to the tower and complete rehanging of the six bells were undertaken by the late Sir George H. Holcroft, Bart., of Eaton Mascott Hall, as a memorial to his eldest son, Gilbert Culcheth Holcroft, killed in the first World War

BAND REORGANISED

At this stage Mr W. H. Lloyd was asked to organise a new band, and although without previous experience, his efforts have been crowned with success to a considerable degree. Mr. H. Wood, of Condover helped in the early stages, with the rudiments of change ringing. Later, Mr. W. Beniams, of Ludlow, an official of the Hereford Diocesan Guild of Ringers, trained the band in Grandsire Doubles, and conducted their first peal in 1933.

Mr. W. Beniams conducted the first of these in 1933, and in 1935 Mr. W. H. Lloyd conducted his own band in a similar peal. The ringers were: James Lloyd 1, Sydney Wear 2, Philip J. L. Purslow 3, W. H. Downes 4, W. H. Lloyd (conductor) 5, W H. Evans tenor.

Several similar peals were rung at Berrington and elsewhere, and in 1949 a peal of Plain Bob Minor, employing the six bells in changes, was accomplished. Although by no means unique, this was a noteworthy performance, as so much of Shropshire's six-bell ringing starts and ends with Doubles. The band was Alfred Owen 1, Miss Ruby J. Lloyd 2, Philip J. W. Purslow 3, Miss Ethel Duppa 4, James E. Fox 5, William H. Lloyd 6, Mr. Purslow conducted this peal, the first of Minor on the bells.

Ringing practices at Berrington attracted ringers from neighbouring towers and seven different methods were practised with a view to including them in a peal, when war stopped ringing. This record is the best in the county for variety in six-bell methods.

One more peal was to be accomplished on these six bells— that in honour of the wedding of Miss Ruby Lloyd to Dr. Bruce Laing, after they had flown to their new home in Newfoundland, and after several efforts had failed for various reasons. On one occasion a rope broke just before the end of the three hours' ringing! The final attempt included Plain Bob, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles.

POST-WAR ADDITIONS

Since the war, a new era has opened at Berrington. Ringers and friends raised the sum of £400 in a little less than two years, and provided two additional bells. These were installed in March last by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank and dedicated by Bishop Sara.

Inscriptions on the complete ring are now: Treble—This bell and the second of this peal were added in thanksgiving for peace in 1945. Second—This bell and the treble were provided with money raised by the ringers and their friends. Third—Follow with joyful Sounds: 1796. Fourth—Unite while Joy Surrounds. Fifth—Obey each Happy Call. Sixth—In Harmony join all. Seventh—Sound Cheers to wedded love. Tenor—Chant praise to God above. Ed. Ditcher, John Aston, Ch Wardens. 1796.

The new trebles have added a much brighter note to the ring, and on practice nights and Sundays Triples and Major have replaced Doubles and Minor.

We look forward to hearing a peal on this, the newest of Shropshire's octaves of bells.

[With acknowledgment to the 'Shropshire Magazine.']

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

Big Attendance at Tamworth Despite Snow

According to the calendar it was officially Spring when the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford held its quarterly meeting at Tamworth on March 29th. The weather prevailing that day however, was more in keeping with mid-winter and it spoke volumes for the popularity of Tamworth and its church and bells that 79 ringers and friends braved the elements of biting icy winds, followed later in the afternoon by a fall of snow.

The parish church of St. Editha with its massive tower is particularly fine and the grand ring of eight bells is in keeping with everything to be found in this ancient and impressive church. As usual, Mr. George Oliver, Ringing Master, saw to it that all ringers present were catered for according to their abilities.

The service was conducted by the Vicar of Tamworth (the Rev. G. C. Batten) who also gave a most interesting address.

An excellent tea was served at the Monica Cafe. After tea Messrs. Bennett and G. Oliver referred to the passing of the late Mr. W. Chapman, of the Tamworth band, who had been a member of the Society since 1889, and all present then stood in silence as a mark of respect to his memory.

Mr. Bennett thanked the Rev. G. C. Batten, Mr. G. H. Peers, jun., the Tamworth ringers and the organist for their part in making the meeting so enjoyable.

The next meeting of the Society will be at Hanbury, near Burton-on-Trent, on May 17th, and it is hoped to arrange for a coach to run from Wolverhampton. F. C. A. B.

Mr. J. Hartley's 50 Years at Norbury

A social evening was held in Norbury Schools on March 27th to celebrate the 50 years as a bellringer at Norbury Church of Mr. J. W. Hartley. The company included the Vicar (the Rev. E. Taylor), churchwarden (Mr. Simmonds), old ringers, friends and the present-day ringers.

After games and songs by Phyllis Sellars and Mr. Marsland, the Vicar presented Mr. Hartley with a writing set and a £5 note. In his remarks the Vicar commended Mr. Hartley's wonderful record of service. To have been christened, confirmed and served 50 years in the belfry at St. Thomas's, was certainly a record for Norbury.

Mr. Hartley, in reply, gave a brief summary of the changes which had taken place during his 50 years as a ringer. He mentioned four ringers whom he held in high esteem—Mr. James Fernley, sen., the Rev. A. T. Beeston, Mr. W. W. Wolstencroft and Mr. T. Wilde. He thanked everyone for a most successful evening.

The Vicar then presented Mrs. Hartley with a handbag in recognition of the help she had given to her husband over the number of years.

An exhibition of handbell ringing was given by Messrs C. K. Lewis, Wilfred Stevenson, Joe Whittaker, Peter Laflin and James Fernley, jun.

PEAL AT ROBERT HERRICK'S CHURCH

A peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung at Dean Prior Parish Church, Buckfastleigh, Devon, on March 29th where the Rev. Robert Herrick, the poet, was at one time Vicar. The peal was rung by a band who were members of the Mid-Devon Branch of the Devon Guild, the last Branch peal having been rung as long ago as 1929. The members greatly appreciated the action of Mr. F. Turner, of Ashburton, who stood in at very short notice.

Weather conditions were very 'arctic,' three members having to cycle back to Buckfastleigh after the peal, in the throes of a snowstorm. B.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

STANDARDS

Dear Sir,—The great majority of ringers voluntarily accept certain standards to govern their ringing life. These are standards of striking, punctuality and attendance, church attendance and method advancement. Some have a very high standard, for instance the late William Pye, who once threatened to stop a peal of Surprise Maximus because of a clipped dodge up behind. Also some will go through a whole year without being absent or late once. But if any compulsion is used, then at once the ringers kick, as witness the recent strike in Derbyshire.

It is many years since the Central Council passed some rules governing treble-dominated methods and as far as memory serves they are as follows:—

(1) That the plain course should consist of as many treble leads as there are working bells.

(2) That the lead should be the unit, and contain all the work of the method.

(3) That the method should be symmetrical.

(4) That the method should have regular lead heads.

These are undoubtedly standards which every good method must possess. Let us admit that a 720 of Minor can be produced without these standards, and also that we get stagnation in some cases even when the standards are used. In general, however, they cover the whole field from Minor to Maximus and there are enough methods to suit even the most fastidious.

During recent months the Central Council has been subjected to severe criticism for daring to say that it will no longer recognise methods which do not conform to the standards laid down. Clearly the Central Council is within its rights as one of its committees compiles the Analyses. I suggest that our standard of loyalty to the Central Council should at least be on a par with our other standards

Let us look at the financial side; we will assume that it cost the different Associations £200 to send their delegates to the meeting. If their decisions are not to be honoured then it is a waste of good money. Criticism there must be but it should be constructive and the critics have so far failed to suggest anything better.—Yours, etc.,

E. R. M.

BANISTER CENTENARY PEAL LOST

Dear Sir,—On March 29th, at Eltham Parish Church, an attempt to ring Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples was made by eight members of the Lewisham District of the Kent County Association to commemorate the centenary of the family peal of Grandsire Triples rung at St. Mary's, Woolwich, on March 27th, 1852, by Henry Banister, his six sons and his son-in-law.

As St. Mary's bells were not available for this attempt, the Vicar of St. John's, Eltham, which is situated in the Borough of Woolwich, kindly gave his consent for the attempt to be made there.

Unfortunately, after an hour of excellent ringing, the attempt came to an end by the call 'Stand!' Something had gone wrong which was not revealed at the 'preliminary inquest.'

The hour was too late to permit a restart so after a brief interval a quarter peal of 1,316 changes from Holt's Original was rung. The striking was excellent throughout and of a quality that the Banisters themselves would have approved.

It is hoped to make another attempt for this peal at Eltham on July 4th by the same band ringing the same bells.—Yours faithfully,

A. GROVE, sen.

Abbey Wood, S.E.2.

THE 'WILLIAMS' PEAL

Dear Sir,—A peal of Cambridge Maximus had been arranged for Saturday, March 29th, at Birmingham Cathedral, to be rung by a band of just 'Williams.' Owing to one member of the band having to withdraw a few days before the attempt, frantic efforts were made to complete the band without success, with the result that we met eleven.

After talking it over it was decided to go for Cambridge Royal instead and Mr. William B. Cartwright offered to stand down, and on behalf of the rest of the band I would like to thank him for turning up and for his sporting gesture. I would also like to apologise to Mr. William Birmingham, of Slough, who had made the previous arrangements for the 'Williams' to ring Cambridge Royal, which had proved unsuccessful, as we had fully intended to ring Maximus. I would now like to thank Mr. George E. Fearn for placing the Cathedral bells so readily for our use and the rest of the Birmingham ringers who turned up to welcome us and to wish us luck in our attempt. This friendship is appreciated.

Now just a word of praise to the youngest member of the band, 17-year-old William Lacey, from Leicester, who rang the treble, for after ringing for three-quarters of an hour the tuck came out of his rope and he completed the peal on a 'single-end,' an experience he is not likely to forget in a hurry.

Thanks are also due to all the 'Williams' who so readily came and made this peal possible, especially those who travelled such long distances on such a foul day. The three stalwarts who accompanied me by car had a journey which will not be forgotten. We encountered a blinding snowstorm with its attendant drifts which at times almost blocked the roads; we eventually arrived home at 4 a.m. on Monday, tired but happy.

Having read the 'Diary of William H. Fussell' in 'The Ringing World' and the journeys he made to ring peals, I wonder what he would have thought of his 'namesakes'' journey on this occasion—380 miles covered, 14½ hours on the road, plus 3½ hours for the peal. Further time was spent on very welcome 'light refreshment.'—Yours sincerely,

W. ROGERS.

Rotherfield, Sussex.

RICHARD CHANDLER AND THOMAS TOMPION

Dear Sir,—In answer to the Rev. A. J. Nixseaman regarding the above founders:

(1) There were three Richard Chandlers who founded at Drayton Parslow but I have no knowledge that any of them established a foundry at Gamlingay.

(2) It was customary for founders to place their names, the words 'made me' and the year of casting, or recasting, on bells. This often resulted in the loss of much original data on previous bells.

(3) No list of Chandler bells in Bedfordshire is available.

(4) Thomas Tompion is reputed to have cast one of the bells at Northill, his native parish, but evidence of this is not forthcoming. He certainly did cast a bell for Willington when he was a young man of 22. Probably this was during the period he worked as a blacksmith at some unlocated spot, prior to his becoming the foremost clock and watchmaker in the country. The Willington bell of 1671 became cracked in the 19th century, so no Tompion bell is now in existence.—Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Addlestone, Surrey.

'LENT AND EASTER'

Dear Sir,—I feel that I am probably only one of many who would wish to thank you for the article on 'Lent and Easter' by Prebendary Hook. What puzzles me is that there should be so many of my brother clergy who would seem to welcome the ringing of peals on their bells during Lent. There must, of course, always be exceptions but these should be well understood as such both by parishioners and ringers.—Yours faithfully,

(PREBENDARY) E. V. COX,
President of the Guild
of Devonshire Ringers.

Ottery St. Mary, Devon.

BILBIE'S BELLS

Dear Sir,—I have read with interest the correspondence evoked by Mr. Gould. It seems desirable to assume that 'tuning' bells has a much wider meaning than formerly. Winterbourne will tell you that their Chepstow bells came out of the moulds needing no tuning. I do not want to be referee between Winterbourne on the one hand and our great, modern bell-founders and orchestra leaders on the other, but I think the Evans were craftsmen 'who needed not to be ashamed.' (II. Tim.)

The only method of tuning open to the Bilbies was to chop a diagonal groove inside the sound bow When the next groove was chopped about a quarter of an inch away, most of the metal between broke away, and so on, all round, until the note was lowered sufficiently. The splendid 10th and superb 11th at Redcliffe were tuned thus, but modern craftsmen with mighty lathes have scraped off the crests of the ridges. The note G, 40½ ins., 1709, Bilbie fourth of the Doynton five is an elegant example of how 'um did work in them deays.' The 33¼ inch, 1766, Bilbie second was put up untuned, about a quarter tone sharp, and so it remained for the best part of two centuries.

Though our great, modern founders appear to keep closely in line, would any one of them say in these pages: 'I have nothing that others haven't'? Through the centuries the major ingredients of good bells have been copper and tin, but the exact proportions, the degree of heat used, the number of times melted, the amount of stirring and, not least, the design of bell are all part of a 'formula,' but whether the best modern bell is better than the best old bell, and whether the best modern **recast** is as good as the best old bell are points likely to be debated till the end of time.—Yours very truly,

C. G. CAMERY.

Bristol

DERBY'S JUBILEE PEAL

Dear Sir,—Just over fifty years ago the tower of St. Peter's Church was pulled down to allow extension of the church and rebuilt further to the West. At that time there were five bells in the tower. Three were of 1636 and two rather younger, one of which was Abraham Rudhall's. These were augmented to eight. The new treble was given by Sir Henry Benrose, M.P., the second by Sir Thomas Roe and the third by Messrs. E. T. Ann and R. B. Chambers, churchwardens. The fourth and fifth of the present ring were recast by Taylor's of Loughborough.

On April 2nd, 1902, the Bishop of Southwell (in whose diocese Derby then was) dedicated the bells. Fifty years later, on April 2nd, 1952, a jubilee peal was rung to mark the occasion by members of the Derbyshire Association of Change Ringers. This was 5,008 of St. Clement's Bob Major. The first in the method by all and for the Association.—Yours, etc.,

WALTER STEER.

Derby.

NORFOLK BELLS: CASTLE ACRE AND PAKEFIELD

THE visitor to Norfolk finds himself in a place apart. Far away are the roaring blast furnaces, the smoke and grime which are necessary to stave off civilisation's fall, the unromantic scenes with which modern life has clothed itself. We are in a land of quiet cornfields, rolling plains, broads and wooded uplands, with the sea all around except for the Fens on the west and Holy Suffolk, which shares our outlook—a land where God, as our forefathers in 'the ages of faith' saw Him, seems very near—a land of green fields dominated by vast churches with their towers, palaces of the beauty of a half-forgotten past. A past which can easily live again, in the imaginative mind, however.

So to Castle Acre, with its great Priory, glory of the ages of faith. We go, not to weep over the dead past, but to rejoice in the living present. For it is February 29th, and we have come to join in the ceremony—ancient yet ever full of new life—of Hallowing the bells. In the vast parish church, the equal of many a city church, and far better than many for it can house the whole village without being cluttered up with pews and its majesty disguised, the Bishop of Thetford's cope and mitre, with those around him—clergy, choir, two attendants (from the Cathedral choir, out for a spree with the Precentor) and A. G. G. his Chaplain—blend perfectly with the ancient figures, full of colour and gold, which for five centuries have decorated the glorious screen and pulpit.

The anthems, hymns, and processions are arranged round the climax—the Hallowing of the bells. They stand in a group by the font—suitably placed by the place where the far greater Hallowing, the Sacrament by which folk seek new life, has happened for centuries. As the Bishop anoints and asperses each bell and blesses it, we have a foretaste of the new life which Taylor's are bringing to the old work of Thomas Newman. The presence of the donors recalls the mediæval glass at Mancroft, where the donors kneel humbly in a corner presenting their gift to God. We return to the chancel, and the Bishop begins his sermon thus: 'Now I am to speak about what we have done, but this talk would be given far better by my Chaplain behind me. . . .'

So out again to the village green—tea, handbells, the beloved Norfolk mardle, and we part only to meet again on April 26th, when A. G. G. T. is to reopen the bells for ringing.

A GLORIOUS RESURRECTION

And now it is April 4th, and yet another tower is bursting into new life. We find ourselves right down by the sea—into which the long-suffering Austin ten has nearly driven—at Pakefield, with a church whose situation and whose recent history are equally romantic. It is as close to the sea as possible. One tombstone overhangs the low cliff by a foot; the coast road here has gone. The church might have gone but for the erection of a new groyne, and almost everything in the church which could burn was destroyed in the war. Last time I visited it, there was nothing but bare walls and the voices of the seagulls where choristers had sung.

But there has been a glorious resurrection. Walls raised to their full height; a fine new oak roof, thatched with Norfolk reeds without difficulty because the Government didn't know thatching is still done here so hadn't made rules and regulations to forbid it; perfectly lovely new screens, pews, windows and organ, the font brought back into use, and a fine new altar.

And a glorious new ring of eight. To the old five, Taylor's have added three lovely trebles which must sound startling to any who cruise too near the shore in a fog. They may save life thus one day—who knows? So there gather together the Bishop of Norfolk, clergy and choir, and a large congregation, not for the bells alone but for a service uniting the various gifts by which we glorify God. Gordon Paget gives a recital on the new organ. The service begins by the procession pausing before the ancient chancel screen restored to new beauty, whilst the Bishop dedicates it to the memory of Robert Graunt, Rector in 1400, who gave the screen. Then we proceed to the tower. The Bishop offers the bells to God, dedicates them and hands a rope to the Rector. During the rounds which follow, one visiting clergyman whispers to another: 'It really does look rather complicated, doesn't it?' (what would he think of being forced into the Roman Coliseum and made to ring Spliced Surprise on handbells or be eaten by the lions, if such historic confusion were possible?) The memorable service proceeds, much of it, oddly enough, like that at Castle Acre, copied from a service at St. George Colegate a year or so ago.

The Bishop, whose sermon, like all his, is quite brilliant, paints an inspiring picture of the overwhelming story of century after century of generosity of craftsmanship, of the Divine family of the Church in Pakefield, a vivid illustration of what the Church of England, with 1,300 years at least behind it, the oldest continuous life of any kind whatever in this land, has meant to us. He hardly mentions the bells (he has been heard to say, 'I don't preach on bells when Thurlow is present'), but his talk is obviously of their message, as he concludes by saying that the ancient history is but the foundation for what matters to-day, the living voice of God through His Church.

The twenty-five or so ringers from Pakefield and the surrounding district have a gay hour with the usual methods and the usual mardle before returning to our own towers, encouraged once again by the work we have done together.

GILBERT THURLOW.

RINGING RHYMES

No. 9. METHOD RINGING

While these rhymes no claims may make,
Hitherto, they've tried to take
Beginners through the sequent stages
Of this Art, that through the ages
Has delighted countless men,
And will, doubtless, yet again!

Beginning with control of bell
We passed to 'Striking.' Then to tell
Of 'Covering' we wrote. And then
Of 'Hunting' and 'Place-making.' When
These were explained we tackled 'Calls.'
Then, in what 'Class' a method falls.
Next, how 'Division' halves reflect—
(At 'link' and 'junction' all correct!)
And 'Cyclics,' place and bell detect.

For method ringing thus instructed,
Learn how each one is constructed;
Shaping to a common plan.
And first (next rhyme), we'll 'Plain Bob' scan.

A. Y-B.

MIDDLETON SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—I enclose the report of a peal of Middleton Surprise Major rung at Willesden on March 27th. The method is given in Corrigan's Collection. However, the false course ends are given incorrectly and should be:—

24365
56423
63542

Yours sincerely,

Harrow, Mdsx. R. F. B. SPEED.

OBITUARY

MR. A. J. BARTLETT

Many ringers attended at Chiddingfold Parish Church on March 31st for the funeral service of Mr. A. J. Bartlett. The Rector (the Rev Michael Bruce) officiated and following the committal a course of Grandsire Triples was rung at the graveside by Messrs. A. C. Hazelden (Guildford) 1-2, A. H. Pulling (Guildford) 3-4, F. Bowden (Haslemere) 5-6, C. E. Smith (Godalming) 7-8.

Chiddingfold ringers attending were Mr. A. E. Brown Mr. and Mrs. R. Cooper, Mrs. M. Herrington, Mrs. Harris and Mr. J. Furlonger, jun. The Witley ringers were represented by Mr. F. C. Hagley (captain, also representing Godalming ringers and Chief Inspector R. Hagley) and Mr R. Smith (vice-captain), and the Dunsfold ringers by Mr. E. Stenning. Also present were Mr. G. L. Grover (secretary of the Guildford Diocesan Guild), Mr. H. Hutton (Holy Trinity, Guildford) and Mrs. F. Bowden (Haslemere).

Wreaths included tributes from the Guildford District, Guildford Diocesan Guild, Dunsfold ringers and Chiddingfold Ex-Servicemen's Club.

A quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung after the service on the half-muffled church bells by H Mullard 1, A. H. Pulling 2, F. Bowden (conductor) 3, A. E. Brown 4, H. Hutton 5, C. E. Smith 6, A. C. Hazelden 7, R. Cooper 8.

MR. T. H. POOK

The Exeter Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers has lost one of its most faithful members by the death on March 30th of Mr. T. H. Pook.

A member of the Thorverton band and representative of the Exeter Branch on the general committee, he was also closely identified with ringing at St. Mary's, Silverton, where for many years he was a regular Sunday service ringer. He had been a member of the Guild for about 45 years.

He was born 62 years ago at Clyst Hydon, a rather out-of-the-way East Devon parish, where there were six bells. His father was leader of the local company which strove valiantly to advance from round and call-change ringing to scientific methods and achieved much success.

'Harry,' as he was generally known, proved an apt pupil and soon became proficient in handling and striking and in his prime was a very good back-ender.

As a young man he took up work at Thorverton Mill, settled at Upexe, from whence he had contact with eight-bell towers at Thorverton and Silverton. He graduated in Triple and Major ringing, but had few opportunities and no great inclination for peals, of which he had 13 to his credit. He could conduct and had some skill with handbells. He was handicapped in recent years by illness and accident, the most serious of which resulted in a broken thigh that ended his ringing activities, but he bore his misfortunes with great fortitude and was a familiar and welcome figure at Branch and Guild meetings.

His funeral on April 2nd at Silverton, was attended by many relatives (including his wife, son and daughter), to whom sympathy is extended, residents and ringing friends.

Among the latter were Mr. A. W. Searle, vice-president, Guild of Devonshire Ringers, W. S. Lethbridge (both of Exeter), J. Arbury, hon. secretary and treasurer, East Devon Branch (Ottery St. Mary), Mr. A. G. Selley, Ringing Master, N.E. Branch, and Mrs. Selley, C. G. Dymond, hon. secretary and treasurer, N.E. Branch (Silverton) R. B. Ford, W. H. Baker and Mrs. Baker (Thorverton) and W. Cockram (Tiverton).

The bells were rung muffled at Thorverton and Silverton in the evening. A. G. S.

METHOD EXTENSION

By D. MOTTERSHEAD

(Continued from page 221)

Lastly, the pièce de résistance—the Surprise methods. These methods, which form a subdivision of the Treble Bob system, seem to have caused most of the controversy, due, no doubt, to their popularity in the field of Major ringing. Cambridge and Yorkshire extend ideally, as does Pudsey Some methods, e.g., Wembley, Superlative and Rutland extend ideally to Maximus but not to Royal.

1234567890	1234567890ET
2143658709	2143658709TE
1234685079	123468507T9E
2143860597	21438605T7E9
2418365079	241836507T9E
4281630597	42816305T7E9
4218360957	4218360T5E79
2481639075	248163T0E597
4286193057	42861T305E79
4826910375	4826T103E597
8462193057	84621T30E957
8642910375	8642T1039E75
6849201735	684T20193E57
8694027153	86T40291E375
8960421735	8T6042193E57
9806247153	T8062491E375
8960274513	8T60294E1735
9806725431	T80692E47153
9087624513	T089624E1735
0978265431	0T9826E47153
9087256341	T0892E674513
	0T98E2765431
	09TE82674513
	90ET28765431
	09TE27856341

These figures are the extensions of Rochester Surprise to Royal and Maximus. It has been said that this method does not extend ideally, but the above diagrams would appear to disagree with this. I do not know whether the method as rung on ten and twelve bells is the same.

The following, which were composed independently and may have already existed, seem to be ideal extensions of Bristol:—

1234567890	1234567890ET
2143658709	2143658709TE
1234685079	123468507T9E
2143860597	21438605T7E9
2413685079	241368507T9E
4231658709	4231658709TE
2413567890	2413567890ET
4231576980	423157698E0T
2435179608	24351796E8T0
2345716980	234571698E0T
3254179608	32541796E8T0
2345719068	2345719E6T80
3254791086	3254791ET608
3527490168	352749E16T80
5372941086	5372941ET608
5739240168	352749E1T068
7593420618	532794ET1086
5732246081	57392E4T0168
5372940619	7593E2T41086
3527496081	795E3T240168
3254769801	97E5T3420618
	795E3T246081
	7593E2T40618
	57392E4T6081
	537294E6T801

The half-lead rows are

3527496081
3254769801

and not

3254769801
3527496081

because of the order in which the bells come down to lead in the adjacent rows . The pivot-bells in successive extensions of Bristol would appear to be 2, 3, 5, 7, etc.

London, however, seems to be the worst culprit with regard to extension. There is a method called Double London which extends ideally to ten and twelve bells, but it is an unorthodox method. there being two formidable objections to it, viz.:— (1) A place is made below a bell [other than the treble] which is lying full behind; this work being the same as the 'slow' work performed at lead with the bell doing 'Stedman' work in London itself; and (2) The four changes between the 2-3 and 4-5 cross sections possess a sign-pattern which appears to contradict the laws of Treble Bob method construction. Since the method is a Double one, this also applies to certain other rows. [All change-rows have a positive or negative sign, which is a shorthand way of writing in-or out-of-course, according to the way in which they are derived from rounds; rounds being positive by convention.]

12345678	1234567890	1234567890ET
21354768	2135476980	213547698E0T
12537486	1253749608	12537496E8T0
21573468	2157346980	215734698E0T
25174386	2517439608	25174396E8T0
52714836	5271493068	5271493E6T80
25178463	2517940386	251794E3T608
52718643	5271904836	52719E4T3068
25781634	2579108463	25791ET40386
27586143	2759014836	2759E14T3068
72851634	7295108463	72951ET40386
78256143	2759018643	2759E1T04336
87526413	7295081634	7295ET108463
78562431	7920586143	792E5T014836
87654213	9702851634	97E2T5108463
86745231	9078256143	792E5T013643
68472531	0987526413	97E2T5081634
	9078562431	9E7T20586143
	0987654213	E9T702851634
	0896745231	ET9078256143
	8069472531	TE0987526413
		ET9078562431
		TE0987654213
		T0E896745231
		0T8E69472531

The method shown above appears to be quite in order and the extensions ideal. This is a Double method, and when examined closely it is found to bear a resemblance to London Surprise in many respects; the Major method has several false course-ends, however.

The true extension of London itself to ten bells is classed as unorthodox, and the same applies to London Surprise Maximus. With regard to the various 'Versions' which exist, it is probable that the majority of ringers are not unduly concerned about how near to the truth these happen to be, so it is sufficient to comment that none of them can, strictly speaking, be called London Surprise. Perhaps a suitable adjective, e.g., 'New' or 'Proximate,' ought to be inserted in the names of such extensions when printing peal reports of the recognised 'Version,' and then there would be little cause for complaint. Readers would not be tempted to insert their own appropriate adjectives, since it must be admitted that there is a certain amount of dissatisfaction attached to anything which is (for want of a better word) defiled. Of course, it is necessary to bear in mind that the methods themselves are quite acceptable, the real issue at stake being their doubtful regularity as extensions of the 'parent' methods. (The foregoing paragraph also applies to certain other methods.)

In the case of methods such as Woodbine, however, we have a definite instance of irregularity. The term 'Plain Bob Lead-Ends' will now be familiar to readers. If these are not obtained, **the tenors are parted**, and in view of the undesirability of this, the much-discussed stipulation [which is, expressed in more general terms, 'retention of Coursing Order between the final change-rows of successive divisions'] has been laid down. If it had not, there would be a lack of orderliness in one of the foundation stones of our art, namely, in method structure. It might be said that the tenors must be parted for a certain portion of a true extent, in any case and that Minor ringing is 'a sphere on its own.' Nevertheless, and here I speak as a regular ringer of Minor, let us remember the motto, 'Unity in diversity.'

From the foregoing investigation it would appear that there are two (at least) different plans of method extension. When the work above the treble in London Surprise is examined it will be noticed that in successive extensions the main characteristics are retained relative to the treble's leading full In the case of Cambridge, however, we find that the main characteristics of the work remained fixed relative to the treble's lying full. Bristol seems to fall into both categories to a certain degree.

The fundamental work below the treble seems to remain fixed relative to her leading full, in each case.

A glance at the two extension plans for Double Court Minor given at the beginning of this letter seems to indicate that two different ways of extending one method are discernible in certain cases. Thus, in addition to Double Norwich Major, the following might be regarded as an extension of the Minor method:—

12345678
21436587
24135678
42316587
24361857
42638175
46283715
64827351
68472531

This, when extended, gives the Royal and Maximus as rung; whilst Double Norwich Major gives the theoretical extensions shown at the beginning of this letter.

[In a method which contains such a large number of dodges, it is hard to distinguish between those dodges which are introduced by extension and those which are fundamental to the method.]

In conclusion I should like to respectfully emphasise that (1) evolution rather than revolution is desirable in this particular instance; (2) Any decisions reached need to be as comprehensive as possible in order to be beneficial to the whole of the Exercise, thus allowing the utmost scope for individual initiative that is compatible with social cohesion.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World' of April 12th, 1912

THE BRISTOL SURPRISE RECORD

Knebworth, Herts

The Hertfordshire Association

On Monday, April 8, 1912, in 7 hours and 18 minutes

at the Church of St. Mary

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

12,160 changes

Tenor 12¼ cwt.

Challis F. Winney	Treble
Hubert Eden	2
Henry Hodgetts	3
George Irvine	4
John Thomas	5
Frederick White	6
George N. Price	7
Richard T. Hibbert	Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. L. James. Conducted by George N. Price

[This was the first peal of Bristol of more than the standard 5,000 odd changes. It was destined to remain the record, however, for seven weeks only. In more recent times a 21,600 has been accomplished. Four, if not five, of the above band still survive, but for various reasons only Mr. John Thomas is an active ringer.]

QUARTER PEALS

ALVERSTOKE, HANTS.—On Mar. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. G. Barron 1, P. Page 2, E. A. Jurd 3, Miss A. West 4, E. Brown 5, Miss S. K. M. Knight 6, H. A. Nobes (cond.) 7, R. Jurd 8.

ANSTEY, LEICS.—On Mar. 30th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Miss J. M. Simpson (first quarter in method) 1, Mrs. P. J. Staniforth 2, R. D. Wilson (first quarter in method) 3, G. H. Arguile 4, W. A. Lacey 5, D. S. Harris 6, R. F. Elkington 7, P. J. Staniforth (cond.) 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to ringers of 1 and 6.

ARELEY KINGS, WORCS.—At St. Bartholomew's, on Mar. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): Miss D. Hicks 1, A. R. Rowley (first in two methods 'inside') 2, E. Lucas 3, A. Glazzard 4, G. Bowen (cond.) 5, J. Hicks 6.

BEAMINSTER, DORSET.—On Mar. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (on the back six): D. Ireland (first quarter) 1, C. Gibbs (first quarter) 2, M. Poole (first quarter as cond.) 3, E. Pannel (first quarter) 4, J. Barrett 5, L. Glyde 6.

BONVILSTON, GLAM.—On Mar. 31st, 1,440 Minor (360 Reverse Canterbury, 360 St. Clement's, 720 Plain Bob): D. P. Bonham 1, P. D. Oldham 2, G. Francis 3, R. J. Curtis 4, H. D. Dimond 5, L. J. Malings (cond.) 6.

CANNINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (660 Grandsire, 600 Plain Bob): A. Webber 1, L. Pople 2, F. Fackerell 3, W. Heyward 4, H. Pople (cond.) 5, W. Bartholomew 6. First quarter peal in any method by all the band, and the first by a Sunday service band.

CHERITON, KENT.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rosemary P. Longhurst 1, J. Soles 2, J. Chittenden 3, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 4, M. J. Martin 5, T. Piddock 6. Rung for Confirmation service.

DANBURY, ESSEX.—On Mar. 29th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: D. Temple 1, I. Saunders 2, R. Gardiner 3, P. Came 4, J. West 5, J. Roast (cond.) 6.

EAST PECKHAM, KENT.—On Mar. 19th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: T. Saunders 1, B. F. Baker 2, J. H. R. Betts 3, G. F. Cantrill 4, L. J. Honess 5, W. R. Manser (first quarter as cond.) 6. First quarter of Cambridge for all except conductor.

KEMPSTON, BEDS.—On Mar. 26th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: T. Ashpole (first quarter) 1, G. Hutchings 2, Miss M. Stephens 3, Miss A. Smith 4, R. Freeman 5, W. Izzard 6, C. Izzard 7, M. Stephens (cond.) 8. Also on April 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Stephens 1, M. Stephens (cond.) 2, Miss E. Steel 3, E. Freeman 4, R. Stephens 5, W. Izzard 6, L. Turner 7, E. Gilbert 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. C. Garner, churchwarden.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFS.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. G. Taylor 1, M. W. Fairey (first quarter 'inside') 2, D. W. Barr (first quarter as cond.) 3, D. Preece 4, C. M. Smith 5, B. E. Carson 6.

LOIS-WEEDON, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (360 Stedman, 360 Plain Bob and 540 Grandsire): C. Hinton 1, Miss D. Spokes (first quarter in three methods) 2, W. J. Chester 3, W. Yates (cond.) 4, J. Steel 5, Miss M. Coleman 6. Rung to welcome the new Vicar (the Rev. T. P. Hamerton).

MAVESYN RIDWARE, STAFFS.—On Mar. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (120 Stedman, 120 Chase, 360 St. Dunstan's, 660 Grandsire): E. Edgington 1, J. A. Townsend 2, J. H. Joyner (cond.) 3, C. A. Brass 4, A. J. Fox 5, B. J. Townsend 6. First quarter in four methods for ringers of 1, 4 and 5.

OXFORD.—At St. Aldate's, on Mar. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. J. Bushnell (first quarter) 1, R. Allsworth (first quarter 'inside') 2, Miss A. Rodwell 3, A. Barrett 4, D. Woodley (cond.) 5, G. J. Insley (first quarter) 6. A welcome to the new Rector (the Rev. O. K. De Berry).

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On Mar. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. T. Langstone (first in method) 1, Mrs. J. C. Northan 2, Miss S. Booth 3, D. J. Woodhams 4, H. F. Perry (first in method 'inside') 5, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 6. Rung to commemorate Lady Day.

SOUTHAMPTON.—At St. Mary's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Heath (first quarter) 1, D. C. Williams 2, N. S. Hayes 3, C. S. Taylor 4, Joyce R. Cox 5, W. H. G. Glasspool (cond.) 6, J. W. Faithfull 7, R. A. Reed 8. The treble ringer is sacristan and lay reader at St. Mary's Church.

THORLEY, HERTS.—On Mar. 29th, 1,440 Kent Minor: T. Foreman 1, C. Warboys 2, P. Warboys (first quarter as cond.) 3, F. Bird 4, T. Camp 5, R. Hayden 6. A compliment to the Rector (the Rev. S. E. F. Robinson) and Mrs. Robinson on the birth of a son.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.—On Mar. 31st, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob: R. Collins 1, W. Manser 2, A. Lewry 3, C. Bassett 4, Miss D. Colgate 5, L. Honess 6, B. Collinson 7, E. Ladd (cond.) 8. Rung after failure of peal for the 88th birthday of Mr. W. Collinson, of Tunbridge Wells.

WANDSWORTH, LONDON.—On Mar. 30th, at Holy Trinity, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. M. Page 1, H. Ellis 2, B. Lunn 3, A. J. Phillips 4, C. Watts 5, J. Stephenson 6, J. Phillips (cond.) 7, H. Belcher 8.

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MARRIAGE

BRIDGES—WALKER.—On Saturday, March 29th, 1952, at St. Peter's, Theberton, Alan Robert Bridges, of 32, West End, Leiston, to Edna Ida Mary Walker, of the Post Office, Theberton, Leiston. 537

IN MEMORIAM

COLES.—In loving memory of Captain F. G. Coles, M.C., killed in Tunisia, April 27th, 1943, and his beloveed father, C. T. Coles, died February 2nd, 1946. 533

HANDBELLS WANTED

WANTED.—A set of 8 or 12 handbells for unit serving in M.E.L.F.. Please write, stating condition and price, to S.S.M. Tocock, 4th R.T.R., M.E.L.F.15. 535

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NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Easter Monday. Standing Committee, Mancroft Vestry, 11.30 a.m Other details advertised last week.—A. G. G. Thurlow, Gen. Sec. 558

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SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting, Stedham (6), April 19th 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, by 15th, to E Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis.

GUILD OF CLERICAL RINGERS.—The annual business meeting will be held at the Angel Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds, on Wednesday, April 23rd, at 8.30 p.m.—E. V. Cox, Hon. Sec. 544

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PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Bozeat, Saturday April 26th. Service 4.30. Names for tea to A. Bigley, 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough.

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HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A social evening will be held at St. Mary's Hall, Hemel Hempstead, on Saturday, May 3rd, 7—11 p.m., in aid of the Association General Fund. Tickets 2s. 6d. (including refreshments) from Mr. D. E. Latchford, Tolcarne, Collett Road, Hemel Hempstead, Herts. 568

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YOU are the Average Belfryman. Quite untrue, is your indignant protest. You like a bit of good striking; have rung a few peals, all good ones; don't do much conducting, but will call if there is no one else; don't like to boast, but have taught scores of learners; no, you haven't been doing much teaching lately; it is time others took a turn.

Read on. This is all about you.

Take the Man who is a Marvel with Learners. He gives them such confidence: 'Now just take it steady. Careful not to bump the stay; it's a bit weak. And remember what I am always telling you people: put some energy into your back-strokes.' (Carpentry is the M.M.L.'s hobby anyway.) Learners do not have ears of their own. When they have progressed a little and emerge into strange towers, preliminary advice is essential. 'Now she's quick at hand so you want to keep her off the 4th. And cut her in at back over the little ones, but mind the tenor, it's very slow at back. And remember to hold your leads up a bit, but don't break the rhythm.' As an alternative to this and equally effective: 'Not an odd-struck bell among them, so we can have perfect striking, for once.' The hapless Learner wishes profoundly that he had (a) put off trying Kent for another week; (b) never been born.

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It cannot be emphasised too strongly that initiative is everything in Belfrymanship. One exasperating device I entitle (for want of a better name), 'Outployed by Matilda.' You are cruising placidly along in, say, Yorkshire Major, when a shrill voice breaks in, 'Missed a dodge, six.' Now you are quite certain that there was no dodge. You fume inwardly and ponder a cutting rejoinder. 'No, I haven't,' sounds pretty thin. It is all very well for Matilda with her 2 cwt. of metal. Sudden jolts round your end are more serious. That is what makes Matilda so difficult to deal with. You fume some more. (After all, this is Yorkshire, not Cambridge. That's interesting; in Cambridge there would be a dodge there with Matilda. Perhaps Matilda strayed into Cambridge for a moment. Yes, you will rub that in afterwards.) You fume some more. By now the ringing is in the next lead and you have missed your places. Now no one will ever believe that Matilda put you wrong.

The Belfryman, of course, never goes wrong. But if you should happen to, never at all costs shed the authoritative manner. Tell a ringer, who is quite firm, what he is doing. This, for some unexplained reason, puts the onus of guilt on him. Watch Mighty Willy in difficulties: he has missed his dodge in 4–5 coming Down and, after floundering in 2–3 for a blow or two, at last finds an opening at the Front. 'Here 4, I'm taking you off.' And, no matter what the ensuing chaos, Mighty Willy is once again Top Man. For the man ringing a little bell, unless he be the Conductor, I know of only one redress. This may be entitled Dunkerley's Counter. Like all effective devices it is simple. As the cyclone approaches your quarter you state quite firmly what you are doing, e.g., 'I'm leading now,' or 'I'm doing Stedman Work.' Others, less firm, have been swindled out of their birthright. Simple, did I say? Not altogether. You have to be sure of your work and you have to know your Mighty Willy.

Important, too, is the O.K. Phrase. The O.K. Phrase (a development of Potter's O.K. Word Concept) I define as the stringing together of words that sound like practical advice and are not. A particular favourite is 'Steady, Two.' So vague, so magisterial, so uninformative, such beautiful Belfrymanship. 'Watch the leading' is a good gambit for use when there is a jumble in 5–6. For something more erudite but not as effective, 'Bells in the coursing order' sounds good and can easily be justified at any subsequent inquest. Or 'Lead-end coming up.' 'Lead-end just gone,' 'Half-lead coming up,' 'Quarter-lead coming up.' It depends on the company how far you can carry this. The less expert they are the more fatuous it sounds and vice versa. Furthermore, in the stress of the moment the O.K. Phrase can be complete gibberish. One protagonist of the art used, when the ringing went awry, to mouth the following O.K. Phrase, 'Hives half to hawthorn finds the trick,' either as a whole or a few words at a time. Since he had some idea of the Course-ends and could call Stand when he had had enough, this particular gentleman acquired a considerable reputation as a conductor in the district.

I have said nothing so far about Handbells. Yet they are, as it were, Belfrymanship all the time. There are only half the people to dominate and you have twice as many irons in the fire. Little need, or can, be said. The gestures suffice. It is possible to wave Handbells with authority and yet have extraordinarily little idea what is going on. This is partly mesmerism. You can wave at Tower Bells and produce no result. In hand the effect is magical. Remember the axiom, the Waver is Never Wrong. Or, for those who prefer versification:—

There rings a man, a wonder man,
With Handbells, a life-saver.
The Band takes fright, but He keeps right.
There's surely no one braver.
He battles through, without a clue.
A clash close-clipping shaver.
He'll never be a waverer,
As long as he's a Waver.

I enjoy conducting Handbells. The touch seldom comes round.

An obnoxious example of the Handbelfryman is Mr. Tinklejohn. Parker's Twelve-Part Peal of Grandsire Triples is a favourite of his. But on one dreadful occasion he miscalled it, Bob for Single in the 3rd Part. Like a skeleton at the feast 12345678 made an unwelcome appearance at the Part-end. Ashamed? Indeed no. With a disgusted look at the luckless rabbit ringing 5–6, 'I suppose it takes all sorts to make the bells come round,' he observed with grim equivocation, and cancelled the supper for four.

What of those who are innocent of all this? You, who are more tripped against than tripping, take heart from a little Counter-Belfrymanship.

Young Joe was assistant steeplekeeper at a twelve-bell tower, where the bells were good going but difficult to hear round the front end. Many times had he suffered from visiting Belfrymen. One day a particularly obnoxious crowd was to visit the tower. Joe left the clapper-bar on the 2nd after the weekly learners' practice.

The visit followed its customary routine. Old Belfrymen commented that the back eight were fine, but the front four did not blend. Young Belfrymen self-importantly avowed that it needed a keen ear to pick out the light bells. Old Ebenezer, who was three parts deaf and, when in doubt, always shouted, 'Keep the 2nd off at back,' was in good form. Joe enjoyed every minute of the visit: he even took a turn on the 2nd himself. Afterwards, over tea, he told them.

They hounded him out, of course. He was advised to give up ringing and concentrate on the choir. But the fund for recasting the bells was over-subscribed within a month.

R. B. M.

TEN BELL PEALS

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Thurs., April 3, 1952, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 16½ cwt.

GEORGE E. OLIVER	*Treble*	J. NORMAN HADLEY	6
HERBERT KNIGHT	2	ALAN ELSMORE	7
ERNEST STITCH	3	J. DENIS HOLDEN	8
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	4	MAURICE G. TURNER	9
HOWARD HOWELL	5	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by E. TIMBRELL. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
This composition is now rung for the first time. H. Howell has now 'completed the circle.'

STONHAM ASPAL, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., April 5, 1952, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAMBERT,
A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

WILLIAM J. BUTTON	*Treble*	RUSSELL G. PARKER	6
ROBERT E. LESTER	2	WALTER W. MILLER	7
GEORGE W. PIPE	3	RONALD W. STEWARD	8
RONALD G. BUGG	4	ALBERT E. WHITING	9
HARRY D. LISTER	5	EDWARD E. DAVEY	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.
A birthday compliment to William J. Button, who has now 'circled' this tower. Also a birthday compliment to Paul Parker, son of the 6th ringer.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 5, 1952, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 SOUTHOVER SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E.

MRS. T. H. FRANCIS	*Treble*	LEONARD H. BOWLER	6
DAVID E. PARSONS	2	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	7
THOMAS H. FRANCIS	3	WILLIAM ROGERS	8
ANNE B. STOCKDALE	4	RICHARD E. PRICE	9
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	5	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
The first peal in the method (Corrigan Collection 596).

STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 5, 1952, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5183 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E flat.

*JACK BERRY	*Treble*	WILLIAM RICHINGS	6
THOMAS NEWMAN	2	THOMAS PRICE	7
*DORIS KILLINGLEY	3	THOMAS BOREHAM	8
JACK R. WORRALL	4	LESLIE BARRY	9
JOAN BUSSEY	5	*CHARLES LARNER	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.
* First peal of Caters. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. and Mrs. T. Pritchard and a 13th birthday compliment to Madeleine Berry.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BISHOP'S CLEEVE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 22, 1952, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

FREDERICK G. NURDEN	*Treble*	E. TREVOR NEWBURY	5
MRS. J. THOMAS	2	*GEORGE KILMINSTER	6
JOHN THOMAS	3	THOMAS W. LEWIS	7
*PETER BAKER	4	*LESLIE ASTON	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.
* First peal of Double Norwich.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 22, 1952, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANTA AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb.

*HENRY TAYSOM	*Treble*	GEOFFREY W. TAYSOM	5
REV. A. S. ROBERTS	2	A. HUBERT EPLETT	6
EILEEN SYMONS	3	MRS. A. S. ROBERTS	7
ALAN CARVETH	4	JAMES P. BLOND	*Tenor*

Conducted by REV. A. S. ROBERTS.
* First peal on eight. Rung on the Eve of Mothering (or Refreshment) Sunday.

SALLE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Mar. 26, 1952, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5024 ALBION TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

WALTER FORD	*Treble*	ARTHUR G. BASON	5
H. WILLIAM BARRETT	2	F. CHARLES GOODMAN	6
GEORGE SAYER	3	BERT GOGLE	7
HERBERT LASKEY	4	NOLAN GOLDEN	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
First peal in method by all, on bells and for the Association.

PENKRIDGE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Thurs., Mar. 27, 1952, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 16½ cwt.

CHARLES S. DUMBELL	*Treble*	BEN F. CHEADLE	5
EDMUND A. MALIN	2	ARTHUR S. WILLIAMS	6
ROY BASTONE	3	ROGER L. HAWKSWORTH	7
RICHARD J. WARRILOW	4	ROY K. MOWFORTH	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER L. HAWKSWORTH.
First peal as conductor. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bastone (head ringer and verger) and a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Mowforth on the birth of a son.

QUEENSBURY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Mar. 28, 1952, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14½ cwt.

ERNEST SIMPSON	*Treble*	JOHN PEARSON	5
EDWARD JENKINS	2	FRED HODGSON	6
*GEOFFREY INGHAM	3	DONALD R. MARSHALL	7
GEORGE W. TURNER	4	SAM LONGBOTTOM	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by SAM LONGBOTTOM.
* First peal in the method. Rung to celebrate the 42nd wedding anniversary of the treble ringer.

BICESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 29, 1952, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURG,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

REV. H. BENSON	*Treble*	CHARLES COLES	5
ALAN R. PINK	2	CYRIL H. KINCH	6
*HARRY J. HATFIELD	3	EDMUND E. PEARSON	7
DOUGLAS O. WILKS	4	EDGAR J. SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by EDMUND E. PEARSON.
* First peal of Major 'inside.' First peal in the method as conductor.

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BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 29, 1952, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Mary and Lawrence,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

Cyril Wright	*Treble*	Dennis Cooper	5
Leonard Coe	2	Harold Wagstaffe	6
Stanley Slaney	3	Arthur B. Cooper	7
Miss B. Moss	4	Joseph Saxton	*Tenor*

Composed by W. Harrison. Conducted by Cyril Wright.
First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells since rehanging. All the band are regular service ringers at Bolsover.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 29, 1952, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

Frederick W. Brinklow	*Treble*	Stephen H. Hoare	5
Richard G. Bell	2	Thomas H. H. Norris	6
Frederick W. Elliott	3	Harold G. Cashmore	7
John E. Rootes	4	*Mrs. T. H. H. Norris	*Tenor*

Conducted by Harold G. Cashmore.
* First peal. Rung for the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Norris, parents of the ringer of the 6th.

CHESTER.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 29, 1952, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary, Handbridge,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in E flat.

George F. Sperring	*Treble*	Dennis H. B. Millward	5
Arthur Watkin	2	*Derek Griffiths	6
Betty Griffiths	3	Chris. M. P. Johnson	7
J. Benjamin Budd	4	Brian Harris	*Tenor*

Composed by G. H. Cross (C.C.C. 1). Conducted by Brian Harris.
* First peal.

CHOLSEY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 29, 1952, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Taylor's Six-part. Tenor 8½ cwt.

T. W. Palmer	*Treble*	C. Corderoy	5
J. Money	2	R. B. Blond	6
A. R. T. Greenough	3	J. Berry	7
*W. J. Taylor	4	*L. G. Garlick	*Tenor*

Conducted by R. B. Blond.
* First peal.

GRAVESEND, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 29, 1952, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
At the Church of St. George,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Washbrook's Variation. Tenor 19¼ cwt.

Doris G. Dobbie	*Treble*	Albert E. Beaney	5
Herbert E. Audsley	2	Stanley B. Dobbie	6
George Kenward	3	Frederick J. Cullum	7
George J. Butcher	4	Richard A. Constant	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frederick J. Cullum.
Rung on the 30th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Cullum.

NEWCHURCH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 29, 1952, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation of Middleton's. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

Norah M. Bibby	*Treble*	John W. Best	5
John W. Griffiths	2	Denis Maddock	6
Sydney Leatherbarrow	3	George H. Randles	7
Joseph Leatherbarrow	4	Percy Swindley	*Tenor*

Conducted by George H. Randles.

NEWHEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 29, 1952, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Thomas,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

Jean C. Brown	*Treble*	Alan J. Brown	5
Arthur Hibbert	2	David Vincent	6
Harold Armstead	3	Ivan Kay	7
A. Neville Brown	4	Selwyn H. Dearden	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Selwyn H. Dearden.
First peal in the method as conductor. A farewell peal to the conductor, who is leaving to take up an appointment in London. First peal in the method on the bells.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 29, 1952, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5280 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

George W. Howlett	*Treble*	Ernest Whiting	5
H. William Barrett	2	Nolan Golden	6
George Sayer	3	William J. Flatt	7
Arthur G. Bason	4	Charles W. Loome	*Tenor*

Composed by Nathan J. Pitstow. Conducted by Nolan Golden.
First peal in method by all on the bells and for the Association.

SUNDERLAND, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 29, 1952, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5024 BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in F.

Margaret Fidell	*Treble*	*Roland Park	5
Charles McGuiness	2	Denis A. Bayles	6
*†J. Alan Ainsworth	3	*Harold Walker	7
*Eric N. Harrison	4	*W. Norman Park	*Tenor*

Composed by S. H. Wood. Conducted by Denis A. Bayles.
* First peal in the method. † 25th peal. First peal in the method for the Association. First peal as conductor.

WEST MALLING, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 29, 1952, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

*Betty M. Vidler	*Treble*	Frank P. Wright	5
Doris E. Colgate	2	Thomas E. Sone	6
Benjamin F. Baker	3	Robert Collins	7
Peter C. Wright	4	S. Geoffrey Waters	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Thomas E. Sone.
* First peal with treble bob hunting. A wedding compliment to Peter Carter and Valerie L. A. Wallis, who were married at the above church this day.

ACTON, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Mar. 31, 1952, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

Tony Price	*Treble*	*Frederick A. Finch	5
Ernest C. S. Turner	2	Alick Cutler	6
Anne B. Stockdale	3	Thomas J. Lock	7
Richard F. B. Speed	4	Philip A. Corby	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Ernest C. S. Turner.
* First peal in the method.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Mon., Mar. 31, 1952, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5088 COMBINED KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Ilkeston Variation. Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

*Alfred C. Boxley	*Treble*	*Stanley Prestidge	5
*†William Davies	2	*J. Norman Hadley	6
*Christopher Wallater	3	‡Howard Howell	7
Ernest Stitch	4	*Maurice G. Turner	*Tenor*

Composed by E. C. Gobey. Conducted by Maurice G. Turner.
* First peal of combined Kent and Oxford. † 50th peal. ‡ 375th peal. 25th peal together for W. Davies and M. G. Turner.

HARWELL, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., April 1, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Carter's Twelve-part. Tenor 16½ cwt.

JAMES GORDON	*Treble*	CLAUDE CORDEROY	5
GEORGE BISHOP	2	HENRY L. BISHOP	6
ALFRED H. WEBB	3	DOUGLAS JORDON	7
MICHAEL BISHOP	4	WILLIAM CORDEROY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED H. WEBB.

Rung in honour of the 91st birthday of the father of the tenor ringer.

DERBY.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., April 2, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5008 ST. CLEMENT'S BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

WALTER SHAW	*Treble*	HAROLD TAYLOR	5
JOHN W. GLEW	2	WALTER STEEN	6
WILLIAM LANCASTER	3	JACK BAILEY	7
FRANCIS R. LOWE	4	DENIS R. CARLISLE	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILD. Conducted by JACK BAILEY.

First peal in the method by all and for the Association. Rung to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the bells by the Bishop of Southwell (April 2nd, 1902).

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., April 2, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6½ cwt.

S. ANTHONY JESSON	*Treble*	*JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	5
J. FREDERICK MILNER	2	JOHN R. SMITH	6
ERNEST W. RAWSON	3	*DONALD C. PRICE	7
HAROLD J. POOLE	4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE BAKER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal in the method.

SOWTON, DEVONSHIRE.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Wed., April 2, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-AND-ALL-ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Ten-part. Tenor 9 cwt.

*JOHN WHITE	*Treble*	ARTHUR TAPLEY	5
*DEREK REEKES	2	*FREDERICK WILLMINGTON	6
†WILFRED PANTER	3	WILLIAM REEKES	7
*PHYLLIS WILLMINGTON	4	*LEONARD BURNETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM REEKES.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples. Rung by the Sunday Service Band.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., April 4, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH	*Treble*	HAROLD J. POOLE	5
*ALFRED BALLARD	2	‡BRIAN G. WARWICK	6
†MICHAEL E. BROWN	3	JOHN R. SMITH	7
FRANK K. MEASURES	4	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* 600th peal. † 50th peal. ‡ First peal of London Surprise away from the treble.

DARTFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Sat., April 5, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18¼ cwt.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	*Treble*	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	5
*MARK W. MARSHALL	2	FREDK. J. CULLUM	6
WILFRED W. RING	3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	7
JAMES BENNETT	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

* First peal in the method.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 5, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*HAROLD F. WHITE	*Treble*	THOMAS PRICE	5
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	2	FREDK. PRICE	6
ERNEST STITCH	3	MAURICE G. TURNER	7
EDWARD V. RODENHURST	4	HOWARD HOWELL	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM HUDSON. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

* First peal in the method.

NANTWICH, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 5, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Three-part peal by A. Knights. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in F.

*BETTY GRIFFITHS	*Treble*	*KENNETH W. MACKINTOSH	5
*SHIRLEY GOLDING	2	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	6
HAROLD WORRAL	3	BRIAN H. HARRIS	7
J. BENJAMIN BUDD	4	*R. GORDON CORBY	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN H. HARRIS.

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major.

SWINTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 5, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Thurstans' Five-part. Tenor 22 cwt. 7 lb. in D.

NORMAN TOMPKINS	*Treble*	RAYMOND JOHNSON	5
HENRY SMETHILLS	2	PETER CROOK, SEN.	6
GEOFFREY PEARSON	3	JOSEPH THORNLEY	7
WILLIAM THOMPSON	4	FRED JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.

WITHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 5, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt.

*JANICE SIMS (14)	*Treble*	RONALD SUCKLING	5
W. H. P. MELLIN	2	JOHN WARNER	6
*MARY EDWARDS (15)	3	STANLEY BONES	7
*PETER ELLIOTT	4	ERNEST W. BRIGHT	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the treble, 4th and tenor. Also to Mr. H. Richards (churchwarden) and Mrs. W. H. P. Mellin.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

IBSTOCK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 22, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 12¼ cwt. (approx.).

E. CHARLES TURNER	*Treble*	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	4
RICHARD E. MANTON	2	WILLIAM A. WOOD	5
WILLIAM T. GOADBY	3	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR E. ROWLEY.

A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Iris M. King, of Blankney, Lincs.

MARTIN, HAMPSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 22, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.

JACK MUSSELL	*Treble*	JEAN M. HARRIS	4
HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS	2	FRANK L. HARRIS	5
*ELIZABETH BROWN	3	*DAVID R. REED	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

* First peal of Minor in the method. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

TIMBERLAND, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 22, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents in twelve methods: (1) Ockley and College Exercise, (2) Duke of Norfolk and Norbury, (3) Capel and London Scholars' Pleasure, (4) Sandal and Kingston, (5) Oxford and Kent, (6) Trinity Sunday, (7) Killamarsh. Tenor 13 cwt.

MOSES BILLINGS	*Treble*	RONALD APPLEWHITE	4
BERTIE BEE	2	PETER MASON	5
AMOS INGALL	3	LOUIS WILLDERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by MOSES BILLINGS.
First peal in twelve Treble Bob methods by all the band.

SPROUGHTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sun., Mar. 23, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

DEREK WOODWARD	*Treble*	ROBERT E. LESTER	4
*GILLIAN GOULDING	2	MAX P. PAGE	5
GEOFFREY F. PAGE	3	RONALD W. STEWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by MAX P. PAGE.
* First peal in five methods.

WOOTTON COURTENAY, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Mar. 24, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Tenor 13 cwt.

W. COPP	*Treble*	T. COURT	4
*G. BALL	2	*J. REED	5
W. CONIBERE	3	R. COURT	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. REED.
* First peal.

SOULDERN, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Mar. 25, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Double Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

REV. HUGH G. BENSON	*Treble*	CYRIL H. KINCH	4
EDMUND E. PEARSON	2	EDGAR J. SMITH	5
DOUGLAS O. WILKS	3	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
Rung for the Feast of the Annunciation. The first peal on the bells.

NORTHBOURNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Mar. 26, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

JOHN F. PENFOLD	*Treble*	SERGT. DESMOND P. LADD	4
ANNIE VINE	2	GEORGE E. RUCK	5
JANET R. WELLS	3	PETER J. RYE	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER J. RYE.
First peal of Minor and Treble Bob in the method by all. First peal as conductor. Rung to welcome new Vicar of Northbourne, Rev. —. Lovelock.

ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., Mar. 28, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb. in G.

RONALD W. STEWARD	*Treble*	ROBERT E. LESTER	4
GEORGE A. FLEMING	2	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL	5
GEORGE WATERMAN	3	URBAN W. WILDNEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Sylvia R. E. Pipe, of Grundisburgh.



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THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Mar. 28, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven complete 720's in sixteen methods, viz.: (1) Carlisle, Chester, Munden; (2) Ipswich, Bourne, Cambridge, (3) Alnwick, Newcastle, (4) Lightfoot, Wearmouth, (5) York, Durham, (6) London, Wells, (7) Surfleet, Beverley; 128 changes of method.
Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in B flat.

WILLIAM H. KINGCOTT ..*Treble*	MICHAEL P. MORETON .. 4
THOMAS COOKE 2	W. NORMAN PARK 5
RICHARD BUSBY 3	ROLAND PARK .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

This is the greatest number of methods yet rung to a peal by all the band and the Association.

HARSTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Mar. 28, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN ..*Treble*	†MICHAEL N. BLAND .. 4
ERNEST G. HIBBINS .. 2	JOHN G. GIPSON 5
*STANLEY E. DASH 3	PETER BORDER .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Surprise on an 'inside' bell.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 29, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent and five of Plain Bob. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

GORDON R. WHEWELL ..*Treble*	WILLIAM LANGHORN .. 4
KENNETH HARTLEY .. 2	NORMAN SMITH 5
FRANK STEAD 3	ROGER LEIGH .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.

BRANSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 29, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents in sixteen methods: (1) Newdigate, Old Oxford, Willesden, College Bob IV., (2) Capel, Sandal, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, (3) Ockley, Duke of Norfolk, (4) College Exercise, Norbury, (5) Oxford and Kent, (6) Trinity Sunday, (7) Killamarsh.
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

AMOS INGALL .. ..*Treble*	PETER MASON 4
RONALD APPLEWHITE .. 2	LOUIS WILLDERS 5
MOSES BILLINGS 3	JOHN E. COOK .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN E. COOK.

First peal in sixteen Treble Bob methods by all the band. A wedding compliment to Miss Grace I. Lintin, a member of the church choir and daughter of the churchwarden, and Mr. Allan G. Brummitt, a member of the local band of ringers. The wedding took place this day.

DEAN PRIOR, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
(Mid-Devon Branch.)
On Sat., Mar. 29, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 240 of Morris's arrangement, 40 six-scores, ten callings.
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

*GERALD A. UGLOW ..*Treble*	‡AUBREY L. BENNETT .. 4
E. MAURICE ATKINS .. 2	*WILLIAM J. HARVEY .. 5
†REV. N. F. D. COLERIDGE 3	*FREDERICK TURNER .. *Tenor*

Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ First peal of Grandsire Doubles. First peal of Grandsire Doubles on the bells.

FRAMPTON-ON-SEVERN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 29, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

MARGERY BIRCH .. .. ..*Treble*	RALPH HAZELL 4
JOAN BUSSEY 2	JACK R. WORRALL 5
THOMAS MARTIN 3	LESLIE BARRY .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

The conductor's 50th six-bell peal (conducted 37).

HALLATON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 29, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Single Court, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr.

CECIL MATTHEWS .. ..*Treble*	RONALD RUSSELL 4
PERCY D. BALDOCK .. 2	ROBERT H. KNIGHT .. 5
J. GEOFFREY GEARY .. 3	JOHN H. BLUFF .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.

MADELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 29, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being four extents of Cambridge Surprise, one of Oxford Treble Bob and two of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 26 lb.

*O. MICHAEL SLANEY ..*Treble*	ERIC NIXON 4
FREDK. E. WILSHAW .. 2	G. ARNOLD MOORE .. 5
†JOHN BEARDMORE .. 3	CHARLES H. PAGE .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK E. WILSHAW.

* First peal of Treble Bob Minor. † First peal of Treble Bob 'inside.' A 72nd birthday compliment to the Rev. W. Garner, Vicar.

OXENDON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 29, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being one 240 Morris's arrangement and 40 six-scores (ten callings).
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 lb. in B.

CECIL A. SWANN .. ..*Treble*	ERNEST G. ORLAND .. 3
*MICHAEL A. MESSAM .. 2	DEREK E. GRIFFIN .. 4
ARTHUR MILLWARD .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by ERNEST G. ORLAND.

* First peal.

PULVERBATCH, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 29, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDITH.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 5 cwt. 20 lb.

*RICHARD F. DAVIES ..*Treble*	*ARTHUR F. BURLEY .. 4
EDWARD W. COLLEY .. 2	†ALFRED E. G. OWEN .. 5
JOHN F. BUTLER 3	WILLIAM A. FARMER .. *Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. FARMER.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor 'inside.' First peal of Minor on the bells. A wedding compliment to Miss Mary Davies and Mr. James Breakwell, who were married at Bicton on this date.

SWINDERBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 29, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, ten different callings. Tenor 4¼ cwt.

SIMON BARLEY .. ..*Treble*	CLARENCE F. BRIGGS .. 3
ANTHONY BARLEY 2	FRANK VERNON 4
FREDERICK G. HOOPER .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by FREDERICK G. HOOPER.

TAXAL, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 29, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In 25 methods, viz.: (1) Crowland, Combermere, Vale Royal, St. Werburgh and Abbeyville Delight, (2) Willesden, Newdigate, College Bob IV., Old Oxford and Marple Delight, (3) College Exercise, Norbury, Ockley, Duke of Norfolk and Morning Star Treble Bob, (4) Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby and Braintree Delight, (5) Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob, (6) and (7) Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston Treble Bob. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

*STEPHEN W. J. PENNY ..*Treble*	SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. 4
*RONALD BARLOW 2	ALEXANDER RICHARDSON.. 5
*EDWARD HOLDSWORTH .. 3	*DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. *Tenor*

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

* First peal in 25 methods.

WHETSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 29, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON	*Treble*	*KENNETH H. ROWLAND	4
GEORGE PICKERING	2	DENIS ALLSOP	5
ERNEST MORRIS	3	PETER J. THOMAS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal of Minor.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Mar. 30, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 19¼ cwt.

FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN.	*Treble*	REGINALD E. LAMBERT	4
WILLIAM KITCHENSIDE	2	*BENJAMIN BAKER	5
ARTHUR LEWRY	3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT T. LAMBERT.

* First peal of Surprise Minor. A birthday compliment to Mrs. Apps, sister to the Lambert brothers.

PIDDLEHINTON, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., April 2, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb.

*REGINALD C. J. CLOTHIER	*Treble*	HENRY J. FORD	4
*JOHN COOMBES	2	*CHARLES G. J. FORD	5
JOSEPH H. HAYNE	3	E. T. PAUL FIELD	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. T. PAUL FIELD.

* First peal of Minor. First of Minor on the bells. First of Minor as conductor. Rung for the first visit to the parish of the Bishop of Salisbury and for the Confirmation Service, at which four members of the local band were candidates.

SEAL CHART, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 5, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents, (1) Double and Single Court, (2) Double Bob and Fulbeck, (3) Norwich Surprise, (4) Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise, (5) Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's and Childwall, (6) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*MARY FULLER	*Treble*	*MICHAEL FULLER	4
*HILDEGARD I. G. BIRD	2	RALPH BIRD	5
*BARBARA A. MITCHELL	3	*FRANK E. DARBY	*Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

* First peal in 14 methods. First peal in 14 methods on the bells. A birthday peal for Barbara A. Mitchell.

HANDBELL PEALS

TRING, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Mar. 23, 1952, *in* 1 *Hour and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT OSMINGTON SCHOOL.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob and five extents of Plain Bob.

*PAMELA A. MARTIN	1-2	WILFRID H. J. HOOTON	3-4
		BRENDA FELLS	5-6

Conducted by WILFRID H. J. HOOTON.

* First peal 'in hand' in more than one method.

NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 29, 1952, *in* 1 *Hour and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT 97, BIRLEY STREET,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

KENNETH EDWARDS	1—2	JOHN ASHCROFT	3—4
		GORDON HALLS	5—6

Conducted by GORDON HALLS.

First peal as conductor.

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A NEW QUARTER

This is the third issue of the new quarter and new postal subscribers for 1952 can be enrolled for 17s. 8d. Will those who have not yet renewed their quarterly subscriptions (6s.) please remit without delay to Mr. J. E. Jeater, 11, Frankswood Avenue, Petts Wood, Kent.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The octogenarians will make a second attempt for a peal of Bob Major on April 26th at St. John's, Deptford. The band will not be quite the same as at last October, but up to the present it is as follows: Frank Bennett (cond.), Harry Stalham, Isaac Emery, John Wheadon, R. Stannard, W. H. B. Wilkins, W. J. Nudds and G. H. Daynes.

Lincolnshire County Police have a peal-ringing company. They registered their first peal at Harlaxton on March 21st.

Mr. Alfred Ballard, the well-known member of the Leicester Diocesan Guild, rang his 600th peal on April 4th.

Congratulations to L. J. Honess, of Hadlow, Kent, on scoring his 200th peal at Hadlow on April 6th. By ringing the treble, he also 'completed the circle' in this tower.

Mr. A. York-Bramble has had published his work on aeronautics, 'Air-plane Flight' (Pitman's, 35s.). Lord Brabazon has written a foreword.

'Ringing Towers'—the N.S.W. monthly—has quite a substantial editorial staff. They are: Editor, Mr. W. M. Rowe; sub-editor, Mr. T. W. Goodyer; treasurer, Mr. J. J. Cummins; stenographer, Miss Ruth E. Donnelly; artist, Mr. C. N. Ward; reporters, Messrs. G. Burden, J. Campigli, J. Clark, R. Ferris, E. Fowell, I. E. Arkell and G. Logan.

The quarter peal of Stedman Triples rung at St. Michael's, Basingstoke, on March 31st, was a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Woodley on their golden wedding day. Mr. Woodley was married at the Parish Church, Witney, Oxon, on March 31st, 1902, by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn. As a boy the Rev. Jenkyn was taught to ring by Mr. Woodley's father, and he eventually became Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

York Minster Society of Change Ringers has its first woman member in the 98 years of the Society's history. She is Miss Paddy Reeves, a school teacher at Sherburn-in-Elmet, who started ringing two years ago when she was at Chichester. 'I found the Minster bells rather heavy at first,' she said, 'but I am used to them now.'

The ringers of Leigh, Kent, recently organised a jumble sale to buy new ropes and raised £52.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Shelford Sparrow, of Stowmarket, on March 30th, aged 64. He had been associated with the Stowmarket tower for over 40 years.

The New South Wales Association has now been in being six years. During that time 31 ringers have rung peals for the Association and 77 quarter peals.

The Society of Roving Ringers spent Easter in Somerset with headquarters at Wrington. A peal of Stedman Caters was rung at Wells Cathedral on Easter Monday.

Mr. G. Ditton, hon. secretary and treasurer of the Hertford College Youths Society of Change Ringers, has forwarded us an interesting cutting dealing with the life of Mr. J. R. Haworth.

Mr. G. F. Woodhouse has rung Spliced Major in seven methods on his ringing machine. They are Whittlesey, Richmond, St. Clement's, Windsor, Bob Major, Halifax and Double Sandringham.

We understand that the Archbishop of Canterbury has refused to approve of the new ringers' form of service prepared by the Guildford Diocesan Guild and the Norwich Diocesan Association for use in the Canterbury Diocese. This is a disappointment to the Kent County Association, whose committee was prepared to adopt the service for Association services.

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BEAUTIFUL weather favoured the Kent County Association for their annual meeting at Ashford on Easter Monday. A company of 175 sat down to luncheon at the Ashford High School for Girls, and this followed the Association's service held in the Parish Church, which was conducted by the Vicar (Canon H. Duncan S. Bowen).

Mr. John Willis (vice-president) was voted to the chair for the annual meeting, and he was supported by Mr. G. H. Spice (hon. secretary), Mr. F. M. Mitchell (hon. treasurer), Mr. P. A. Corby (hon. peal secretary) and Mr. George H. Cross (hon. auditor).

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. E. A. G. Allen (Rochester), Mr. E. H. Lewis and Mr. E. J. Lack.

The Hon. Secretary, in his report, said the principal aims of the Association as defined in the very first rule of its constitution were encouragement of Sunday ringing, the cultivation of the art of change ringing and what was termed 'belfry reform.' The last aim would doubtlessly appear somewhat mysterious to the majority of present members, and was indeed one which had long since been achieved. Today the sacredness of the ringing chamber and the duties performed there by the ringers was generally acknowledged. But this was not always so, and when in the last century the territorial guilds and associations were founded, it was from an instinctive realisation that only a reform movement within the Exercise could succeed in identifying the recreational life of the belfry with the divine purpose of heralding the praises of God.

'What then of the first and all important aim, the maintenance of regular service ringing in all our towers? This is assuredly our hardest battle and one which can never be won outright; it requires all of us to be ever vigilant and prepared. So far this battle has not been lost, though only by the influence of our Association has the dangers of such a calamity been safely averted; not through any particular attribute of the organisation itself, but through the opportunity for real belfry fellowship which it has given, and the mutual inspiration and guidance of one another. As individuals this crusade requires sustained personal loyalty to tower and association, but more than that, the passing on of the love of our art to others—to a younger generation who will follow on.

'This teaching mission of all ringers goes far beyond the actual instruction process itself which may be restricted to one or two members of a tower. The instructors themselves must, of course, recognise the fundamental importance of their skill, but every ringer has a part to play in introducing new recruits, and when they are there in helping to ensure that the best traditions of the belfry are manifest to a high degree.'

This challenge came to all of them. For while the love of bells was still deeply ingrained in their national character, while recruits were still procurable to judge by the broad flow of new blood in recent years, while the Association was the instrument ringers had themselves forged to make their task practicable; everything really depended on the work and example of individual ringers. It was in this spirit that he trusted all of them would now approach the immediate affairs of the Association and journey with faith and hope into the new Elizabethan age.

MEMBERSHIP

At the end of 1951 the total practising membership was 1,013, being 949 adults and 64 juveniles. Non-resident life members elected during the year totalled 23 and subscriptions were received from 86 honorary members. New practising members had joined from all districts as follows: Ashford, 17 adults, 3 juveniles; Canterbury, 18, 4; Lewisham, 29, 3; Maidstone, 16, 5; Rochester, 8, 10; Tonbridge, 10, 3. Although they had gained 126 new members, they had lost 162, which was rather disquietening.

The meeting stood as the following losses by death in 1951 were remembered: Messrs. W. F. Symes (Stowting), W. Fright (Hythe), C. Turner (Dover), C. H. Walker (Lewisham), H. Warnett, sen. (Lewisham), A. E. Gasson (Maidstone), C. F. Good (Charing), A. Lambert (Aylesford), C. H. Stone (Linton), Collshaw (Frindsbury), G. Morrad (Milton-next-Gravesend), T. Jull (Bobbing), R. Belson (Bobbing), and Mrs. C. Belsey (hon. member, Rainham). Non-resident life members: Messrs. J. George, O. Sippetts, C. Dean, E. J. Walsom, A. H. Palmer, R. Congreve Pridgeon, M. Hibbert, H. G. Miles and T. Groombridge (an officer of the Association for over 50 years).

The report also referred to the departure of Mr. E. H. Lewis to Scotland and placed on record the high esteem with which he was held during his 22 years with the Association.

COMMITTEE MATTERS

The report on committee work recorded a grant of £5 for two new bells for St. Margaret's, Horsmonden. Concerning Mr. Bottrill's suggestion, the committee felt that the time was inopportune for making further financial demands upon members in the matter of providing a fund from which to make grants towards the maintenance of bells and towers throughout the county.

With a view to cutting down expenses, the committee had decided in regard to the attendance of Central Council representatives at provincial meetings that the maximum allowance for hotel accommodation shall in future be 25s. instead of 50s. for each representative attending.

Newington (Hythe) had rejoined the Association. Lympne had now a ring of six. Eastwell bells had been removed from the tower and sold. Canterbury Cathedral tenor had been recast and all 12 bells rehung on ball bearings. Deal bells had been rehung and the front four at Quex Park recast and the bells rehung. The Helmore memorial clock had now been officially installed in the ringing chamber of Canterbury Cathedral. A new ring of eight had been provided at Bromley to replace that damaged by the war. Messrs. C. E. Palmer and G. F. Green, almost unaided, raised the necessary funds for restoring the bells of St. John's, Sidcup. West Malling bells had been rehung on ball bearings. The Maidstone District's publication, 'The Belfry,' was still very much alive with Mr. Reginald L. Sills as editor.

Mr. Knight moved and Mr. I. Emery seconded the adoption of the report, which was carried.

FINANCES REVIEWED

The hon. treasurer reported that the year started with a balance in hand of £95 19s. 5d. The total amount received by practising members' subscriptions was £97 11s., a reduction of £4 16s. There were 82 hon. members against 68 last year with an increased revenue of £5. The total revenue was £357 19s. 7d., of which the sale of badges realised £63 7s. 1d.

The principal items of expenditure were: Purchase of Association badges, £52 8s. 10d.; printing reports, etc., £74 2s. 1d.; and dinner, £46 15s. 7d. The district secretaries were to be congratulated on the economical running of their districts during the year as the total cost of these, together with the committee meetings, only amounted to £12 15s. 1d. With the extra cost of postal rates this item became heavy and it amounted to £11 17s. 11d. The total expenditure was £249 18s. 1d. and there was a balance in hand of £108 1s. 8d., an increase over last year of £12 2s. 3d. The continued increase in the production of the annual reports was a matter of concern to the committee. They decided that each tower should be provided with a copy, and the sale of copies to members only realised £6 16s. in 1950–51. It was obvious that additional revenue must be forthcoming to meet the additional cost.

The experiment of providing an association badge had been well supported, as 450 were sold. The first order was sold out and a further supply obtained.

BELFRY FUNDS

Mr. Mitchell reported that the Belfry Repair Fund started the year with a balance in hand of £237 7s. 4d. Income for the year amounted to £16 16s. 5d. On the expenditure side £35 15s. had been paid out in grants as authorised by the committee as follows: Sidcup, £10; Deal, £10; Barming, £10 10s.; West Malling, £5 5s. This showed an increase of expenditure over income of £18 18s. 7d. and a balance at the end of the year of £218 8s. 9d.

Mr. Mitchell stated that the 23 £1 rubber shares which were handed over to the Association by Mr. R. Edwards, of Tenterden, to form a fund towards the upkeep of the bellropes at Tenterden Church were sold during the year and realised £33 17s. 6d. This had been invested in 3½% War Loan and produced 27s. p.a.

Only one application had been received for a grant during the year, reported Mr. Mitchell in presenting the Benevolent Fund account, and the sum of £10 had been voted. The fund had a balance in hand of £393 19s. 3d.

The total worth of the Association at the end of the year was £1,199 17s., an increase of £12 4s. 10d.

The accounts were adopted, on the proposition of Mr. G. Cross, seconded by Mr. E. Barnett.

RECORD PEAL YEAR

Mr. P. A. Corby, as peal secretary, reported that 1951 was an all-time record for the Association with 183 peals. These included the first for the Association of Little Oxford Bob Major and Uxbridge Surprise Major on tower bells, and St. Clement's College Bob Major and Crayford College Bob Major on handbells.

There were again 50 conductors, including five 'first as conductor.' Mr. G. A. Naylor, who with his friends had been largely responsible for the increased number of peals, headed the list with 20. Messrs. P. A. Corby, F. J. Cullum and M. S. Lancefield also attained double figures with 16, 14 and 13 respectively.

Of 220 towers with five or more bells, peals were rung in 91. There were 29 first peals, an increase of nine. Many peals were rung in honour of the Festival of Britain. Mr. George H. Daynes, grandson of Thomas Daynes who called the Association's first peal in 1881, had called Holt's Original in his 81st year, being the oldest member to have done so. Congratulations were also extended to Mr. Desmond P. Ladd and his band on a peal at Great Mongeham, which was the first by all. An honoured member, Mr. H. E. Audsley, had to his credit the remarkable feat of over 100 peals at the churches of three adjoining parishes—Crayford, Erith and Dartford. A peal was rung at Northfleet to mark the 1,200th anniversary of the church.

The following peals were rung in the county for other associations: Ancient Society of College Youths 3, Society of Royal Cumberland Youths 2, East Grinstead and District Guild 2.

Members should note that all figures in the report were subject to correction of discrepancies when the Central Council's figures for the year were published. Rule 18, with certain exceptions, was fairly well observed.

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Mr. Knight asked if all the peals were recognised by the Central Council, and Mr. Corby said he understood that they all complied with the Central Council's regulations.

The report was adopted, on the proposition of Mr. May, seconded by Mr. Knight.

The officers of the Association were re-elected, Mr. J. Russell being added to the committee. A special vote of thanks was accorded Mr. F. A. Mitchell, who mentioned that it was his 24th year as hon. secretary. Proposing the re-election of Mr. G. H. Spice, the Chairman expressed the hope that 1952 would bring him much better health and greater happiness.

SUBSCRIPTION RAISED

Mr. P. A. Corby proposed that the annual subscription of the Association be increased from 2s. to 3s. The cost of living was now very much greater than it was in 1892, when the subscription was fixed at 2s.

Mr. Knight seconded.

Mr. J. A. Russell opposed the motion because he felt that there were other ways of augmenting the income. He took exception to those members who attended the Council meeting getting their lunch at a reduced cost. He moved as an amendment that the annual subscription remain at 2s., that the annual report be available to towers at a nominal fee of 1s. 6d., and that each district contribute at least the collection of two district meetings to the general funds of the Association.

Mr. Keeble seconded the amendment.

The Chairman remarked that each copy of the report cost 4s. 10d. to print.

Mr. G. Cross said a 2s. 6d. subscription would bring in approximately £25 and that would meet their requirements.

Mr. May advocated the introduction of a peal booking fee.

Dr. Hatcher deplored running the Association in a piecemeal fashion and urged the provision of adequate resources to carry on the work of the Association. The reserves of the Association had been built up during two periods—immediately after the first world war and during the second world war. It was fundamentally wrong to carry on by 'cutting here and there.'

The amendment found only six supporters and was heavily defeated.

The original proposition to increase the annual subscription was carried by 80 votes to 22. The Chairman said that it would not come into operation until 1953.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. P. A. Corby to Canon Bowen, to Mr. T. Cullingworth and Mr. Everett for making the local arrangements, and to the headmistress of Ashford High School for permitting the luncheon to be held at the school. Mr. Corby also proposed a vote of thanks to the chairman.

Mr. George Cross made an appeal to those Cumberlands present to help with the additional sum required for work on the bells of St. Leonard's, Shoreditch. The Society had promised to raise £7 10s.

Ringing took place in various towers in the neighbourhood after the meeting.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

Excellent arrangements had been made by the local band for the first quarterly meeting of the S.W. Division, held at South Benfleet on April 5th. Over 60 members and friends were present to give the new Master, Mr. J. Crampion, a good send-off.

A delightful old church with an atmosphere all its own was a fitting setting for the Association's form of service, conducted by the Vicar.

A most encouraging feature of the business meeting which followed tea was the election of 21 new ringing members.

An excellent but cheap tea, admirably served, with the appetites of the 'teenagers' more than satisfied, and a profit passed on to the Bell Restoration Fund, is a good advertisement for the organisation of the local band. Thank you, South Benfleet.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE STRASBOURG CLOCK

Sir,—Mr. Morris' notes on the famous clock of Strasbourg Cathedral ('Ringing World,' Mar. 28th, 1952) are interesting, but from what I recall of a visit to it in October of last year they seem somewhat incomplete and inaccurate.

The clock stands in the south transept of the Cathedral and is in the original case of 1547, the present mechanism, dating from 1838–1842, being constructed by Schwilgue, a Strasbourg citizen. The lowest tier comprises the celestial globe giving the daily movement of the stars and incorporating a perpetual calendar, being flanked on the right by a mechanism showing mean time and the moon's changes, and on the left by one giving the ecclesiastical chronology.

The next tier shows, over the perpetual calendar, symbolic figures of the days of the week which change, of course, daily, and over this again is the clock dial flanked by two small figures, the one on the left striking the first blow of each of the quarters whilst the other holds a sand glass which it turns each hour. The next tier contains a planetarium and over this is a sphere showing the moon's phases. In the superstructure, the lower gallery contains a skeleton (Death) holding two bells, and on the highest gallery is the figure of Christ, being flanked on the left-hand turret by the figure of a cockerel.

The performance is as follows: At the first quarter, the figure beside the clock dial strikes the first blow and the figure of a child passes before Death striking the second blow with a staff on one of the bells held by the skeleton. At the half-hour two blows are struck, the figure of a hunter taking the place of the child and striking the bell with an arrow. The third quarter is struck in the same way by the warrior with his sword, and at the full hour the old man appears and completes the chimes with his crutch. The sand glass is then turned by the figure on the other side of the clock dial and Death strikes the hour with a bone on the second of the two bells held. Only the hour is struck during the night.

It is, however, at noon that this wonderful clock really 'goes to town,' and an appreciative crowd always seems to collect in the transept to watch the quaint but impressive little pageant. After the fourth quarter has struck in the manner described above and Death begins the hour, the figure of Christ in the highest gallery steps forward and, as the Twelve Apostles pass before him, places his hand in benediction on the head of each of them whilst the cockerel on the left hand turret stretches its neck and tail, flaps its wings and crows thrice in the most realistic manner. The Apostles having passed, the figure of Christ steps forward and blesses the assembled company, which being done, the figure steps back to its place. The whole performance at noon occupies three minutes, and the writer admits to being so entranced and spellbound that he found it difficult to tear himself away from the clock, even to the delights of an excellent lunch and several (how many does not matter) glasses of that poem in the distiller's art, 'Kirsch d'Alsace.' Incidentally, the clock, at noon, goes through its little pantomime against a background of the Bourdon bell of the Cathedral tolling the Angelus in its deep, resonant voice from the tower.—Sincerely,

W. E. BOX.

Harborne, Birmingham.

STRATFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On Mar. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Brown 1, V. B. Hunt (cond.) 2, L. Hallett 3, J. A. Print 4, R. C. Chapman 5, W. Cockings 6, H. Huxley 7, E. H. Smith 8. First quarter of Triples for 1, 3 and 8.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—At St. Saviour's, on April 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. A. Hales 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, Miss S. Booth 3, L. W. Bullock 4, E. E. Holman 5, A. E. Hoare 6, J. Bullock 7, P. Devenish (first quarter) 8.

DEDICATION

SWEPSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE

On Monday, April 7th, before a large assembly of parishioners and ringers, the Rt. Rev. H. A. Maxwell, M.A., Vicar of Copt Oak and Assistant Bishop of Leicester, dedicated two new treble bells and two commemorative tablets at Swepstone, Leics.

The two new bells are both memorial bells; one as a war memorial in memory of the fallen in two world wars, and the other in memory of the late Ernest Deacon, of Swepstone.

The church was filled to capacity for the service, which was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. G. Malcolm), the dedication being performed by the Bishop, who gave an inspiring address.

The opening rounds were rung by the local ringers.

During the evening the ringers made good use of the bells, all being anxious to try out this excellent six. Ringing ranged from rounds to a touch of Spliced Surprise Minor in six methods.

Afterwards about sixty ringers, representing about twenty towers, enjoyed an excellent supper, which was provided for them by the Swepstone parishioners and ringers in the Church Hall.

During the supper Mr. Tyson, captain of the local ringers, presented an attache case to Mr. Ridgway, of Measham, who is teaching the local band.

The inscriptions on the bells are as follows:—

Treble.—God save our country. 1952. 1914–1918, W. Bentley, A. G. Compton, R. Hughes, T. H. Hughes, J. H. Pepper. 1939–1945, E. W. Everett, J. T. Lees, T. R. Pepper, S. H. Shilcock, T. Taylor. Taylor, Loughborough.

2nd.—John Taylor and Co., Founders, Loughborough. In memory of Ernest Deacon, died 1952. Peace be with you. Donavit B.M.D. 1952.

3rd.—God Save The King. 1664. Taylor, Loughborough. Recast in 1952.

4th.—God Save His Church. 1711.

5th.—IHS Nazarene Rex Iudeorum Fili dei Miserere. J. D. Warden. 1696.

Tenor.—CUM CUM PRAIE. 1634.

The third, fourth and fifth bells appear to have been cast by Oldfield, of Nottingham, whilst the tenor bears the founder's marks of Hugh Watts, of Leicester.

The new frame contains two spaces so that the octave can be completed.—J. A. U.

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A PREVIOUS COMPOSITION

Dear Sir,—I write to inform you that the composition 5,088 Yorkshire Surprise Major by Patrick G. Chapman published in a recent 'Ringing World' was composed by Mr. Robert T. Lambert some years ago. Mr. Stafford H. Green first called it at Cranbrook, Kent, to Superlative on January 8th, 1927, and the figures appear in the K.C.A. Report, 1928.

Mr. Lambert's peal commences with the last three courses and the rest of the calling is the same.—Yours faithfully,

T. E. SONE.

Paddock Wood, Kent.

BELLS IN ENGLISH LIFE

By ERNEST MORRIS

(Continued from page 218)

MANY are the legends that have—through the ages—gathered around the bells: some tell of the bells' miraculous powers of punishing evildoers, and others of their efficiency in driving away evil spirits or dispelling thunder and lightning. Yet other stories relate to spontaneous ringing in times of dire disaster or great rejoicings, and many legends are connected with the waters. It is from this class that the examples given below are drawn.

BOSHAM'S BELL-HOLE

Long years ago, when the Northmen burnt and pillaged along the English coast, a party of Danish sea rovers came up Bosham creek, plundered its inhabitants, sacked the church and carried away the silver-toned bells. Slowly they rowed the holy burden down the ebbing tide, when the heavens grew black with clouds, and an awful pall shrouded the waters of the creek. When it rolled away the guilty pirates lay fathoms deep in the great pool known to this day as 'Bell-hole.' Tradition says that on great festivals the silver-toned bells are still heard chiming in with their sister-bells on land!

WHITBY'S OCEAN CHIME

Whitby Abbey was suppressed in the year 1539 and shortly afterwards dismantled. The bells were sold and were to be conveyed by ship to London. They were duly placed on board and, amid the lamentations of the people, the sails were unfurled and the anchor weighed. But lo! the vessel refused to bear away its sacred burden. A short distance it moved out into the bay, and then sank quietly beneath the waves, and there under the waters, at a spot within sight of the Abbey ruins, the bells still remain and are heard occasionally to ring by invisible hands! The legend has been poetically described by Mr. Phillips:—

Up from the heart of the ocean
The mellow music peals,
Where the sunlight makes its golden path,
And the seamew flits and wheels.
For many a chequered century,
Untired by flying time,
The bells no human fingers touch
Have run their hidden chime.

BELLS UPON THE WIND

Many years ago the twelve parish churches of Jersey each possessed a beautiful and valuable ring of bells, but during the Civil War the States decided on selling these bells to defray the heavy expenses of the army. Accordingly the bells were collected and sent to France for that purpose, but on the passage the ship foundered and everything was lost, to show the wrath of Heaven at such a sacrilege. Since that time, however, before a storm, these bells ring up from the deep, and to this day fishermen at St. Ouen's Bay always go to the edge of the water, before starting out, to listen if they can hear 'the bells upon the wind.' If those warning notes are heard, nothing will induce them to leave the shore; if all is silent, they set sail fearlessly:—

'Tis an omen of death to the mariner,
Who warily fights the sea,
For the foaming surge is his winding sheet,
And his funeral knell are we;
His funeral knell our passing bell,
And his winding sheet the sea.

CHURCH BELLS BENEATH THE WAVES

After Port Royal—in the West Indies—was submerged at the close of the seventeenth century, sailors in those parts for many years would tell wonderful stories of anchoring amidst the chimneys and steeples of the city beneath the sea: and they would declare that at times the sound of the church bells could be plainly heard, as they were agitated by the waves.

LOST BELLS OF PRESTON

A memorandum found among some old documents relating to Preston (All Saints') Church states that: 'In 4th Eliz. the bells were taken out of this church and exported, that the ship wherein the bells were, when she was clear of the Humbre, and launched into the sea, she yet within sight, was seen to sink down into the sea, like that of Arthur Bulkley, 38th Bishop of Bangor, who for the like sacrilege was struck blind.'

THE INCHAPE ROCK

An ancient writer mentions a curious legend which runs as follows: 'By east the Isle of May, twelve miles from all land in the German Seas, lyes a great hidden rock, called Inchcape, very dangerous for navigators, because it is overflowed everie tide. It is reported in old times, upon the saide rock there was a bell, fixed upon a tree or timber, which rang continually, being moved by the sea, giving notice to the saylers of the danger. This bell or cloche was put there and maintained by the Abbot of Abberbrothok, and being taken down by a sea pirate, a yeare thereafter he perished upon the same rocke, with ship and goodes, in the righteous judgment of God.'

As is well known, this legend was immortalised by Robert Southey, in a poem wherein he says:—

The Abbot of Abberbrothok
Had placed the bell on the Inchcape Rock,
On a buoy in the storm it floated and swung,
And over the waves its warning rung.
When the Rock was hid by the surges swell,
The mariners heard the warning bell:
And then they knew the perilous Rock,
And blest the Abbot of Abberbrothok.

Then he goes on to say Ralph the Rover sought to plague the good Abbot, and cut the bell from the Rock. He then scoured the sea for many a day and, grown rich by plunder, steered his course for Scotland again. A gale came on, and on this very rock his ship was wrecked and all lost.

But even in his dying fear
One dreadful sound could the rover hear,
A sound as on the Inchcape Bell,
The Devil below was ringing his knell.

(To be continued.)

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

The spring meeting of the Penzance Branch of the Truro Diocesan Guild was held at Crowan on March 29th. About fifty ringers attended, including Miss Eileen Symons (president), the Rev. W. H. R. Trewhella (general secretary) and Mr. W. Wood (vice-president).

The Vicar (the Rev. H. J. Skewes) conducted the service, the lesson being read by Mr. J. Carah Roberts, who gave one of the new trebles when the bells were augmented to eight in 1939. The address was given by the Rev. A. S. Roberts (branch secretary).

An excellent tea, including hot Cornish pasties, was served, this being provided through the energies of the local captain, Mr. A. E. James, and the churchwardens, Messrs. R. E. Bourdeaux and W. P. Trewhella.

At the business meeting Madron was chosen for the autumn festival on the invitation of Mr. Arnold White. Mr. R. G. Clemens (Truro branch secretary) raised the question of the insurance of ringers, and the Rev. A. S. Roberts explained the policy provided by the Ecclesiastical Insurance Office, Ltd., and which should be brought to the notice of all church councils. To him it had been the natural thing to insure his ringers from the first. The usual votes of thanks were passed, and the Rev. W. H. R. Trewhella heartily congratulated the local band on the splendid and perfect touch of call changes which they rang before the service.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD

Winchester District

On April 5th, members and friends met together in rather wet weather for the first quarterly meeting of the Winchester District at the small village of Owslebury, just outside Winchester.

Unfortunately, there is no local band at Owslebury and no local inhabitant to take care of the bells, which are consequently rather hard going through lack of grease in the bearings. In spite of this, however, the bells were put to good use, whilst in a nearby school playground villagers speculated as to whether the bells were ringing to call people to the polling station to vote for their County Council representative.

In the absence of the Vicar, who was unable to be present due to a broken leg, the Rev. H. P. Kingdon, of King Alfred College, Winchester, officiated at the service. During the sermon the preacher stressed the importance of ringers turning up on time and regularly.

After tea in the Village Hall a short business meeting was held, at which the Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth took the chair, supported by the secretaries and treasurer.

Mrs. M. E. Street, of Kingsworthy, was elected a ringing member and she is believed to be the first lady ringer of Kingsworthy. Three honorary members were also elected.

It was also decided that the May practice meeting should be held at Micheldever and the June meeting at Nether Wallop together with Broughton and Over Wallop. The second quarterly meeting was brought forward to May 31st to avoid a clash with the Diocesan Sunday School Festival.

The chairman read a letter he had received from the Very Rev. E. G. Selwyn, Dean of Winchester Cathedral, who, in a reply to the district's request that the Cathedral bells should be available for longer times at meetings, stated that in his opinion a two hour period was sufficient for all those who were competent to handle a ring of the Cathedral's size and that it might be better to make the ringing of the Cathedral bells a definite privilege for the more proficient ringers.

The meeting agreed to donate one guinea from its funds to 'The Ringing World' finances.

5,055 STEDMAN CATERS

By E. W. ROBERTS

23145	6	5	6	15	16
31645	2	9	7	8	
01245	3	—		A	
24135	6	—			—
23415	6				—
21635	4				—
13245	6		—	—	—
14325	6		—	—	—
14325	6				—
12465	3	S			—
26135	4		—	—	—
23615	4				—
31245	6		—	—	—
34125	6				—
32645	1			—	—
24315	6		—	—	—
21435	6				—
41635	2	—			
63415	2	—		—	—

The first 15 courses twice repeated, calling the first course of the first repeat, 4, 5, 6, 15, 16, and of the second, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 14, gives 21436587.

A=1S, 2, 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14.

This peal contains all the 5-6's and 6-5's in the Tittum position and all the 6-5's in the handstroke-home position.

JAMES ROBERT HAWORTH

HIS POSITION AS 'THE KING OF SCROOFS'

(Continued from page 220)

Among the other societies of which J. R. Haworth was a well-known member was the 'Waterloo Society,' formed in 1868, and which he joined in 1872, and when the Central Council was formed 18 years later, he represented the 'College Youths' as one of the founder members with other leading ringers of the time.

Haworth died in his 90th year in 1910, and during his long life became more and more proud of the distinction accruing from his having rung at the Abbey for the Coronation of Queen Victoria, upon her two jubilees and upon every successive birthday. Upon hearing of this, Her Majesty caused her autographed photograph to be sent to him, and this he framed and presented to the 'College Youths.' For many years it was a familiar ornament on one of the walls at the 'Coffee Pot.' Warwick Lane until destroyed by the enemy in December, 1940. He similarly rang for King Edward VII., and had hoped to ring for King George V., and almost achieved it. Indeed the King wrote expressing his regret that he had failed to do so.

Ringers at the Abbey are King's servants, so its Scroof stands first, as Haworth knew. He was also appointed to the Cathedral Scroof at St. Paul's, St. Lawrence Jewry for the City Corporation and St. Clement Danes, Strand, an important church by the Law Courts. And he probably had others of a more tenuous nature.

It has been already stated that after his middle fifties he was wont to get about the country to be present at first peals and other events in ringing. One such was going across to Eire with the 'College Youths' to open the bells of the Cathedral at Waterford, in 1872. The band claimed they had rung the first true peal in the Isle. Another was the 'Opening' and the first peal at St. Paul's Cathedral, London. And here the 'Old Stalwarts' made their last full musters on All Saints' Day, 1878, and in December, 1881.

The mural tablets at St. Paul's Cathedral, London, detail as follows, but the dates of the 'masterships' have been added.

The ring of twelve bells was cast by Taylors in 1878 and was opened on All Saints' Day by the then leading band of the 'College Youths,' who rang three courses of Stedman Cinques. It was justly looked upon by the London Exercise as a great event, especially as the Dean, upon the advice of Sir John Stainer, who was the Cathedral organist, at once appointed a Scroof selected from the cream of the 'College Youths.' And, of course, Haworth, as 'King of Scroofs,' was one of them. But at the head was James Pettit, another wonderful man of the period group—for he seemed to radiate a kingly presence. The names of the ringers, which it is a joy to scan, are as follows:—

(1873) H. W. Haley, sen., treble: H. W. Haley, jun., 2nd: (1875?) W. Cooter 3rd: (1868) J. Pettit 4th; (1866) G. Mash 5th; (1851) H. Haworth 6th; (1877) G. Dorrington 7th; (1850) J. Dwight 8th; (1869) E. Horrex 9th; (1864) G. Muskett 10th; (1856) M. A. Wood, G. Ferris 11th; (1876) J. M. Hayes, W. Jones tenor. The year of Mastership is shown in brackets.

All of the above, save two (Haley, jun., and 'Soldier' W. Jones) are of the 'Old Stalwarts,' who came in mostly during the 1830's and 1840's. And, with few exceptions, their names reappear three years later when, in December, 1881, the first peal on the bells was rung, one of Stedman Cinques composed by H. W. Haley and conducted by J. Pettit. The exceptions were that Ferris, who died in 1881, and the two Haleys and Dwight dropped out, and then there came in W. Tanner (another 'Old Stalwart') on the 8th, and W. A. Tyler, who 'strapt' the tenor for Jones, who rang over him. Undoubtedly a fine band. But time was beginning to tell—Haley died in 1886, Dwight in 1892, and, as Trollope remarks, most of that wonderful band of stalwarts had passed with the nineteenth century. A few survived as very old men into the next—Haworth until the end of 1910, and within two years his juniors, Cooter, Matt Wood and Pettit, had all followed him.

It is difficult to say, for the time being, the date of Haworth's last peal, but he rang occasionally nearly to the end. However, the following items may be of interest: Haworth was to his circle of friends always 'Bob.' He was probably so known by his own family—but when the occasion demanded he could be James R. Haworth. And when, in the early 1880's, a 'James Peal' was mooted, he immediately was one of it

It was rung on St. James' Day at St. James', Clerkenwell, by members of the St. James' Society—whose names were James. The writer remembers the names of J. Monday, J. Dwight and James Haworth, and that a small photograph of the latter was inserted beside his name on the page in the Society's peal book.

In 1883 an interesting centenary came, viz., the winning of the Master's silver cup in a match at Sonning. To commemorate the victory, a band of 'College Youths,' including Haworth (who was, as things turned out, probably the initiator), went down to Sonning and there rang Holt's Original. Haworth now with his usual diffidence suggests he be allowed to give a suitable companion cup: upon the gift being warmly accepted, J. E. Dawe, Master in 1888, gave the mahogany folding stand for both cups, as we see them before the Master's chair to-day.†

The year 1889, jubilee of Haworth's becoming a member of the 'College Youths' and his continued valuable services, was marked by a rare event, viz., the presentation of an illuminated address from the Society. A few years later he presented it back, duly framed, also his original certificate received when he joined the Society. Like Queen Victoria's photograph, they also perished in the destruction of the headquarters in 1940.

The writer concludes with two items, the one humorous, the other sad.

An old 'College Youth' was heard to say that, when, as a steward, he was collecting the pence paid by members attending the meeting, he would tactfully ignore Haworth and pay the pence in out of his own pocket—knowing him to be not too well off. He was, however, quietly reminded one evening by Haworth, that he wished to pay his pence, like the others.

Finally, the writer remembers one Sunday evening, when the Scroof were gradually assembling to render their fortnightly ringing for Service, that Haworth drew him aside, saying: 'You often seem to mention Tom Tolladay; come with me and I will show you where he lies. With some feeling of reverence, we walked quietly round from the west door of St. Clement Danes to the north one—there he paused and, pointing down before the west jamb, said: 'Here I saw poor Tolladay lowered into his grave.'

E. A. Y.

† The exceptionally good Minutes of the Society, dating from 1822, and particularising such events, have also been destroyed by fire.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

Annual Nomination Meeting

The Society's March meeting was held at Armley on March 29th. Ringing commenced at the appointed time and continued until the break for tea. The business meeting was held in the Parochial Hall following tea. The president was engaged on running repairs so his duties as chairman were taken over by Mr. T. W. Strangeway (vice-president) One new member was enrolled (Mr. B. Vincent, of Pudsey).

The vote of thanks to the priest-in-charge and the local company was proposed by Mr. H. R. Parkinson and seconded by Mr. J. Gibson. Mr. Lofthouse acknowledged the thanks and hoped all had enjoyed their visit. The Rev. R. E. Gleed, M.A. (priest-in-charge), arrived later and was introduced by Mr. H. Lofthouse. Mr. Gleed welcomed the visitors and said this was his first ringing meeting. He was sorry that his arrival was delayed, but he just had to go and see the Boat Race, as no doubt a number of ringers had been doing and also listening in to the various sporting items broadcast on this day.

The next meeting is due to be held at Leeds Parish Church on April 26th. This meeting always clashes with a special evensong at 4.30 p.m., and ringing has to stop for a short time. After discussion, Mr. L. Boumphrey proposed and Mr. A. Marsh seconded that the annual meeting be held on the usual Saturday.

The following nominations for next year's officers were received: President, Messrs. J. W. Benten and I. Slack; vice-presidents, Messrs. L. Drake, T. W. Strangeway, L. Barron, J. Gibson and Miss M. Rhodes; hon. vice-president, Mr. F. Hutchinson; Ringing Master, Messrs. W. Dixon and A. Marsh; secretary and treasurer, Mr. H. Lofthouse; auditors (1951–52 accounts), Miss M. Rhodes and Mr. J. Gibson.

The final item, 'Any other business,' brought the proposal that Rule 12 be amended. This item affects the Society's finances, so a month's notice required by the rules was accepted and the matter will be decided at the next meeting.

A good attendance at the annual general meeting is requested owing to the voting for the officers and change of rule.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Chertsey Branch

The spring meeting was held at Chobham on April 5th, when the branch received the support of a good number of visitors from the surrounding districts, over 40 ringers attending during the afternoon and evening. At 4.30 p.m. the Guild's new form of ringers' service was conducted by the Vicar of Chobham. In his address the Vicar stressed the need for ringers, as servants of the Church, to lead an exemplary life. Expressions of approval of the new form of service were made, and the attendance of the organist to lead the singing was much appreciated.

Following a buffet tea at the White Hart Hotel, the business meeting was quickly disposed of and double-handed experts took their places with handbells. Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise were rung.

The tower bells were made good use of during the afternoon and evening, when under the leadership of the Ringing Master, Mr. F. J. Dodson, everyone's needs were catered for. Ringing ranged from rounds to London Surprise Major. The bells were lowered in peal at 8.30 p.m., bringing to a close a very successful meeting.

WOOTTON, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Frost 1, P. Taylor 2, R. Tomkins 3, B. Smart 4, R. Noon (cond.) 5. To celebrate the wedding of Mr. A. R. Beeby and Miss Mary Hodges.

OXFORD SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS

UNBROKEN SEQUENCE SINCE 1733

There is good evidence that a society of change ringers existed in Oxford before 1733, but the unbroken sequence of performances cannot be traced prior to this date. Mention can be made, however, of Richard Duckworth, undergraduate of Brasenose, 1648, who, while there, learnt to ring with the Oxford ringers and became an expert. He was Vicar of Steeple Aston in 1670, and wrote 'Tintinnalogia,' or 'The Art of Ringing,' 1671. During this same period, Oxford gave its name to two of the standard methods still being rung — Oxford Treble Bob and Double Oxford Bob.

John Sacheveral was another excellent ringer in 1702, and lived at Cumnor. He was good at the musical side of ringing and was in favour of adding four to the heavy six at St. Mary's. Unfortunately, this scheme never materialised, and St. Mary's still possesses the same bells.

Arthur Lloyd was made a member of the College Youths in 1723, and also belonging to this period was John Vickers, a great composer, who gave the Exercise some of the earliest peals of Grandsire Triples with ordinary bobs and singles.

In 1733, members of the Ancient Society of College Youths visited Oxford. The Oxford ringers were much impressed by the ringing of the Londoners, this proving a stimulus to them, and on December 31st, 1733, Christ Church ten bells were rung in the first peal in the city of Oxford by Oxford men. The 5,040 changes were rung in 3 hours and 27 minutes. The same company made an attempt on April 15th, 1734, to ring 6,876. It was unsuccessful, as were three successive attempts, one failing because some ringers were 'much in liquor.' Success came in March, 1735, at New College, the 6,876 Cater changes being rung in about four hours on the ten bells.

The name of Pavier first appeared in a peal in 1775, and from that time until 1841 the Pavier family rang in almost every peal rung by the society. One of the outstanding record peals was 10,008 Grandsire Caters in 6 hours and 42 minutes at New College on Easter Monday, 1815, and in 1817 two men, Henry and Agabus Taylor, rang the tenor in a peal of 5,040 Grandsire Triples at Merton College. The name of John Lates, presumably of Stedman fame, first appears in the peal book in 1819, and that of the late Mr. C. Hounslow in 1861.

INFLUENCE OF J. W. WASHBROOK

The society continued to thrive with Mr. Thomas Hill as secretary from 1860 to 1885. In 1875 the last peal on the bells of Magdalen College until 1919 was rung, Holt's Ten-part. From 1883-1899 the society came under the influence of the late J. W. Washbrook, and rang upwards of 80 peals. They were rung in several towers, and methods ranged from Grandsire Triples to London Surprise Major. Among the outstanding and interesting performances were the 11,328 London Surprise Major at St. Peter's, Drayton, in 6 hours and 6 minutes in 1896, and 5,184 London Surprise Major on the rough-going bells of Merton College in the same year. This was the first peal of Major on the bells. Mr. Charles Hester was secretary from 1885 to 1911, and from 1899 to 1907 two masters of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, the Revs. F. E. Robinson and C. W. O. Jenkyn, rang several peals in company with the Oxford resident members. The Rev. Robinson and Mr. W. J. Smith did most of the conducting.

From 1907 until the outbreak of the first World War, the society dwindled to a great extent, two peals only being rung. Mr. V. Bennett, the present secretary, took over the secretaryship in 1911 until 1914, when he left for Active Service, and was succeeded by Mr. S. W. Prosser, who held office until 1919. In 1917 Mr. C. Hester died. In 1919, Mr. H. Tolley became secretary for a few years, until Mr. Bennett took over again. After the war the society numbered about 12 active members.

A PEACE PEAL

A peace peal, 5,079 Stedman Caters, was rung at Magdalen College in 1919. This was the first peal on the bells for 44 years, and the composer and conductor, R. Congrieve Pridgeon, obtained permission for the attempt from the president of the college, Sir Herbert Warren, only through unearthing records of a peal attempted after the Battle of Waterloo in 1815. About 1925, St. Ebbe's had a very active band, which rang several six-bell peals, and in this year St. Ebbe's six were augmented to eight as a memorial to J. W. Washbrook, and the first peal on them was rung in 1926. Mr. W. Harris, an enthusiastic young member of the society, died during this year. He held the office of Master for one year. All Saints' and St. Giles' were augmented to eight bells the following year.

The death occurred in 1930 of Mr. T. Payne, verger at Merton, who was many times Master of the Society. He rang in the 11,328 London Surprise Major at Drayton in 1896. During the following year the society made good progress with the younger generation, and on New Year's Eve the birth of Fabian Stedman in 1631 was commemorated by 5,039 Stedman Caters at Magdalen. The first peal of Cambridge Major in Oxford for 40 years was rung at St. Giles' in 1933, and on October 21st of that year the bicentenary was celebrated. On Christmas Day three courses of Stedman Caters on Christ Church bells were broadcast.

Christ Church bells were declared unsafe at the beginning of 1937, but in October of that year the bells were formally opened by the Dean after their rehanging. The previous September the death of Mr. W. J. Smith occurred. He was the society's oldest member, 84 years old, and Oxford's chief conductor for many years. An excellent ringer, he was Master several times, and rang in the last quarter-peal on Christ Church before they were taken out of the spire in 1879.

DEVELOPMENTS IN LAST DECADE

Ald. C. H. Brown resigned his office as president in February, 1941, and Cclr. W. O. King was elected. He also resigned office in the following January and Cclr. H. C. Ingle was elected in July. The composer of the longest length of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, Francis E. Taylor, died in March, 1942, aged 52. On November 15th, the bells of Oxford, beginning with Christ Church and ending with New College, were rung to commemorate the victory of the Eighth Army in Egypt. In November, 1943, Cclr. Ingle, the president, was elected Mayor of Oxford, and to celebrate this a peal of Grandsire Cinques was rung at the Christ Church Cathedral, 5,016 changes, conducted by W. F. Judge. In October, 1944, the back five of St. Peter's-in-the-East were rung for morning service for the first time in 50 years. Severals peals were rung in this year and in 1945, including the first peal of Bristol Surprise Major ever rung in the city of Oxford, on May 9th, V-plus One Day. This was at the Church of St. Martin and All Saints, and was conducted by Walter F. Judge. Several well-known ringers participated and stood as follows: Richard A. Post treble, Victor J. F. Bennett 2, Betty Spice 3, John E. Spice 4, Neil I. Allnatt 5, William C. Porter 6, Gordon Claudwell 7, Walter F. Judge tenor. Among 1945 peals were also the first peal ever rung on St. Mary's bells, seven 720's of Minor, conducted by John E. Spice on August, 30th and the first peal of Spliced Surprise Major ever rung in Oxford on November 29th on St. Ebbe's bells. The 5,056 changes comprised 2,944 London, 640 Bristol, 736 each Cambridge and Superlative. An attempt for a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus on Christ Church bells in March, 1946, failed after 3 hours 5 minutes through the 5th rope breaking. On May 17th the first peal of Lincolnshire Surprise in the city of Oxford was rung at St. Ebbe's by Betty Spice treble, V. J. F. Bennett 2, Alan R. Pink 3, Marie R. Cross 4, Richard A. Post 5, Frederick A. H. Wilkins 6, William C. Porter 7, Walter F. Judge tenor, who also conducted.

The longest length of Stedman Cinques yet rung was successfully accomplished at Christ Church Cathedral on August 24th, 12,663 changes, in 8 hours 48 minutes. The ringers, several well known, stood: W. F. Judge treble, V. J. F. Bennett 2, A. Ballard 3, A. H. Reed 4, C. W. Woolley 5, S. T. Holt 6, F. A. H. Wilkins 7, Ernest Morris 8, P. K. Williamson 9, R. A. Post 10, R. White 11, F. C. W. Knight tenor. The composer was Charles W. Roberts and the conductor was Walter F. Judge. The visit of their Majesties the King and Queen on October 24th was commemorated by ringing at St. Mary's and the Cathedral, and a peal of Bristol Surprise Major at All Saints', conducted by W. F. Judge.

COMPOSERS AND CONDUCTORS

John Vickers	1733-1745
John Curtis	1767-1780
John Baker	1781
Edward Nicholls	1807-1816
(Composed 1; conducted 10,008 Grandsire Caters rung at New College 1815.)	
William Parker, John Lates and John Tagg	1817-1833
Edward Whitbread and John Cox	1834-1860
Charles Hounslow, John Rogers and Joe Field	1861-1880
Charles Hounslow and W. J. Smith	1880-1890
W. J. Smith and J. W. Washbrook	1890-1900
W. J. Smith and Rev. F. E. Robinson	1900-1909
W. J. Smith	1909-1920
A. E. Lock, W. H. Wilkins, F. E. Taylor, H. Miles, R. A. Post and W. F. Judge	1920 onwards

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World' of April 19th, 1912

ODD CHANGES

There was a good deal of ringing in London on Saturday, and no fewer than three twelve-bell peals were attempted. But alas! . . . none was successful. The first start was at Cornhill, where Stedman Cinques was rung for two hours before a mistake brought the peal to grief. . . At St Saviour's, Southwark, the Kent Association attempted Kent Treble Bob Maximus. The ringing, however, was very short-lived. . . . The greatest disappointment of all, however, was at St. Paul's Cathedral. It is seldom, indeed that this majestic ring of bells can be got for a peal and . . . . the last was for the late Dean Gregory's 90th birthday three years ago. For nearly 4 hours all went swimmingly. Then, almost without warning, the 62 cwt. tenor . . . . dropped among the other bells, and a great attempt was frustrated only a course and a half from home.

QUARTER PEALS

ALDERSHOT, HANTS.—On April 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. J. Bragg (cond.) 1, Miss M. Harris (first 'inside') 2, D. Williamson 3, K. Williamson 4, C. Williamson 5, R. Corke 6, W. H. Viggers 7, C. Beadle 8.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On April 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Valerie Mepham (first quarter) 1, Mary Brown 2, Wendy Turnbull (first 'inside') 3, B. K. Turnbull 4, S. W. Brown (cond.) 5, H. W. Brown 6. First of Plain Bob Doubles for all. Rung by the local band as a compliment to the ringer of the third on becoming a Queen's Guide and the ringer of the fourth on becoming a King's Scout.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.—On Mar. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Harbour (first quarter) 1, Jill Brittain 2, D. N. Layton 3, A. E. Cheesman 4, N. Hobden 5, T. Norman 6, A. J. Adams (cond.) 7, M. F. Layton 8.

BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.—On Mar. 31st, at St. Michael's, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. L. Story 1, C. Osler 2, Miss O. Osler 3, W. Clift 4, Mrs. J. Weaver 5, H. Balaam (cond.) 6, J. Weaver 7, J. B. Woodley 8. First quarter in the method for 1, 3, 4 and 5. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Woodley on their golden wedding.

BISHOPS CANNINGS, WILTS.—On Mar. 22nd, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: J. Romain 1, Miss R. Gibbons 2, S. G. Grant 3, G. R. Eyles 4, B. Bladon 5, A. R. Peak 6, W. A. T. Carter (cond.) 7, P. Anger 8.

BITTON, GLOS.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Skidmore 1, S. G. Riches 2, C. R. Harding 3, R. G. Hooper (cond.) 4, A. C. Baker 5, J., W. Smith 6, E. Sutton 7, R. Harding 8. Rung in memory of Andrew J. Corrigan, printer and bellringer of Bitton.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On Mar. 8th, 1,316 Plain Bob Major: F. James 1, H. Bishop 2, A. Greenough 3, D. Jordan 4, J. Berry 5, C. Corderoy 6, J. Blond 7, R. B. Blond (cond.) 8. First quarter for 1, 3 and 6. Also on April 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. H. Corderoy 1, C. E. Gregory 2, E. J. Grace 3, I. Gardner 4, F. James (cond.) 5, A. R. Greenough 6, R. B. Blond 7, C. Corderoy 8. Rung for Confirmation service.

BOSTON, LINCS.—On Mar. 30th, at St. Botolph's, 1,260 Grandsire Caters: J. Brian 1, Nancie Swann 2, S. Jessop 3, R. Brown 4, D. White 5, A. Freeston 6, F. Dewey (cond.) 7, J. Petch 8, W. E. Clarke 9, T. Freeston 10. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

BRADPOLE, DORSET.—On Mar. 29th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. G. Keeley 1, J. T. Barrett 2, N. Mallett 3, C. Deem 4, J. L. Glyde 5, A. J. Scott 6, G. S. Morris 7, R. Keeley (first as cond.) 8.

BUCKINGHAM.—On April 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Vickers (first quarter of Triples) 1, F. Townsend 2, F. Adams (first 'inside') 3, C. Gough 4, W. J. Chester 5, G. W. Holland 6, W. Yates (cond.) 7, W. H. Yates 8. Rung for the wedding of Mr. S. Miller and Miss Q. Pateman, daughter of local ringer.

CAPENHURST, CHESHIRE.—On April 2nd, 1,440 Minor (being 720 Plain Bob and 720 Kent Treble Bob): Betty Griffiths 1, R. B. Morris 2, Shirley Golding 3, B. H. Harris 4, J. W. Griffiths 5, R. G. Corby (cond.) 6.

CHARING, KENT.—On April 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Tapley (first quarter) 1, M. Couchman (first quarter) 2, Miss D. Turk 3, W. Henniker 4, A. Waddington (cond.) 5, A. Everett 6. Rung for the induction of the new Vicar (the Rev. D. P. Lury).

CLERKENWELL, LONDON.—On Mar. 30th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: W. A. Theobald 1, Miss M. Prockson 2, E. Pryor 3, J. L. Morris 4, G. A. Parsons 5, D. Harman 6, R. H. Begrie (cond.) 7, F. C. W. Knight 8.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCS.—On April 6th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. H. Ford (first quarter) 1, Miss E. Pearson (first quarter) 2, Miss N. Roberts 3, V. Forshaw 4, W. Wall (first in the method) 5, R. Suart 6, N. M. Newby (cond.) 7, T. Metcalfe 8.

EALING, LONDON.—On April 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Daphne Luke 1, J. E. Churchill 2, H. J. Eldred 3, Beryl Cowlin 4, J. Lott 5, T. E. Davies 6, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 7, S. Croft 8. Rung for Confirmation and for the visit of the Bishop of Kensington.

ELTHAM, LONDON.—On Mar. 29th, 1,320 Grandsire Triples from Holt's original: Miss C. Wakefield (first quarter of Triples) 1, P. Spice 2, J. Liddiard 3, R. A. Johnson 4, A. Grove, sen., 5, B. W. Aldridge 6, E. B. Crowder (cond.) 7, F. Hurrell 8. Rung after an attempt for Holt's original to commemorate the centenary of the Banister family peal, rung at Woolwich March 27th, 1852.

GODSHILL, I.O.W.—On April 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Hollis 1, C. Callaway 2, F. Taylor 3, W. Upton 4, L. Bailey 5, C. Denness (cond.) 6. First in the method for all. Rung on the second ringer's 26th wedding anniversary.

HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM—At St. Mary's, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Lawrence (first quarter) 1, Mrs. E. G. Lewis (first quarter) 2, J. Gilbert 3, P. Arrowsmith (first quarter 'inside') 4, E. G. Lewis (first quarter as cond.) 5, D. Brown (first quarter) 6.

IXWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On Mar. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss E. Peckett 1, E. Bishop 2, M. Sharpe 3, K. Brown 4, L. Sharpe 5, H. King (cond.) 6. Rung for Mothering Sunday.

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BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Axbridge Branch. — Ringers' service, Weston-super-Mare, Saturday, April 26th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5.15 at the Guides' Hut, Upper Bristol Road. Meeting to follow.—E. J. Avery, Hon. Local Sec. 584

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Bridgwater Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Middlezoy, April 26th. Usual times. Names for tea, please.—R. Short, Chilton Trinity. 588

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Buckland Dinham, Saturday, April 26th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea to E. J. Chivers, Wingles, Chilcompton. 587

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Luton District. — Quarterly meeting, Tilsworth, April 26th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m. Stanbridge (first meeting since rehanging) in evening. — Dennis Knox, Dis. Sec. 600

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chester Branch. — Spring meeting, Hoole, April 26th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea not later than April 23rd, please.—Griffiths, 38, Beeston View, Chester. 619

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Norbury (Hazel Grove), April 26th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea please advise Mr. W. Fernley, 4, Grove Street, Hazel Grove, Stockport, by April 22nd. —C. K. Lewis. 594

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Meeting, Upton St. Mary's, Saturday, April 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5.30. Tea provided for those notifying me by 22nd. — Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 603

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Coventry, Saturday, April 26th Stoke and Allesley bells available 2—4 and in the evening. Cathedral service 4.30. Tea in Council House by kind invitation of His Worship the Mayor of Coventry (Councillor H. Weston). Business meeting to follow. Names for tea by Tuesday, April 22nd, **without fail**, please. Committee meet Wednesday, April 23rd, at 20, Broadgate (Pepper Lane entrance), Coventry, 7.15 p.m.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish. Hon. Gen. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. Phone Nuncaton 3296. 566

DEVON GUILD.—Practice at Holsworthy, Saturday, April 26th, 4.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Visitors welcomed. 602

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. —Tickhill, April 26th. Bells (8) 3. Tea 5. Names for tea by 23rd to Mr. J. Cannings, Northgate, Tickhill, Doncaster. — R. J. Sanderson. 597

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting, St. John's, Darlington, Saturday, April 26th, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, April 23rd, to Mr. T. Cooke, 24, Leafield Road, Darlington.— D. R. Airey. 581

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.— Meeting at Wormingford on April 26th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea, by April 23rd, to Mr. E. Leggett. The Dell. Wormingford, near Colchester.—R. D. 507

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Monthly meeting at Winterbourne, Saturday, April 26th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15. Names for tea by Monday, April 21st, to W. F. Scudamore, 6, Sandringham Avenue, Downend, Bristol. 604

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Chippenham Branch. — Meeting at Colerne (8), April 26th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Notify for tea by April 22nd R. Tigwell, 44, King Alfred Street, Chippenham. 578

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Slymbridge (6), April 26th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify for tea by April 22nd Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 610

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—King's Walden, Saturday, April 26th, 3 p.m. Special method, Double Bob. Tea 5 p.m. Names by April 23rd to E. Buck, 13, The Rise, Baldock. 577

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Lewisham District.—Quarterly meeting. West Wickham, Saturday, April 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, not later than Monday, 21st, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 545

LADIES' GUILD. — Midland District. — Meeting at Kingswinford, April 26th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, April 23rd, to Mr. H. Morgan, 63, Wartell Bank, Kingswinford, near Brierley Hill, Staffs. All ringers welcome.—J. Staniforth, Hon. Sec. 565

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bacup, on Saturday, April 26th. Towers available: Christ Church, Bacup, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and after meeting; St. Saviour's, Bacup, 1 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. and after meeting; Waterfoot (6) 10 a.m. to 3.30 p.m.; Newchurch 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tea tickets, 3s. each, from Mr. A. Mills, 1, Stanley Mount, Lane Head, Bacup, before April 22nd, together with money. 415

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting will be held at Leeds Parish Church on Saturday, April 26th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea can be obtained near the church (4 to 4.45 p.m.). Business meeting in the tower 7 p.m.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec. 616

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Stoke Golding, April 26th. Bells (6) 3. Tea 4.45. Please notify by April 23rd Mr. H. Hill, Gables, Wykin Lane, Stoke Golding, Nuneaton. 591

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Meeting, Long Clawson, April 26th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Room 5. Names by 24th to Mr. Edw. Tinsley, Long Clawson.—J. H. Cook. 605

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual meeting, Lincoln, April 26th. Bells of Cathedral (12) and St. Giles' (8) 2 to 3.45 p.m., St. Peter-at-Gowts (6) and St. Botolph's (6) 2 to 3.30 p.m. All again available after the meeting. Cathedral evensong at 4. Tea, 5, at Eastgate Court Cafe, followed by meeting. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to Mr. J. A. Freeman, 95, Sincil Bank, Lincoln.—J. Bray, Hon. Sec. 567

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting at Ticknall, April 26th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea to G. Soar, Ticknall, near Derby, by April 24th. 611

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION. — Annual meeting, April 26th. Holloway 11 to 1. Clerkenwell 3. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. St. Giles-in-the-Fields after meeting. Names for tea to Ernest Turner, 73, Braithwaite Gardens, Stanmore (WORdsworth 5109). 556

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.— Opening of Castle Acre bells, augmented to six, on Saturday, April 26th, by the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow Service 3. Tea and ringing after service Names for tea by Saturday, April 19th to the Rev. R. N. Evans, Castleacre Rectory. Owing to many visitors there, no tea without previous notice.—A. G. G. Thurlow, 3, Colegate, Norwich. 458

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting, Burnham, Saturday, April 26th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by April 21st.— Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 554

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.— Peterborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Whittlesey, St. Andrew's, April 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify for tea by April 22nd.—G. S. Bush, 18, Princes Street, Peterborough. 548

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Thrapston Branch.—Meeting at Great Addington, Saturday, April 26th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by Tuesday, please.—G. W. Jeffs, 4, Highfield Road, Thrapston, Kettering.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.— Kettering Branch.—Quarterly, Weekley, April 26th. Bells (6) 3. Names for tea by Tuesday, please. Names for bus on Whit Monday will be accepted at meeting.—G. E. Watson, 81, Church Street, Burton Latimer. 596

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.— Northampton Branch. — Harlestone (6), April 26th. Names for tea by April 22nd to Mr. Eric Nobles, Hon. Branch Sec., 48, Millway, Duston, Northants. 585

SALISBURY GUILD. — Calne Branch. — Meeting, Heddington (5), April 26th, at 3 p.m. Names for tea W. Hacker, Moggs Lane, Calstone, Calne, Wilts. 601

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — April meeting at Ruyton XI. Towns on 26th. Ringing at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Hon. Sec. before April 21st.—G. C. Bagley, 34, Wharfage, Ironbridge. 593

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Charlwood, April 26th. Bells (6) 3. Tea and meeting 5. Names for tea by Thursday, April 24th, to Mr. J. Ede, Claremont Villas, Charlwood. 551

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Deanery. — Corporate Communion, Easton-in-Gordano, April 27th, 8 a.m. Bells 7 a.m. Breakfast reserved for those notifying by April 23rd.—H. Carlsson, 4, Orchard Cottages, Easton-in-Gordano. 598

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Stretham (6), April 29th. Dedication of new treble and rehung bells by the Lord Bishop of Ely at 7 p.m. Meeting, May 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by 29th.—Miss M. Grain, Belmont, Ely. 595

NORWICH ASSOCIATION. — Informal Dinner Mardle. Open to all Norfolk and Suffolk Branches. Wednesday, April 30th, 7.30 p.m., Swan Hotel, East Harling. Handbells after. Tickets 7s. 6d. Names, please, to Dr. Paul Jonason, East Harling, Norwich. 875

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Glaston Deanery.—Meeting, Croscombe, Saturday, May 3rd. Bells 3. Service 4. Notify tea before Tuesday, 29th.—William Marsh, 4, Dovecotes, Street. 612

DEVON GUILD. — East Devon Branch. — Feniton, May 3rd. Service 4.15. Tea after. Names for tea not later than April 29th. Buckerell bells available.—J. Arbury, 2, Paternoster Row, Ottery St. Mary, Hon. Sec. 575

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Saturday, May 3rd, Benfieldside, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by May 1st to Mr. C. T. Lamb. 583

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. Division.— Crusader meeting, Barking (8), May 3rd. Bells available 3 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Plenty of cafes nearby.—F. V. G. 582

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting at Leicester, Saturday, May 3rd. Bells, St. Margaret's (12), St. John the Divine (10) and St. Mary de Castro (8), from 2 to 4. Service, St. George's, 4.30. Tea, St. George's Hall, 5, followed by meeting. Social evening afterwards at Victoria Hotel, Granby Street. Names for tea by April 29th to Mr. J. R. Smith, 13, Leopold Street, South Wigston, Leics.— W. A. Wood, Hon. Gen. Sec. 590

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Tydd St. Mary, Saturday, May 3rd. Bells from 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea before April 26th to Mr. J. W. Ketteringham, 4, Council House, Tydd St. Mary, Wisbech. 618

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Quarterly meeting, May 3rd, Wragby (6). Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.45 for those who notify me by Wednesday previous.—C. Brown, 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln. 615

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.— East Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Pakefield, Saturday, May 3rd. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. All names or numbers by Wednesday, April 30th, to P. Kindred, 102, Morton Road, Lowestoft, South Suffolk.—J. Harwood, Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — V.W.H. Branch.—Annual meeting, Faringdon, May 3rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea by April 30th to M. J. Pryor, 59, Marlborough Gardens, Faringdon. 607

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SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District. —Ringing meeting, Saturday, May 3rd, 2.30 p.m., Kelsale (8); 6 p.m., Saxmundham (6). Tea, own arrangements.—P. S. Bedford. 606

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary notice. — The annual general meeting of the Association will be held at Bradford Cathedral on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells (10) from 2.30 p.m. Full particulars next week. Please reserve the date as a large and representative meeting is desired.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford. 613

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Saturday, May 10th, meeting at St. Denys', Rotherfield, Sussex. Bells (8) 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Individual names for tea to Mr. W. Rogers, Vine Cottage, Rotherfield, Sussex. Tea in Memorial Institute. Train, Charing Cross, 1.25. Coach, Tunbridge Wells Central 2.39.—A. B. Peck. 614

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting, Brighton, May 10th. Service, St. Nicholas', 4.15. Tea 2s. 6d. (under 16, 1s. 3d.). Usual allowances. Individual names for tea before May 3rd. Ringing from 2.30, St. Peter's, St. Nicholas'. Good Shepherd after meeting.—S. E. Armstrong, 21, Kenmure Avenue, Brighton 6. 608

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD. — Preliminary notice.—Annual ringing week will take place August 25th–30th at Tunbridge Wells. Members will be circularised.—Gillian A. Smith, Dockhead House, 225, Abbey Street, S.E.1. 574

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OUR POLICY

RECENTLY a question was addressed to the Editor as to what was the policy of 'The Ringing World.'

We know that our journal is exclusive in character as being the only weekly periodical in the world devoted to the advancement of the art of change ringing and of stimulating good striking, but while that is the purpose of 'The Ringing World' its policy covers a far wider field.

It is not inappropriate to remind the many new readers that 'The Ringing World' was acquired by the Central Council in 1942 from the executors of the founder, Mr. John S. Goldsmith. By that act of purchase the journal became the recognised medium for communications from the Central Council to the affiliated Guilds and Associations. Thus in the formulating of the policy of the journal that policy must conform to the accepted decisions of the Council and there must be an appropriate loyalty to the Council. This does not mean that the Editor of 'The Ringing World' should stifle any point of view that is contrary to that of the Council, but there must be that primary surrender in the matter of editorials to the majority view as expressed by resolution at a full session of the Council.

Thus it comes about that the policy of 'The Ringing World' is the upholding of the Central Council in the various actions it takes towards the advancement of the art of change ringing. The Central Council is in the same relationship to change ringing as the M.C.C. is to cricket. It means that the principles governing what is a true peal must conform to the conditions laid down by the Council to be recognised by that Council. That does not mean that Harry Jones cannot ring a touch of Minor with a tenor behind if he wishes to for service ringing or on a practice night. The individual has perfect freedom to ring what he likes, but if he desires to receive recognition from his fellow ringers at large that his performance is in accordance with prescribed standards, then it must conform to the Council's decisions.

While, therefore, the policy of 'The Ringing World' is to uphold the Central Council and act as its mouthpiece in presenting the reports and findings of the Council and its committees to the Exercise, it also performs the same service to all affiliated bodies. The true presentation of their proceedings naturally has to be concise in character because of the limitation of space, but every guild is entitled to appropriate recognition. An essential function of 'The Ringing World' is to act as a clearing house for information between guilds and associations.

An important point in the policy of this journal is the encouragement of fraternal relationship between the whole body of church ringers. We doubt if there is another body of men and women with such a strong sense of comradeship and mutual understanding. From east to west, north to south, there has been established these strong bonds of friendship. The rivalry and petty jealousies that were, unfortunately, so marked in bygone years have given way to mutual understanding. This in no small measure has been engendered by the big social gatherings that appear in the Ringers' Calendar, the Guild Festivals, where a welcome is extended to all ringers, and those marked courtesies to visitors in a strange tower. It is the policy of 'The Ringing World' to do its utmost to advance such friendly relationships.

The policy of the journal is to provide an open forum, within reasonable bounds, to those who have a useful contribution to make to the advancement of ringing and the general interest of its readers. While the Editor exercises a wide measure of latitude, he uses a discretionary control. Because an expression of opinion is not in accord with the existing Decisions of the Council it does not mean that the particular point of view should be excluded from the correspondence columns. It is the policy of the journal that its pages should be open to those whose criticism is fair, without malice and without an ulterior motive.

This journal is the property of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, not the Central Council of Ringers. There is a definite accent on the word Church, and it is an integral part of our policy that due recognition should be received from diocesan and similar bodies that ringers are servants of the Church. It is our desire to establish the closest liaison. Such a recognition cannot be one-sided in character. The recognition by the Church carries with it corresponding responsibilities—the faithful performance of those duties in as proficient a manner as possible and the appropriate training to give that service. It is our policy to remind our readers that such service to the Church does not end with the ringing of the bells, that we ring our bells on Sundays and other special occasions to the glory of God and it is to the advancement of His Kingdom on earth that the whole Exercise is attuned.

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MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 12, 1952, *in* 4 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT THE TOWN HALL,
A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Five-course Block Rep. Tenor 42 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

WALTER ALLMAN	*Treble*	*ALAN A. POTTS	7
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	RALPH G. EDWARDS	8
WILFRED STEVENSON	3	PETER LAFLIN	9
JOHN E. BIBBY	4	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	10
C. KENNETH LEWIS	5	JOHN WORTH	11
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	6	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 14, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor 34½ cwt.

DAVID W. BEARD	*Treble*	ERNEST W. FURBANK	7
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Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
* First peal of Kent Maximus. † First peal of Maximus.

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On Mon., April 14, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 39 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in C.

HENRY H. FEARN	*Treble*	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	7
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TEN BELL PEALS

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On Sat., April 5, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 12½ cwt.

PETER N. BOND	*Treble*	WALTER H. GLASSPOOL	6
CHARLES H. KIPPIN	2	JOHN GILBERT	7
JOYCE R. COX	3	ERNEST BROWN	8
*NORMAN HAYES	4	REGINALD A. REED	9
C. ANN WEST	5	MAURICE J. BUTLER	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.
* First peal on 10 bells and first in the method. A birthday compliment to M. J. Butler.

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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
On Mon., April 14, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5093 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 34½ cwt.

JOHN J. L. GILBERT	*Treble*	NORMAN CHADDOCK	6
BARRY HOLLAND	2	*GIBSON JACKSON	7
DENNIS HOLLAND	3	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	8
*PHILIP COOTE	4	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK	9
†WILFRED L.-ROBINSON	5	FRED JACKSON	*Tenor*

Composed by M. J. MORRIS (C.C.C. 14). Conducted by N. CHADDOCK.
* First peal of Caters. † 50th peal.

WELLS, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 14, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 56 cwt. 42 lb. in B flat.

JOHN CHILCOTT	*Treble*	JOHN HILL	6
DAVID E. PARSONS	2	NOEL J. DISERENS	7
JOHN W. STEPHENSON	3	T. MARK WHITE	8
MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT	4	PHILIP A. F. CHALK	9
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A PEAL OF 5120 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

NOLAN GOLDEN	*Treble*	CHARLES W. LOOME	5
H. WILLIAM BARRETT	2	ERNEST WHITING	6
ARTHUR G. BASON	3	BERT GOGLE	7
STANLEY W. COPLING	4	FREDERICK SEAGER	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., April 3, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5056 TRING SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 10 lb. in A.

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	*Treble*	JOHN PINFOLD	5
MURIEL REAY	2	TERRY R. HAMPTON	6
FRANK E. HAYNES	3	HENRY H. FEARN	7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.
First peal in the method by all, and for the Guild.

BUNGAY, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 5, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 32 lb. in F.

GEORGE W. HOWLETT	*Treble*	ERNEST WHITING	5
GEORGE SAYER	2	ARTHUR G. BASON	6
H. WILLIAM BARRETT	3	NOLAN GOLDEN	7
CHARLES W. LOOME	4	*FREDERICK SEAGER	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal in the method. Composition contains all combinations of 4-5-6 in 5-6 and 6 ten courses home.

HADLOW, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., April 6, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 15 cwt. in A flat.

*LUTHER J. HONESS	*Treble*	ROY E. WOOD	5
ERNEST J. LADD	2	BERNARD V. COLLISON	6
TOM SAUNDERS	3	WILLIAM R. MANSER	7
ARTHUR F. LEWRY	4	JOHN T. MEDHURST	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.
* 200th peal. Arranged and rung as a welcome to the new Vicar of Hadlow, Canon R. S. Greaves.

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WICKEN, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 5, 1952, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

WILLIAM YATES	*Treble*	HERBERT C. EDWARDS	5
WILLIAM CHESTER	2	REGINALD H. HOWSON	6
GEORGE W. HOLLAND	3	FRANK J. GREEN	7
*EDWIN R. LAMBERT	4	GEORGE E. GREEN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. GREEN. Conducted by GEORGE E. GREEN.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

EDMONTON, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 12, 1952, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5024 EDMONTON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17¼ cwt.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER	*Treble*	ALICK CUTLER	5
ALFRED J. HOUSE	2	LEONARD H. BOWLER	6
ANNE B. STOCKDALE	3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	7
PHILIP J. COWARD	4	FRANK E. DARBY	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.
First peal in the method.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 14, 1952, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

JEAN C. BROWN	*Treble*	ROGER LEIGH	5
HARRY W. HOWARD	2	ALAN N. BROWN	6
JAMES CARTER	3	*JACK CLEGG	7
RONALD M. EDWARDS	4	DEREK OGDEN	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by JACK CLEGG.
* 75th peal and 25th as conductor. Rung for the Easter Festival.

BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 14, 1952, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Ten-part (C.C.C. 26). Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

*BERNARD R. MILLWARD	*Treble*	FREDERICK H. BIRKS	5
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	2	†BRIAN HARRIS	6
*J. BENJAMIN BUDD	3	PERCY SWINDLEY	7
*DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	4	*JOHN E. USHER	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
* First peal of Triples in the method. † First peal of Triples in the method 'inside.' A wedding compliment to Miss Nancy P. Birks (a former member of the local company) and Mr. John K. Hanton; also a birthday peal for Mr. John E. Usher.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 14, 1952, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11½ cwt.

CECIL E. R. EVANS	*Treble*	ALBERT C. WENBAN	5
REGINALD ROWLEY	2	JOHN E. ROOTES	6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	3	*LEONARD J. NORTH	7
JOHN D. A. CLEAVER	4	NEVILLE JENKINS	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY.
* First peal.

CANNOCK, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Mon., April 14, 1952, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 11 lb.

*CLIVE SMITH	*Treble*	*PETER BERESFORD	5
*FRANCIS A. SEDGWICK	2	*DENNIS BERESFORD	6
*J. NORMAN HADLEY	3	*JEFFREY B. WEBB	7
*JOAN BERESFORD	4	GEORGE E. OLIVER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by GEORGE E. OLIVER.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

HEREFORD.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 14, 1952, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 17¼ cwt.

ROSEMARY JARRETT	*Treble*	REGINALD T. JONES	5
AUSTIN T. WINGATE	2	GEORGE DAVIS	6
WILFRID F. MORETON	3	MICHAEL P. MORETON	7
FREDERICK R. HARRIS	4	LESLIE QUARTERMAIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL P. MORETON.
First peal of Triples and in the method as conductor. Rung in honour of the Easter Festival.

HINDLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 14, 1952, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

JAMES W. GROUNDS	*Treble*	W. E. ALLMAN	5
HARRY S. COOPER	2	HENRY PARKER	6
KENNETH EDWARDS	3	RALPH TAYLOR	7
HAROLD WORRALL	4	JOHN ASHCROFT	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JOHN ASHCROFT.
First peal of Major as conductor. A 21st birthday compliment to Gordon Halls, of Newton-le-Willows.

MANSFIELD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon. April 14, 1952, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's Variation. Tenor 16 cwt. 11 lb. in F.

CHALES CARR	*Treble*	*JOHN ROBINSON	5
*EVELYN PEAT	2	J. FREDERICK MILNER	6
†GEORGE E. FOSTER	3	CLARENCE F. BRIGGS	7
L. WILLIAM JACQUES	4	HARRY BAGULEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. FREDERICK MILNER.
* First peal of Stedman. † 100th peal.

MARSHFIELD, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 14, 1952, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

MERVYN KING	*Treble*	DAVID J. KING	5
JACQUELINE S. EVANS	2	DAVID S. VOSS	6
A. RYAN PRICE	3	JACK R. WORRALL	7
BRYNLEY J. PARRY	4	JAMES L. FITZGERALD	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.
The first peal of Bob Triples by all the band except the conductor. First peal of Bob Triples as conductor.

MILES PLATTING, MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 14, 1952, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12½ cwt.

*JAMES CARTER	*Treble*	JEAN C. BROWN	5
ROGER LEIGH	2	HARRY W. HOWARD	6
ALAN N. BROWN	3	DEREK OGDEN	7
CHARLES CLEGG	4	†JACK CLEGG	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JACK CLEGG.
* First peal of Treble Bob to Cambridge. † 50th peal of Major. Rung for the 40th anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

MORPETH, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 14, 1952, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE WATCH TOWER,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 26 lb.

HERBERT P. CLIFF	*Treble*	THOMAS W. CROWE	5
*STEPHEN THOMPSON	2	*THOMAS M. COX	6
CHARLES MCGUINESS	3	†ERIC N. HARRISON	7
*KATHLEEN SOFTLEY	4	KENNETH ARTHUR	*Tenor*

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by KENNETH ARTHUR.
* First peal in the method. † 25th peal. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal in the method on the restored bells. Recorded as a birthday compliment to T. M. Cox.

PENDLEBURY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 14, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Davies's Five-part. Tenor 13½ cwt.

*ROY POWELL	*Treble*	NORMAN TOMPKINS	5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	2	JOSEPH THORNLEY	6
*IAN MCEWAN	3	PETER CROOK, SEN.	7
WILLIAM THOMPSON	4	HENRY PRESCOTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.
* First peal. Rung in honour of the Feast of Eastertide.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., April 15, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12¾ cwt.

JAMES BENNETT	*Treble*	RALPH BIRD	5
EDWIN BARNETT	2	ERIC NAYLOR	6
BARBARA A. MITCHELL	3	JOHN E. CANNELL	7
MICHAEL FULLER	4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.
A birthday compliment to Miss Sheila Gramson, of West Wickham (aged 21) and to Mr. Edwin Barnett.

HAMPTON, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD
On Tues., April 15, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

*ROGER WOODCOCK	*Treble*	SIDNEY J. WOODCOCK	5
BRIAN L. TAYLOR	2	PETER C. RIDGWAY	6
PETER A. LAWRENCE	3	TERENCE H. BLUNT	7
ROBERT G. LAY	4	RICHARD E. PRICE	*Tenor*

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by RICHARD E. PRICE.
* First peal.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.
On Tues., April 15, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Trans. of Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb.

RODERICK J. LEES	*Treble*	ALFRED C. BOXLEY	5
HAROLD J. SHUCK	2	STANLEY PRESTIDGE	6
FRANCES RAYBOULD	3	WILLIAM DAVIES	7
FREDERICK G. HANDLEY	4	JACK TROMANS	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM DAVIES.
Rung for the Easter Festival. Also a 71st birthday compliment to H. Hill, a ringer at this tower.

BURGHILL, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., April 17, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

*REGINALD BULLOCK	*Treble*	FREDERICK R. HARRIS	5
LESLIE EVANS	2	MICHAEL P. MORETON	6
F. ERIC ROBERTS	3	AUSTIN T. WINGATE	7
†ARNOLD G. HAZLEDEN	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major 'inside.'

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., April 17, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 SINGLE OXFORD MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 28 lb.

FRANK LORD	*Treble*	RONALD CHAFER	5
C. AUBREY HARRISON	2	HARRY HALL	6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	3	JACK BRAY	7
GEORGE W. MOODY	4	PHILIP BARNES	*Tenor*

Composed by N. PITSTOW. Conducted by JACK BRAY.
First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., April 17, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5152 EASTCOTE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER	*Treble*	*†RICHARD F. B. SPEED	5
*THOMAS H. FRANCIS	2	ALICK CUTLER	6
*†ANNE B. STOCKDALE	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
LEONARD H. BOWLER	4	*FRANK E. DARBY	*Tenor*

Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.
* First peal in the method. † 50th peal together.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., April 18, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17½ cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON	*Treble*	ALBERT GREENHALGH	5
BRIAN A. TOMLINSON	2	PETER CROOK, SEN.	6
*NORMAN TOMPKINS	3	RICHARD BENSON	7
*IAN P. MCEWAN	4	*JOSEPH THORNLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by O. LANG. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.
* First peal of Kent Major.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHRIE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., April 18, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

*REX WITHAM	*Treble*	†HORACE MYATT	5
PAUL LEA TAYLOR	2	†LEONARD CHAMBERS	6
C. WILLIAM HALL	3	†JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	7
HORACE O. OVER	4	ROLAND BENISTON	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.
* First peal of Treble Bob hunt. † First peal of Kent. First peal of Kent as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the fourth.

SIX BELL PEALS

HARDWICKE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Mar. 31, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

DORIS H. SHEPPARD	*Treble*	JACK R. WORRALL	4
JOAN BUSSEY	2	WILLIAM RICHINGS	5
DORIS M. KILLINGLEY	3	LESLIE BARRY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.
A birthday compliment to Mrs. G. Bussey.

WINWICK, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., April 2, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of: Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

*KENNETH EDWARDS	*Treble*	HAROLD WORRALL	4
*GORDON HALLS	2	JOHN ASHCROFT	5
RONALD POCKINGTON	3	CECIL RADDON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN ASHCROFT.
* First peal in seven methods. First peal in seven methods as conductor. Rung to welcome the new Rector, Canon Irwin.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., April 3, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor 6½ cwt.

FREDERICK E. WATSON	*Treble*	L. EDGAR CHAPMAN	4
*BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	2	E. CHARLES TURNER	5
WILLIAM A. WOOD	3	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON.
* First peal of Minor in the method. Rung to the respected memory of Charles Marshall.

LEADENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 5, 1952, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents in 20 methods, viz.: (1) Charlwood, Neasden, Wragby and St. Albans Delight, (2) Capel, Sandal, Kingston and London Scholars' Pleasure Treble Bob, (3) Newdigate, Old Oxford, Willesden and College Bob IV. Delight, (4) Ockley, Duke of Norfolk, Norbury and College Exercise Treble Bob, (5) Trinity Sunday, (6) Killamarsh, (7) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

AMOS INGALL	*Treble*	MOSES BILLINGS	4
*BERTIE BEE	2	LOUIS WILLDERS	5
†RONALD APPLEWHITE	3	JOHN E. COOK	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN E. COOK.

* First peal in 20 methods. † First peal in 20 methods 'inside.' First peal in 20 Treble Bob methods by all the band.

OCKBROOK, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 5, 1952, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Double Court and Plain Bob, and one each of Oxford, Kent, and Cambridge. Tenor 9 cwt.

ALBERT E. THOMPSON	*Treble*	JACK BAILEY	4
FRANCIS R. LOWE	2	DENIS R. CARLISLE	5
C. JOHN GIBBS	3	HAROLD TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK BAILEY.

SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 5, 1952, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

*DAVID J. TEMPLE	*Treble*	*RICHARD GARDINER	4
*RHONA BENDING	2	JOHN WEST	5
†MARY E. SHADRACK	3	JOSEPH E. G. ROAST	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH E. G. ROAST.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor. Average age of band 16½ years.

HEMINGBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Good Friday, April 11, 1952, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three different extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and one extent of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

MRS. J. J. TAYLOR	*Treble*	JOHN WARDLE	4
WILLIAM GRAVES	2	JOHN J. TAYLOR	5
ROBERT B. SMITH	3	LESLIE M. WOODHEAD	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE M. WOODHEAD.

Rung with the bells half-muffled.

DOUGLAS-IN-PARBOLD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 12, 1952, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

ERIC EDMONDSON	*Treble*	WILFRED CORE	4
TOM MARSHALL	2	GEORGE MILLS	5
RONALD KENRICK	3	ARTHUR MAWDSLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR MAWDSLEY.

TIDENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 12, 1952, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge, Double Court and Oxford, and two extents of Kent and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

*DAVID S. VOSS	*Treble*	*DONALD G. CLARKE	4
*JACQUELINE S. EVANS	2	DAVID J. KING	5
*FRANK D. MACK	3	JACK R. WORRALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

* First 720 of Surprise. First peal in five methods by all the band except the conductor. The first peal on the bells



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HOLKHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., April 13, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WITHIBURGA,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of a 720 each of (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford Treble Bob, (3) Kent Treble Bob, (4) Double Oxford, (5) Single Oxford, (6) St. Clement's Bob and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in E.

*MRS. EVELYN M. HICKS	*Treble*	ERNEST H. MASTIN	4
CECIL V. EBBERSON ..	2	NORMAN V. HARDING ..	5
CLAUDIA A. HARDING ..	3	FRANK H. HICKS	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

* First peal in seven methods.

ADWICK-LE-STREET, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 14, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford, and Kent Treble Bob, and St. Clement's, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb.

JOHN THORLEY	*Treble*	DENNIS A. CHAPMAN ..	4
J. MARTIN THORLEY	2	HOWARD SCOTT	5
DOREEN E. SMYTHE	3	RONALD J. SANDERSON ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Tues., April 15, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise, and two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 13 lb.

CLIVE M. SMITH	*Treble*	J. NORMAN HADLEY	4
*MONICA WALKER	2	MAURICE G. TURNER ..	5
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER..	3	HOWARD HOWELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.

* First peal of Minor and in more than one method. Rung for the Easter Festival and a birthday compliment to Mr. S. W. Smith.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., April 3, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT 76, COLLINGHAM ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor size 15 in C.

HARRY POYNER	1—2	ERNEST MORRIS	5—6
*DEREK G. GOODMAN ..	3—4	BRIAN G. WARWICK	7—8

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK. Witness: WINIFRED M. BURTON.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples 'in hand.' A birthday compliment to Mrs. S. Burton.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., April 6, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5112 SPLICED MAJOR

In eight methods, comprising 1,504 Plain Bob, 1,416 Gainsborough Little Bob, 576 Little Bob, 416 Reverse Bob; 352 each of Double and St. Clement's Bob; 288 Wellington Little Bob, and 208 Crayford Little Bob, with 403 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

WILLIAM G. YOUNG ..	1—2	DANIEL T. MATKIN	5—6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	3—4	ROY C. HURST	7—8

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYNE, STAFFORDSIHRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., April 8, 1952, *in* 1 *Hour and* 45 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in eight methods: (1) Thelwall Bob and Double Oxford Bob, (2) Childwall Bob and St. Clement's Bob, (3) Plain Bob, (4) Double Bob, (5) Double Bob and Plain Bob, (6) Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Kent Treble Bob. Tenor size 14¼ in C sharp.

ERIC NIXON	1—2	FREDERICK WM. GROCOTT	3—4
		MICHAEL SLANEY	5—6

Conducted by FREDERICK WM. GROCOTT.

First peal in eight Minor methods for the Association and by all the band.

John Taylor & Co.

LOUGHBOROUGH

The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

ALDENHAM, HERTS.—On April 6th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: W. Inwood (first quarter) 1, C. Evans 2, R. Rowley 3, C. Wenban 4, W. Wenban (cond.) 5, J. Cleaver 6, J. E. Rootes 7, A. C. Wenban 8.

ARDLEIGH, ESSEX.—On April 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Andrews 1, F. Erith 2, J. Gould 3, G. Barnes 4, A. Honeywood 5, P. G. Barnes (cond.) 6. A farewell quarter to P. G. Barnes, who is leaving for his National Service.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On April 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Scoot 1, R. Webb 2, T. Holehouse 3, E. Buck (cond.) 4, W. Hitch (first in method) 5, W. Pooley 6, J. Dear 7, W. Collins 8.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICS.—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Double Oxford Bob Minor: J. W. Lowe 1, K. Lovett 2, G. J. Lowe 3, F. K. Thompson 4, R. G. W. Soars 5, H. Myatt (cond.) 6. First quarter in the method by all. Rung as a farewell to G. J. Lowe, who is leaving to serve in H.M. Forces.

BENTLEY, YORKS.—On Easter Day, at St. Peter's, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. A. Sanderson 1, Miss D. Smythe (cond.) 2, Mrs. E. Wylie 3, D. Wheat 4, R. J. Sanderson 5. (

BOCKING, ESSEX.—On Mar. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. M. James (first quarter of Minor) 1, Miss J. Starling 2, Mrs. M. E. Moore 3, R. Suckling 4, S. Bones 5, Miss H. G. Snowden (cond.) 6.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.—On April 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Pryke (first quarter) 1, J. H. Sitch 2, T. Wilson 3, H. Turner (cond.) 4, B. Hines 5, A. Pryke 6, D. Symonds 7, C. Sharplin 8. Rung for the wedding of Mr. P. R. Young and Miss P. Bennett Gay.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Bennett 1, F. E. Roberts 2, Miss M. Tilbury 3, A. G. Hazelden 4, R. Poston 5, W. T. Poston 6, W. Poston (cond.) 7, J. Parsons 8. First quarter of Triples for 1 and 3.

BRISTOL.—At St. Stephen the Martyr, on Easter Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. M. Tyler 1, F. C. Mogford 2, H. Bennett 3, J. Stallard 4, L. Pearce 5, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 6, A. A. Hilliar 7, W. Parker 8.

CHEPSTOW, MON.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. F. Blundell 1, J. J. Simms 2, Jacqueline S. Evans 3, Yvonne Porter 4, J. E. Morgan 5, D. S. Voss 6, D. J. King (cond.) 7, C. G. Bryant 8. First quarter for 1 and 8. First 'inside' for 2 and 6. Rung for Evensong and as a farewell to C. F. Blundell.

CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Oliver 1, E. Henderson 2, R. Oliver 3, W. Tyson 4, A. Cowan 5, R. Skelton 6, T. Dodd (cond.) 7, T. Hargreaves 8.

CRADLEY, WORCS.—On April 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. G. Hall 1, Miss F. Raybould, B.A., 2, H. Wyre 3, A. Wyre 4, H. White 5, L. R. Hall 6, H. J. Shuck (cond.) 7, J. Griffiths 8. Rung for Easter Sunday.

ESHER, SURREY.—On Mar. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. J. Rooke (first quarter) 1, Mrs. W. Massey 2, W. Massey 3, G. Huxley 4, J. King 5, H. Colcombe 6, W. Simmonds (cond.) 7, R. Rooke (first quarter) 8. First quarter peal on the bells since augmented to 8.

GOODNESTONE, KENT.—On April 5th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob: H. Stringer 1, J. Walter 2, S. Walter 3, H. J. Saunders 4, H. R. French 5, B. J. Luck (cond.) 6. Rung in honour of the treble ringer's birthday.

HALESOWEN, WORCS.—On Mar. 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Greenhall 1, J. H. Cox 2, Miss W. Pretty 3, T. Greenhall (cond.) 4, H. Shilvock 5, L. Clissett 6, B. E. Woodall 7, T. Cockin 8. A welcome to the new Rector (the Rev. P. Blakiston).

HOLLOWAY, LONDON.—On April 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. D. Prockson 1, Miss M. A. Prockson 2, E. F. Pryor 3, J. Morris 4, D. F. Harman 5, F. C. W. Knight 6, R. H. Begrie (cond.) 7, H. W. Barnard 8.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.—On April 1st, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: R. Sandford 1, J. Salway 2, A. Tapley 3, E. E. Retter 4, A. Holway 5, W. Reeks 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, C. R. Sandford 8. First in the method for 3 and 6.

HOPE, FLINTSHIRE.—On April 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. J. Price 1, W. H. Lewis (cond.) 2, W. Humphreys 3, H. A. Price 4, S. J. Lewis 5, P. Mathers 6. Rung as a compliment to the Rector of Hope and Mrs. Hughes on their wedding anniversary, and as a welcome to the Rev. T. J. Bryan and family as curate of Hope.

KINGSTHORPE, NORTHANTS.—On Palm Sunday, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Felce (first quarter Minor) 1, J. Payne 2, F. Benfield 3, S. Earl 4, E. Frost 5, E. Nobles (cond.) 6.

KINGSTON-UPON-THAMES, SURREY.—On April 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. A. Clarke 1, Miss B. M. Harris 2, W. Sparrow 3, F. E. Hawthorne (cond.) 4, C. W. R. Grimwood 5, G. C. Goodman 6, N. S. Bagworth 7, H. E. Ellis 8. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

LYDNEY, GLOS.—On Mar. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. B. Kear 1, W. H. Harris 2, R. J. Thomas (first quarter) 3, J. W. Davis 4, J. L. Smith (cond.) 5, D. Townsend (first quarter) 6. An 83rd birthday compliment to Mr. J. W. Davis, who has been a ringer and tower-keeper here for 61 years.

QUARTER PEALS

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS.—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. H. Conquest 1, W. Morris 2, H. B. Whitney 3, R. Butcher 4, F. J. Plummer 5, V. W. Conquest (cond.) 6, E. J. Conquest 7, M. Conquest 8. Rung for Easter Day, and a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Conquest, parents of ringers of 6, 7 and 8.

LONDON.—At St. Giles-in-the-Fields, on Mar. 29th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Miss J. H. Friswell 1, Mrs. I. B. Smith 2, G. A. Parsons 3, Miss G. L. Friswell 4, R. H. C. Wilkings 5, M. Sinden 6, D. F. Harman 7, D. Neal (cond.) 8.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On April 13th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: E. L. Taylor 1, Mrs. C. W. Powell 2, C. W. Powell 3, Canon C. C. Cox (first as cond. in the method) 4, H. G. Keeley 5, R. Keeley 6, G. H. Whitemore 7, G. S. Morris 8. Rung for the Easter Festival.

MARHAMCHURCH, CORNWALL.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Vinnicombe 1, A. J. Hicks 2, L. Facey (first quarter 'inside') 3, R. J. Hicks 4, C. E. Taylor (cond.) 5, J. Hambly (first quarter) 6. A birthday compliment to Mr. C. E. B. Scatliff, organist at this church.

MARKET DRAYTON, SALOP.—On April 6th, 1,248 Superlative Surprise Major: F. Price 1, B. Madeley (first in method) 2, W. Lycett 3, R. Hazeldine (first in method) 4, T. Price 5, A. Hickman 6, S. Hughes 7, W. Tyler (cond.) 8. Rung prior to Confirmation service by the Bishop of Lichfield.

MARTIN-BY-TIMBERLAND, LINCS.—On April 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Jackson (first quarter) 1, F. Ingall 2, A. Ingall 3, P. Mason 4, B. Bee 5, L. Willders (cond.) 6. Rung for the wedding of Mr. R. Bradley and Miss E. M. Frost.

MERROW, SURREY.—On April 1st, 1,260 Doubles (240 St. Simon's, 240 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 240 Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire): F. A. Smith (first quarter) 1, Miss P. Warren 2, G. L. Grover 3, R. W. Morant 4, J. Glanville (cond.) 5, D. Clarry (first quarter) 6.

NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS, LANCS.—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor, with 7-8 covering: G. Bailey (first quarter) 1, K. Edwards 2, P. Millward (first quarter in method) 3, J. Mawdsley, sen., 4, J. Ashcroft 5, G. A. Halls (first quarter in method as cond.) 6, J. Mawdsley, jun., 7, R. Clark 8.

NEWINGTON, FOLKESTONE, KENT.—On Mar. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rosemary P. Longhurst (first quarter) 1, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 2, M. J. Martin 3, E. J. Walker 4, J. Chittenden 5, G. F. Gray 6. Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter (Hilary Dianne) to Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Chandler, of Cheriton.

NORTH MYMMS, HERTS.—On April 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. R. Sherlock (first quarter) 1, Miss M. Lawrence (first 'inside') 2, Miss A. E. Satter (first 'inside') 3, Miss J. M. Midgley 4, J. R. Lofty 5, G. Spencer 6, T. J. Lock (cond.) 7, P. J. Coles 8.

OLD SWINFORD, WORCS.—On Mar. 29th, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: R. Chance 1, R. G. Morris 2, R. Woodyatt 3, S. T. Holt (cond.) 4, C. Skidmore 5, H. V. Cooper 6, N. Goodmar 7, T. W. Lewis 8.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Cross 1, J. Burt 2, F. Tindall 3, J. A. Coombs 4, D. Stone 5, A. J. Bates (cond.) 6, W. Welling 7, G. Coussins 8.

PORTSMOUTH.—On April 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. G. Leale (first quarter of Stedman) 1, J. D. Harris 2, T. R. Taylor 3, F. W. Burnett 4, S. E. Cook 5, J. W. Meade 6, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 7, F. G. Edwards 8.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.—On Mar. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. J. Sadler 1, D. Coombes 2, P. Sadler 3, J. Belcham 4, B. J. Howard 5, A. Wiffen 6, V. W. Grimwade (cond.) 7, B. Sadler 8. Rung for the patronal festival.

PURTON, WILTS.—On April 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Berry 1, F. H. Strange 2, R. Shailes (cond.) 3, F. Sorsby 4, V. Griffin 5, C. R. Shailes 6. Rung as a compliment to E. J. Webber, of the local band, on his 80th birthday.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Cox 1, E. Cassell 2, R. Charge 3, A. Jones 4, S. Howard 5, R. Sanders 6, W. T. Elson (cond.) 7, W. Winter 8. An 85th birthday compliment to the conductor.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.—On April 5th, 1,568 Yorkshire Surprise Major: J. Mussell 1, Miss E. Brown 2, W. Shute 3, A. V. Davis 4, R. N. Marlow 5, J. Hartless 6, R. Reed 7, W. Cheater (cond.) 8.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Easter Sunday, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: A. D. Rivers 1, W. Birmingham 2, Miss R. Tabraham 3, B. L. Taylor 4, F. Scott 5, E. E. Gosling 6, J. M. Ellwood 7, W. F. Butler (cond.) 8. First quarter in the method for 1, 3, 4, 5, 7 and 8, and first in the method as conductor. Rung for the Easter Festival, and as a birthday compliment to A. D. Rivers.

SALISBURY, WILTS.—On Mar. 23rd, at St. Thomas's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Lowe 1, H. Abrahams (cond.) 2, Miss M. Page 3, J. Sutton 4, L. Page 5, J. Mussell 6, R. N. Marlow 7, E. Doel 8. Rung for Mothering Sunday.

SOUTHAMPTON.—At St. Mary's, on Easter Sunday, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. C. Williams 1, J. W. Faithfull (cond.) 2, Ann West (first quarter Stedman) 3, Joyce Cox 4, N. Hayes (first quarter Stedman) 5, M. J. Butler 6, R. W. Rex 7, W. Glasspool 8.

SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX.—On April 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Myhill 1, E. J. Runter 2, H. A. Shadrack 3, G. P. Sollars 4, Mary E. Shadrack (cond.) 5, P. J. Eves 6. Rung in honour of the wedding of Sergt. J. K. Shadrack, R.A.F., to Miss O. E. Evans.

STAMFORD HILL, LONDON.—On Mar. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. H. Neal 1, J. H. Friswell 2, I. M. Parry 3, R. K. C. Wilkings 4, E. J. Rowe (cond.) 5, L. H. Green 6.

STANWELL, MIDDLX.—On Mar. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Double Grandsire, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas, Royal Union, Cassington, Eynsham, New, Reverse Canterbury, Kennington, April Day, Old, Norfolk, Plain): Rita Thompson 1, K. Frith 2, F. Blagrove (cond.) 3-4, R. Smith 5, Doris Thompson 6. First in fifteen for all and on the bells. Also on Mar. 9th, 13,260 Doubles (Single, Double and Reverse Grandsire, Union, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas', Reverse Union, Winchendon Place, Accrington Place, Cassington, Eynsham, Plain, Place Bob, Reverse Canterbury, April Day, Kennington, Norfolk, Old): Rita Thompson 1, S. Saban 2, F. Blagrove (cond.) 3-4, K. Frith 5, Doris Thompson 6. First quarter in 19 methods for all and on the bells. Both by Sunday service band.

STAVELEY, DERBYS.—On Easter Day, 1,280 Plain Bob Minor: Miss R. Dickenson (first quarter, 13) 1, L. G. Palmer 2, H. Paddison 3, A. E. Parsons (cond.) 4, W. Dickenson 5, D. Parsons 6.

ST. MELLONS, MON.—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Doubles (600 Stedman and 660 Grandsire): G. Monk 1, J. R. Worrall (cond.) 2, Miss D. L. Hulbert 3, L. I. Hulbert 4, G. Chouls 5, D.Monk (first quarter) 6.

STROUD, GLOS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Riddiford 1, G. Latham 2, B. Latham 3, Miss D. Shepperd 4, T. Pritchard 5, B. Cottle 6, T. Witts (cond.) 7, W. Dean 8.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.—At St. James's, on Easter Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss I. Sevier (first quarter) 1, F. Matravers 2, W. H. Tarr 3, D. Witt 4, W. Warren 5, H. Mackridge 6, W. G. Gigg (cond.) 7, G. Sage 8. A birthday compliment to the Vicar (the Rev. E. Hirst).

TERRINGTON, ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.—On April 6th, 1,260 London Surprise: Miss C. Harding 1, S. G. Elsey 2, J. Fox 3, W. Cousins 4, E. Mastin (cond.) 5, C. Cousins 6. A birthday compliment to C. Cousins.

THORLEY, HERTS.—On April 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Barbara Warboys (first quarter, aged 15) 1, C. Warboys 2, P. Warboys (first quarter of Grandsire as cond.) 3, F. Bird 4, T. Camp 5, J. Foreman 6.

WANBOROUGH, WILTS.—On Mar 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Harrison (first quarter) 1, Mrs. L. Love (first quarter 'inside') 2, E. C. Anger (cond.) 3, D. Lester (first quarter) 4, F. W. Pearce (first quarter 'inside') 5, J. Pearce 6. First quarter by a local band. A token of appreciation to Mr. W. Ayres, who has left Wanborough after being a ringer here for 15 years.

WARMINSTER, WILTS.—On Easter Monday, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. E. Hawkins (first in method) 1, Mrs. A. D. Pearson (first in method) 2, E. F. Marlow 3, C. N. Pearson (cond.) 4, N. G. Knee 5, T. E. Mallard 6. A farewell quarter to the conductor and his wife, who are leaving for Haslemere, Surrey.

WATERLOO, LONDON.—On Mar. 16th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. A. Hales 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, Miss A. M. Castle 3, C. H. Wood 4, N. Hollingworth 5, E. T. Beauchamp 6, C. W. Ottley 7, J. Bullock 8.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On April 6th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Angela Bell (first of Major) 1, H. G. Timms 2, F. M. Crook 3, R. G. Smith 4, A. W. Dix 5, W. G. Paul 6, S. H. Hoare 7, G. W. Seaman (cond.) 8.

WISBECH, CAMBS.—On April 6th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: P. Barrett 1, C. Butters 2, W. Jarvis 3, Miss M. Whitlock 4, S. Haw 5, W. Storey 6, F. Moyes 7, F. Wigmore (cond.) 8, W. Freeman 9, G. Duffield 10.

WOOD GREEN, WEDNESBURY.—On Easter Sunday, 1,280 combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major: B. Bicknell 1, Miss M. Walker 2, E. Marlow 3, J. R. Cotterill 4, Miss J. Cotterill 5, E. J. Tyler 6, J. N. Hadley 7, M. G. Turner (cond.) 8.

WORTHEN, SALOP.—On April 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. J. Green 1, D. A. Passant 2, E. T. Embry 3, E. W. Colley (cond.) 4, L. Colley 5, J. D. Green 6.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFS.—At St. Luke's, on Mar. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss V. Corbett (first quarter) 1, E. E. Speake 2, T. G. Martin 3, H. L. Flavell 4, A. D. Collins 5, C. R. Collins 6, T. Reynolds (cond.) 7, H. Boswell 8. Rung half-muffled for William Brant, formerly of the local band, and also for James Powis, Sunday School superintendent.

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The peal of Double Norwich at Wicken on April 5th was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. J. Green, local tower captain. Although restricted in his ringing during the last two years owing to ill-health, Mr. Green is now able to enjoy short touches on the bells. The band, and all local ringers, congratulate him and sincerely hope that his progress to better health continues rapidly.

BELFRY GOSSIP

One hundred years of service as parish clerks, choristers and bellringers by members of the Hoare family at Woodston, Peterborough, was marked by 720 Bob Minor rung for evening service on Easter Sunday by Mr. Herbert Hoare, his three sons (Eric, Stanley and Bert) and his two brothers (Charles and Stephen).

At the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association annual meeting at Berkeley no less than five ringing clergy were present, all connected with the Wotton-under-Edge Branch.

We regret to hear that Mr. C. J. More, the captain of the Diss tower, is ill. We join with the band who rang a quarter peal at Diss on April 15th, in wishing him a speedy recovery.

There has been criticism in the past concerning ringing on Good Friday. The half-muffled peal rung at Hemingbrough, Yorks, on Good Friday, was at the special request of the Vicar. When such a request is made we think ringers should comply. Half-muffled ringing has a special message to the community.

Miss Christine Beale, daughter of Mr. Reginald Beale, of Shepton Beauchamp, Somerset, is a promising recruit to the Exercise. At her first serious practice night, on handbells, she rang her first quarter peal, which was conducted by Mr. Jack W. Drew, and her father rang the trebles We wish Christine many happy hours in our belfries.

The Radio Luxembourg feature, 'Wedding Bells,' last Tuesday, contained the reading of a letter from Mr. Joseph Burgess, of Greenfield, near Oldham, telling of his friend Harry Nutt's 50th wedding anniversary. A guinea prize went to Mr. Nutt. Mr. Burgess and Mr. Nutt have been ringers for over 50 years. Many more happy rings together!

The peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, on Easter Monday, should have been conducted by Mr. Albert Walker, who had for some time been looking forward to adding this fine twelve to his impressive list of twelve-bell towers where he has called peals. Unfortunately illness vented his ringing—a great disappointment both to Mr. Walker and to the band.

Not since 1926 had a peal of Stedman Cinques been rung here. Despite the stormy weather, several visiting ringers, as well as some of the 'locals 'gave a critical ear to the ringing throughout the afternoon.

We are certain that all will join in the hope that Mr. Walker will soon be restored to complete health and able to celebrate his 76th birthday in May with at least one peal. Last year, it may be recalled, he rang three twelve-bell peals in a week to celebrate his 75th.

Four schoolboy members of the Liverpool Cathedral Cross Guild included a course of Grandsire Triples in their broadcast last Saturday.

Mr. W. P. Cleaver, of Ramsgate, seconded Mr. J. A. Russell's amendment at the annual meeting of the Kent County Association and not as stated. (See page 250.)

A note recorded many years ago: Sixty-three men were required to ring the five great bells in Canterbury Cathedral's campanile of the 12th century, a sixth bell added later needing a further 32 men.—E. L. H.

The christening took place on Easter Sunday at All Saints' Church, Laughton, Sussex, of Daphne Iris Booth, daughter of Mr. B. Booth, a Laughton ringer. Touches of Grandsire Doubles, Bob Doubles and Bob Minor were rung by the ringers of Laughton, East Hoathly and Hellingly.

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THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

CONCERN AT DROP IN PAID-UP MEMBERSHIP — A POOR YEAR FOR PEALS — SUCCESS OF ANNUAL DINNER

VISITORS from as far afield as Leicester and Salisbury attended the annual meeting of the Guildford Diocesan Guild held at S. Nicolas' Hall, Guildford, on Saturday. The Rev. K. C. Davis (vice-president) presided, supported by the Master (Mr. A. Harman), the hon. secretary and treasurer (Mr. G. L. Grover) and the assistant hon. secretary (Miss W. Oliver).

A majority vote decided to dispense with the reading of the minutes, which the minority did not hesitate to deplore as occasion arose. 'Why keep any minutes?' commented one who felt particularly hurt This speeding-up process, which was encouraged from the chair, drew forth a rebuke to the chairman, who was reminded of the importance of the meeting and that the ringing which followed was secondary to the Guild's business! The chairman accepted the censure with due humility to the delight of the meeting.

The secretary, having reported the re-election of the officers, the chairman made one of those delightful 'thank you' speeches which should never be forgotten, to those who give of their time to other people's enjoyment: Mr. A. Harman's services as Master; 'Our George's' work as secretary; Miss Oliver's help as his assistant; and Mr. L. Hunter, the auditor. He thanked the District officers for their services and mentioned the change in the Chertsey District with the retirement of two old stalwarts, Mr. J. Hessey, Ringing Master, and Mr. F. Hawthorne, hon. secretary. The new officers are Mr. J. F. Dodson (Hersham) Ringing Master and Mr. W. Simmonds (Hersham) hon. secretary.

An itemised explanation of the accounts was submitted by Mr. G.L. Grover. The year had witnessed the balance in hand grow from £49 14s. 1d. to £59 8s. 9d. He deplored that a loss occurred on the teas at the annual meeting through the non-arrival of certain members who had notified their intention of being present. The Benevolent Fund had paid one grant of £5 and had a balance in hand of £113, and the Cathedral Bell Fund a balance of £62 10s. 8d. Only nine towers sent contributions to the latter fund—the poor support being specially commented upon.

While there was a strong demand for Guild badges there was a meagre application for Guild certificates. Mr. C. W. Denyer attributed this to dating certificates to the day of issue and not the day the individual joined the Guild, a practice which was resented by the old members, particularly those whose membership went back to the formation of the Guild. An assurance of a wholehearted willingness to give the date a member joined on the certificate, if it would encourage sales, was forthcoming from the secretary.

The accounts were then approved.

THE REPORT

The report of the Executive Committee gave the strength of the Guild as follows:—Chertsey District 34 ringing, 3 honorary: Farnham 133, 10: Guildford 95; Leatherhead 72, 36; Life and unattached 70, 9: other honorary 41; total 404 ringing and 99 honorary. The total for 1950 was 577 and the decrease in the number of members who paid annual subscriptions was large enough to cause concern.

Restorations:—The six at Frensham had been rehung as, also, after a silence of half-a-century, had the six at St. Mary's, Guildford. At Capel, after hanging useless for 20 years, the six there were now in good going order, a young band had been recruited and rang regularly. The eight at East Molesey were being overhauled and those who had rung there in recent years would doubtless add 'Not before time,' At Hersham, too, the eight were now being rehung.

Losses by Death.—The following deaths were regretted:—Mr. T. Upshall, of Farnham, a founder-member; Mr. C. Childs, also a founder-member, who was tower captain at Godalming for many years; Mr. H. Sycamore, a ringing member from Ewell; the Rev. R. M. Bankes-Jones, of Bagshot, an honorary member of long standing; Mr. F. Wigley, an honorary member from Cobham; Mrs. Edwards, of Godalming

Peals.—If peal ringing was any guide as to the vitality of the Guild, then it would appear that they were at a low ebb for only 19 peals were rung as against 34 in 1950 and 42 in 1949. What was worse, there were only two first pealers and but one first as conductor, although there were the usual varied claims to first in a different method or on a different number or as conductor in a fresh method. The first peal of Berkshire Surprise Major was rung for the Guild. There were 13 conductors, one of whom, John Wells, of Farnham, conducted his first peal.

Festival of Britain.—The committee sincerely congratulated the Farnham District on the effective way in which it complied with the committee's request for special ringing to mark the opening of the Festival. Thirteen quarter peals (one at each tower—Frensham being out of service— in the District) were attempted and 12 were successful

Cathedral Bell Fund.—Only nine towers remembered the special appeal that was made a few years ago for a minimum contribution of one shilling per year from each tower. Other Diocesan organisations were taking an active part in furnishing and equipping the new building; were they to be laggards?

The chairman said it was very distressing that the membership of the Guild had gone down nearly 50 and it was large enough to cause concern. He was afraid it was a case of people not paying their 'subs.'

The report was adopted.

LIBRARY

Mr. A. C. Hazelden presented the report of the Library Committee and said it was a matter of regret that owing to repairs at S. Nicolas' tower the library had been inaccessible. The books were now back in their places. Copies of 'The Ringing World' had been bound to 1950 and a schedule of library books had been prepared. Mr. W. Viggers had produced a distinctive book plate. An exhibition of books in the library by the late Mr. J. A. Trollope would be on view after the meeting. The Library Committee was re-elected.

Major E. J. Bragg reported that the Guild's peal book had been written up until the end of 1949. He was re-elected peal recorder.

Mr. G. S. Joyce was re-elected badge secretary and Mr. A. Harman liaison officer with the Surrey Association.

NEW MEMBERS

New members elected were:—Hon. members: Mr. and Mrs. J. Booth, Mr. and Mrs. Isherwood. Miss Warren and Mrs. Theobald (all from Shere); ringing members: Messrs. J. Newman, E. Norton, W. Spooner, G. Moorey, F. Foord, T. Summers and Miss M. Kirkby (Shere); the Misses Iris Purser, Shirley Potter, Margaret Bright and Beryl Roker (West Clandon). Mr. C. F. Pearson (Haslemere, late of Warminster).

The committee decided to donate from the General Funds £5 to the Pailing Memorial Fund.

Mr. W. Simmonds reported that Hersham bells were now in order. The ringers were very satisfied with the rehanging but he was sorry to say they had still the same bells.

An application was made by Mr. E. C. Arthur for Shere to be transferred back to the Guildford District because of the difficulty of reaching Leatherhead. This was agreed to although the secretary issued a caveat that a couple of years ago the Executive Committee spent a considerable time in reorganising the Districts. There were then 24 towers in the Guildford District and the Executive Committee went to a lot of trouble to get 15 towers in each District. If transfers took place there was a danger of disturbing the balance of towers in the Districts.

AFTERNOON MEETINGS?

While the date and place of the next annual meeting was left to the Executive Committee. Mr. C. Denyer suggested that there should be an alteration with the business meeting in the afternoon followed by tea and evensong and then ringing. The suggestion brought forth an immediate protest from Miss Oliver, who pointed out that it took the whole of the afternoon for the ladies to prepare the tea.

Mr. E. J. Lindley suggested that the venue for the next meeting should be Epsom and Ewell, where, he said, there were two excellent towers. Guildford did not lack its advocates in the meeting and the matter was referred to the Executive Committee.

DINNER CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations were voiced by the chairman to those who organised the annual dinner and he expressed the hope that it would be a regular fixture in the Guild's calendar. The dinner committee — Messrs. Joyce, Viggers and Denyer—was re-elected with one representative from the Guildford District. The Lion Hotel, Guildford, had been booked for Oct. 18th. Mr Viggers stated that a profit on the dinner of £2 11s. 10d. had been carried forward to next year's dinner account.

OVERLAPPING TERRITORY

Mr. W. Simmonds raised the thorny question of the overlapping territory with the Surrey Association. He regretted that the Executive Committee had not held a special meeting to discuss this question.

The secretary replied that the Executive had discussed the matter and decided to let matters remain as they were. They did not want to open up old grievances with the Surrey Association.

Asked if the Surrey Association had done anything about the matter, Mr. D. Cooper replied that there was nothing to discuss as they had not received an official communication from the Guildford Guild.

Mr. Simmonds was still dissatisfied. He maintained that it was unfair to ask for two Guild subscriptions from ringers in the Chertsey District. Chertsey was a tower where there were always complaints following a meeting there and with the Surrey Association also visiting the tower there were additional complaints.

Mr. Hawthorne assured the Guild that there was no clash of meetings between the two bodies.

The chairman voiced the Guild's congratulations to Mr. Mark White and Miss Audrey Morrison, who were to be married in August, and to Mr. Eric Lee and Miss Jean Woodward, whose wedding would take place at Hawley on May 10th.

The vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. F. Hawthorne. This included the ladies who prepared the tea and the officers of the Guildford District who arranged the meeting. A

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GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

PRESENTATION OF MASTER'S CHAIN OF OFFICE

OVER 100 members attended the annual meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association at Berkeley on Easter Monday, and the fine ring of ten was heard to advantage before and after the meeting.

The Association's form of service was used at the service at noon, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. H. W. Fisher), who also gave the address. The Rev. A. D. H. Allan (a vice-president) read the lesson.

The Master (Mr. John G. Jefferies) presided at lunch, served in the Town Hall. He was supported by the Revs. W. A. Pell and A. D. H. Allan, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Romans, Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. F. Oakhill, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Harding and Mr. and Mrs. F. Skidmore.

A MASTER'S CHAIN

The business meeting followed with the Master in the chair and prayer being offered by the Rev. W. A. Peel. The Master was then promptly called to order for not wearing his badge of office, to the amusement of the assembly. He was then presented by the retiring treasurer, Mr. Percy Williams, with a chain of office consisting of 21 miniature bells, replicas of the Master's bell, and each inscribed with the names of past Masters of the Association since its formation in 1878.

Making the presentation, Mr. Williams mentioned the great pleasure it was to him to make the gift to the Association as a lasting memory of the fine associations he had had during nearly 50 years of membership, in 23 of which he had served as treasurer. He regretted having to relinquish the office as he had moved from the Bristol district and taken up residence in Plymouth.

The Master thanked Mr. Williams for his beautiful gift and spoke of their long association together and the harmony which had existed between them for nearly 50 years. He congratulated Mr. Williams on his recent marriage and extended to Mr. and Mrs. Williams the wishes of the meeting for many years of happy life together.

LOSSES BY DEATH

After referring to the death of our beloved King, the Master referred to the deaths of the following members: Sidney Mills (76), St. Mark's, Swindon; George Hacker (77), Wroughton; William Chandler (70), Lydiard Millicent; Charles Smith (50), Rodbourne Cheney; George Charles (79), Lydney; Leonard Helmes (71), Ruardean; Albert Wm. Goulding (77), Aylburton; George H. Walters (71), Cheltenham; Reuben F. Hemming (72), Cheltenham; Henry Pring (81), Bristol; Rupert Saxton (65), Alveston; Andrew James Corrigan (67), Bitton, Bristol.

Speaking of Mr. Corrigan, the Master recalled his loyal service to the Association in matters of printing, which enabled the Association to continue to issue their annual report despite the heavy cost. He also referred to the tragic death of Mr. Herbert Marsh, chairman of the Chippenham Branch, who was killed whilst returning from a ringing practice, being knocked down by a motor-car.

The meeting stood in silence as a mark of respect to their memory.

MASTER'S REPORT

In his report the Master thanked all for the kind welcome they had extended to him when he visited their towers. Membership had kept about the same and peals rung had increased to 90, the list of first-pealers being most promising. In some of the branches better support was needed at meetings, and he appealed for loyalty in this direction.

He congratulated Bishop's Cleeve on their augmentation to eight, Malmesbury on the restoration of their bells, now augmented to eight; Chipping Sodbury, Cheltenham Parish Church and St. Stephen's, Bristol, on having their bells rehung; also St. Mary Redcliffe on the addition of a flat sixth.

Points from Mr. F. Skidmore's report as hon. secretary were congratulations to the North Forest Branch on their splendid effort in the renewed interest at Huntley and Longhope, also the Cirencester Branch for their efforts in obtaining an active membership at Windrush; grants of £10 each to Chipping Sodbury and Malmesbury and £15 to Cheltenham from the Belfry Repair Fund; sale of 118 Association badges during the year.

The accounts showed a balance in hand at the end of the year of £90 6s., against a balance brought forward of £100 15s. 3½d. Items of expenditure which should not occur again for some years, reported the hon. treasurer, were service forms £14 18s., register of life members £2 7s. 10d., diocesan badge line block £1 11s. 7d., reconditioning typewriter £25. The peal book account showed an income of £14 13s. 6d. for a total of 90 peals rung during 1951. After writing up the peals for 1950 (53) and clearing the deficit of 12s. 6d., there was a balance in hand of £9 9s. 6d. towards a new peal book which would be required before the end of the year.

The reports and accounts were adopted.

THE NEW OFFICERS

The election of officers for 1952 did not cause any controversy. Mr. Jefferies vacated the chair, which was taken by the senior vice-president, Mr. S. E. Romans, who called for nominations for Master, remarking that the Master usually held office for two years. Seeing that they had that day been presented with such a beautiful chain of office, he thought that Mr. Jefferies should be allowed to wear it for another year. He asked Mr. Jefferies if he was willing to stand for another year and, receiving his assent, there being no other name put forward, Mr. Jefferies was unanimously re-elected for 1952. Thanking the meeting, Mr. Jefferies assured them he would give of his best in the interests of the Association.

Mr. W. B. Kynaston (Swindon), Mr. S. T. Price (Stonehouse) and Mr. C. Martin (Cheltenham) were elected vice-presidents in recognition of the splendid service they had rendered the Association over a great number of years. All the present vice-presidents were re-elected. Mr. F. Skidmore was re-elected hon. secretary, and Mr. S. G. Riches was elected treasurer in place of Mr. P. C. Williams, who was retiring. Mr. Riches thanked the meeting said he would do his best to follow in Mr. Williams' steps. Mr. A. E. Reeves was re-elected peal secretary, Messrs. Stallard and Hancock were re-elected hon. auditors, and the six members were re-elected to the Management Committee.

Gloucester is to be the place of the next annual meeting for 1953.

The suggested meeting in the Stow-on-the-Wold area was left in the hands of Mr. C. R. Harding, together with the hon. secretary and treasurer, to arrange at a convenient date.

The Master proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. J. H. W. Fisher for the use of the bells and conducting the service, commenting on the fine address he had given, also Mr. Lewis, steeplekeeper, who had everything ready, and last, but by no means least, to Miss D. M. Drew, branch secretary, for making arrangements for catering. After tea further ringing was enjoyed by all until 7 p.m., bringing to a close a very pleasant meeting.

F. SKIDMORE.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World' of April 26th, 1912

ODD CHANGES

From Mr. R. F. Deal, who a few months ago went to Australia, we have received the report of a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples rung on March 13th at St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne. The ringers were: A. Brown (first quarter peal) 1; J. Guest 2; C. Stocks 3; R. R. Deal (conductor) 4; A. Fitzgerald 5; A. E. Barnes 6; H. Blakeley 7; T. Perry 8. On the preceding Sunday, at St. Patrick's (R.C.) Cathedral, three courses of Stedman Triples were rung.

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The London Society of Compositors can muster a band between them, and on Saturday, at St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, they made their first attempt for a peal (Holt's Original), but lost it after ringing 4,000 changes in 2 hours 25 minutes. The bells were half-muffled as a mark of esteem to those who lost their lives in the 'Titanic' disaster, and the ringers were: J. A. Dart 1, T. Loosmore 2 J. Bartlett 3. C. N. Leman 4, G. F. Margetson 5, W. H. Dickinson 6. J. D. Matthews (conductor) 7. J. Millmen 8.

RINGING RHYMES

No. 10. PLAIN BOB

Class of method—'Hunt controlled.'
For even numbers. Very old
This method is. All bells plain hunt
From front to back and back to front,
'Till Treble leads. Here (at the 'link'),
When ringing, everyone must think,
What interruption his bell takes,
Because, the bell off lead—place makes.

In seconds, (over Treble) she
A whole pull lies. And thus, from 'three'
To place behind, bells dodge in pairs.
(Like backward stepping, on the stairs!)
Reverting then to hunting plain
Through next 'div.', 'till the Link again.

The dodging pairs—three/four, five/six,
Etcetera, up to 12. will fix
The method's 'working cycle.' So,
Pray learn it 'pat,' 'ere he calls 'Go!'
From second's place, dodge *down*, but climb
The '*rising*' pairs, until the time
You're out behind. Dodge *up* from there
Through '*falling*' numbers, 'till you're where
Your seconds place again you'll take.
And thus a plain course all will make.

The 'Cyclics' for Plain Bob now learn!
(In rhyme the eighth, these you'll discern.)

Now in 'work-cycle,' learn the 'breaks'
A 'Call' inevitably makes.
The 'Single' alters '3' and '4.'
The 'Bob.' '2' also—but no more!

A. Y-B

GUILDFORD GUILD—Cont.

special word of appreciation was said by the Master to the Rev. D. Scott Gardner (Rector of West Clandon), who gave the address at the service held at St. Mary's Church.

The meeting concluded with a little homily from the chairman, who said that as a poor ringer he hoped they all, when they rang, were not merely doing it for their own pleasure but to the glory of God. He appealed to them to keep their bells going for Sunday services. They lived in a materialistic age; people were not antagonistic to the Church—they were simply indifferent and were finding no need in their lives for God and His Church. It was up to them to remind them of the eternal realities and that in their midst there was a place where God was worshipped. However indifferent people might be they could not help being reminded when they heard the bells.

Mr. Harman thanked Mr. Davis for presiding.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Dear Sir,—I wish to draw attention to two serious infringements of the printed rules of the Kent County Association which took place at the annual general meeting at Ashford on Easter Monday. I will quote first the relevant parts of the rules affected.

Rule 7: The quarterly meetings immediately before the committee meetings in November or December shall be considered the annual district meeting. The district secretary and two representatives from each district to serve on the committee for the ensuing year shall be elected at that meeting, or districts may, if desired, elect them by tower representation.

At every quarterly meeting a business meeting shall be held to arrange place and date of the next meeting, discuss Association matters and advise representatives of the opinion of the district in respect of any important matter coming before the committee for decision.

All notices of motion for the agenda for the annual committee meeting must be forwarded to the general hon. secretary before September 1st each year, and same shall be forwarded to districts for consideration at their meeting previous to the committee meeting.

Rule 9: There shall be a general meeting of the Association every year between Easter and July, etc. . . . . and a Committee of Management shall be appointed, consisting of not less than five persons elected from the honorary members, the general secretary, peal secretary, treasurer, three trustees, auditor, the district secretaries, the Central Council representatives and two representatives elected by each district; the committee to have power to add to its numbers. Eight to form a quorum.

Rule 19: No alteration or addition to these rules shall be made, except at a general or special meeting.

By Rule 9 it is clear that ordinary practising members can only be elected to the Committee of Management by being elected representatives of their district at the district quarterly meeting, or by being co-opted as an additional member. Nevertheless, an ordinary practising member was at the annual meeting elected to this committee to fill an existing vacancy. The facetious remark of the chairman, 'We can make him a life member if necessary,' does not absolve the rule.

It is clearly the intention of Rule 7 that all important matters affecting the Association shall first be discussed at a district quarterly meeting and that all notices of motion shall be forwarded to the general hon. secretary before September 1st each year to enable this to be done. Nevertheless, a very important matter, the raising of the adult annual subscription from 2s. to 3s., was passed contrary to this rule. This is minority rule with a vengeance.

Although present at the annual general meeting, I had not a report with me and did not venture to speak in case of error, but I did refrain from putting forward an important addition to rules of which I had notified the general hon. secretary in March this year, being under the impression it was out of order.

I may say I have no objection to the person elected to the committee—I think he is a very useful addition—but one does expect the officers of the Association either to know the rules or to consult them before making a decision. Expedition in business is laudatory, but unseemly haste can lead one to serious error.

W. BOTTRILL.

Deal, Kent.

WHAT OF THE FUTURE?

Dear Sir,—I notice in 'The Ringing World' of April 4th that the writer commences his leading article by stating what things were like in Victorian days and then asks if people are any happier to-day. If he were to pay visits to our modern schools, modern factories, hospitals, homes for the aged or the new housing estates and compare the conditions that exist now with the conditions that people worked under and the hovels they were compelled to live in in those far off days, he would get a true answer to his question.

I also notice he pulls out his hardy annual, 'No peal ringing during Lent'; also that quarterly meetings should be put off until after Easter—yet I notice in 'The Ringing World' of March 21st that the Bridgwater Branch had a practice meeting advertised for March 29th from 6.30 to 9 p.m.

As he is chairman of that branch, did he approve of this meeting? If so, perhaps he will be kind enough to explain why practice meetings are permissible during Lent and not peals and quarterly meetings?

I have always been given to understand that the incumbent is in sole charge of the bells, also that the duly elected foreman or his deputy is in charge of the ringing. If an incumbent gives his permission for a peal attempt, a meeting or wishes to stop ringing altogether during the season of Lent he has a perfect right to do so, irrespective of what any official of an association or guild may say.

In an annual report I have by me I find the following: 'For just as fate would have it, for the past 21 years the church to which I owe allegiance has one small bell in a turret.' These words were written by one of our finest ringers, one who has rung hundreds of peals and is capable of conducting on all numbers, and has all the necessary qualifications for teaching the art of change ringing; yet he places his talents under a bushel, instead of using them Sunday by Sunday in the service of his Church and Creator.

What we want in our ranks to-day are ringers with a modern outlook, who are prepared to help teach, to organise our man power, etc.; for instance, if our tower has a surplus on a Sunday and another is short, the tower with a surplus should help the other.

The problem before us to-day is not 'Should ringers attend church services after they have rung?', 'Build their own towers and buy their own bells' or 'What shall we do with our bells during the season of Lent?'

The problem is, Can we provide the man power so that our bells are rung Sunday by Sunday by human hands in face of the ever-increasing call for National Service, Civil Defence, etc.? Are they to suffer the fate of the Taunton twelve where the touching of an electric switch starts the bells sounding out their music prior to the services on Sunday? — Sincerely yours, B. T. JEANES.

Bridgwater, Somerset.

ST. MARY'S, SWANSEA, BELLS

Dear Sir,—On February 23rd, 1941, Hitler smashed the ring of eight bells at St. Mary's, Swansea (tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr.), and left it in a tangled mass of metal at the base of the tower. After this 60 per cent. of the metal was stolen.

Now on Tuesday, April 1st, 1952, Canon J. J. A. Thomas, Vicar of Swansea, published in 'The South Wales Evening Post' that £230 4s. 3d. had been received from the sale of the damaged bell metal left on the site.

So ends a grand ring of bells, the remains of which now rest in some hole and corner in a bell founder's yard waiting to be melted with other bell metal for the process of casting another grand ring.—Yours, etc. J. A. H.

Swansea.

'CAMPANALOGIA IMPROVED'

Dear Sir,—I have just had the good fortune to be presented with an original copy of 'Campanalogia Improved,' by J.D. and C.M., and printed in 1702. My copy bears all the marks of having passed through many hands, yet is singularly free from signs of ill-usage. It has been rebound some time about 1830. The bookbinder who did the work was a master of his craft. After 130 years of constant use the pages were very frail and have consequently been interleaved with substantial plain paper. On these plain sheets there are several annotations, among them one which indicates pride of ownership with the words: 'Pugh John his book 1842.' Another owner who, like I, acquired the book as a gift was a 'Richard Bowen of Devon Cottage, George Street, Camberwell near London.' (I like the word 'near.')

As many of your readers will know, J.D. and C.M. were members of the Society of London Scholars, but they might not know of the authors' eulogy of the Exercise, and their castigation of those 'partial and extrajudicious persons' responsible for casting 'many malicious aspersions' upon the Exercise.

One wonders what present-day ringers would say if they were told of their Exercise '. . . that it withdraws and alienates men's minds from the business by which they obtain and procure sustinence for themselves and families, making them drunkards, neglective of their occupations and trades, and consequently the utter ruin and impoverishment of themselves and all that depend upon and receive a livlihood and maintenance from them.' There are more than eight pages devoted to refuting charges against ringers and ringing.

A handwritten note records a peal of 5,040 Grandsire Tripples rung at Condover in 1842, giving the names of the ringers.

Quite apart from the many methods in which instruction is given, absorbing interest is to be found in the Epistle Dedicatory and the Preface to the Reader. It might be that many other of your readers have enjoyed reading this book and could give their reactions.—Yours faithfully,

Capenhurst, Ches. ROGER B. MORRIS.

A THOUGHT FOR THE WIFE

Dear Sir,—The arrival of 'The Ringing World' and the National Gardens Scheme list by the same post reminds me to write you a letter that has long been in my mind.

There must be many a ringer who would enjoy his art with a clearer conscience if he could find somewhere to park his wife and family while he was ringing. What better place could there be than one of England's lovely gardens? There must be many a garden within reach of a church where a visiting ringer would be welcome on a Sunday evening. And if I might add a personal note, my garden is alongside Lamberhurst Church where ringers are always welcome at 5.45 p.m. on Sundays.—Yours faithfully, WILLIAM MORLAND.

Tunbridge Wells.

EASTER MORNING RINGING

Dear Sir,—May I say how much I appreciated your leading article of April 11th on the subject of Easter morning ringing? When I first read the article I thought, 'What a beautiful idea if only it could be put into practice.' But when I made inquiries of the members of the tower I found that almost without exception they had intended to make their Communion at 7 o'clock, and those who had intended to come at 8 o'clock were quite prepared to come to the earlier service. To arrange to ring before the 7 o'clock Eucharist thus presented no great difficulty, and although we are only a struggling band, we managed to ring Grandsire Triples.

It was indeed a privilege to be able to ring early on Easter morning and to add our 'affirmation,' as you so rightly term it, to the great chorus of 'The Lord is Risen.' I might add that the early ringing of the bells was much appreciated.—Yours faithfully,

Ashtead, Surrey. J. T. SYMONDS.

LETTERS—Continued

BELLS' MESSAGE FOR ALL SEASONS

Dear Sir,—I should like to join Prebendary Cox in thanking you for the article on 'Lent and Easter' by Prebendary Hook; it is indeed lamentable that for most people Lent has become no different from any other time in the year. It is also a pity that, in the minds of most people, bells have become associated only with festivities.

The bells are the voice of the Church—the Body of Christ—bringing the Church's message at all seasons, including Lent, to all those who can hear them. Their message can be heard by thousands of people who never attend church.

There are many churches whose bells are never heard on Sundays owing to a shortage of ringers and consequently a full peal by a visiting band, even during Lent, can do much to remind the people of their church, their obligation to attend it and to 'seek those things which are above.' It would, no doubt, be a very good thing to reduce weekday ringing to a minimum during Lent in towers where peal attempts are frequent, but such towers are rather few and far between, especially in the West Country.—Yours faithfully,

NICHOLAS F. D. COLERIDGE (Rev.).
Newton Abbot, Devon.

LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL

Dear Sir,—That one of the happy personalities who visited Liverpool recently should have recorded the turning in of the tenor single handed will be as pleasing to the bell-hangers as to those who witnessed the perfect technique.

One feels terribly sorry that the little word 'first' should creep into this recording note. Because of it, for reasons which persisted, particularly obvious to those who neither shouted nor were shouted at, no recording of this performance can possibly be recommended here.

All the bells can now well and truly be heard in the ringing chamber, the ropes are no longer new and jumpy, there were no sliders oddly and unexpectedly sticking, and no howling gale through the once open belfry and, perhaps most valuable to any band, there was a feeling of goodwill and fellowship to those manning the ropes.

May one express some surprise that any individual's personal ambition should be so highly overrated. Surely there was something to be found here within this massive inspiring structure, if only of a technical nature, more worthy of report.—Very faithfully yours,

Woolton, Liverpool. E. L. HUMPHRISS.

MEMORIAL PLAQUE TO MR. CHARLES TURNER

An oak plaque to the memory of Mr. Charles Turner was dedicated in St. Mary's Church, Dover, during morning service on April 6th by the Vicar (the Rev. A. S. Cooper). The late Mr. Turner was a ringer at St. Mary's for over 50 years and captain of the band for 33 years.

Before the service 504 Stedman Triples was rung by the following: J. Willis 1, H. R. French 2, F. A. Rye 3, C. George (cond.) 4, H. J. Saunders 5, T. Anderson 6, B. J. Luck 7, E. T. Ellenden 8.

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LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION

A Lady Elected New Master

RAIN did not damp the enthusiasm of the 80 odd members who attended the annual meeting at All Saints', Newport, on Easter Monday. Visitors and friends who started assembling early in the afternoon were met by the Vicar (Canon C. G. R. Lewis), who extended a warm welcome to all. The bells were kept going in various methods until 4 o'clock, the time appointed for the service, which was conducted by the Vicar.

After the service the visitors were invited to the Parish Rooms, where tea, which had been generously provided by the Vicar's wife and ladies of the parish, was awaiting them. On the proposition of the Rev. Ivor Richards, they were duly thanked.

The Vicar took the chair at the business meeting which followed. The secretary, in presenting his report, reviewed the activities of the Association for the year 1951. Regarding Sunday service ringing, he thought there was little change, but in the matter of methods practised there was a definite advance, more and more varied methods being rung. Thirty-three peals were rung during the year, which was a post-war record.

Presenting the balance sheet, Mr. T. M. Roderick said the Association was in a sound financial position. There was a balance on the year's working of £9 4s. 6d. and a total credit in hand of £64 17s. This did not include interest accrued on War Savings Certificates. The Bell Restoration Fund stood at £26 8s. 5d.

The next item was a motion moved by Mr. L. H. Jones and seconded by Mr. J. Worrall that the Association be divided into districts. This has been a subject of controversy for years, and it was decided that a committee of 12 be appointed to draw up recommendations for carrying it out. The same committee is to draw up a new set of rules to submit to the next annual meeting.

History was made when Miss Jacqueline Evans was unanimously elected Master for the ensuing year. This is the first time a lady has held this post. Canon Lewis expressed a wish to be relieved of his duties as treasurer. He was thanked for his past services and the Rev. Ivor Richards was elected in his place. The secretary and auditors were re-elected.

The secretary reported on Llandaff bells and said he thought it would be quite a long time before they would be ready, there being other work to do to the tower.

Mr. J. W. Jones reported that the contract had been placed for the rehanging of Coity bells.

For the next two quarterly meetings it was decided to accept invitations to visit Marshfield and Penyfai. Cardiff was the place selected for the next annual meeting. New members elected included the whole of the Penyfai band and members from Ebbw Vale, Cowbridge, Bedwellty, Caerleon, Whitchurch and Barry.

Methods rung during the day ranged from rounds (for the learners) to Surprise.

Branston Ringer's Wedding

The wedding of Mr. Adam G. Brummitt, captain of the local band, to Miss Grace Lintin took place at All Saints' Church, Branston, Lincs, on March 29th.

As the bride and bridegroom left the church the bells struck off into a peal of 16 Treble Bob methods, rung by members of the local band.

After the peal, as compensation for missing the wedding reception, the ringers were invited to supper by Mr. E. Lintin, father of the bride. The meal was much enjoyed.

GUILD OF CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL BELL RINGERS

This Guild, originally formed in 1878 to maintain regular ringing at the Mother Church of Sussex, has been reconstituted.

At a ceremony on April 2nd at the Deanery, the members took an oath of allegiance to the Dean and Chapter and were thus formally admitted to the Cathedral foundation as are the choirmen and other lay officials. The Dean, the Very Rev. A. S. Duncan Jones, presented each member with a prayer and hymn book. Refreshments were also provided.

Mr. W. G. Challen, of 6, Exton Road, Chichester, accepted the office of Tower Master, who is to have prime responsibility for the affairs of the Guild. To this office he was unanimously elected by the members. To assist him Mr. P. R. Blackman and Mr. H. F. Dunford were elected as Ringing Master and steeplekeeper respectively. The Ven. Lancelot Mason, the Archdeacon of Chichester, who is himself learning to ring and has done much to further the interests of the Guild, continues in his appointment as liaison with the Dean and Chapter.

Two important amendments have been made to the original constitution. At the request of the ringers, the Dean and Chapter have agreed to discontinue the payment of a small annual remuneration to the members and instead to pay it into a Tower Fund, from which the Guild can vote money for the improvement of the bells and amenities of the tower. There is no longer to be a limit to the number of members. Newcomers may be admitted as soon as they show that they will attend regularly and can take part in change ringing proficiently.

The thanks of the Guild are due to many visitors and especially to those from neighbouring towns and villages and to students of the Theological and Bishop Otter Colleges in the city. Their help in the years since the war has often made it possible to ring the eight bells week by week.

NORWICH ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the East Norfolk Branch was held at Acle on March 22nd with an attendance of 42 members of the Association. The president (the Rev. A. St. J. Heard) conducted the service and the Rector of Acle (the Rev. H. Chisnell) was organist. Tea was held in the Church Room.

The Rev. H. Chisnell presided at the business meeting, when Mr. E. Goate was re-elected chairman, Mr. J. Harwood secretary, Mr. H. W. Barrett Ringing Master, Mrs. G. W. Fletcher and Mr. P. G. W. Newstead representatives on the Standing Committee. To the Branch Committee were elected Messrs. G. Bussey, P. Newstead, P. Kindred, Ling and G. Walpole. New members elected were Malcolm Minter, Brian Turner, both of Blofield, and Evelyn Killington, of Loddon.

It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Pakefield on May 3rd. A vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for the use of the bells and to the ladies who arranged the tea. Handbells and tower bells were used freely after tea.

News From Australia

Mr. W. Smith, captain of St. James', Turramurra, in a chatty letter to the Editor, writes: Our ringers and bells at Turramurra were very much to the fore in expressing the deep sorrow and shock which we all experienced in the announcement of the death of our beloved King. This is the greatest shock that the Empire has had since the passing of Queen Victoria. On the day of the King's death and on the day of the funeral we rang fully muffled.

Two of our veteran ringers are Mr. C. Parr, of Ilfracombe, and Mr. A. R. Botting, of Betchworth, Surrey, who rang in England for the Jubilee of Queen Victoria in 1887 and on every national occasion since that great event.

GETTING RINGING ACROSS TO THE PUBLIC

An Example From Retford

Promoted by the Rotary Club of Retford, a hobbies exhibition was held at the Town Hall, Retford, recently.

Advantage was taken of the occasion by the East Retford Church bell ringers to bring to the public's attention some of the hidden mysteries of change ringing, and their efforts met with conspicuous success.

Three of the Sunday service band erected a stand 9ft. wide and 5ft. deep. A prominent sign, 'Campanology,' headed the stall and beneath was a coloured badge of the Southwell Diocesan Guild. Features of the stall were a model bell, kindly lent by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., and the belfry's instructional model of a bell. There was also the clapper stay of a 24 cwt. tenor to indicate the inside diameter of a bell and three octaves of handbells.

Method ringing was explained by two big coloured charts of Double Oxford Triples and Stedman Triples, while the Crawford Cup, at present held by Warsop ringers, was also on view. Copies of 'The Ringing World' were available referring to items of local interest.

Eight ringers took their turn to act as stewards. Punctually every 15 minutes each evening 36 changes of Bob Minor were rung, the touches being kept short so as not to interfere with short wave transmitters working all the time.

The stewards were kept busy and were required to demonstrate the belfry model almost continuously. No fewer than 2,700 people paid for admission to visit the exhibition. Appointment cards were available for people to visit the belfry, and 12 applied for the first practice night, of which six were honoured. Other appointments were received for later dates.

When the exhibition was not open to the public it was visited by 1,000 school children. The steward on duty gave an address and illustrated his talk with handbell ringing of Bob Royal, Grandsire Caters and Kent Treble Bob Major. The talk was received with great enthusiasm and a number of other schools have asked for appointments.

Ringers in other towns should watch for similar exhibitions and offer their services.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD

Mr. F. Colclough Retires

The annual meeting was held at St. Thomas' Church, Dudley, on Saturday, April 5th, when over 50 ringers and friends attended. The Guild service was conducted by the new president, the Rev. T. W. Keith Murray, Vicar of Dudley, who presided at the meeting following.

A special welcome was given to one of the original members of the Guild, Mr. A. Spittle, a vice-president, who told the meeting that his family had been associated with St. Thomas' Church for over 100 years. Mr. H. Shuck, of Cradley, was re-elected treasurer and reported that there was an increase in the balance for the year. Mr. W. Davies, Netherton, was elected Ringing Master, and the retiring Master, Mr. D. Holden, was thanked for his past services.

The office of secretary was left open, as Mr. F. Colclough said that health reasons prevented his carrying on in that position, but he agreed to continue until a suitable successor could be found. Seven new members were accepted.

The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Bartholomew's, Penn, on Saturday, June 28th. A return to the belfry for further ringing brought an enjoyable meeting to a close.

The footnote to the peal of Three Spliced Royal rung at Isleworth on March 29th should read 'First of Three Spliced Royal in the county of Middlesex.' There have been many peals of Three Spliced Major in Middlesex. The error is regretted.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD

A Promising Young Ringer

A quarterly meeting of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held at Aston Parish Church on April 5th. The Guild's special form of service was conducted by the Vicar of Aston, Canon F. F. Guy Warman, the organist being Mr. Frank Price, of Feltham.

At the business meeting, which followed a splendid tea, Canon Warman presided. New members were plentiful. Miss Shirley Rymer, Mrs. J. Smith and John McDonald were elected full ringing members. At the age of 14 John McDonald has already rung several Surprise methods and shows great promise. The tower elections, as life members, of the following non-resident ringers were duly ratified: Messrs. William T. Beeson (Cranleigh), E. G. Buck (Baldock), A. Patrick Cannon (Betchworth), Jack S. Dear (Baldock), John Hill (Ewell), Wm. H. Hewett (London), Wm. A. Lacey (Anstey), David Mozley (Haslemere), W. Norman Park (Darlington), Wm. J. Root (Leicester), W. Frank Stenson (Crewe), Wm. Simmonds (Hersham), Hubert Summers (Allesley).

Knowle was chosen as the place for the July meeting, with Tanworth-in-Arden as a second choice in the event of Knowle bells not being available. It was decided to hold a bi-quarterly meeting, which would take the form of a coach trip to two six-bell towers, Grendon and Polesworth, which, although in the diocese, are not easily accessible from Birmingham. This will take place on May 24th.

The secretary read a letter received from the Rev. Leonard Birch, of Hanbury, Worcestershire, appealing for funds for the repair of the tower pinnacles which are in a dangerous condition. A collection taken at the meeting realised £2 11s. 6d. for this object. The secretary reported that he had been successful in securing the Connaught Room at the Imperial Hotel for the first Saturday in March next year for the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar of Aston for conducting the service and presiding at the meeting was carried with acclamation.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

Six Australian Members Elected

A very successful and well-attended spring quarterly meeting was held at Bishopsgate on April 5th. The Assistant Rector of St. Botolph's (Preb. H. H. Treacher) conducted the short service and gave an inspiring address.

Mr. Treacher presided over the business meeting, which was held later in the Church Hall. The following new members were elected: Messrs. John Boutland, Milpera Bridge; Bruce Dunbar, Robert Ferris, Thomas Howell, George Williamson, all of Parramatta; Kenneth Stacey, Pymble and Harold Hazell, of Enfield. In proposing the new members, Mr. A. R. Botting intimated that they had hoped to ring at least three peals for the Society during the Royal visit to Australia. It is to be hoped that they will be rung at some future date.

In welcoming the new members, Mr. Hawthorne remarked that so far from the Society being nation wide, it was becoming world wide!

The next meeting will be held at Bray on June 21st.

Members were reminded that the Society's dinner would be held on October 4th and tickets could be obtained from the dinner secretary (Mr. F. J. Matthews). The sum of £2 10s. was collected for the Shoreditch bell fund.

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to Mrs. Davis and her helpers for the splendid tea and to Miss Barbara Harris for providing the music at the service at short notice. Ringing took place at St. Margaret's, Westminster, in the evening, and the Society's thanks are due to Mr. W. H. Hewett for having the bells in readiness. Methods rung ranged from rounds to Cambridge Royal.

VETERANS OF YORK MINSTER

Mr. G. Horner and Mr. E. Rickitt Honoured

In the ringing chamber of York Minster's bell tower on April 6th two men who had completed an aggregate of 100 years' service were honoured by the York Minster Society of Change Ringers.

But only one of them — 77-year-old Mr. George Horner, of Clifton Green, York—was able to attend the ceremony, at which the Dean of York (the Very Rev. E. Milner-White) presided. Mr. Edward Rickitt was absent owing to ill-health.

Mr. H. Walker (president) said Mr. Horner, who was elected a member of the Society on February 2nd, 1898, became assistant secretary in 1905 and secretary in 1907—a position he held until a few months ago.

For many years before his retirement he was chief staff clerk at the Railway Carriage and Wagon Works at York.

Elected a member on February 2nd, 1906, Mr. Rickitt was an instrument maker with Messrs. Cooke, Troughton and Simms before his retirement some months ago. He has now given up ringing on medical advice.

Mr. Horner was presented with a copy of 'Bells of All Nations,' by Mr. E. Morris, who for two years during the first World War was a member of the York Society. In a letter to the Society, the author conveyed his best wishes to Mr. Horner and Mr. Rickitt.

The Dean wished Mr. Horner all happiness on the completion of his long service, and regretted that Mr. Rickitt was unable to share in celebrating a remarkable century's work.

Mr. S. H. Steel (secretary) said it was up to every member to resolve to bring more people into the Society. The Society had to maintain a reputation which had been upheld for many years by members like Mr. Horner and Mr. Rickitt.

Mr. Horner said he was not intending to leave the Society entirely, and that he would be pleased to offer any assistance required.

In addition to the presentation of the book, the Dean and Chapter joined with the members in the presentation of a sum of money to both Mr. Horner and Mr. Rickitt.

DEDICATION

LYNSTED, KENT

For the first time in about 30 years the sound of bells was heard in the pretty village of Lynsted. The occasion was the rededication of the five bells, which have been rehung.

The church, situated in the midst of orchards, was badly damaged during the war. In 1940 a bomb penetrated the nave roof and caused considerable damage. Further damage was caused by a 'doodle-bug' in 1944. Work had commenced on the rehanging of the bells just prior to the war, but this had to stop, although by this time a new oak frame was already in position. The bells remained in the church for several years. Following the restoration of the church the bells were taken to the Whitechapel Foundry. Here the second was recast and the whole five retuned, and on their return to the tower have been quarter turned and hung on ball bearings.

The service of rededication was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. D. G. Reeve, the dedication prayers being said by the Archdeacon of Canterbury (the Ven. A. Sargent). Following the prayers, and while the clergy were returning to the chancel, 120 Grandsire Doubles was rung. After the service and during the evening the bells were kept busy by ringers from Ashford, Bethersden, Canterbury, Littlebourne, Sittingbourne, Teynham and Wickhambreaux.

The church now has a useful ring, with the tenor weighing 10¼ cwt., and it is hoped that when other schemes have been put through a treble will be added. In spite of war damage payments, the village has had to find large sums for work not covered by this scheme, and they are to be congratulated on their efforts.

OBITUARY

MR. SHELFORD SPARROW

His many ringing friends will regret to learn of the death of Mr. Shelford Sparrow, of Stowmarket. He had been ill for several months and was thought to be making progress towards recovery, but he had a relapse and passed away suddenly on the morning of March 30th at the age of 64.

A regular Sunday ringer at Stowmarket for over 40 years, Mr. Sparrow had rung about 150 peals, mostly for the Suffolk Guild, including a 7,616 of Kent Treble Bob in his home tower and 10,000 odd in the same method at Horringer. He was a faultless striker and a thoroughly reliable method ringer, and was at home on all numbers. His genial personality won for him the affection of all with whom he came in contact in all spheres, and his passing leaves a gap which will not easily be filled. He leaves a widow and two daughters, to whom deepest sympathy is extended.

At the funeral on April 4th there were representatives of the Stowmarket company and the Suffolk Guild, four of whom rang a course of Grandsire Triples over the grave after the committal. The Vicar of Stowmarket made reference to Mr. Sparrow's long period of service as a ringer, and to the work of ringers, generally.

AN APPRECIATION

Shelford Sparrow was a man endowed with sterling qualities. As a friend he was of the staunchest; as a ringer, he was the acme of reliability in every way; as a craftsman few could equal him and we are proud to record that a new buttress near the south-east corner of Stowmarket Parish Church stands as a monument to his skill.

'Shelly' could tap changes in standard methods on any numbers of his twelve handbells, which he suspended on a specially-made frame, and it was fitting that we used his own bells when ringing our farewell salute over him. Only those who knew him intimately can bear adequate testimony to his devotion as a husband and father, but we who shared his leisure hours knew him as a truly great little man, whose passing on to the Higher Service leaves the world a poorer place. O. G. B.

MR. J. CARWELL COOKE

The funeral took place at Crayford on April 12th of Mr. James Carwell Cooke, who was in his 90th year.

Mr. Cooke learned to ring at Aspley Guise in 1883, and one of his early 720's, on April 26th, 1884, is of interest, three of the band at least having played a prominent part in the early history of the Bedfordshire Association. It was rung by J. Carwell Cooke (Aspley Guise) treble, Charles Herbert (Woburn) 2, Mark Lane (Aspley Guise) 3, Rev. J. C. Maltby (Rector of Aspley Guise) 4, Walter Chibnall (Aspley Guise, conductor) 5, W. W. C. Baker, Esq. (Eversholt Rectory) tenor. In the following year Mr. Cooke took part in a 720 half-muffled for the late Rev. H. T. Ellacombe, the well-known antiquary and author of several county histories of bells, who was born in the 1790's, so that the two men between them spanned some 160 years.

He was somewhat reticent about his life after leaving Aspley Guise, but in the 1930's he came to live at the Seamen's Homes, Belvedere, Kent, and later moved to Crayford, where he rang until the ban put an end to his active career. 'The Captain,' as he was not unnaturally known, retained his interest in ringing, however, and was also a regular member of the congregation until a few months ago. So far as is known he rang three peals, Grandsire Triples in 1902 and 1934, and Kent Treble Bob in 1936, when he was 73 years of age. E. A. B.

MR. H. P. MARSH

The death occurred on April 1st, as the result of a tragic accident, of Mr. H. P. Marsh, chairman of the Chippenham Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association and secretary of St. Andrew's, Chippenham. Mr. Marsh was walking home from the tower, where he had been instructing some young recruits, when he was struck and killed by a car which mounted the pavement. He was aged 46 and leaves a widow and son, aged 15.

The funeral service, which preceded cremation, was held at St. Andrew's on April 8th and was attended by a large and representative gathering. Among the ringers present were the Master and general secretary of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, the general secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild and members from many towers in the surrounding district. The bells were rung half-muffled before the service and as the cortège left the church.

Mr. Marsh learnt to ring at St. Paul's, Chippenham, and later joined the band at St. Andrew's. Unfortunately, no record of his peal ringing activities is available, but he was known to have rung peals in numerous methods up to Surprise Major. He was a good striker and safe ringer; his great interest was with learners, in fact he always maintained that he was as happy when ringing rounds with learners as when ringing Surprise with a good band. He was largely instrumental in bringing about the recent rehanging of the bells and had done much to improve the comfort and appearance of the ringing chamber.

In accordance with his wish, his ashes were scattered at his favourite spot in the countryside just outside Chippenham, within the sound of the bells he loved.

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MISCELLANEOUS

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Ashford District.—Meeting at Woodchurch, May 3rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at Bonny Cravat.—Names to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 643

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Meeting at Accrington on Saturday, May 3rd. Ringing at 2.30 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 5.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 655

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Practice meeting, May 3rd, Malling (6) 2.30. Tea at Hornby. Ringing at Hornby (8) after tea. Names for tea, by 30th, to E. Goth, 14, Main Street, Hornby.—R. F. Eccles, Branch Sec. 626

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Emmanuel Church, Southport, on Saturday, May 3rd. For tea, please notify Mr. N. Heaps, 24, The Crescent, Crossens, Southport. A Branch practice will be held at Ormskirk Parish Church on Thursday, May 1st, 7.30 p.m. to 9 p.m.—W. Farrimond, Branch Sec. 654

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting at Leicester, Saturday, May 3rd. Bells, St. Margaret's (12), St. John the Divine (10) and St. Mary de Castro (8), from 2 to 4. Service, St. George's, 4.30. Tea, St. George's Hall, 5, followed by meeting. Social evening afterwards at Victoria Hotel, Granby Street. Names for tea by April 29th to Mr. J. R. Smith, 13, Leopold Street, South Wigston, Leics.—W. A. Wood, Hon. Gen. Sec. 590

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Tydd St. Mary, Saturday, May 3rd. Bells from 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea before April 26th to Mr. J. W. Ketteringham, 4, Council House, Tydd St. Mary, Wisbech. 618

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Quarterly meeting, May 3rd, Wragby (6). Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.45 for those who notify me by Wednesday previous.—C. Brown, 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln. 615

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Meeting at Caistor (6), May 3rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea, by April 30th, to Mr. H. Havercroft, 7, Council House, Nettleton Road, Caistor, Lincoln. 651

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NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Kidsgrove, Saturday, May 3rd. Names for tea to Mr. A. Windsor, 41, Second Avenue, Kidsgrove, Stoke-on-Trent.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 622

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—East Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Pakefield, Saturday, May 3rd. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. All names or numbers by Wednesday, April 30th, to P. Kindred, 102, Morton Road, Lowestoft, South Suffolk.—J. Harwood, Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—Annual meeting, Faringdon, May 3rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea by April 30th to M. J. Pryor, 59, Marlborough Gardens, Faringdon. 607

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting, Ambrosden, May 3rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to C. H. Kinch, The Causeway, Bicester, Oxon. 640

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—A monthly meeting at Olney, Saturday, May 3rd. Bells (8) at 4.45 p.m. All welcome.—R. H. Howson. 635

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch. — A combined practice at Finchampstead on Saturday, May 3rd, 6 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 650

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD—Oundle Branch.—Meeting, Nassington, Saturday, May 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea to P. E. Clarke, 7, Bassett Place, Oundle. 625

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Devizes Branch.—Meeting, May 3rd, Seend (6) at 3 p.m. Names for tea.—F. Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 642

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch. — Quarterly meeting, May 3rd, Donhead St. Mary; Berwick St. John also available. Bells 2. Service, Donhead, 4.15. Tea 5 for those who send names by April 28th.—Miss Eloie, 81, Hamilton Road, Salisbury. 580

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY—Next meeting at Whiston on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells (8) 3. Names for tea to Miss D. E. Wright, 501, West Bawtry Road, Whiston, near Rotherham. 631

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting at Greasley, May 3rd. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Tuesday, April 29th, to Mr. I. Hall, 74a, Moorgreen, Newthorpe. 623

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District.—Ringing meeting, Saturday, May 3rd, 2.30 p.m., Kelsale (8); 6 p.m., Saxmundham (6). Tea, own arrangements.—P. S. Bedford. 606

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern.—Practice meeting, Lindfield, Saturday, May 3rd, 3 p.m. Tea for those who notify, by April 30th, G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 649

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, May 3rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business in Church Hall 5. Shedfield bells available 2,30—4, 6.30—8 p.m. Names by April 29th.—John H. Hunt, 44, Bellfield, Titchfield, Hants. 621

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting at Bradford Cathedral on Saturday, May 3rd. Please note these full arrangements as no circulars will be issued. Audit 11 a.m. in upper vestry. Bells (10) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Ham salad tea (3s. 6d. per head) 4.45 p.m. at Talbot Hotel, Kirkgate, only to those who notify me by May 1st. General meeting in Parish Room at 6 p.m. Special business: Election of new hon. treasurer. Subscriptions now due, and reports will be available. A large and representative meeting is desired.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford. 652

STOKE GOLDINGTON, BUCKS. — The bells, augmented to six, will be dedicated by the Archdeacon of Nottingham (the Rev. J. H. L. Phillips, M.A.) on Thursday, May 8th, at 7.30 p.m. A special meeting of the North Bucks Branch will be held here on Saturday, May 10th, when all ringing friends will be welcomed. Bells 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me by May 5th.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 636

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Saturday, May 10th, meeting at St. Denys', Rotherfield, Sussex. Bells (8) 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Individual names for tea to Mr. W. Rogers, Vine Cottage, Rotherfield, Sussex. Tea in Memorial Institute. Train, Charing Cross, 1.25. Coach, Tunbridge Wells Central 2.39.—A. B. Peck. 614

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bromyard District.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Whitbourne on Saturday, May 10th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 for those only who let me know by May 7th.—A. S. Tomkins, Harp Cottage, Bredenbury, Hereford. 656

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, St. Nicholas-at-Wade, Saturday, May 10th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at 2s. per head to those who notify, not later than Tuesday, May 6th, Mr. G. T. Emptage, Orpen, Downbarton Road, St. Nicholas-at-Wade, Birchington, and enclosing cash, please.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Sec. 646

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Meeting at Ightham (6), Saturday, May 10th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5, followed by business. Names, punctually, please, to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone (Maidstone 7216). 647

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch, Gainsborough District. — The next meeting will be at Kirton Lindsey on Saturday, May 10th. Bells (6) afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify Mr. G. E. Feirn, Cleatham House Farm, Kirton Lindsey, Gainsborough, by Tuesday previous.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec. 659

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Silk Willoughby, May 10th. Bells (6). Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, May 5th, please, to Mr. James Musson, The Bungalow, Silk Willoughby, Sleaford, Lincs. 648

MARKSBURY, NEAR BATH. — Annual ringers' service, also dedication of banner, May 10th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea most essential.—W. A. Prescott, Timsbury, near Bath. Tel. Timsbury 287. 628

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Buxton, Saturday, May 10th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5, for all who send names or numbers, not later than Wednesday, May 7th, to Mr. H. G. Smithson, Buxton, Norwich. No names, no tea.—H. Tooke, Branch Sec. 630

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD—Daventry and Guilsborough Branches.—Joint meeting at Great Brington on Saturday, May 10th. Names for tea to me by Friday, May 2nd.—F. W. Hancock, Church View, Willoughby, Rugby. 639

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival, Bridport, May 10th. Meeting, Church House, 2.15. Service, in St. Mary's Church, 3.45. Tea, Church House, 4.45, price 3s., tickets only, to be obtained from Mr. F. Slatford, Hon. Assist. Sec., North Bradley, Trowbridge, before Monday, May 5th. Bells available: Bridport, Bradpole, Beaminster, Lyme Regis, Whitchurch, Burton Bradstock, Symondsbury, Loders and Netherbury.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Melksham, Wilts. Phone 2297. 637

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION. — Change of date. The annual meeting will now be held on May 10th. Ringing from 2.30. Bells: St. Cuthbert's in the afternoon and St. Mary's Cathedral in addition in the evening. Names for tea, by Thursday, May 8th, to Rognvald Wilson, 15 Durham Road, Portobello, Midlothian. 532

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts District.—Meeting, Mansfield Woodhouse (6), Saturday, May 10th. Names for tea, by May 6th, to Mr. A. J. Brown, 4, Ferguson Avenue, Mansfield Woodhouse, near Mansfield.—H. Denman. 632

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting, Brighton, May 10th. Service, St. Nicholas', 4.15. Tea 2s. 6d. (under 16, 1s. 3d.). Usual allowances. Individual names for tea before May 3rd. Ringing from 2.30, St. Peter's, St. Nicholas'. Good Shepherd after meeting.—S. E. Armstrong, 21, Kenmure Avenue, Brighton 6. 608

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Preliminary Notice.— The annual festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 12th. — Hibbert, Gen. Sec. 627

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THE RINGER'S WIFE

By MADELINE M. CROFT

THERE is abroad in ringing circles a tale that during the wartime ban a young lady married a ringer, quite unaware of what this was to mean. She was considerably shaken when some years later he said, 'I'm just going up to the church for a ring,' and came back some three hours later, having rung a peal. This article is really in the nature of a timely warning to such young ladies, but ringers' wives in general may take heart from having their grievances aired, and, who knows?—ringers may further appreciate their wives.

In the first place, a ringer's wife should know something about ringing—the young lady is subsequently said to have remedied her defect in this direction. She should not aim to be an accomplished or even a practical ringer because, after some years, she will find that it is much more appreciated if she stays at home, minds the children, and has a meal ready for the peal band, than if she shared with them the thrills and intricacies of, say, London. The ideal wife should be able to step in in an emergency and hunt the treble, and when the peal attempt breaks down, bear with feminine fortitude the assembled sympathy when she knows perfectly well that it was really old So-and-So who was hopelessly lost after he missed his 5–6–5.

That is, however, for the ideal wife, but even for the common or garden wife, who stays at home to prepare the tea, a knowledge of bobs, singles, hunt-bells and whole-turns, etc., is desirable, and she should not be frightened by any lack of depth in her knowledge. After all, it is probably no more superficial than that of some of the ringers who eat at her table, and burble about in-and-out of course and false course-ends. In any case, she will find that if she knows something of the talk that is bandied about it will prevent her making worrying comparisons between the length of ringers' thirsts and the size of the tea ration, and it will also bring her to the comforting realisation that even if her long harboured tin of Grade I. salmon doesn't seem to be running to large helpings, her visitors are quite content to feed cannibalistically on Grandsire and its musical merits. The lady's reward for providing the meal will probably be some help with the washing up, but she should remember that ringing talk will be continued, and that in an argument on the qualities of spliced, there can be many a slip between washer and drier.

Although on an average the ringer's wife will not have his company on two nights out of the seven, and will probably see very little of him at the week-end, she will at other times have the pleasure of hearing him talk of his ringing experiences, and it is amazing how on these occasions the most even tempered of bells can acquire a Beverley-tenor temperament. She may, however, be disappointed if she expects him to move heavy furniture in the spring cleaning, as one well-known ringer's wife commented when her husband remarked on the weight of her attache case, 'A three-ton bell, yes, but a suitcase——!'

From the beginning, it is as well to remember that Friday is a very special day. On Friday evenings the ringer, if he is at home, will consume 'The Ringing World,' and make idle, irritating and probably envious speculation on the number of peals Whatshisname has rung or will ring this year. One bride actually inherited a complete set of thirty-three volumes of 'The Bell News,' so any night was liable to be a Friday night, *and* she had to dust them!

When the ringer's wife has done all this, and more, she is expected to make the final sacrifice—her good name. When her husband, due to pressure of work, or something of the sort, abandons ringing for a time, she must, with equanimity, hear it reported back to her that at some gathering one ringer said to another, 'Old Blankety-blank doesn't ring much these days—I expect it's his wife.'

ESSEX IN 1951

Essex has 865 ringing members, an increase of 33 during the past year. What is equally encouraging is that it has 163 honorary members, compared with 120 a year ago. In these days the support of honorary members is most essential, and while the Essex Association ended the year with a balance of £220 18s., it is stimulating to ringers to have behind them the support of lovers of bells.

This friendship with the general public is essential in the maintenance of bells. Restoration work during 1951 was substantial in Essex and the Association voted the sum of £110 for this purpose, compared with an income of £46 to the Restoration Fund. Work has been done at the following towers: Kelvedon, where the Festival of Britain bell replaces a Miles Grey tenor; new trebles at Bures; Nazeing, an additional treble, the gift of the Mercers' Company; Goldhanger, a new frame, bells retuned and a new tenor added; All Saints', Maldon; Great Totham. Other work is contemplated.

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AUSTIN T. WINGATE	2	JOHN D. ROCK	5
LESLIE EVANS	3	*REGINALD T. JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* 25th peal together.

In 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Double Bob and Plain Bob.

AUSTIN T. WINGATE	*Treble*	JOHN D. ROCK	4
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TWELVE BELL PEAL

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., April 15, 1952, in 3 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE BELL TOWER,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

R. GEORGE MORRIS	*Treble*	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	7
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WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT	3	*JOHN LLOYD	9
JOHN THOMAS	4	GEOFFREY J. LEWIS	10
MRS. J. THOMAS	5	*NORMAN J. GOODMAN	11
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	6	E. TREVOR NEWBURY	*Tenor*

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* First peal of Stedman Cinques. First peal of Stedman Cinques on the bells.

TEN BELL PEALS

ST. HELENS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 14, 1952, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5160 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 22 cwt.

LESTER L. GRAY	*Treble*	THOMAS HORRIDGE	6
THOMAS HAMMOND	2	ARTHUR MAWDESLEY	7
MARGARET E. RIDYARD	3	THOMAS HESKETH	8
*CHARLES BLACKBURN	4	EDWIN C. BIRKETT	9
RONALD KENRICK	5	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (119). Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

* First peal in the method.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 19, 1952, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 22 cwt.

*MRS. A. R. TURLEY	*Treble*	†JOHN B. SANSOM	6
MRS. N. MANCHIP	2	FREDERICK G. BALDWIN	7
†MISS M. A. PROCKSON	3	†ALBERT R. G. TWINN	8
MISS D. R. FLETCHER	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	9
HERBERT W. IMPEY	5	WILLIAM H. COLES	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM H. COLES.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal of Royal as conductor. Rung to the glory of God, and to mark the dedication of a memorial to Joseph John Pratt in this tower.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 29, 1952, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

WALTER G. SOAR	*Treble*	*JACK BAILEY	5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	2	FRANCIS R. LOWE	6
ALBERT E. THOMPSON	3	*HAROLD TAYLOR	7
JOSEPH WM. COTTON	4	SIDNEY H. JONES	*Tenor

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*MARGARET TAYLOR	*Treble*	†MICHAEL J. HORSEMAN	5
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*DAVID G. THORNE	3	ROGER O. FRY	7
WALTER STARR	4	LESLIE R. G. TAYLOR	*Tenor

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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., April 17, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5056 WARWICKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 10 lb. in A.

*HENRY H. FEARN	*Treble*	*JOHN PINFOLD	5
*MURIEL REAY	2	*TERRY R. HAMPTON	6
FRANK E. HAYNES	3	*ARTHUR V. PEARSON	7
*EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	4	*GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
* First peal of Warwickshire Major. First peal of Warwickshire Major for the Guild.

SKETTY, GLAMORGAN.
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., April 17, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 13 cwt.

ERNEST STITCH	*Treble*	EDWARD PHILLIPS	5
J. ARTHUR HOARE	2	ALBERT J. PITMAN	6
ALFRED HANNINGTON	3	GWYN I. LEWIS	7
EDMUND MORRIS	4	TREVOR M. RODERICK	*Tenor*

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.

WOLBOROUGH, DEVONSHIRE.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Thurs., April 17, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr.

WILLIAM H. HOWE	*Treble*	JOHN L. S. GLANVILL	5
E. MAURICE ATKINS	2	BRIAN PIDGEON	6
*FRANK WILLS	3	FREDERICK WREFORD	7
CYRIL C. DEEM	4	NORMAN MALLETT	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.
* First peal of Major. Rung for the Easter Festival.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., April 18, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
H. W. Wilde's Transposition. Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

FREDERICK CULLUM	*Treble*	FRANK WALKER	5
JAMES BENNETT	2	GEORGE KENWARD	6
GEORGE BUTCHER	3	RALPH BIRD	7
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	4	THOMAS W. BLEWITT	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY.
G. Butcher has now 'completed the circle' in this tower.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 19, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 25¼ cwt.

MARGARET E. RIDYARD	*Treble*	ARTHUR HATCH	5
THOMAS BARKER	2	RONALD KENRICK	6
THOMAS HORRIDGE	3	REV. R. D. ST. JOHN SMITH	7
JACK ASHCROFT	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

BOLDMERE, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., April 19, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	*Treble*	TERRY R. HAMPTON	5
MURIEL REAY	2	JOHN PINFOLD	6
*JOHN MCDONALD	3	HENRY H. FEARN	7
ANTHONY AGER	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
* First peal 'inside.'

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 19, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

*MARY FULLER	*Treble*	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	5
*BARBARA A. MITCHELL	2	*JOHN E. CANNELL	6
*DORIS E. COLGATE	3	*RICHARD E. PRICE	7
*ROBERT COLLINS	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
* First peal in the method.

GRAPPENHALL, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 19, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12½ cwt.

HARRY W. HOWARD	*Treble*	GORDON A. HALLS	5
HAROLD WORRALL	2	CECIL RADDON	6
KENNETH EDWARDS	3	RALPH TAYLOR	7
*CLIFFORD W. SHAW	4	HENRY PARKER	*Tenor*

Composed by F. HOPGOOD. Conducted by HENRY PARKER.
* First peal. Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Taylor.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., April 19, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in G.

WILLIAM F. WOODWARD	*Treble*	WALTER G. SOAR	5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	2	*GORDON H. LANE	6
JOSEPH WM. COTTON	3	SIDNEY H. JONES	7
ALBERT E. THOMPSON	4	FRANCIS R. LOWE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
* First peal of Double Norwich.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 19, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

ERNEST WHITING	*Treble*	REGINALD H. DRANE	5
HERBERT C. BOGGIS	2	LIONEL A. LESTER	6
ROBERT E. LESTER	3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	7
*FREDERICK J. ROOPE	4	RUSSELL W. CURSON	*Tenor*

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.
* 250th peal for the Norwich Association.

WHITBY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 19, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

*DOUGLAS ELWICK	*Treble*	‡HAROLD SPENCER	5
*HAROLD PARKER	2	*HUBERT WATERS	6
WILLIAM A. BRECKON	3	†SIDNEY R. ELWICK	7
†HARRY SHORT	4	BERT SUTTON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by BERT SUTTON.
* First peal of Major. † First of Plain Bob Major. ‡ First of Plain Bob Major 'inside.' First of Major as conductor. A wedding compliment to the ringer of the 2nd, married at Filey the previous Saturday.

WROTHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Sat., April 19, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5016 SPLICED PLAIN BOB AND GAINSBOROUGH LITTLE BOB MAJOR
J. Carter's 8,064 of Plain Bob. Tenor 20 cwt. 10 lb.

*FRANK W. TOMLIN	*Treble*	E. S. JOHN HATCHER	5
GEOFFREY W. ASHDOWN	2	LUTHER J. HONESS	6
PETER C. WRIGHT	3	ALEXANDER WADDINGTON	7
WILLIAM R. MANSER	4	REGINALD L. SILLS	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD L. SILLS.
* First peal of Major. First peal of Spliced by all.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., April 21, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5088 CORNWALL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

MURIEL REAY	*Treble*	TERRY R. HAMPTON	5
JOHN PINFOLD	2	WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT	6
J. MARTIN THORLEY	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Composer unknown. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
Rung as a birthday compliment to H.M. the Queen. First peal in the method for the Guild, and by all.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 21, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

CHAS. W. R. GRIMWOOD	*Treble*	*REX J. CORKE	5
ALFRED H. PULLING	2	RONALD J. C. HAGLEY	6
WILLIAM T. BEESON	3	COLIN A. HOPPER	7
EDWARD J. BRAGG	4	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES HUNT. Conducted by FREDERICK A. MUNDAY.
* First peal in the method. Rung in honour of the 26th birthday of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

ARELEY KINGS, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 5, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being forty-two extents, ten callings. Tenor 8½ cwt.

ALFRED W. GLAZZARD	*Treble*	GERALD L. BOWEN	4
REGINALD ROWLEY	2	ALFRED C. BOXLEY	5
JOHN H. PAGETT	3	JOHN H. HICKS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN H. PAGETT.
Alfred Glazzard has now 'completed the circle.' Rung as a birthday compliment to Master John A. Pagett.

WIGMORE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., April 13, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being one 240 and forty six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 9 cwt.

E. PETER ROCK	*Treble*	DOROTHY HUGHES	4
*HAROLD WHITE	2	LESLIE EVANS	5
JOHN D. ROCK	3	SIDNEY DANIELS	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE EVANS.
* First peal 'inside.' Rung for the Easter Festival.

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH, DERBYSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 14, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET.
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
In 33 methods: (1) Knutsford, Rostherne, Bogedone and Wilmslow Delight. (2) Skipton, Chepstow, Fotheringay and Balmoral Delight. (3) Crowland, Combermere, Vale Royal, St. Werburgh and Abbeyville Delight. (4) Willesden, Newdigate, College Bob IV., Old Oxford and Marple Delight. (5) College Exercise, Norbury, Ockley, Duke of Norfolk and Morning Star Treble Bob. (6) Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby and Braintree Delight. (7) Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

JAMES A. MILNER	*Treble*	SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN...	4
ERIC SIMPSON	2	ALEXANDER RICHARDSON	5
EDWARD HOLDSWORTH	3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.
First peal in 33 methods by all except the treble ringer. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Wendy Sage, of Wilmslow. Also to mark the retirement after 25 years' service in the Cheshire Constabulary of Mr. Sidney Hough, jun.

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 14, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Seven extents, called differently. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

JOAN SMITH	*Treble*	†GEORGE CHALLANS	4
*JOHN KETTERINGHAM	2	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE	5
SAM SCATTERGOOD	3	HERBERT T. ROOKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Kent Treble Bob.

MIDHURST, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., April 15, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY MAGDALENE AND DENIS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

*LEONARD STILWELL	*Treble*	JOHN W. MEADE	4
†W. LESLIE WELLER	2	ERNEST TREAGUS	5
NORMAN J. SMITH	3	HAROLD F. WOOD	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST TREAGUS.
* 400th peal. † First peal of Minor 'inside.' Arranged to welcome the Vicar, the Rev. R. G. G. Hooper, to Midhurst.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., April 18, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different 720's. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

GORDON WHEWELL	*Treble*	DEREK SANDERSON	4
KENNETH HARTLEY	2	BRIAN H. WOOD	5
NORMAN SMITH	3	ROGER LEIGH	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.

FINBOROUGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., April 18, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being an extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 12¼ cwt. in F.

*†RONALD W. STEWARD	*Treble*	‡R. ROGER SAVORY	4
ROBERT E. LESTER	2	†MAX P. PAGE	5
GEORGE WATERMAN	3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by MAX P. PAGE.
* 100th peal of Minor and also 150th peal. † 25th peal together. ‡ First peal in seven methods. Rung in memoriam to the late Shelford Sparrow, of Stowmarket.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Fri., April 18, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 9 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

*ALEC G. ISAACSON	*Treble*	†DEREK PREECE	4
†DAVID W. BARR	2	*MICHAEL W. FAIREY	5
CLIVE M. SMITH	3	‡BRYAN E. CARSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by CLIVE M. SMITH.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside' and in the method. ‡ First peal in the method. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells by a local band. Rung for the Easter Festival, and also as a 19th birthday compliment to J. N. F. Fairey, brother of the ringer of the 5th.

ST. HELENS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., April 18, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three 720's of Plain Bob and four 720's of Kent Treble Bob on the front six. Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in E flat.

*ANTONY G. R. APPLETON	*Treble*	HARRY BLACKBURN	4
WILLIAM O. FARRIMOND	2	JAMES GROUNDS	5
RONALD POCKINGTON	3	CHARLES BLACKBURN	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES BLACKBURN.
* First peal on six bells. First peal in two methods as conductor.

ARRETON, ISLE OF WIGHT.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 19, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

WILLIAM UPTON	*Treble*	*PETER N. BOND	4
JOHN H. HUNT	2	JOHN W. MEADE	5
NORMAN J. SMITH	3	FREDERICK W. BURNETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.
* First peal of Surprise Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells.

BROUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Preston Branch.)
On Sat., April 19, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

*JAMES HODGSON	*Treble*	†J. RICHARD JENKINSON	4
JOHN E. BRIGGS	2	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE	5
JOHN JOLLEYS	3	FRANK STEAD	*Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.
* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

CHILDSWYCKHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Sat., April 19, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

FREDERICK G. NURDEN	*Treble*	E. TREVOR NEWBURY	4
R. GEORGE MORRIS	2	CYRIL TANSELL	5
JOHN THOMAS	3	THOMAS W. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. A. J. Turner, who is going to North Cerney.

COALPIT HEATH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Sat., April 19, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob, and two each of Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob Minor. Tenor 10 cwt.

*RICHARD J. BOWDEN	*Treble*	ERIC SUTTON	4
WILFRED F. WEBB	2	ALBERT M. TYLER	5
†REGINALD G. HOOPER	3	ROGER O. FRY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal in four methods of Minor. Rung as a 25th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Donovan, of Knowle.

CROMHALL, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 19, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being ten six-scores and eight 240's each of Morris's and Pitman's arrangement. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*LESLIE BARRY	*Treble*	DOREEN EDWARDS	4
DORIS H. SHEPPARD	2	ALFRED LYNALL	5
†JOHANNA BARBROOK	3	RONALD COX	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

* 250th peal. † First peal of Grandsire:

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 19, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

WILLIAM F. TODD	*Treble*	JOHN CHURCH	4
PETER W. CROFT	2	WILLIAM J. CROFT	5
GEORGE CHERRY	3	FRANK W. CROFT	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK W. CROFT.

A farewell to the Rev. and Mrs. L. Bonsey, who are leaving Great Wymondley, also a 14th birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

MARKET OVERTON, RUTLAND.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 19, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being eight six-scores each of St. Bartholomew, Canterbury, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire, and one 240 of Morris's Arrangement. Tenor 15 cwt.

HARRY WAND	*Treble*	J. HARRY COOK	3
ERNEST MORRIS	2	REGINALD SCOTT	4
B. STEDMAN PAYNE	*Tenor*		

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

MARTIN-BY-TIMBERLAND, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 19, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being one 2,160 and four 720's called differently. Tenor 9½ cwt.

PETER MASON	*Treble*	BERTIE BEE	4
*FRED INGALL	2	MOSES BILLINGS	5
AMOS INGALL	3	†LOUIS WILLDERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by LOUIS WILLDERS.

* First peal in the method. † 50th peal for the Guild and first of Surprise as conductor. Rung for the Queen's birthday.



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NASH, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 19, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in B.

*JEAN POWELL	*Treble*	*DILLYS HULBERT	4
*BRYNLEY J. PARRY	2	DONALD G. CLARKE	5
DAVID S. VOSS	3	*A. RYAN PRICE	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. RYAN PRICE.

* First peal of Minor. Believed to be the first peal of Minor on the bells. Rung as a compliment to Miss Jacqueline S. Evans on being elected Master of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association.

PILTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 19, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 18 cwt.

PERCIVAL H. HULL	*Treble*	STANLEY G. ATWELL	4
ALBERT T. HARRIS	2	*EDWARD LAMBERT	5
*BERTRAM HIGGINS	3	*RONALD TALBOT	*Tenor*

Conducted by PERCIVAL H. HULL.

* First peal.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 19, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Single Court and Double Court, and three of Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

HENRY P. COLLIN	*Treble*	WILLIAM H. DALE	4
D. HENRY METTAM	2	*FREDERICK S. PARSONS	5
JAMES H. MUSSON	3	DENIS A. FRITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENIS A. FRITH.

* First peal in five methods. First peal of Minor as conductor, who has now 'circled' this tower.

SUTTON COURTENAY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 19, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Six different 240's and two 120's twice repeated. Tenor 16 cwt.

*JOHN GREENWOOD	*Treble*	*ARTHUR HANKS	4
WALTER WEBB	2	*RICHARD BROAD	5
GEORGE ALLUM	3	*CYRIL JAMES	*Tenor*

Conducted by RICHARD BROAD.

* First peal. A compliment to the ringer of the 2nd, who has completed 50 years as a chorister. First peal on the bells by Sunday service ringers for over 25 years.

WIGTOFT, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 19, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Ipswich Surprise, Double Court, Double Oxford, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

WILLIAM B. DAWSON	*Treble*	ALBERT H. BENNETT	4
JOHN P. MORRIS	2	JOHN G. AMES	5
FRANK TAYLOR	3	CYRIL WANDER	*Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL WANDER.

WOLLASTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(Northern Branch.)
On Sat., April 19, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of Ipswich, London, Wells, York, Durham, Beverley and Cambridge. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*SAMUEL COOK	*Treble*	†HAROLD V. COOPER	4
*CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	2	FREDERICK G. HANDLEY	5
*BRIAN R. SUTTON	3	*THOMAS HEMMING	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK G. HANDLEY.

* First peal in seven Surprise Minor methods. † 100th peal for the Association. First peal of Minor as conductor. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Brian R. Sutton.

NEW BUCKENHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., April 20, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Treble*	JOHN R. SMITH	4
*FRANK C. ARNOLD	2	WILFRED G. SAUNDERS	5
†FRANK C. PHILLIPPO	3	F. CHARLES GOODMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by F. CHARLES GOODMAN.

* First peal in seven methods. † First peal in seven methods 'inside.' First peal in seven Minor methods as conductor. Rung as a wedding compliment to J. R. Rout and Miss V. Calver.

COUNTESTHORPE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 21, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 17 lb.

*FREDERICK WATSON	*Treble*	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	4
HAROLD KILBY	2	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	5
CECIL E. CARR	3	JOHN J. MORRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN J. MORRIS.

* 100th peal. First in the method by all the band and on the bells. Specially arranged and rung in honour of Queen Elizabeth's 26th birthday. Also to mark the retirement of both churchwardens of this Church, Mr. B. G. Greenhough, 18 years' warden service, and Mr. W. J. T. Pollard, 25 years' warden service.

CROMHALL, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 21, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten six-scores of Grandsire, eight of St. Dunstan's and six 240's each of Morris's and Pitman's. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALFRED LYNALL	*Treble*	TREVOR PRITCHARD	4
DORIS H. SHEPPARD	2	LESLIE BARRY	5
*BETTY NATION	3	DOREEN EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

* First peal 'inside.' Rung for the birthday of H.M. the Queen.

PIDDINGTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Northampton Branch.)
On Mon., April 21, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, C.C.C., Nos. 51, 49, 50, 34, 37, 28, 29.
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

*ALAN C. COZENS	*Treble*	†KENNETH D. PERKINS	4
*ANTHONY J. BAKER	2	IVOR J. DICKIN	5
WALTER MAWBY	3	ERIC NOBLES	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERIC NOBLES.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor 'inside.' Rung as a birthday compliment to H.M. Queen Elizabeth.

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 21, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.
Tenor 9½ cwt.

*EDWARD B. SMITH	*Treble*	RONALD G. BUGG	4
GEORGE WATERMAN	2	URBAN W. WILDNEY	5
R. ROGER SAVORY	3	EDWARD E. DAVEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

* First peal of Minor.

WHILTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 21, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*MICHAEL F. AMOS	*Treble*	SYDNEY G. OSBORNE	4
MALCOLM J. V. CHOWN	2	RONALD C. NOON	5
†ROY C. SPRING	3	ERNEST G. ORLAND	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST G. ORLAND.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor 'inside.' First peal of Minor as conductor. Rung in honour of H.M. the Queen's birthday.

HANDBELL PEALS

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., April 9, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	1—2	MICHAEL SLANEY	5—6
FREDERICK WM. GROCOTT	3—4	*ERIC NIXON	7—8

Composed by W. P. WHITEHEAD. Conducted by FREDK. WM. GROCOTT.
* First peal of Double Norwich.

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 12, 1952, *in* 1 *Hour and* 44 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents: (1) Double Bob, (2 and 3) St. Clement's and Childwall Bob (4 and 5), Plain Bob, (6) Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Kent Treble Bob. Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	1—2	FREDERICK WM. GROCOTT	3—4
		MICHAEL SLANEY	5—6

Non-Conducted.
First non-conducted handbell peal for the Association.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sun., April 13, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Pitstow's Transposition.

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	1—2	DANIEL T. MATKIN	5—6
CLEMENT GLENN	3—4	WILLIAM G. YOUNG	7—8

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., April 13, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part. Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	1—2	*MICHAEL SLANEY	5—6
*FREDERICK WM. GROCOTT	3—4	*ERIC NIXON	7—8

Conducted by FREDERICK WM. GROCOTT.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples 'in hand.' Also first peal 'in hand for the Association.

MONTMORENCY, VICTORIA.
ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL SOCIETY, MELBOURNE,
On Mon., April 14, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
AT RATTRAY ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 13 in E.

*CHRISTOPHER BILLINGTON	1—2	PHILIP M. J. GRAY ..	5—6
JOAN GRAY	3—4	†JOHN B. WILLIS	7—8

Composer unknown. Conducted by PHILIP M. J. GRAY.
* First peal 'in hand' away from the tenors. † First peal.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 14, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Original.

BRIAN BUSWELL	1—2	DANIEL T. MATKIN	5—6
CLEMENT GLENN	3—4	ALBERT H. WARD	7—8

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., April 18, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different 720's. Tenor size 15 in C.

*JOAN BUSSEY	1—2	B. ENID LLOYD ROBERTS	3—4
		JACK R. WORRALL	5—6

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.
* First peal of Minor 'in hand.' Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Gardiner on the birth of a daughter.

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Congratulations will be extended to the octogenarian band who rang their peal of Plain Bob Major last Saturday at St. John's, Deptford. Mr. Frank Bennett conducted. This is the first time a peal has been scored by a band all of whom were over 80 years of age.

BELFRY GOSSIP

No discourtesy to the Middlesex Association was intended by the visitors who, on April 19th, rang a peal at Enfield for the Kent County Association, but there were insufficient Middlesex members in the band to elect the remainder in accordance with the rules.

Mr. Leslie Barry has now called a peal from each bell at Cromhall, Glos.

The new secretary of the Bedfordshire Association is Mr. J. M. Stephens, 24, Durler Avenue, Kempston, Bedford.

Mr. Peter N. Bond has accepted a teaching post at the Rosemary Academy for Boys, Lincoln, as from September 1st.

Mr. A. E. Rowley informs us that the peal at Ibstock on March 21st (page 244) should read: '720 each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Single Court, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob.

The 50th anniversary of the dedication of Bridlington Priory bells will be marked by ringing from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and a service taken by the president of the Yorkshire Association (the Ven. C. O. Ellison).

The peal at Midhurst on April 15th to welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. R. G. G. Hooper, was the first peal on the bells since February 22nd, 1905. The band appreciate the co-operation from the local ringers for the part they played in making the peal possible and for their kind hospitality.

Branston, Lincs, has lost one of the old originals of its band by the death of Mr. Joseph Canham, aged 82. For over 40 years he had rung at this tower and there is now only one survivor of the first band. On the day of his funeral, April 21st, a quarter peal of Bob Minor was rung.

The officers of the Cambridge University Guild for the following year are:—Master, P. A. F. Chalk, Selwyn College; secretary, F. E. Roberts, Selwyn College.

Railwaymen are attempting a peal at Tunbridge Wells to-morrow.

The peal at Witham on April 5th was 5,056 Plain Bob Major, not 5,024 as published.

The Ladies' Guild are already planning their 40th anniversary of the Guild's foundation by a celebration dinner at Leicester on October 25th. A company of 150 is expected.

Mr. Bernard J. Saddington, an esteemed member of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, died on April 15th, aged 61. An appreciation of his services will appear in our next issue.

The bells (8) of St. Nicholas', Newport, Shropshire, will shortly be in the hands of Messrs. Taylor and Co. The second and sixth are to be recast and ball bearings are to replace the present plain bearing. The cost will be about £500.

The quarter peal at Castor, near Peterborough, recorded this week is the first by a local band. Until recently this six had not been rung regularly but a middle-aged band have learnt to ring in the last three years and the quarter peal denotes their progress.

A full programme has been planned for the South of England Ringers' Rally and George Williams Commemoration Dinner at Bournemouth to-morrow. Mr. A. A. Hughes has promised to speak to the memory of George Williams.

Two peals were rung on Easter Monday by a band of Lancashire ringers. After the first, at Miles Platting, Manchester, Mr. Charles Clegg felt unwell. The band extend their thanks to Mr. Ronald M. Edwards, who at a moment's notice deputised for him at Ashton-under Lyne.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

The second session of the 26th Council (55th annual meeting) will be held on Whitsun Tuesdal, June 3rd, 1952, in the Chapter House, Lincoln Cathedral, by kind permission of the Dean and Chapter at 11 o'clock.

The morning session will be adjourned at 1 o'clock and the afternoon session will commence at 2.15 p.m. or as may be decided.

AGENDA

Report of the Honorary Secretary as to representation of societies and as to subscriptions.
Apologies for absence.
Presentation of new members to the President (Rule 14).

1. Election of Hon. Secretary and Treasurer for 1952-54 in place of Mr. G. W. Fletcher.
   The Rev K. W. H. Felstead, proposed by Mr. E. H. Lewis, seconded by Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, on behalf of the Selection Committee, supported by 24 members of the Standing Committee.
   Mr. E. A. Barnett, proposed by Mr. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. J. F. Smallwood.
2. Election of Honorary Members. The following member retires and is eligible for re-election:—Mr. W. Rowe. There are four vacancies.
3. Election of Life Members.
   Nominations:—
   Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, proposed on behalf of the Standing Committee by Mr E. H. Lewis, seconded by Mr. A. A. Hughes.
   Miss M. E. Snowdon, proposed by Mr. W. G. Wilson, seconded by Mr. E. A. Barnett.
4. Loss of members through death.
5. Minutes of the last meeting.
6. Report of Hon. Librarian.
7. Balance Sheet and Accounts for the year ended December, 1951.
8. Report of the Trustees of the Carter Ringing Machine
9. To receive, discuss and, if thought fit, to adopt the reports of the following committees:—
   To pass such resolutions as may be necessary on matters arising out of the reports
   To alter the constitution of the committees as may be considered desirable.
   (a) Standing Committee.
   (b) Peal Collection.
   (c) Methods Committee.
   (d) Peal Analysis.
   (e) Record Committee.
   (f) Towers and Belfries.
   (g) Literature Press and Broadcasting.
   (h) Peal Boards.
   (i) Biographies.
   (k) 'The Ringing World.'

MOTION

10. The Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers, as represented by its General Committee, views with apprehension the possibility of the enforcement of the Central Council rule, requiring all methods rung in peals to have Plain Bob lead ends, and requests the Council to preserve the status quo and to re-examine the whole question of irregular methods in the light of present day knowledge and practice.
    Proposed by Mr. A. E. Lock.
    Seconded by Mr. A. D. Barker.
11. To fix the place of next meeting.
12. Other business (if any).

GEORGE W. FLETCHER, Hon. Sec.
The White House, Caister-on-Sea,
Great Yarmouth

IRISH ASSOCIATION

Northern District's Annual Meeting

Over 100 ringers attended the annual meeting of the Northern District at St. Crmgall's, Bangor, on Easter Monday, including Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Darmon, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Dukes and Mr. W. Lynch from the Eastern District.

Seven teams competed for the Cunningham Cup, the standard of ringing being very high and a great improvement on last year. Mr. W. Pratt (president) and the Rev. John Barry were the judges and their placings were:—St. Thomas's, Belfast, 82 per cent.; St. Crmgall's, Bangor, 80; St. Donard's, Belfast (holders), 78; St. Malachi's, Hillsborough, 58; St. Columb's, Londonderry, 52; St. Bermach's, Rostern, 46; St. Patrick's, Coleraine, 44.

After lunch the bells were rung to various methods until the meeting, presided over by Canon Good owing to the illness of the District chairman, Mr. W. Rogers.

Reports indicated that the District was in a very strong position both as regards ringing and finances. The Festival year had been a remarkable one.

Officers elected were:—Vice-president and District chairman, Rev. John Barry (Hillsborough); Ringing Master, Mr. H. Brown (Holywood); District secretary, Mr. John T. Dunwoody (Holywood); assistant secretary, Miss Jean Stewart (St. Donard's); treasurer, Mr. Jack Campbell (Londonderry); Central Committee, Miss Young (Carrickfergus) and Mr. F. Burrows (St. Thomas'). The next annual meeting will be at Enniskillen.

The attendance shield was presented to St. Donard's, who won it jointly with Ballymorden, Co. Cork, with a 100 per cent. record. Votes of thanks were passed to local ringers, particularly Mr. McBride (steeplekeeper) and Miss Cowley (secretary). Ringing after the meeting included touches of Cambridge Surprise, Combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Pontefract Delight Major, Grandsire, Plain Bob and Oswald Delight with some call-changes.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The annual general meeting held at Huntingdon on Easter Monday was well attended, all parts of the Diocese being represented. Visitors came from Boston, Spalding, Swineshead and Bicker (Lincolnshire), Coventry, Leicester, Tempsford (Bedfordshire) and Sunningdale (Berkshire)

Ringing commenced at 10.30 at St. Ives where the open shops and busy market stalls occasioned some surprise.

During the afternoon the bells of the two Huntingdon towers were kept going until the service at 3.30 held at St. Mary's, conducted by the Vicar with Brian Warwick, of Leicester, at the organ.

Tea was served in All Saints' Church Hall, the business meeting following with Mr. E. G. Hibbins in the chair. Officers were elected as follows:—General secretary and treasurer, Mr. W. W. Cousins; auditor Mr. T. R. Dennis; peal secretary, Mr. E. G. Hibbins; Diocesan committee—Messrs. F. Warrington, F. Newman, C. Cousins, C. Butter, R. Brooker, G. Walker, J. Gipson and C. Hurst.

The financial problem of renewing supplies of the Association's badge was discussed and it was decided to circularise the towers in the Diocese to ascertain the likely demand, before ordering a new stock. Cambridge was chosen as the place for the annual general meeting next year.

Thanks were expressed to Mr. H. S. Peacock and his helpers for making the arrangements and providing tea, and Mr. E. Barker welcomed the visitors, Mr. W. Clarke, of Boston, responding.

During the evening Godmanchester bells, which are shortly to be rehung, were available, in addition to the Huntingdon towers.

FIVE PEALS IN A DAY

Hereford Band's Unique Achievement

AT 4 a.m. on Tuesday, April 15th, a party of four, one of whom had already travelled 12 miles by motor-cycle, left Hereford by car.

The roads were deserted and the 35-mile journey to the little Welsh village of Llanfihangel Rhydithon was made without mishap, though not a few rabbits had narrow escapes; here we met the remaindeer of the band who had travelled by motor-cycle from Eardisland.

The Parish Church of St. Michael and All Angels is on a slight rise, well clear of the one or two houses which form the centre of the village.

The back five of the ring are by Mears and Stainbank, and Gillett and Johnston added a treble in 1936. In 1937 a peal of Doubles and in 1938 a peal of Minor were rung here, both these peals being rung for the Hereford Diocesan Guild.

It would be hard to find a more suitable tower for peal-ringing and it was this fact which made the band decide to attempt all five peals here rather than go to five different places.

The Vicar, the Rev. E. Fowler, who is a ringer, had very kindly pulled the bells up the day before. After adjusting ropes the first peal was started at 5.35 a.m. and came round at about 8 o'clock.

We walked to the Vicarage and enjoyed a quick breakfast before returning to the belfry to start again at 8.45. In the second 720, after about 500 changes, there was a slight hesitancy; an over-eager ringer sent his dodging partner down the wrong way and 'Stand' was called. Thirty-five minutes wasted! A fresh start was made and after half a lead 'Stand' was called again . . . . this would never do! Eventually we did get off all right and came round at 11.40. Here followed a short break during which methylated spirits and meat pies were in great demand and a drop of oil was put on the bells.

We started for the third which came round without a hitch at 2.15 p.m. We dashed off by car to a lunch of bacon and eggs at a cafe about a mile away and were very surprised when we received a telephone call from a Llandrindod Wells newspaper. We promised to ring them up later in the day if we succeeded in all our attempts.

The afternoon peal was rung and tea at the Vicarage was appreciated by all. The Vicar was very pleased with the ringing and when someone asked him what he would think of five peals every day for a month he said he would only be happy if we continued for 12 months! We bade goodbye to the Vicar and his niece, without whom we should have been unable to make the attempts.

The oil lamp had to be lit for the last attempt which began at 6.40 and came round at 9 o'clock, just in time for some small refreshment before the journey home.

A memorable day!

5,040 Surprise Royal

(a) 23456	M	W	H	(b) 23456	M	W	H
42356			—	42356			—
63254	—		—	35426		—	—
56234		—		46253	—	—	2
32465	—	—	3	52364	—	—	3
63425		—		32465	—		3
24536	—	—	3	54263	—		—
25346		—	2	65243		—	
23456		—	2	23456	—	—	2

(a) Used for Wallington Surprise Royal (Corrigan Collection 623), rung at Beddington, Surrey, on January 5th, 1952.

(b) Used for Southover Surprise Royal (Corrigan Collection 596), rung at Southover, Lewes, Sussex, on April 5th, 1952.

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Subscription to Remain at 1s. 6d.—

Mr. J. T. Dyke Retiring

EASTER Monday saw some 150 members at Minehead for the annual meeting of the Association, where the proceedings started with a service in the Parish Church, conducted by the Master, the Rev. Prebendary A. J. Hook. A very helpful address was given by the Rev. F. M. Etherington. Lunch was followed by the business meeting.

In his report, the Master stated that he was unable to give the numerical strength of the Association as all details had not yet come to hand, but everything pointed to the fact that the Association was very much alive. A great deal of teaching was going on, and throughout the Diocese there was constant evidence of the increased care of the bells. Much of this was due to the charm and tact of ringers. Talking of charm and tact, he said that there was one way in which those pleasant virtues might be more fully exercised for the happiness of all. As in all societies, ringers occasionally disagreed over matters of principle or detail. That was natural and human. But sometimes such disagreement led to personal animosity (it appeared occasionally in letters to 'The Ringing World') and that was wholly bad because it was unchristian and a breach of charity. Of course they must differ, but let them agree to differ, and not get cross or personal about it. Besides, the other man was not **always** wrong.

Bells were primarily for the glory of God and to call people to worship. It was an axiom that they should be rung as well as possible. Hence the Exercise. Peal ringing was for the good of the Exercise, but even so, the glory of God should not be forgotten. Two things came into his mind in that connection:—

(i) It did not seem right that peals should be rung in Lent and Passiontide. He did not think that any had been rung by their Association but many were rung in other parts of the country. It looked as if ringers, who were, after all, churchworkers, were discarding the discipline of the Church for the modern world practice of treating Lent as if it did not exist.

(ii) Ringers rang peals because it was good for the Exercise, and because they liked ringing them, or because there was a national occasion of importance. But the present fashion of appending the note 'Rung as a birthday compliment to the mother-in-law of Mr. X' did not seem very dignified.

In some branches Corporate Communions for ringers were regularly held and he hoped that other branches would start the practice. He concluded by congratulating Evercreech and Queen Camel on their broadcasts.

REPORT EVERY THREE YEARS

Mr. J. T. Dyke, general secretary, then followed with his report, which he commenced with a reference to the financial state of the Association. He showed that investments stood at the face value of £171 1s. and that, including a credit just handed to him, there was £294 11s. 10d. in hand. At this juncture he pointed out that had the Association printed a report each year those assets would have disappeared and next year they would have been heading for insolvency. He promised to get into the printers' hands during May a report to cover the last four years. He made it clear that the Association could not afford a report even every other year, but that it could have one every third year, with a leaflet containing Master's and secretary's reports and a statement of accounts at the annual meeting in the intervening years. He felt that it would be the greatest mistake to increase the subscription from 1s. 6d.

Some discussion followed relative to other means of increasing income and it was left to the committee to discuss and recommend to the next general meeting.

The secretary also reported that following his efforts of some years ago the County Library had now added to its shelves both 'Ropesight' and 'Standard Methods.' He also made a plea for increased support of 'The Ringing World.'

Miss Williams then gave a short report regarding the proceedings of the Central Council meeting at Chester. She was followed by Mr. W. A. Osborn, who reported concerning the 14 towers where he had given advice during the year. An interesting item was the recasting of an old bell, but the preservation of the band of metal showing the founder's marks. In his usual inimitable manner, he gave advice concerning frame, bell and rope preservation.

Two recommendations of the committee were approved. They were to increase the grant to Central Council representatives to £20, and to transfer £10 to the Belfries Repair Fund.

The existing officers were re-elected, and some discussion took place concerning the office of secretary, as Mr. Dyke had expressed his intention to resign next Easter Monday. It was left to the committee to discuss and report to the general meeting their recommendations regarding his successor and to split up the work of the general secretary by appointing a separate treasurer and an assistant or peal secretary.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the incumbents of the churches where the bells had been made available to the members, to the Rev. F. M. Etherington and to the organist.

OUTINGS

BRISTOL UNIVERSITY

On April 7th the University of Bristol Society held their usual pre-summer term outing in which ten members participated, accompanied by Miss Joan Bussey, of Gloucester, and Brian Bladon of Swindon.

Towers visited were Winterbourne (6), Iron Acton (6), Cromhall (6), North Nibley (6), Dursley (8), Wotton-under-Edge (8) and Chipping Sodbury (6). Everything went strangely according to plan, all buses turned up at their appointed times (!) and everybody voted it a most enjoyable day's ringing

THAKENHAM, SUSSEX

An enjoyable day in Hampshire was spent on Easter Monday by Thakenham ringers accompanied by friends from Storrington, Washington, Itchingfield and Amberley. Towers visited were Steep (6), West Meon (8), East Meon (8), Swanmore (6) and Catherington (6). The standard of ringing was exceptionally good throughout the day and methods rung included Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Plain Bob Minor and Major, Kent Minor and Stedman Doubles. The tower secretary, Mr. Farhall, arranged the outing and acted as Ringing Master and the company wish to express to him their sincere thanks.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS' FESTIVAL

Held At Isolated Tower

THE decision of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers to hold its annual festival at Combe Martin was a very courageous one indeed. Influenced, no doubt, by the change in date from Whit Monday to Easter Monday, attendances at this event have been falling, whilst Combe Martin is the most isolated tower in the Guild, being at least 35 miles from the nearest method-ringing band. In the event, however, the infectious optimism of the local ringers proved to be more than justified, as nearly 150 members and friends were present at the festival as against 60 last year.

The programme of the Devon Guild's 'annual' is unlike that of most of the other territorial associations. Partly owing to the long distances which most members have to travel—this year, for instance, the Plymouth contingent must have had to cover at least 150 miles—not much time can be spent at the festival tower, particularly if visits to other belfries are made on the way. A time-table is, therefore, drawn up and members ring in bands. This has its disadvantages but on the other hand the average level of the striking is probably higher than it would be and critical listening and appreciation take the place of general conviviality..

The Church of St. Peter, beautifully decorated for Easter, was nearly filled for the service conducted by the Rector, the Rev. H. M. Young, assisted by the Guild president, Prebendary E. V. Cox. The Rev. A. R. Gerry, Rural Dean, preached the sermon, which might perhaps be described as a slight variation on a very old theme. The collection, in aid of the Exeter Cathedral Restoration Fund, amounted to £3 10s. 9d.

The luncheon and annual meeting which followed were presided over by the president supported by the Guild officers and Mr. W. H. Small. Prebendary Cox followed up his appeal, which he made a year ago, for greater progress in new methods by moving a resolution suggesting that each band in the Guild should try to learn at least one new method in the coming year.

The meeting decided by a large majority to revert to the time-honoured practice of holding the annual festival on Whit Monday. Next year it will take place at Exeter.

The following officers were unanimously re-elected for the coming year:—President, Prebendary E. V. Cox; hon. treasurer, Mr. A. L. Bennett; hon. secretary, Mr. E. J. Taylor; hon. auditor, Mr. J. C. Oke.

The president moved a very hearty vote of thanks to the Rector of Combe Martin and the local band, with special reference to Miss B. M. Boyle, for the excellence of the local arrangements for which they had made themselves entirely responsible. The branch Ringing Master, the Rev. J. H. B. Andrews, responded. Certificates—the first of a new design recently approved by the general committee—were presented to three young members of the local company.

Ringing went on at Combe Martin and many other North Devon towers during the day. One party, which returned homewards through the heart of the call-change country, had the experience of raising Swymbridge bells—in a belfry hung to the ceiling with prize-winning certificates—before the critical eyes (and ears) of four of the local band. The friendly discussion which followed and the interest shown by the local men were, the visitors felt, evidence that the cause of change-ringing had not suffered as the result of their visit. E. J. T.

A NORTH SHROPSHIRE TOUR

Six Chester ringers travelling by car and motor-cycle had a very enjoyable day's ringing in North Shropshire on April 5th. En route they were joined by friends from Northwich and Shrewsbury.

Ringing took place at Ightfield, Prees, Stanton-on-Hine, Moreton-Corbet, Clive, Ruyton and Great Ness.

Methods rung included Grandsire Stedman, April Day, St. Simon's Doubles, Plain Bob, Single Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, St. Clement's, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob London and Cambridge Surprise and Spliced Plain and Little Bob Minor.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MEADOWSMANSHIP

Dear Sir,—Do we really need the doses of emetic Meadowsmanship that now appear to be our lot? Ringers generally are being lashed with a whip of satire; for what purpose? Is Meadowsmanship, to annoy or to amuse? To irritate or to help?

What guarantee have we that Meadowsmanship will not be applied beyond the belfry? Will the virus attack the altar, the clergy, the congregations, in fact the whole body of the Church, militant and triumphant? Who shall say? Some hundreds of years ago it did exist in some form, as pet names such as 'Old Mumblemass' or 'Old Muttermatins' were common.

Not many of my readers will be acquainted with the weird art of Aubrey Beardsley. At the end of the last century a great man of letters wrote an open letter to him. 'Please, Mr. Beardsley,' he wrote, 'whatever you do with the rest of creation, leave our women alone.' I am not a man of letters, but I say to the creator of Meadowsmanship, 'Keep your devilish art off ringing, return it to the home it doubtless has in hades, with the Friars of the Summoner's tale.'

I hazard that Meadowsmanship has been born of an 'unfortunate' ringing life and sired by the seven deadly sins. In my experience any competent conductor or ringer has been more than tolerated for his eccentricities—even liked for them, and anyone else 'putting it on' quickly deflated. And may we not remember that a charitable attitude towards our fellowmen, and brother ringers especially, is not inconsistent with the practice of the Christian religion.

With so much entertainment 'laid on' it is not easy to secure interest in hobbies like ringing or chess, so let us give the help that health and circumstances allow, and don't let us scorn the 'widow's mite'—it will be accepted.—Yours,

RAYMOND PHILPOTT.

Runfold, Surrey.

RADIO PROGRAMME

Dear Sir,—I should like to bring to the notice of ringers that radio programmes featuring bells are not confined to British stations. My first instance concerns a broadcast on Paln. Sunday evening and transmitted on a wavelength approximating 260 metres; while not making any claim for prowess in languages, I believe the talk was in Dutch. I was able to identify recordings of bells including the familiar Bow Bells time signal, Lavenham, Bredon (to illustrate the famous lines of Houseman's 'A Shropshire Lad') and a remarkable one of the Westminster chimes striking the hour with the bells of Westminster Abbey ringing half-muffled in the background. Handbell ringers were not forgotten and a Cornish (?) team was heard.

The second broadcast was at noon on Easter Day when a ten-minute carillon recital was given by Toon van Balkom (Hilversum 298 metres). The programme included well-known music such as the 'Hallelujah' Chorus (Messiah) and 'The Holy City' and ended with a brilliant Toccata, presumably written specially for performance on the manuals and pedals of a carillon.

To return to British broadcasting, I must say how much I enioved the Easter bells; in addition to the bells advertised for the Home Service, the listener to the North Regional programme was able to hear those of St. George's, Doncaster. Ringers can no longer protest that the belfry is neglected in broadcast services as the ringing time allowed is frequently sufficient for at least two leads of Grandsire Triples.—Yours sincerely,

MICHAEL STEPHENS.

Kempston, Bedford

J. R. HAWORTH AND THE 'OLD STALWARTS'

Dear Sir,—When writing the article upon the above which you were good enough to publish, I had also in view that it might evoke letters from those fortunately possessing papers throwing further light upon an obscure but interesting period, viz., the College Youths of the 19th century.

I have already received a letter from our old friend, Mr. Charles E. Borrett, who is, he says, pleased with such articles and sends me a copy of Dwight's poem, which had been given to him by Matt Wood when they met for a ring in 1906 at Bethnal Green. It appears that he has a number of 'cuttings' and I will forward his letter to you.

From such contributions I hope we may build up a better history of this period before still more of the records are lost for ever.—Yours very faithfully,

E. ALEX. YOUNG.

Bromley.

KENT COUNTY MEETING

Dear Sir,—May I correct the impression given by Mr. W. Bottrill's letter (published in 'The Ringing World' of April 25th) that infringements of the rules occurred at the annual general meeting of the Kent County Association at Ashford on Easter Monday?

At its November meeting the committee decided to recommend an increase from 2s. to 3s. in the annual subscriptions payable by adult practising members and each District had an opportunity to discuss this at its January meeting. Under Rule 19 alteration to existing rules may be made at a general meeting and when it was stated quite clearly at Ashford that Rule 19 was being invoked, no objection was raised.

The chairman at the annual general meeting allowed free and fair discussion and, as has already been reported in 'The Ringing World,' the increase was eventually agreed by a large majority.

Concerning the election of a practising member to the committee, Mr. Bottrill, in quoting Rule 9 omitted the relevant words, i.e., 'any other necessary officers shall be elected.' I did have a copy of the rules with me at the time and it seemed to me quite proper for a member to be elected to the committee under this rule.

I hope the foregoing will satisfy Mr. Bottrill that no infringement of the rules was intended, or, indeed, made, but would suggest that should he at any future meeting have any misgivings as to the correctness or otherwise of the proceedings, it would be better to voice them at the time.—Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR S. RICHARDS.

West Wickham Kent.

LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL

Dear Sir,—In reply to the letter from Mr. E. L. Humphriss, I do hope that he did not think I was unmindful of the wonderful engineering feat to Liverpool Cathedral tower.

I also noted the happy atmosphere amongst the ringers in the belfry and the cordial welcome which the visitors received from Mr. G. R. Newton, Mr. E. L. Humphriss and other members of the local company on that day.

I much appreciated the goodwill of those present who agreed to my request to try three leads of Treble Ten. It was simply a question of taking advantage of an opportune occasion and I'm sure that anyone else will have the same chance if they are so minded.

All of us have our little ambitions though not all of them are granted.

Good luck to all Liverpool Cathedral ringers, and I'm looking forward to my next visit.

A. PATRICK CANNON.

Betchworth, Surrey.

WHAT OF THE FUTURE?

Dear Sir,—As Mr. Jeanes referred to me in his letter in 'The Ringing World' of April 25th, perhaps I might be allowed to say that an incumbent certainly has charge of the bells in his tower and can allow them to be rung when he likes. It is obviously the incumbent's responsibility as to whether a peal in his tower should be rung in Lent or not.

Mr. Jeanes asks whether I approved of a practice meeting which was held in the Bridgwater Deanery on March 29th. Certainly I did. It was quite in order. The recommendation, and it cannot be more than a **recommendation**, of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association is that in Lent the bells should be silent except for service ringing and **necessary practice.** That is the answer to his question.—Yours faithfully,

(Preb.) A. J. HOOK.

Bridgwater, Somerset.

AN IDEA

Dear Sir,—I usually put my copy of 'The Ringing World' in the church after I have read it as I think it may be good propaganda. One of our clergy told me he was much impressed by the leading article on Easter ringing on April 11th.

How nice it would be if all the clergy were more interested in the ringers and their ideas and aspirations. Also how nice it would be if all the ringers took more interest in Church affairs apart from the belfry.—Yours sincerely,

DORIS H. SHEPPARD (Miss).

Chalford, near Stroud, Glos.

STONHAM ASPAL BELLS

Dear Sir,—Many ringers all over the country have rung on the fine heavy ring of ten bells at Stonham Aspal, and no one who has asked permission to attempt a peal has been refused.

It is with regret that I have to announce that our bells are now difficult to ring and about £700 is needed to recast the cracked eighth bell, reclapper, retune and rehang all the bells and strengthen the frame, etc., in order that the bells may continue to be rung.

May I, please, make a nation-wide appeal through your columns to all ringers who have rung here, especially those who have rung peals, and those who have ambitions to do so in the future, to help the parish raise the money required?

When the work is completed we shall have one of the finest rings in East Anglia and visiting ringers will always be welcome.

We need donations immediately in order that the work on the bells may be commenced now, and I shall be grateful for any amount that can be afforded.

Cheques, etc., may be sent to the treasurer, Stonham Aspal Bells Fund, The Red House, Stonham Aspal, Stowmarket, Suffolk, or to me at The Rectory, Stonham Aspal.—Yours faithfully (Rev.) T. W. H. K. GREENWAY,

Rector and Chairman,
Stonham Aspal Bells Fund.

Gratefully Acknowledged

The Editorial Committee gratefully acknowledge the following contributions to meet the added cost of 'The Ringing World':—

Personal.—Anon. 1s. Anon. 7s. 6d.

Peals.—Five peals in a day £1, Chapel-en-le-Frith 2s. 6d., Burton-on-Stather 4s., Morpeth 2s. 6d., Mansfield 5s. 10d., Sutton Courtenay 4s., Wrotham 4s., Wolborough 4s., Wigtoft 3s., Midhurst 2s. 6d., Hillingdon 5s., Pilton 3s., Sketty 2s., Whitby 4s.

Quarter peals.—North Wingfield 3s., Thakeham 6s., Glasgow 2s. 6d., Chichester 2s., Liss 1s., Rugeley 3s., Roydon 3s., Knowle 2s. 6d., Cranleigh 2s., Reading 2s., Itchingfield 2s. 6d., Thorley 2s., Branston 5s., Darley Dale 2s., Staunton 2s. 6d., Puddletown 1s., Cadoxton, Neath, 2s., Lois Weedon 2s. 6d., Leighton Buzzard 2s. 6d., Castor 2s. 6d., Pitminster 2s., Southwark Cathedral 2s. 6d.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Annual Meeting Decide to Abandon Dinner

THE sixth annual general meeting of the Southwell Diocesan Guild was held at Newark on April 19th. The bells of St. Mary Magdalene's, Newark, and All Saints', Winthorpe, were open for ringing during the afternoon and evening and were well patronised.

A service was held in the beautiful choir of St. Mary Magdalene's, conducted by Canon R. F. Wilkinson (chairman of the Guild) assisted by the Rev. G. H. L. Bowman.

Canon Wilkinson took the chair at the business meeting following tea and was supported by Mr. J. W. Raithby (hon. secretary) and Mr. Walter Nicholls (hon. treasurer).

A minute's silence was observed for three deceased members, namely, Mr. H. Pailing, Mr. T. Groombridge and Mr. H. Rogers.

In his report, the hon. secretary stated that 1951 had been a comparatively satisfactory year despite the bugbear of lapsing members. Peals rung compared favourably with previous years and the Festival of Britain had provided a welcome impetus to the restoration programme in the Diocese.

The bells of St. Giles', Balderton, had been rehung, retuned and put back in a new frame for eight, whilst a new ringing chamber had been constructed. Other schemes in hand would be completed during the coming year.

For the third consecutive year the Warsop Company had won the Crawford Cup competition, once again illustrating the value of team spirit and good leadership.

The fifth annual dinner of the Guild had proved a pleasant social function, but a loss of £1 was incurred by the organisers. As the dinner rotated round the districts the chief support must of necessity come from the district in which the dinner was held. Nevertheless, he urged members generally to attend whenever possible and make the event worth while.

The year had been marred by the death of Mr. Harold Pailing in tragic circumstances. Vice-president of the Guild and chairman of the Nottingham District, Mr. Pailing was a staunch supporter and an able administrator who was not afraid to put his back to the wheel. His passing cast a gloom over the Guild and throughout the Exercise as a whole. Sincere sympathy was extended to Mrs. Pailing and her two sons.

Another link with the Guild had been severed by the death of Mr. Thomas Groombridge after a long and useful life. He was a magnificent ringer who came amongst them in the evening of his life and showed them something of his past skill by ringing his 800th peal on his 80th birthday at St. Peter's, Nottingham. One time Master of the College Youths, Mr. Groombridge was, indeed, a giant among ringers. He was an honorary member of the Guild for some years.

The secretary concluded his report by commending the two deceased members' example of loyalty and service to the Church.

CONCERN OVER FINANCES

The hon. treasurer's statement of accounts and balance sheet did not make good reading. After putting aside £2 as a reserve towards the expenses of the Guild's Central Council delegates, the deficit on the year's working amounted to £13 6s. This was reduced to a net deficit of £10 16s. by the sale of badges of which there were 193 in stock. The working capital amounted to £87 0s. 8d. against a figure of £97 16s. 8d. for the previous year, a state of affairs that had given great concern to the committee.

The chief reason for the continued deficit was the high cost of printing the annual report. The committee had been fortunate this year in obtaining an estimate for printing 350 copies of a 24-page report for £24 1s., a saving on last year of £15 2s. 7d., and this should result in a small surplus being shown for the ensuing year.

A grant of £5 had been made to St. Giles', Balderton, leaving a balance in the Bell Repair Fund of £41 11s. 3d.

The peal secretary (Mr. Clement Glenn) in his report stated that 60 peals had been rung during 1951, which, whilst not reaching the record number of the previous year, were well up to average in quality. Two peals calling for special mention were the Minor in 23 methods and the Spliced Plain and Little Bob Major. Nine members had scored their first peal but there was only one first as conductor. He would like to see more members eager to take up that fascinating study. The 200th anniversary of the first performance of Holt's Original was commemorated by two peals—one each on tower bells and handbells.

Mr. Glenn requested conductors to forward figures of peals new to the Guild to him for proving and recording in the register of compositions being compiled by him. Triples peals to be found in the textbooks and well-known extents of Minor and Doubles need not be sent.

Mr. F. W. Midwinter was elected vice-chairman of the Guild and Mr. Brian Buswell was appointed an auditor in the place of Mr. J. D. Niblett who had left the district. All the other officers were unanimously re-elected.

When the arrangements for the next annual dinner came up for discussion strong opposition to the function being continued were voiced. It was argued that the Diocese did not lend itself to functions of that nature as the three Districts were to all intents and purposes separate entities. Three of the dinners that had been held had resulted in losses, one of which was substantial. Some members felt that the last Saturday in January was the wrong time of the year. Others maintained that the price of tickets coupled with the expense of travelling was too high for the average member, and an irrefutable argument was that the dinner had not been sufficiently well-supported in the past. After hearing arguments in favour of continuing the dinner, a motion was put to the meeting resulting in a substantial majority for those in favour of abandoning it.

A recommendation that the collection for the Bell Repair Fund be handed to 'The Ringing World' found little favour, besides being impliedly negatived by the Rules, and it was resolved that the motion lie on the table.

A collection for the Bell Repair Fund realised £1 3s. 6d.

Ringing continued until 8.30. So ended another enjoyable meeting. J. W. R.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION

Chew Deanery Branch

The quarterly meeting of the Chew Deanery Branch was held at Barrow Gurney on April 19th. The church, which was rebuilt in 1895, stands about 1¼ miles from the village and possesses an octave of bells cast by J. Warner and Son, with a 14¼ cwt. tenor.

Ringing preceded the Association Service which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. B. Warren Coleman) who gave a short address.

Tea then followed at Flax Bourton after which the business meeting was held. One non-resident life member from Bristol, a performing member from Yatton and one from Nailsea and two probationary members from Nailsea were elected. Subject to permission, it was decided to hold the July quarterly meeting at Wrington (on the first Saturday instead of the usual third) and that the monthly practice meetings for May and June should be held at Nempnett Thrubwell and Publow respectively.

The Vicar welcomed the visitors, and Mr. H. W. Knight, chairman and Ringing Master, in reply said that he believed that it was the first time that a quarterly meeting had been held at Barrow. M. J. H.

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION

Recruiting Drive During Coming Year

Various suggestions were made at the annual meeting of the Cumberland and North Westmorland Association held at Keswick on Easter Monday for attracting more ringers.

Mr. S. Richardson, Hensingham, the ringing secretary, considered that the Association had done fairly well as far as young ringers were concerned, and thought that if they secured a set of handbells and taught handbell ringing it would help to keep them interested.

The members adopted a suggestion by Mr. S. Grisedale, Keswick, that their aim for this year should be to see how many young recruits each place could get and report at the next annual meeting.

The secretary, Mr. J. W. Brownrigg, reported that the Association had 40 members. Reference was made to the death of Mr. W. Norman, Egremont, and the enforced retirement through ill-health of Mr. Fred Grisedale, Keswick, after over 60 years as a bellringer at Crosthwaite.

The credit balance had been reduced from £28 to £18, but nearly £7 of badges were in hand.

The ringing secretary, Mr. S. Richardson, Hensingham, reported that Sunday service ringing was taking place in 14 towers in their area and there was increased activity at another. Ringing had commenced again at Workington and he thought there would be ringing at Cockermouth but for the fact that their bells were not as good as they might be.

Officials elected were:—The Rev. I. M. German, Egremont, president; Mr. Brownrigg, secretary; Mr. S. Grisedale, treasurer; Mr. S. Richardson, ringing secretary; Messrs. J. Butterfield and J. Ling (Carlisle), W. Douglas, A. Eilbeck and J. Tembey (Egremont), F. Richardson (Arlecdon), T. D. Young (Cockermouth), the Rev. C. E. Last (St. Bees) committee members together with the two branch secretaries, Mr. A. Forsyth (Carlisle) and Mr. J. Haile (St. Bees).

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY

The April meeting was held at Ossett when 25 ringers were present from Cawthorne Batley Earlsheaton, Felkirk, Horbury, Leeds Parish, Rothwell, Sandal, Bentley and the local company, also visitors from Chelsea, Darlington and Sutton-in-Mansfield.

Good use was made of the bells during the afternoon and evening, including Minor on the top and back six, Triples, Major and Caters.

At the business meeting held in the tower, the president, Mr. M. J. Moxton, presided. Two new members were elected—Terence Hemingway and Walter Lockwood, of Ossett.

Thanks were accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells and to the local company for local arrangements.

It was left to the secretary to arrange the tower for the next meeting. The annual shield contest will be held at Penistone on June 14th.

ACCIDENT INSURANCE FOR BELLRINGERS

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QUARTER PEALS

BOZEAT, NORTHANTS. — On April 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Edmunds 1, Betty Rowsell (first quarter 'inside') 2, J. J. Partridge (cond.) 3, A. E. Partridge 4, E. Smart 5.

BRANSTON, LINCS.—On April 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. W. Speed 1, J. F. Pearson 2, A. Ingall 3, K. Brummitt 4, M. Billings 5, L. Willder (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled

BURES, SUFFOLK.—On April 21st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: S. T. Hume (first of Major) 1, D. L. Mills 2, Mrs. L. Mills 3, E. Leggett 4, C. Bower (first of Major) 5, A. Cansdale 6, L. Mills 7, E. Hynard (cond) 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to H.M. Queen Elizabeth.

CADOXTON, NEATH, GLAM.—On April 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. G. Lewis (first quarter) 1, B. Williams 2, D. J. Lewis 3, H. Boyce 4, G. I. Lewis 5, Lynn Jeffreys (first quarter) 6.

CASTOR, NORTHANTS.—On April 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. W. Sumner 1, L. Sharpe 2, F. Sismey 3, J. Plummer 4, B. Ball 5, J. Coulson 6. Conducted by Wm. Rose.

CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Court Bob Triples: F. W. Garner 1, P. R. Blackman (cond.) 2, R. G. Blackman 3, E. Winifred Keys 4, W. G. Challen 5, J. T. Finey 6, N. J. Smith 7, P. N. Bond 8. First in method 1 and 7.

CHOLSEY, BERKS.—On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Wise 1, J. Meney 2, J. Taylor 3, G. Garlick (first quarter 'inside') 4, A. Fletcher (cond.) 5, H. Ecott 6. Rung for the 26th birthday of Queen Elizabeth.

CRANLEIGH, SURREY.—On March 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Elliott 1, G. Charman 2, A. Tidy 3, L. Warner 4, C. Charman 5, W. Beeson 6, H. Charman (cond.) 7, C. Stephens 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Tidy on their golden wedding, and 50 years a member of the Cranleigh band.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYS.—On April 16th, 1,386 Oxford Bob Triples: J. Hodgson 1, Miss J. Dunn 2, Miss N. Howes 3, D. Mellor 4, G. H. Paulson (cond.) 5, H. E. Taylor 6, R. Bullen 7, D. S. Gregory 8. A 90th birthday compliment to Mrs. J. Allsop, grandparent of the second ringer.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.—On April 13th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss P. Collier (first in the method) 1, Mrs. T. Cooke 2, M. Airey (first 'inside') 3, D. R. Airey 4, T. Senior 5, W. A. Peck 6, T. Hill 7, T. Cooke (cond.) 8. Rung for Easter Day.

DISS, NORFOLK.—On April 15th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: I. Bailey 1, K. L. Brown 2, J. B. Morley 3, A. G. Harrison 4, D. Heighton 5, H. Moss 6, J. S. Barnes (cond.) 7, T. Ford 8. Rung for the wedding of Mr. R. Hearn and Miss E. Crawley. First quarter for 1, 3 and 5. First quarter of Major as conductor.

FINCHAMPSTEAD, BERKS.—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Minor (900 Plain Bob, 360 Oxford Bob): M. Fleet 1, J. Mason, jun., 2, Mrs. W. White 3, R. Elliott 4, C. Fennell 5, A. Fleet (cond.) 6.

FRIESTON, LINCS.—On April 21st, 1,260 Single Court Minor: B. Harrison 1, A. Pearson 2, H. Pearson 3, G. Dawson 4, H. Harper (cond.) 5, E. Barnes 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to Her Majesty the Queen.

GLASGOW.—At St. Mary's Cathedral, on Easter Day, 1,296 Grandsire Caters: W. H. Pickett 1, H. F. Sargent (cond.) 2, A. E. Haynes 3, J. Hutchinson 4, Miss R. M. K. How 5, L. Boumphrey 6, E. Boumphrey 7, E. A. Stafford 8, T. C. Winderam 9, R. W. Sear 10.

HOLYWELL, HUNTS.—On April 20th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: M. Dyer (first quarter Treble Bob) 1, J. Parish 2, F. Warrington (cond.) 3, W. Ransom 4, H. S. Peacock 5, A. Clements 6.

ITCHINGFIELD, SUSSEX.—On April 13th, 1,260 Doubles (being 240 each of Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, April Day, Plain Bob and 300 of Grandsire): Miss J. Phillips 1, Miss S. A. Richardson 2, D. Body 3, G. Francis 4, L. Weller (cond.) 5. First in five methods by all the band.

KISLINGBURY, NORTHANTS.—On April 14th, 1,260 Doubles (360 April Day, 360 Old and 540 Plain Bob): J. Harrold (first quarter) 1, A. Cozens 2, T. Baker 3, K. Perkins 4, I. Dickin (cond.) 5. Rung for the second ringer's 16th birthday.

KNOWLE, WARWICKS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, 6 and 7 alternate covering: J. Statham (cond.) 1, Miss M. Warrington 2, D. Harrison 3, E. E. Wimlett 4, A. C. Morris 5, J. L. Lightfoot 6, A. Nix 7, A. A. Upton 8. First quarter for 2, 4, 6 and 8. First quarter by a local Sunday service band.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS.—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. H. Conquest 1, W. Morris 2, E. R. Butcher 3, H. B. Whitney 4, F. J. Plummer 5, V. Conquest (cond.) 6, E. Conquest 7, M. Conquest 8. Rung to open the bells after nine months' silence while the steeple was under repair.

LOIS-WEEDON, NORTHANTS. On April 19th, 1,440 Primrose Surprise Minor: C. Hinton 1, W. J. Chester 2, J. Steel 3, M. Saunders 4, W. Yates 5, G. W. Holland (cond.) 6. First in the method by all the band. Rung on Primrose Day.

LYNDHURST, HANTS.—On April 21st, 1,264 Plain Bob Minor: D. Brixton 1, W. H. Glasspool 2, N. Hayes 3, J. Hartless 4, J. Alexander 5, M. J. Butler 6, D. R. Reed 7, J. H Gilbert (first of Major as cond.) 8. First quarter of Major for 1 and 5 and in method on the bells. Rung in honour of H.R.H. Queen Elizabeth's 26th birthday.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.—At Christ Church, on Easter Day, a quarter peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal: W. Gayse 1, W. Stevenson (first quarter as cond.) 2, N. D. Lomas 3, June Henshaw 4, Anne Worth 5, G. Farrer 6, A. A. Potts 7, H. Farrer 8, H. Wood 9, J. Worth 10. First quarter in the method for 4, 6 8 and 9.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYS.—On April 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Rudge 1, G. Freeman 2, W. Davis 3, G. Hancock 4, A. Turner 5, D. Davis (cond.) 6. First quarter for 1, 2 and 3.

OXFORD.—On Easter Sunday, at St. Giles', 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. J. Chaundy 1, P. Walker 2, R. Higgins 3, V. J. F. Bennett 4, W. Collett 5, E. G. More 6, J. Higgins (cond.) 7, D. Woodley 8.

PENMARK, GLAM.—On April 19th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: K. Vaughan 1, H. Green 2, M. H. Williams 3, D. Bonham 4, G. Francis (cond.) 5, G. Powels 6.

PENSHURST, KENT.—On April 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: O. H. Cunnington 1, E. J. Ladd 2, L. Goater 3, B. Pankhurst 4, B. V. Collison 5, J. Lambert 6, A. E. Richardson (cond.) 7, E. Lane 8. Rung to celebrate the 83rd birthday of Mr. G. Edwards, of Penshurst.

PETERSTON SUPER ELY, GLAM.—On April 19th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): G. Powels 1, H. Green 2, M. H. Williams 3, D. Bonham 4, G. Francis (cond.) 5.

PITMINSTER, SOMERSET.—On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Beryl Churchill (first quarter, 15) 1, W. Burston 2, R. Shire (cond.) 3, G. Salter 4, H. Churchill 5, T. Langdon (first quarter) 6. Rung for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's birthday.

PUDDLETOWN, DORSET.—On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Cheeseman 1, J. Gladwyn 2, R. C. J. Clothier 3, J. Coombes 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5, F. C. Davis 6. Rung in honour of Her Majesty's birthday.

READING, BERKS.—At St. Laurence's, On April 20th 1,584 Cambridge Surprise Maximus: Miss S. Harris 1, Miss J. Pett 2, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 3, W. Hibbert 4, Mrs. P. Lewington 5, T. Davies 6, A. L. Pearson 7, F. D. Bishop 8, R. G. Burton 9, C. T. Richards 10, D. J. Charnley 11, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 12.

ROYDON, ESSEX.—On April 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Wright (first quarter Minor) 1, B. Pike 2, C. W. Sams (first quarter Minor) 3, A. A. Livings 4, L. Beal 5, B. G. Burton (cond.) 6. First quarter of Minor by a local band for 30 years.

RUGELEY, STAFFS.—On April 17th, 1,260 Doubles (60 Stedman, 120 each of Plain Bob, April Day, Grandsire and Chase, 240 Reverse St. Bartholomew and 480 St. Dunstan's): B. J. Townsend 1, C. A. Brass 2, J. H. Joyner (cond.) 3, A. Harding 4, J. A. Townsend 5, E. Edgington 6. First quarter in 7 methods by all except the conductor. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the tenor, and a 19th wedding anniversary compliment to the conductor.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL, LONDON.—On April 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Page 1, C. Watts 2, T. Fox 3, J. Chilcott 4, R. Deal 5, M. Chilcott 6, J. Phillips (cond.) 7, James Phillips 8. Rung on the back eight.

STAUNTON, GLOS.—On April 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. K. Smith 1, Mrs. D. Stafford 2, J. J. Webb (cond.) 3, S. Goodwin 4, L. H. Jones 5, E. Malsom 6. A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. Malsom, and a birthday compliment to Mrs. D. Stafford.

THAKEHAM, SUSSEX.—On April 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rosemary Touse (first quarter) 1, Marian Skinner 2, C. B. Skinner 3, B. W. Farhall 4, E. Foseberry (first quarter as cond.) 5. Also on April 13th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Marian Skinner 1, Joy Gumbrill 2, C. B. Skinner 3, E. Foseberry 4, B. W. Farhall 5, C. Hone (cond.) 6.

THORLEY, HERTS.—On April 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Barbara Warboys 1, C. Sampford 2, P. Warboys (cond.) 3, C. Warboys 4, T. Camp 5, J. Foreman 6. A birthday compliment to Mr. T. Camp.

WEOBLEY, HEREFORDS.—On April 17th, 1,260 Doubles: D. Newman (first quarter) 1, V. Rawlings 2, H. Price (cond.) 3, A. Webb 4, T. Bound 5, R. Harmer 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. J. Randle, for many years a ringer at Almeley.

EAST DERBYSHIRE & NOTTS ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the East Derbyshire and Notts Association was held at Sutton-in-Ashfield on Easter Monday. The bells were raised shortly after 2 p.m. and were kept going until 9 p.m. in a great variety of methods from rounds to Stedman and Double Norwich.

At the short service, conducted by the Rev. G. Neville, the curate of Sutton-in-Ashfield, the Ringers' Service Books were used.

At the meeting, which followed tea, the president welcomed everyone and gave special welcome to visitors from Handsworth and Ilkeston.

Wingerworth was again awarded the Jubilee Shield. Presenting the shield to the captain, the president congratulated his band on having all bells going for every service on Sundays during the year, an outstanding achievement. In his reply the captain, Mr. E. Blythe, thanked everyone for their congratulations and asked for more towers to enter for the competition.

The election of officers was as follows:—

President Mr. J. W. England; vice-presidents, Messrs. W. Dobb, H. Draycott, J. E. Hobbs and J. Brothwell; secretary, Miss F. M. Price; treasurer, Mr. C. M. Heathcote; auditors, Messrs. H. Doughty and S. Alvey; executive committee—Messrs. D. A. Davis, G. Holdgate, E. Blythe, A. L. Rawson, R. Mason and J. Cooper; Central Council representive, Mr. C. Evans.

Eight new members were elected.

Towers present included Alfreton, Ault Hucknall, Ripley, Selston, South Normanton, Wingerworth, Tibshelf, North Wingfield Heath, Morton Shirland and Bolsover together with visitors from Ilkeston and Handsworth and the local band.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar, curate and the ladies for preparing tea was proposed by Mr. J. E. Hobbs and seconded by Mr. E. Blythe.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

A quarterly meeting and six-bell contest were held at Silkstone, Barnsley, on April 19th.

Eight teams entered to ring 72 changes practice and 504 changes test piece. Each team rang Oxford.

A very pleasant afternoon and evening were spent by all present and the result of the competition was as follows:—

	Faults	Open	Total
Sandal	180	0	180
Barnsley ..	65	0	65
Shelley ..	104	5	109
Liversedge ..	57	0	57
Meltham ..	54	10	64
Friezeland ..	76	0	76
Cawthorne ..	63	0	63
Lindley ..	78	0	78

The judge, Mr. S. Fielding, declared Liversedge the winners of the Association's Cup with a chrome butter dish for each man, and Cawthorne second with prizes of chrome tea caddies.

These prizes had been subscribed for by the people of Silkstone and were much appreciated by the competing teams. A. F.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

North Western District

The Easter Monday District meeting held at Ranmore, with Dorking, favoured with a fine day, enticed over 60 ringers to make their way by various means to St. Barnabas', Ranmore. Ringing started at 2.30, and 4.30 found the ringers seated for tea on the lawn of a nearby cafe. Others picnicked on the Common.

Further ringing was enjoyed here till 6.30. Ringers then made their way to Dorking where a short meeting was held in the tower and four new members and one non-resident member were elected. Ringing followed until 8.30 p.m.

R. L.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World' of May 3rd, 1912

PRESTBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

On Monday, April 22, 1912, in 3 hours and 10 minutes
at the Church of St. Mary

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5,056 changes

Tenor 14 cwt.

Rev F. J. O. Helmore ..	Treble
Rev. H. Law James	2
Rev. A. T. Beeston	3
Rev. C. Carew Cox	4
Rev E. V. Cox	5
Rev. E. Barker James	6
Rev G. F. Coleridge	7
Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn	Tenor

Composed and conducted by the Rev. H. Law James.

This is the first Surprise peal by a clerical band and was rung at the first attempt.

LONDON

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, April 25th, 1912, in 3 hours and 4 minutes
at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
5,040 changes

Parker's 12-part. Tenor 20 cwt.

P.C W. G. Darlington	Treble
P.C. Ernest Brett	2
P.C. Arthur W. Barkus ..	3
P.C. Charles G. Jane	4
P.C. William Bottrill	5
P.C Cornelius Charge	6
P.C. George Charge	7
P.C. Alfred G. Crane	Tenor

Conducted by P.C. Cornelius Charge.

The above are members of the Metropolitan Police Force and it is believed to be the first peal ever rung by a band of policemen.

[Two very interesting performances. The policemen would at the present time find it easier than the clergymen to repeat them.]

OBITUARY

MR. CHARLES BAKER

The death of Mr. Charles Baker, of Winfarthing, took place on April 6th at the age of 92. 'Charlie,' as he was known to his many ringing friends, spent 50 years as a blacksmith at Pulham Market, coming originally from Rumburgh, Suffolk. After his retirement, 12 years ago, he took up residence with his daughter at Winfarthing, where he joined the local band until his health began to fail about a year ago. He had been a member of the Norwich Association for over 70 years and had taken part in 298 peals for the Association.

The funeral took place on April 10th at Pulham Market Church, the Rector, the Rev. A. G. Wiseman, officiating. Mr. F. J. Roope (representing Pulham Market ringers) and Mr. W. Elsley and Mr. G. Kemp (representing Winfarthing ringers) were present.

CANON T. E. TEIGNMOUTH SHORE

The death took place in Calcutta, on March 7th, of Canon Thomas Edward Teignmouth Shore, at the age of 84. He learned to ring whilst curate of St. Mary's, Lewisham, over 60 years ago, and accomplished one peal of Grandsire Triples, at Erith in September, 1892. When the Lewisham District of the Kent County Association was formed in 1891, he became the first secretary, holding this office until 1895. Since 1899 he had been with the Oxford Mission to Calcutta, and was made an Honorary Canon of Calcutta Cathedral in 1934. E. A. B.

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BIRTH

KELLY.—To Elena Dorice and Horace, a son, April 25th, 1952. Brother for Jean. 699

MARRIAGE

ROCK—LENG.—On April 19th, 1952, at Stockton Parish Church, Edward Peter Rock, elder son of the Rev and Mrs. P. E. Rock, of Eardisland Vicarage, Herefordshire, to Dorothy Marjorie, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Leng, of Stokké, Junction Road, Norton-on-Tees, Co. Durham. 674

DEATH

SADDINGTON.—On April 15th, 1952, Bernard J. Saddington, of Cranford, Finedon Road, Burton Latimer, Northants, aged 61 years. 701

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

DORSET.—18th century Mill House, own grounds, lovely country, buses, modern, h. and c. wtr., bathroom, poultry, etc. Bed and breakfast, evening meal, mod. Recommended.—Corben, Corscombe, Dorchester. 702

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MISCELLANEOUS

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Monthly 10-bell practice at St. Giles'. Northampton, continues as from May 8th 7.30—9. An advanced 8-bell practice will begin at St. Edmund's, Northampton, on May 29th. 7.30—9. All welcome.—E. Nobles, Hon. Branch Sec. 681

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MEETINGS

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern District.—Tysoe (6), Saturday, May 3rd. Notify early for tea, please. Banbury District please note. All welcome.—R. J. Edden. 664

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. Division.—Crusader meeting, Barking (8), May 3rd. Bells available 3 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Plenty of cafes nearby.—F. V. G. 582

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District. — Meeting at Pirbright (6) on Saturday, May 3rd, from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5.—G. S. Joyce, Dis. Sec. 624

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—Meeting on May 3rd, Little Hadham, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., and Bishop's Stortford from 6.30 p.m. Tea at Little Hadham. Please send names to Mr. A. Kent, New Road Cottages, Upwick Albury, Much Hadham, Herts. 658

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Bushey Heath (8), Saturday, May 3rd, 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Names to R. G. Bell, 131, Hamper Mill Lane, Watford, Tel. Watford 7936. 657

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Ashford District.—Meeting at Woodchurch, May 3rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at Bonny Cravat.—Names to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 643

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting, Ambrosden, May 3rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to C. H. Kinch, The Causeway, Bicester, Oxon. 640

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Oxford City and District Branch.—Half-yearly meeting at Garsington (6) on May 3rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m.—M. R. Cross, Hon. Sec. 665

SOUTH OF ENGLAND RINGERS' RALLY. — Ringing times on May 3rd: Christ Church 2—4 p.m.; St. Peter's, Bournemouth, 3—5.30 p.m.; St. John's, Surrey Road, 3—5.30 p.m.—A. V. Davis, Hon. Sec. 688

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern.—Practice meeting, Lindfield, Saturday, May 3rd, 3 p.m. Tea for those who notify G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 649

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, Wickham, May 3rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business in Church Hall 5. Shedfield bells available 2.30—4, 6.30—8 p.m.—John H. Hunt. 621

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting at Bradford Cathedral on Saturday, May 3rd. Please note these full arrangements as no circulars will be issued. Audit 11 a.m. in upper vestry. Bells (10) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Ham salad tea (3s. 6d. per head) 4.45 p.m. at Talbot Hotel, Kirkgate. General meeting in Parish Room at 6 p.m. Special business: Election of new hon. treasurer. Subscriptions now due, and reports will be available. A large and representative meeting is desired.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford. 652

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Monday, May 5th, 7.15, practice at St. Mary's, Lambeth. Saturday, May 10th, 3 p.m., quarterly meeting, All Saints', West Ham. Service 4.45. Tea and business, 5.15, in Church Hall. Ringing afterwards. All welcome. Names for tea, please.—Rogers, 44, The Grove, Isleworth. HOU 3921. 638

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION. — Practice meeting at St Giles-in-the-Fields, Holborn (near Tottenham Court Road tube station), on Monday, May 5th, 7 p.m.—T. J. Lock. 686

STOKE GOLDINGTON, BUCKS. — The bells, augmented to six, will be dedicated by the Archdeacon of Nottingham (the Rev. J. H. L. Phillips, M.A.) on Thursday, May 8th, at 7.30 p.m. A special meeting of the North Bucks Branch will be held here on Saturday, May 10th, when all ringing friends will be welcomed. Bells 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me by May 5th.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 636

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Saturday, May 10th, meeting at St. Denys', Rotherfield, Sussex. Bells (8) 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Individual names for tea to Mr. W. Rogers, Vine Cottage, Rotherfield, Sussex. Tea in Memorial Institute. Train, Charing Cross, 1.25. Coach, Tunbridge Wells Central 2.39.—A. B. Peck. 614

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Monk Bretton, May 10th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided: bring food.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 18, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 697

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Cary Branch.—Meeting, Kingweston, May 10th. Service 4.30. Other towers. Notify early for tea.—H. C. Lintern, Ditcheat. 662

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Meeting at Henlow, May 10th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 in Clubroom at reasonable charge. All welcome.—L. H. Bywaters, Sec. 683

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT R.S.—Meeting at Burstwick, May 10th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, by first post Wednesday, May 7th, to Mr. D. Fewster, Lily Lodge, Patrington. 698

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Goostrey, May 10th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea must be received by 7th. —W. Kerr, 26, Davenham Crescent, Crewe. 676

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Meeting at Sutton (6 bells) on Saturday, May 10th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Business after. Names for tea, not later than June 7th, to Mrs. C. W. Lawton, Sutton Lane Ends, Macclesfield. 703

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Nuneaton District.—Meeting at Shilton, near Coventry, Saturday, May 10th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than Tuesday, 6th please, to A. J Hinde, 15, Church Street, Bulkington, Nuneaton. 680

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Edenbridge (8), May 10th. Names for tea to Mr. E. Leigh, Holmesdale, Station Road, Edenbridge.—C. A. Bassett. 668

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Blunsdon (6), May 10th. Tea.—Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon. 669

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—Meeting, Ashtead, May 10th. Bells 3—9. Service 4.30. Tea. Peace Memorial Hall, 5.15. Notifications for tea, by Thursday, to J. T. Symonds, Sherborne, West Farm Avenue, Ashtead. 687

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bromyard District.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Whitbourne on Saturday, May 10th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 for those only who let me know by May 7th.—A. S. Tomkins, Harp Cottage, Bredenbury, Hereford. 656

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kington District. — Meeting at New Radnor on Saturday, May 10th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Business meeting after. Names for tea, by Tuesday, May 6th, to J. Preece, Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Leominster. 667

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Meeting at Apsley End (6) Saturday, May 10th, 3 p.m. Names for tea, by May 7th, to Mr. A. V. Good, 44, Belmont Road, Hemel Hempstead.—P. A. Martin, Dis. Sec. 679

HUDDERSFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting at Lightcliffe (8), Saturday, May 10th. Bells 2.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Plain tea for all at 5 p.m. at moderate cost. Business meeting immediately afterwards. 670

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, St. Nicholas-at-Wade, Saturday, May 10th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at 2s. per head to those who notify, not later than Tuesday, May 6th, Mr. G. T. Emptage, Orpen, Downbarton Road, St. Nicholas-at-Wade, Birchington, and enclosing cash, please.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Sec. 646

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Meeting at Ightham (6), Saturday, May 10th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5, followed by business. Names, punctually, please, to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone (Maidstone 7216). 647

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting at Kendal Parish Church on Saturday, May 10th. Bells (10) available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to N. Nightingale, 34, Green Bank, Kendal.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 691

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—Meeting at St. Anne's Parish Church, Saturday, May 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—J. H. Foster. 694

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting on May 10th at Huyton. Bells 3. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Names to W. R Birchall, 68, Rupert Road, Huyton.—J. M. Preston, Branch Secretary. 690

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Penwortham, Saturday, May 10th. Light refreshments provided.—L. Walmsley. 693

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at St. Thomas', Leesfield, Oldham, May 10th. Bells from 3 p.m. Cups of tea.—F. Pritchard. 692

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Loughborough District.—Ashby, May 10th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, Radford's Cafe. Names, by 7th, to Mr. E. Beadsmore, Packington Road, Ashby-de-la-Zouch.—C. W. Hall. 671

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch, Gainsborough District. — The next meeting will be at Kirton Lindsey on Saturday, May 10th Bells (6) afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify Mr. G. E. Feirn, Cleatham House Farm, Kirton Lindsey, Gainsborough, by Tuesday previous.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec. 659

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Silk Willoughby, May 10th. Bells (6). Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, May 5th, please, to Mr. James Musson, The Bungalow, Silk Willoughby, Sleaford, Lincs. 648

MARKSBURY, NEAR BATH. — Annual ringers' service, also dedication of banner, May 10th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea most essential.—W. A. Prescott, Timsbury, near Bath. Tel. Timsbury 287. 628

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AND LONDON GUILD.—N. and E. District.—Meeting at St. Matthew's, Warwick Grove, Upper Clapton, on Saturday, May 10th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, and business. Further ringing, also at St. John-at-Hackney in evening.—T. J. Lock, Sec. 685

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Buxton, Saturday, May 10th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5, for all who send names or numbers, not later than Wednesday, May 7th, to Mr. H. G. Smithson, Buxton, Norwich. No names, no tea.—H. Tooke, Branch Sec. 630

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, May 10th, Theale. Bells 3 p.m. and evening. Service 4.30 p.m.. Englefield bells in evening. Notifications for tea, by May 7th, to A. Diserens, 18, Manchester Road, Reading. 664

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Branch.—Annual, Kingham (8), May 10th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Names for tea, by May 7th, to C. F. Taplin, 4, Brasenose Villas, Chipping Norton. 700

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival, Bridport, May 10th. Meeting, Church House, 2.15. Service in St. Mary's Church, 3.45. Tea, Church House, 4.45, price 3s., tickets only, to be obtained from Mr. F. Slatford, Hon. Assist. Sec., North Bradley, Trowbridge, before Monday, May 5th. Bells available: Bridport, Bradpole, Beaminster, Lyme Regis, Whitchurch, Burton Bradstock, Symondsbury, Loders and Netherbury.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Melksham, Wilts. Phone 2297. 637

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts District.—Meeting, Mansfield Woodhouse (6), Saturday, May 10th. Names for tea, by May 6th, to Mr. A. J. Brown, 4, Ferguson Avenue, Mansfield Woodhouse, near Mansfield.—H. Denman. 632

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting, Brighton, May 10th. Service, St. Nicholas', 4.15. Tea 2s. 6d. (under 16, 1s. 3d.). Usual allowances. Individual names for tea before May 3rd. Ringing from 2.30, St. Peter's, St. Nicholas'. Good Shepherd after meeting.—S. E. Armstrong, 21, Kenmure Avenue, Brighton 6. 608

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Quarterly Meeting, Carisbrooke and Newport, May 10th. Bells from 2.30. Tea available.—Mrs. A. M. Guy, Dis. Sec. 677

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Micheldever, Saturday, May 10th. Bells (6) 2. Service 4.15. Tea 5 in Village Hall. Look up London Minor. Names for tea, by previous Tuesday, to Mr. J. A. C. King, 29, Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester. 673

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Wilmslow Festival of Christian Arts and Drama. Open ringing day May 17th. Bells from 2.30. Tea 5.30. For tea advise, by May 13th, Mrs. Kidd, Oakcot, Parsonage Green, Wilmslow.—C. K. Lewis. 695

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guildford District.—Meeting at Dunsfold, May 17th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea at Village Hall, 5. Hascombe bells available after tea. Notifications for tea, by previous Wednesday, to Mr. R. C. Fincher, Ivy Cottages, Dunsfold. 684

NORWICH ASSOCIATION. — South Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Redenhall (8), Saturday, May 17th. Service 4.15. Tea, 5 p.m., at the Yew Tree Tea Rooms, for all who notify, by May 12th. Mr. W. Flatt, 11, Mendham Lane, Harleston. Special business after tea.—A. G. Harrison, Hon. Sec. 696

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OXFORD GUILD. — Newbury Branch. — Meeting, Midgham (6), Saturday, May 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, by May 14th, to Mrs. Vallis, 6, Council Houses, Midgham, Reading. 672

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Berks Branch.—Annual meeting at Appleton, Saturday, May 17th. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30, for those who advise me by the 13th.—A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks. 663

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Spring meeting, Hanbury, near Burton-on-Trent, May 17th. Bells (8) 2.30. Important committee meeting 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Coach will leave Wulfruna Street, Wolverhampton, 2 o'clock. Names for coach to Mr. D. Holden, 22, Harding Street, Coseley. Names for tea and coach not later than Tuesday, May 13th. There will be no need for those travelling by coach to notify me for tea.—Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourn. 682

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting at Coddington, Saturday, May 17th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Bring food; cups of tea available. Buses from Newark. 675

LELANT, CORNWALL.—The restored ring of six bells will be rededicated by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese on Saturday, May 31st, at 3 p.m. All who wish to take part in the ringing on that day should inform Mr. P. A. Clifton The Cottage, Church Road, Lelant, not later than May 24th, stating the number of the party. 678

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GREAT TOM AND LITTLE TOM

OXFORD'S fame as the City of Bells is known the world over, but probably never before has such a comprehensive account of the city's bells and their history been written as that contained in Volume III. of the 'Church Bells of Oxfordshire,' by Frederick Sharpe. Although much has been written in the past on Oxford bells, particularly those of Christ Church, no one has yet related a full and complete history of the bells from the viewpoint of both the antiquary and the campanologist.

The ring at Christ Church had its origin in the Abbey of Oseney, which was situated some 350 yards south-west of the present Church of St. Thomas, Oxford. In 1129 the Abbey had a ring of three bells in addition to a sanctus bell and a litany bell. In the year 1539 Oseney Abbey surrendered to King Henry and three years later the Diocese of Oxford was founded with the Abbey Church as its Cathedral. This, in turn, surrendered in 1545 and the See was refounded as Christ Church at St. Frideswide's in the following year. Eight bells, including Great Tom and the Litany bell, were removed that year from Oseney Abbey to Christ Church.

The first alteration to Oseney bells was made in 1589 when the tenor, or Little Tom, was recast. Payment for this work was made to one Nicholas Reeve, about whom little is known. Reeve was not the owner of any of the principal bell foundries of his day; he may have been a descendant of Roger Reve, who was founding at Bury St. Edmunds 1527–1533, or a relative of Giles Reve, who was founding in Kent 1584–1592; or, what is far more probable, suggests Mr. Sharpe, he may have been a relative of Thomas and Michael Reve, who cast bells for Worksop, Notts, in 1567, as Christ Church tenor has characteristics peculiar to the Nottingham founders. There is also a possibility that the presence of his name in the disbursement book may indicate that he was an agent receiving payment on behalf of some other person.

The Christ Church tenor has always puzzled campanologists. It is a fine-toned bell, with a bold, rich clear strike-note now mellow with age. Undoubtedly it is the product of highly skilled craftsmen; but neither the plant used in the construction of its moulds nor the moulding stamps used to form its decoration and inscription belong to the stock in trade of any known founder. It may at first seem strange that the largest bell in the largest and most famous ring in the county should be of anonymous origin, but it should be remembered that the art of bell-founding declined considerably during the second half of the 16th century, and that the casting of such a bell would be a formidable task for a local man: the most natural thing for him to do would be to call in the assistance of some of his contemporaries. In these circumstances they would not use their own individual founders' marks and moulding stamps. It is noticeable that the bell has none of the characteristics of the work of the Reading or London founders. Its lettering and mouldings resemble those on bells cast by Bartholomew Atton, of Buckingham, the type of decoration favours that used by the Leicester founders, and the inscription, 'Trinitate sacra fiat haec campana beata,' is peculiar to the Nottingham foundry at this period.

Famed the world over in song and verse is Great Tom of Christ Church, now used as a clock bell and tolled 101 strokes every evening at five minutes past nine. It is a descendant of one of the bells of Oseney Abbey. When rung from the ground floor of the Cathedral it needed the combined strength of 16 men to swing it. This bell seems to have been a source of profit to bell founders, for it was recast at least six times in the 17th century. The article of the agreement for recasting this bell by Michael Darby, of Whitechapel, in 1654 is still preserved in the Christ Church Treasury. The inscription on the bell read: 'Michael Darbye did run me Great Tom of Oxford for to be and here I hang until I crack for I am metal to the back.'

But Darby's bell had a short life. There were the three attempts to recast Great Tom by Richard Keene, of Woodstock, in 1678, and finally in the following year Christopher Hodson, of London, agreed to cast a bell 7ft. in diameter for the sum of £180, although his fees were increased to £190. And this 7 ton 7¾ cwt. bell is still in being, although repairs were carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank as recently as 1946.

Living in Oxford when Hodson cast his bell was Richard Duckworth, who was Rector of St. Martin's, Carfax, and the author of the first book on change ringing. He is likely to have been the composer of Oxford Bob, Double Oxford and Oxford Treble Bob, the last-named method dating from the year 1677.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 21, 1952, in 3 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 25 cwt.

*WILLIAM A. LACEY	*Treble*	JOHN R. SMITH	7
†DEREK G. GOODMAN	2	J. FREDERICK MILNER	8
PETER J. STANIFORTH	3	SIDNEY O. CHENEY	9
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	4	HAROLD J. POOLE	10
JOHN HILL	5	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	11
HARRY G. WAYNE	6	WILLIAM J. ROOT	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
* First peal of Maximus. † First peal of Maximus on an 'inside' bell. The conductor's 50th peal of Surprise Maximus on tower bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Thurs., April 24, 1952, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor 26¼ cwt. in D.

GEORGE E. OLIVER	*Treble*	*†ALAN ELSMORE	7
*JOAN BERESFORD	2	*GEORGE W. HUGHES	8
HERBERT KNIGHT	3	*SAMUEL BIRCH	9
*†J. NORMAN HADLEY	4	*AUBREY M. PICKERING	10
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	5	*†MAURICE G. TURNER	11
*†ERNEST STITCH	6	HOWARD HOWELL	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.
* First peal of Maximus. † Completes Kent Treble Bob from Minor to Maximus. First peal of Maximus as conductor.

TEN BELL PEALS

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 26, 1952, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

GEORGE E. FEARN	*Treble*	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	2	*REGINALD WOODYATT	7
*CLAUDIA A. HARDING	3	SYDNEY T. HOLT	8
*GEORGE E. LARGE	4	HENRY H. FEARN	9
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	5	FRANK E. HAYNES	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.
* First peal of Yorkshire Royal.

HATFIELD, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 26, 1952, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ETHELDREDA,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in D.

*DAVID J. HISCOCK	*Treble*	†WILLIAM T. HOLMES	6
*JACK S. DEAR	2	*EDWARD G. BENNETT	7
*JOHN KEMP	3	SIDNEY F. CARTER	8
*DEREK J. WILSDEN	4	*ALAN F. CULL	9
STANLEY HUCKLE	5	THOMAS NEWMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by W. WILSON. Conducted by SIDNEY F. CARTER.
* First peal of Royal. † First peal of Bob Royal. First peal of Royal as conductor.

LEOMINSTER, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 26, 1952, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 22¼ cwt.

HOWARD HOWELL	*Treble*	J. NORMAN HADLEY	6
ALAN ELSMORE	2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	7
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	3	SAMUEL BIRCH	8
WILLIAM DAVIES	4	MAURICE G. TURNER	9
ERNEST STITCH	5	LESLIE EVANS	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.
125th peal as conductor.

NEWBURY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 26, 1952, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PUDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in D.

DAVID WOODLEY	*Treble*	NOEL J. DISERENS	6
MARGARET L. TUTT	2	REGINALD W. REX	7
MICHAEL E. H. BARROW	3	J. RICHARD CHAUNDY	8
WALTER F. JUDGE	4	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS	9
WILLIAM C. PORTER	5	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.
The first peal of Pudsey Surprise Royal by all the band.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 26, 1952, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 37 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in C sharp.

THOMAS W. CROWE	*Treble*	KENNETH W. CHEESEMAN	6
KENNETH ARTHUR	2	EDMUND P. CROWDY	7
JOHN A. BROWN	3	DENIS A. BAYLES	8
ERIC N. HARRISON	4	W. NORMAN PARK	9
WILLIAM E. ROBINSON	5	ROLAND PARK	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY G. MILES. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.
First peal of Grandsire Caters by all except 9 and 10. The conductor's 100th peal for the Association. Rung for the birthday of H.M. Queen Elizabeth.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 26, 1952, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5075 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 24 cwt.

W. BAXTER	*Treble*	*R. GOULD	6
MRS. F. A. PENN	2	E. PARKER	7
P. W. J. HARDING	3	F. A. PENN	8
R. AMOR	4	G. HARDING	9
F. SLATFORD	5	L. HITCHINS	*Tenor*

Composed by F. HAYES. Conducted by F. A. PENN.
* First peal of Caters. First peal of Caters as conductor. A wedding compliment to Mr. R. Newton and Miss B. Cleveland, a ringer of this tower.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., April 15, 1952, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

BRIAN AUSTIN	*Treble*	GEORGE CARE	5
ERNEST E. WHITMORE	2	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	6
JOHN KING	3	RONALD C. NOON	7
BRIAN S. COPE	4	GEOFFREY E. WATSON	*Tenor*

Composed by P. I. CHAPMAN. Conducted by GEOFFREY E. WATSON.

BULKINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 19, 1952, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in G.

*JUNE KNIGHT	*Treble*	HUBERT E. ASHLEY	5
MARGARET A. BAILEY	2	†F. ANTHONY ELSON	6
ROSEMARY E. ASHLEY	3	ALFRED J. HINDE	7
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	4	CECIL T. NEALE	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by HUBERT E. ASHLEY.
* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung for the silver wedding of Mr. S. Carter, a ringer and chorister of the above church, and Mrs. Carter.

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On Sat., April 19, 1952, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 25¼ cwt.

RONALD F. DISERENS	*Treble*	JOHN HILL	5
ALBERT DISERENS	2	DAVID E. PARSONS	6
MARGARET L. TUTT	3	JOHN CHILCOTT	7
WALTER F. JUDGE	4	NOEL J. DISERENS	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 21, 1952, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

*DAVID WOODLEY	*Treble*	GEORGE F. BURTON	5
WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS	2	*EDMUND E. PEARSON	6
*CHARLES COLES	3	*PETER ANGER	7
FRANCIS S. BEAUMONT	4	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal in the method. Rung for the 26th birthday of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II.

CHUDLEIGH, DEVONSHIRE.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Wed., April 23, 1952, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARTIN AND MARY,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. in F.

E. MAURICE ATKINS	*Treble*	CYRIL C. DEEM	5
FRANK WILLS	2	WILLIAM D. ASHDOWN	6
BETTY SMITH	3	ARTHUR T. TRUMAN	7
HORACE W. J. BUTT	4	FREDERICK WREFORD	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.
Rung on St. George's Day as a birthday compliment to Her Majesty the Queen.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., April 23, 1952, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Washbrook's Variation. Tenor 6¼ cwt.

COLIN HARRISON	*Treble*	HAROLD MARCON	5
JOHN P. FIDLER	2	A. HUBERT EPLETT	6
PAUL L. TAYLOR	3	JOSEPH A. FENTON	7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	4	*ROY MARSDEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH A. FENTON.
* First peal.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Wed., April 23, 1952, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in G.

RHODA HEMMINGS	*Treble*	WM. GEOFFREY HAIR	5
*GEORGE W. RIDGWAY	2	ERNEST MORRIS	6
†JOAN COTTON	3	PERCIVAL W. GRICE	7
WILLIAM H. CURSON	4	JOSEPH WM. COTTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples 'inside.' † First peal in the method.

PETWORTH, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., April 23, 1952, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Six-part. Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb. in E.

*IAN WINDWOOD	*Treble*	HAROLD F. WOOD	5
RAYMOND P. WOOD	2	BASIL W. WHITE	6
ERNEST TREAGUS	3	LEONARD STILWELL	7
†BRIAN J. LUFF	4	CECIL DENYER	*Tenor*

Conducted by LEONARD STILWELL.
* First peal. † First peal of Triples. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Lord Leconfield, patron of the living.

WIGSTON MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., April 25, 1952, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's Variation of Thurstans'. Tenor 16 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

HAROLD J. POOLE	*Treble*	ALFRED BALLARD	5
JOHN R. SMITH	2	JOHN HILL	6
PETER J. STANIFORTH	3	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	7
*RICHARD J. CARTER	4	TH. EDWARD HARROLD	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal of Stedman. Rung in honour of the appointment of the Rev. G. H. West, M.A., Vicar of Wigston Magna, as honorary Canon of Leicester Cathedral.

ALLOA, CLACKMANNAN.
THE SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 26, 1952, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13¼ cwt.

W. H. PICKETT	*Treble*	*ERNEST BOUMPHREY	5
*†JOYCE E. TAYLOR	2	*ERNEST A. STAFFORD	6
*HENRY F. SARGENT	3	THOMAS C. WINDERAM	7
*‡KATHARINE M. H. BRANSON	4	DONALD R. MARSHALL	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by DONALD R. MARSHALL.
* First peal of Kent. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ First peal of Major. Rung for the wedding in this church of Miss Jean F. Paton, of Alloa, to Mr. Kenneth B. W. MacLellan, of Bearsden.

BOCKING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 26, 1952, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE DEANERY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18¼ cwt. in E.

FRANK CLAYDON	*Treble*	RONALD SUCKLING	5
DAVID W. BEARD	2	HILDA G. SNOWDEN	6
LEWIS W. WIFFEN	3	CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON	7
FRANK V. GANT	4	JOHN H. CRAMPION	*Tenor*

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOHN H. CRAMPION.
In memoriam William Keeble.

OCTOGENARIANS' PEAL

DEPTFORD, LONDON.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 26, 1952, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN WHEADON (age 80)	*Treble*	RICHARD W. STANNARD (82)	5
ISAAC EMERY (80)	2	WILLIAM J. NUDDS (84)	6
FRANK BENNETT (82)	3	HARRY STALHAM (80)	7
WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS (81)	4	GEORGE H. DAYNES (82)	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.
This is the first full peal ever rung by eight ringers over 80 years of age. A birthday compliment to Jean Barnett, great-granddaughter of the conductor.

FINCHLEY, MIDDLESEX.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Sat., April 26, 1952, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt.

THOMAS BEVAN	*Treble*	JOHN L. MORRIS	5
GEOFFREY F. CARTER	2	LEONARD E. TUBB	6
FREDERICK A. BARKER	3	MAURICE J. BUTLER	7
ARTHUR W. J. BUTLER	4	FRANK C. W. KNIGHT	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by ARTHUR W. J. BUTLER.
First peal as conductor. Rung on the anniversary of the first peal of Plain Bob Major (London, April 26th, 1725).

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., April 26, 1952, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

*H. JOHN VERITY	*Treble*	GEOFFREY F. PAGE	5
PATRICIA CLARKE	2	FREDERICK J. CRAPNELL	6
RODERICK W. PIPE	3	SIDNEY W. ARBON	7
MAX P. PAGE	4	CECIL W. PIPE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.
* First peal, aged 13. First peal in the method as conductor.

HAWKHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 26, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt.

WILLIAM GORRINGE	*Treble*	THOMAS E. SONE	5
REGINALD E. LAMBERT	2	BENJAMIN F. BAKER	6
ROBERT T. LAMBERT	3	ROBERT COLLINS	7
DORIS E. COLGATE	4	S. GEOFFREY WATERS	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
Quickest peal of Major on the bells.

KEMPSTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 26, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5184 ST. CLEMENT'S BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17½ in E.

*MARY E. STEPHENS	*Treble*	ALAN S. SMITH	5
J. MICHAEL STEPHENS	2	CHRIS. G. WOODHEAD	6
*DAPHNE J. HARE	3	C. HENRY HARDING	7
*MALCOLM G. HOOTON	4	BRYAN F. SIMS	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by J. MICHAEL STEPHENS.
* First peal of Major. First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.

MELBOURNE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 26, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
M. J. Morris's Transposition of J. J. Parker's Twelve-part.
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

OLIVE SMITH	*Treble*	FRANCIS R. LOWE	5
HAROLD TAYLOR	2	ALBERT E. THOMPSON	6
KATHLEEN I. TIVEY	3	WILLIAM LANCASTER	7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	4	REV. R. J. MORRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
Rung as a 70th birthday compliment to the father of the ringer of the 5th.

ORMESBY, YORKSHIRE.
THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 26, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt.

THOS. M. COX (Pres.)	*Treble*	*W. J. PETER WISHART	5
P. W. B. SEMMENS (Sec.)	2	*G. A. ROBINSON (Treas.)	6
*RALPH JACKSON	3	J. C. POLLARD (Vice-Pres.)	7
GEORGE P. KEMBALL	4	*C. ROBINSON (Vice-Pres.)	*Tenor*

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by J. CYRIL POLLARD.
* First peal in method. First peal for the re-formed Association. Rung to mark the wedding of Dorothy Leng and E. Peter Rock, and the birth of a son to Dorothy and Alan Robinson.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., April 26, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

RONALD W. STEWARD	*Treble*	HORACE J. MANSFIELD	5
LESLIE FOSTER	2	HARRY D. LISTER	6
*ROBERT E. LESTER	3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL	7
GEORGE W. PIPE	4	EDWARD E. DAVEY	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.
* 50th peal. First peal in the method as conductor. In memoriam Shelford Sparrow and Thomas Langford Sparrow.

HAWKLEY, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., April 27, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in A.

*CHARLES SANGWIN	*Treble*	PETER N. BOND	5
BLANCHE M. BALL	2	JOHN W. MEADE	6
NORMAN J. SMITH	3	JOHN H. HUNT	7
E. WINIFRED KEYS	4	FREDERICK W. BURNETT	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by FREDK. W. BURNETT.
* First peal of Major. First peal on the eight bells. Rung as birthday anniversary compliments to Messrs. P. N. Bond and J. W. Meade.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

DAWLEY MAGNA, SHROPSHIRE.
NON-ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 14, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being fourteen six-scores of Grandsire, seven six-scores of April Day and twenty-one six-scores of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

MARGARET RUSHTON	*Treble*	R. MICHAEL BARNETT	4
MARIE BAILEY	2	HENRY DOUGLAS	5
ALAN V. EDWARDS	3	ALAN BRISCOE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HENRY DOUGLAS (Grandsire) and
ALAN V. EDWARDS (April Day and Plain Bob).
The first peal of Doubles on the bells and first peal by all the band. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Michael Barnett.

LULLINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Wed., April 16, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and five extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

PERCIVAL W. GRICE	*Treble*	WILLIAM F. WOODWARD	4
RHODA HEMMINGS	2	JOSEPH WM. COTTON	5
WILLIAM H. CURSON	3	ERNEST MORRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH WILLIAM COTTON.
A 70th birthday compliment to Mr. W. Darby and 84th to Miss Nelle Wright, both of Lullington.

MARTLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., April 17, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES
Being 42 extents, 10 callings. Tenor 14 cwt.

THOMAS W. LEWIS	*Treble*	REGINALD WOODYATT	4
ALLEN MORGAN	2	CYRIL TANSELL	5
*WILLIAM H. A. COMPTON	3	FREDERICK C. PUGH	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS W. LEWIS.
* First peal of Stedman Doubles.

BAGBOROUGH, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 19, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PANCRAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 20 cwt.

*DERRICK LOCK	*Treble*	FRANK MORRIS	4
HARRY COMMINS	2	CLAUDE TARR	5
REGINALD STONE	3	TOM HANCOCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by CLAUDE TARR.
* First peal.

BREEDON-ON-THE-HILL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 19, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND HARDULPH,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In 16 methods, viz.: (1) Durham, York, Beverley, Berwick, Surfleet, Hexham; (2) London, Wells, Cunecastre; (3) Cambridge, Primrose; (4) Chester, Munden; (5) Carlisle; (6) Westminster, Allendale; (7) Cambridge. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

ROGER G. SOARS	*Treble*	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	4
RICHARD E. MANTON	2	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	5
C. WILLIAM HALL	3	*ROLAND BENISTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.
* 75th peal. First peal on the bells. First peal in 16 Surprise methods for the Guild and by all the band.

BURY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 19, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different 720's. Tenor 10 cwt.

GORDON WHEWELL	*Treble*	ROGER LEIGH	4
NORMAN SMITH	2	KENNETH HARTLEY	5
WILLIAM LANGHORNE	3	BRIAN H. WOOD	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN H. WOOD.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss E. Bruce.

HIGH HALDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 19, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt.

*MARY F. FENSON	*Treble*	MARK W. MARSHALL	4
PERCY REEVES	2	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	5
WILFRED W. RING	3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	*Tenor*

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.
* First peal.

STANWELL, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 19, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 13 cwt. 14 lb.

*JANET E. LAWRENCE	*Treble*	PETER A. LAWRENCE	4
FRANK T. BLAGROVE	2	ROBERT G. LAY	5
	3	TONY PRICE	*Tenor*

Conducted by TONY PRICE.
* First peal. F. T. Blagrove's first double-handed tower bell peal.

WELLAND, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 19, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 10 six-scores Grandsire, 10 callings, 4 Morris's 240 Grandsire, 12 six-scores April Day, and 12 six-scores Bob Doubles.
Tenor 11 cwt.

TOM HILL	*Treble*	FRANK LAWRENCE	4
CHARLES HAYLINGS	2	JACK ROBERTS	5
KEN SPIERS	3	LEN DOVEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK ROBERTS.

APSLEY END, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 21, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

In 25 methods, with 111 changes of method: (1) Chester, Munden, Alnwick, Newcastle; (2) London, Wells, Cunecastre; (3) Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Rossendale, Stamford; (4) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Primrose, Hull, Bourne; (5) Beverley, Berwick, Hexham, Surfleet; (6) York, Durham; (7) Allendale, Westminster. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*JOE HOBBS	*Treble*	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD	4
WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT	2	†DEREK E. LATCHFORD	5
*WILLIAM C. HUGHES	3	WALTER AYRE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.
* First peal in 25 methods. † First peal in more than 16 methods. First peal in 25 Surprise methods by all the band, on the bells, in the county, and by the Association. Specially rung in honour of the birthday of Her Majesty the Queen.

MISTERTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 21, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 1,440 Plain Bob and 3,600 Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt.

*HORACE GOOSEY	*Treble*	†JOSEPH S. HAYNES	3
†KENNETH H. ROWLAND	2	PETER J. THOMAS	4
DENIS ALLSOP	*Tenor*		

Conducted by PETER J. THOMAS.
* First peal away from cover bell. † First peal in two methods. A 26th birthday compliment to Her Majesty the Queen.

HUTTON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., April 23, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 different extents, using quick, slow and the normal start.
Tenor 8 cwt.

*FRANK V. GANT	*Treble*	*DAVID W. BEARD	3
HENRY T. WILSON	2	HARRY TURNER	4
JOHN H. CRAMPION	*Tenor*		

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.
* 25th peal together. The ringers of 2nd, 3rd and 5th have completed the sequence of Stedman from Doubles to Cinques. Rung for St. George's Day.



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STISTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., April 23, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

HILDA G. SNOWDEN	*Treble	CLAUDE SNOWDEN	4
FRANK CLAYDON	2	JOHN WARNER	5
*JOHN LEEMING	3	RONALD SUCKLING	*Tenor*

Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.

* First peal. Rung in honour of St. George of England.

TICKNALL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Wed., April 23, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's each of St. Clement's and Oxford Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. in F.

T. J. MARRIOTT	*Treble	L. WARREN	4
*MISS A. S. NOBLE	2	W. G. SOAR	5
P. MARRIOTT	3	†A. J. MARRIOTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. G. SOAR.

* First peal of Minor. † Has now 'circled' tower. Rung for the Patronal Festival.

OFFENHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 26, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MILBURGH,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two different extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Bob, and one extent of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

WILFRED J. NEWMAN	*Treble	FREDERICK G. NURDEN	4
*GERALD C. HEMMING	2	R. ROGER SAVORY	5
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	3	E. TREVOR NEWBURY	*Tenor*

Conducted by R. ROGER SAVORY.

* First peal in more than one method. First peal of Minor as conductor. Southern Branch quarterly peal.

STAVERTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(The Old Daventrian Society.)
On Sat., April 26, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in G.

*MARY E. GOODENOUGH	*Treble	VICTOR A. PERRY	4
MAUD CLARKE	2	HAROLD HAYNES	5
MALCOLM J. V. CHOWN	3	ERNEST G. ORLAND	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST G. ORLAND.

* First peal.

HANDBELL PEALS

WELLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., April 11, 1952, *in* 1 *Hour and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT 53, LEYS ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor size 8 in C.

*PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	1—2	ROBIN G. TURNER	3—4
		JOHN KING	5—6

Conducted by ROBIN G. TURNER.

* First peal on six handbells. A welcome home to Patrick Chapman on his demobilisation from H.M. Forces.

LONDON, S.E.1.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., April 18, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
IN COUNTY HALL,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MAJOR

Being 1,920 Plain Bob, 1,760 Double Bob and 1,320 Little Bob with 231 changes of method. Tenor size 16 in B.

*THOMAS J. LOCK	1—2	*WILFRID G. WILSON	5—6
*EDWIN A. BARNETT	3—4	EDWIN J. LINDLEY	7—8

Adapted from B. ANNABLE. Conducted by EDWIN J. LINDLEY.

* First peal in the method. First peal in three methods as conductor.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., April 23, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5093 GRANDSIRE CATERS

No. 33. Tenor size 15 in C.

ROY C. HURST	1—2	DANIEL T. MATKIN	5—6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	3—4	ARTHUR V. DAVIS	7—8
		FRED PAICE	9—10

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

RISLEY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., April 23, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
AT 85, DERBY ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Original.

*ALFRED MOULD	1—2	*JACK BAILEY	5—6
CLEMENT GLENN	3—4	DENIS R. CARLISLE	7—8

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First handbell peal in the method.

WELLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., April 23, 1952, *in* 1 *Hour and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT 53, LEYS ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor size 8 in C.

*MALCOLM KING	1—2	ROBIN G. TURNER	3—4
		JOHN KING	5—6

Conducted by ROBIN G. TURNER.

* First peal (aged 14).

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., April 26, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MAJOR

In eight methods, comprising 1,472 Plain Bob, 1,392 Gainsborough Little Bob, 576 Little Bob, 448 Reverse Bob, 320 each of Double and St. Clement's Bob, 288 Wellington Little Bob, and 224 Crayford Little Bob, with 399 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

WILLIAM G. YOUNG	1—2	DANIEL T. MATKIN	5—6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	3—4	ROY. C. HURST	7—8

Composed by F. NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., April 27, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT 22, YORK STREET, REDFIELD,
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

ERIC SUTTON	1—2	JACK R. WORRALL	5—6
FREDERICK J. SAMPSON	3—4	REGINALD G. HOOPER	7—8

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

First peal of Major on handbells as conductor. A birthday compliment to the conductor and his twin sister.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Wed., April 30, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 16 in B flat.

*BRIAN G. WARWICK	1—2	FRANK E. HAYNES	5—6
J. MARTIN THORLEY	3—4	WILFRID F. MORETON	7—8

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* 50th peal on handbells.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Wed., April 30, 1952, *in* 1 *Hour and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT SALTLEY COLLEGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor size 14 in D.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	1—2	WILFRID F. MORETON	5—6
*JOHN R. MAYNE	3—4	†BRIAN R. SUTTON	7—8

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal in the method 'in hand.' † First peal in the method.

ATTENBOROUGH, NOTTS.—On April 25th, 1,320 Bob Doubles: A. Shakespeare 1, W. R. Harrison 2, P. Rose 3, M. Bailey 4, D. J. Marshall (cond.) 5, D. Bateman 6. First quarter for 1, 3 and 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Miss K. C. Day, youngest daughter of the verger, Mr. T. M. Day.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.—On April 26th, 1,344 Yorkshire Surprise Major: H. Baker 1, R. J. Lancefield (first quarter of Surprise) 2, W. C. Marshall 3, M. W. Marshall 4, A. J Lancefield 5, W. W. Ring 6, T. Cullingworth 7, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 8.

BIRMINGHAM.—On April 20th, at Bishop Ryder's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. E. Fearn 1, Miss M. Reay 2, A. Ager 3, S. O'C. Holloway 4, H. H. Fearn 5, G. W. Critchley 6, F. E. Haynes (cond.) 7, W. T. Froggatt 8.

BRAMPTON, HUNTS.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. W. F. Allen 1, Lucy Allen (first quarter) 2, Elizabeth Smith (first quarter) 3, E. J. Whiting 4, R. F. Baker (cond.) 5. Believed first quarter by a local service band. For St. George's Day.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.—On April 22nd 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. I. Chapman 1, E. E. Whitmore 2, R. G. Turner 3, R. C. Noon (cond.) 4, J. King 5, G. E. Watson 6, H. Wooding 7, H. Pettitt 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Bernard James Saddington, 50 years a ringer.

CASTON, NORFOLK.—On April 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Arnold 1, F. Phillippo 2, C. Banham 3, F. Pearson 4, D. Heighton (first quarter as cond.) 5, J. Barnes 6.

CAWTHORNE, YORKS.—On St. George's Day, a Date touch, 1,952 changes Minor (20 Bob Doubles, 132 Bob Minor, 1,200 Kent and 600 Oxford): B. Broadhead 1, G. K. Crompton 2, F. Cowling 3, R. Brogan 4, H. Rusby 5, M. F. Moxon (cond.) 6.

COWBRIDGE, GLAM.—On April 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Hannington 1, E. Stitch 2, G. I. Lewis 3, R. E. Cole 4, A. Hoare 5, D. Hoare 6, A. J. Pitman (cond.) 7, T. M. Roderick 8.

DAWLEY MAGNA, SALOP.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Rushton 1, M. Bailey 2, R. M. Barnett 3, S. Rushton 4, H. Douglas (first quarter as cond.) 5, A. V. Edwards 6. First quarter for 1, 3 and 4. Rung for the Easter Festival, and birthday compliments to the conductor's mother and the tenor ringer.

EPSOM, SURREY.—On April 26th, at St. Martin's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. M. Besant (first quarter) 1, E. J. Lindley (cond.) 2, S. Mason 3, R. C. Spittle 4, J. S. Seager 5, J. E. Beams 6, A. E. Harman 7, D. Donalds 8.

QUARTER PEALS

FRIEZLAND, YORKS.—On April 20th, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob: J. Smith 1, L. Dawson 2, H. Nutt (cond.) 3, C. Henshaw 4, A. Farrand 5, A. J. Bennett 6. Rung for the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. H. Nutt.

GAYTON, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 24th, 1,260 Minor (being 720 Kent, 240 Oxford Treble Bob, 300 Plain Bob): G. Mansfield 1, I. Dicken (first of Minor in 3 methods) 2, R. Paul (first of Minor) 3, A. Mansfield 4, M. Stephenson (first of Minor) 5, W. F. Eyden (first of Minor and cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of James Hillyer, ringer and sexton at this church for many years.

GODSHILL, I.O.W.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): E. Westmore 1, E. Thorne 2, L. Bailey (cond.) 3, C. Callaway 4, C. Dennes 5, F. Rowson 6. Also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Rowson 1, S. Hollis 2, E. Thorne 3, C. Dennes (cond.) 4, E. Westmore 5, C. Morris 6.

HELMDON, NORTHANTS.—On April 25th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: W. J. Chester 1, Miss D. Spokes (first of Minor) 2, J. Steel 3, M. Saunders 4, C. Hinton 5, W. Yates (cond.) 6.

HESTON, MIDDLX.—On Palm Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Newnes 1, A. Jones 2, B. Rose 3, D. Howells (first quarter 'inside') 4, W. W. Webb 5, W. J. Winters 6, W. A. Lewis (cond.) 7, J. Ricketts 8.

HOOLE, CHESHIRE.—On April 13th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: B. Harris (cond.) 1, Roselyn Crewe (first 'inside') 2, E. C. Crewe 3, Dilys Jones 4, R. G. Corby 5, S. S. Wood 6.

HURST, BERKS.—On April 18th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: J. Froome 1, S. Day 2, C. Eele 3, Mrs. A. J. N. Rance 4, L. Hall 5, B. C. Castle 6, W. Mortimer 7, A. J. N. Rance (cond.) 8. First of Major for 1, 3, 5 and 7.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.—On April 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Thorne 1, P. Newing, R.A.F., 2, W. F. Judge 3, E. Moore 4, D. Woodley 5, F. Beaumont 6, Wm. Judge (cond.) 7, G. Webb 8.

MONKEN HADLEY, MIDDLX.—On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Richards 1, H. S. Arbin 2, Miss S. L. Evans 3, M. Soper 4, R. Fraser 5, C. W. Ward (cond.) 6, W. Langley 7, D. Tinsley 8. In honour of the birthday of H.M. the Queen.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On April 21st, 1,260 Doubles (being 360 April Day, 480 Plain Bob and 420 Grandsire): E. J. Baker 1, J. J. Yeates 2, E. F. Shearn 3, L. Derrick 4, C. Kortright (cond.) 5, C. J. Miles 6. Rung for the birthday of H.M. Queen Elizabeth.

NEWINGTON-NEXT-FOLKESTONE, KENT.—On April 25th, 1,440 Doubles (720 Plain Bob, 720 Grandsire): Miss R. P. Longhurst (first in two methods) 1, G. F. Gray 2, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 3, E. J. Walker 4, M. J. Martin (first in two methods 'inside') 5, J. Soles 6. Also on April 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss R. P. Longhurst 1, J. Chittenden 2, P. Crook, sen., 3, M. J. Martin 4, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 5, J. Soles 6.

NORTH OCKENDON, ESSEX.—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Doubles (360 Stedman, 480 Plain and 420 Grandsire): F. V. Gant (cond.) 1, A. R. Chapman 2, S. Meadows 3, S. Penfold 4, C. E. Brown 5, W. J. Carter 6. Also on April 17th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: W. J. Carter 1, A. R. Chapman 2, D. M. Salisbury 3, A. J. Salisbury 4, F. V. Gant (cond.) 5, C. E. Brown 6. First of Minor for 1 and 3.

RIPPLE, WORCS.—On Mar. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (being 2 six-scores and one 240 Grandsire, 2 six-scorers April Day and 4½ six-scores Bob Doubles): P. Bennett 1, C. Haylings 2, K. Spiers 3, B. Spiers 4, J. Roberts (cond.) 5, E. Sherwood 6. Rung as birthday compliment to C. Haylings and his mother.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Hicks 1, G. King 2, E. Avery 3, J. Harris 4, A. Smith 5, A. Hoad 6, W. H. Hoad (cond.) 7, F. Hook 8. Also on April 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Hicks 1, Helen Gorringe 2, E. Avery 3, W. Gorringe 4, A. Hoad 5, W. H. Hoad (cond.) 6, G. King 7, J. Harris 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam John Harmer, clerk at the above church for 22 years and member of the choir for 70 years.

SHRIVENHAM, BERKS.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: D. Goodridge 1, Miss P. Manning 2, Miss M. Skinner 3, T. Stone 4, A. Peake 5, B. Bladon 6, P. Anger (cond.) 7, E. Vincent 8. First quarter in the method for 1, 2, 3, 4 and 8.

THAKEHAM, SUSSEX.—On April 15th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Joy Gumbrill 1, Marian Skinner 2, C. B. Skinner 3, E. Foseberry 4, B. W. Farhall 5, C. Hone (cond.) 6.

WANTAGE, BERKS.—On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. R. Wood 1, A. E. Fullbrook 2, H. White 3, K. Leach (first quarter as cond.) 4, C. Lester 5, H. Gregory 6, H. C. Mulford 7, W. Seymour 8. On the occasion of the birthday of H.M. the Queen.

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The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild decided at their annual meeting at Clerkenwell to inaugurate a Bell Restoration Fund.

BELFRY GOSSIP

To help the Hertfordshire Association in their difficult financial position the Northern District at its meeting at King's Walden on April 26th decided to take a sixpenny fee from all ringers at each meeting to help the general funds of the Association.

Radley, Berks, bells are to be rehung.

Stalybridge is to have a local ringer as its next Mayor in the person of Mr. Percy Walton.

Breedon-on-the-Hill is the 129th tower in Leicestershire where Mr. Ernest Morris has rung a peal.

The series of articles that appeared in 'The Ringing World,' 1933-34, on 'English Towers and their Bells,' by Mr. Ernest Morris, may shortly be published in book form.

Because the Parochial Church Council of Abbot's Ann, near Andover, have given the organist notice, the ringers in this five-bell tower have resigned.

Very good instructional work is being done at Shirley Church, Birmingham, by Mr. Vincent A. Hemming, who during the past six months has taught ten young ladies much about the Exercise.

Mr. A. Nutt, of Greenfield, near Oldham, informs us that it was his silver and not golden wedding that was recently celebrated. We regret we were misinformed and extend to them our good wishes for another 25 years of happy married life.

Trowbridge ringers and friends had the unusual privilege of ringing a peal for the wedding of Miss B. Cleveland on April 26th and a quarter peal on April 29th for the golden wedding of Mr. S. Francis. Both Miss Cleveland and Mr. Francis are regular ringers at Trowbridge Parish Church.

Mr. J. Arthur Hoare, secretary of the Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild, in extending his congratulations to the Hereford band who rang five peals in a day, writes that the village of Llanfihangel Rhydithon is in the Diocese of Swansea and Brecon. 'I was really under the impression that a gentleman's agreement existed between Diocesan Guilds, that peals should be rung for the Diocese to which the church belongs. However, I seem to be wrong.'

The footnote to the peal of Single Oxford rung at Burton-on-Stather on April 17th should have been 'First in the method in the county,' and not 'First for the Guild.' A peal had been rung in this method at East Markham, Notts, in 1936, for the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

There are nearly 20 past members of Daventry Grammar School who are ringers. They have formed themselves into a section of the Old Daventrian Society. Their first peal was rung at Staverton where many of the members were taught the elements of change-ringing by the late Rev. E. S. and Mrs. Powell.

It was appropriate that for the Cumberlands' peal at Finchley on April 26th a composition of the late Mr. C. H. Martin, who had been associated with the tower for many years, should have been selected. There have been three previous peals on the eight bells at Finchley but this is the first of Mr. Martin's compositions to be rung on the bells.

The peal at Misterton on April 21st was rung on the back five of the six there, the peal being originally arranged for the five at North Kilworth, but owing to Mr. Charles Bennett's death that day, last-minute arrangements had to be made for the peal to be rung elsewhere. The band wish to express their thanks to the Rector of St. Leonard's, Misterton, for the use of his bells at such short notice.

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THE HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Serious Financial Position

THE annual meeting of Hertford County Association was held at St. Albans on April 19th, members attending from all parts of the county with visitors from Willesden, Hornsey, Purton (Wilts), Brentford, Cambridge and Liverpool. Many took advantage of ringing at Hatfield in the morning, including several promising youngsters from Norton and Baldock.

Ringing at the Cathedral, St. Peter's and St. Michael's Churches during the afternoon suffered somewhat by the absence of the committee, who had met to discuss the serious financial position of the Association.

Evensong at the Cathedral was attended by the members who were addressed by the Bishop of Bedford (the Rt. Rev. C. T. T. Wood), who preached an inspiring Easter message to the assembled ringers. The Dean (the Very Rev. C. Thicknesse) read the second lesson and a collection was taken in aid of the funds.

After tea, which was held at the Abbey Institute, the president (Mr. T J. Southam) welcomed the Bishop of Bedford and other visitors. Apologies were received from the Lord Bishop of St. Albans, the Dean and Mr. E. G. Buck (Northern District secretary), who had left earlier. Greetings were received from Mr. A. Barnes, of Stockport, who rang his first peal at the Abbey on Easter Monday, 1887.

The minutes were then read and confirmed, followed by the election of Mrs. A. H. Martin as an honorary member, Messrs. E. Edmondson (Bootle) and V. Griffin (Purton) as non-resident life members, Messrs. A. Leighton, D. Biggs, A. Tompkins, B. Fensom (Flamstead) as probationers, also Messrs. H. M. Stevens (Essendon), R. Wells (Cathedral), A. R. Sherlock and Miss A. P. Collins (North Mimms) as ringing members.

A LOAN OF £150

Mr. G. W. Debenham presented the statement of accounts which showed an excess of expenditure over income of £100 19s. 8d., and proposed the acceptance of a loan of £150 from an anonymous friend of the Association to be repaid as soon as possible by special money-raising efforts such as socials, etc., by the Districts. He also gave notice that he would propose that the subscriptions of ringing members (over the age of 16) be raised to 5s. He would also like the Reserve Fund raised to a three-figure sum. The loan was agreed to and Mr. T. J. Lock proposed that a general meeting be called in six months' time and the date of October 18th was agreed on. Applications were received for a grant from the Voluntary Bell Fund from Redbourn and St. Stephen's, St. Albans. The sum of five guineas was voted to each.

In his first annual report, the secretary (Mr. H. V. Frost) referred to the number of towers without any ringers and suggested that if the clergy would help by finding suitable young people of either sex, willing to form new bands, then the Association would do its best to provide instructors. He also referred to the small number of members attached and appealed for an increase in membership throughout the county.

With reference to the serious financial position incurred by the high cost of printing the 1948-50 report, Mr. Frost thought it was essential that they continued to publish a report in order to maintain interest, as without it they tended to lose touch with each other, especially those members who needed that little bit of encouragement to keep them in the fold. He suggested that every band attached to the Association should donate the proceeds of fees received for ringing for one wedding during the year in order to repay the loan.

He reported with regret the loss by death of Messrs. J. North (St. Ippolyt's), W. Bradford (Stevenage), G. Wolfe (Hitchin), W. Shepherd (Hemel Hempstead), Alderman A. Parkiss Ginn (Hertford) and that outstanding ringer and conductor, Mr. Maurice F. R. Hibbert, of Bushey, and asked the members to stand as a mark of respect.

Bell restoration.—Bengeo bells had been recast, Hemel Hempstead bells had been rehung in a new frame and Aldenham and Langleybury towers had been re-opened for ringing again. Great Amwell bells were to be augmented from three to five as soon as sufficient money was raised. There was, as yet, no news of anything being done at All Saints', Hertford, where the tower was unsafe, but at Knebworth an appeal had been assisted by the Northern District.

Peals.—The number was fifty, being six less than last year, but were well spread over the area and ranged from Doubles to Maximus. Fourteen members had rung their first peal and two their first as conductor. The peals were rung at 28 towers, including four outside the county. There were 17 conductors, Mr. F. W. Croft, having called eight peals, was the leading conductor. The most notable peal was undoubtedly the handbell peal in 12 Surprise Major methods by Mr. Cashmore's band. Four peals were rung in connection with the Festival of Britain. The reports of the District secretaries followed and, together with the general secretary's report, were adopted.

Election of officers.—President, Mr. A. E. Symonds (Hitchin); hon. treasurer, Mr. G. W. Debenham; hon. secretary, Mr. H. V. Frost; assistant secretary, Mr. T. J. Southam; hon. librarian, Mr. C. F. Sayer; hon auditor, Mr. H. H. Cook, C.A.

Proposed alterations to Rules.—The resolution affecting Rule 5, 'That the annual meeting be held in St. Albans at intervals of not less than three years,' was discussed, and it was agreed to amend the Rule by the insertion of the words of the resolution.

Rule 10, concerning peals and peal-booking fees, was deleted and a new rule was adopted, raising the peal fee to sixpence but containing no reference to entries in the peal book.

Mr. B. C. Johnson gave notice that he would raise the subject of the continuance of the peal book at the next general meeting.

It was agreed to delete Rule 12 as it stood and adopt a new rule in its place that no alteration in, or addition to, the rules be made except at an annual general or special meeting of the Association, and notice of any proposed addition or alteration must be sent to the general secretary, in writing, at least 21 days before one of such meetings.

Mr. S. H. Hoare voiced the congratulations of the Association to Mr. G. W. Cartmel, who was at the meeting; Mr. Cartmel being an original member of the Association and secretary for over 50 years.

Mr. W. G. Hughes proposed a comprehensive vote of thanks to all who had helped in any way with the success of the meeting, and ringing at St. Peter's concluded the affairs of a remarkable day in the history of the Association.

H. V. F.

CIVIC RECOGNITION FOR SELBY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Dinner and Meeting Combined

THE sixth annual meeting was held at Selby Abbey on April 19th Methods rung during the afternoon on the Abbey bells included Kent Treble Bob Royal, Grandsire Caters, Stedman Triples, Bob Minor and rounds. Friends and visitors inspected the Abbey and several were attracted to the organ, where the organist (Mr. W. Hartley) kindly gave a full description and demonstration. A short service was held in the chancel at 4.30 p.m., conducted by the Rev. J. A. P. Kent (Vicar of Selby), who gave a very instructive address.

The general meeting (postponed owing to the King's death) was held in the vestry when the following officers were elected:—President, the Rev. B. A. Ramsker (Vicar of Snaith); chairman, Mr. H. S. Morley; Ringing Master, Mr. Fred Terry; committee—Messrs. J. J. Taylor and J. Thorley; secretary and treasurer, Mr. L. M. Woodhead.

The secretary's report and balance sheet were accepted, a slight increase in funds being shown over the previous year. Mr. S. H. Steel (York) proposed and Mr. C. W. King (Goole) seconded a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of Selby for use of the bells and to the local company for arrangements.

Members and friends then adjourned to the Londesborough Arms Hotel, Selby, where 63 persons participated in the annual dinner and social evening. Guests included Councillor Mooney (chairman of Selby U.D.C.) and Mrs. Mooney, Alderman R. Jolley (Mayor of Goole) and the Mayoress, Mrs. Jolley, The Rev. J. A. P. Kent and Mrs. Kent, the Rev. and Mrs. Pattinson and Mr. W. Hartley (organist, Selby Abbey).

After an excellent dinner, and the loyal toast honoured, the president (the Rev. B. A. Ramsker) welcomed the civic heads of Selby and Goole. He said it was good that the various church bell ringers represented could meet together on this occasion and be happy, and compared the ringing of bells by ringers to amplified records which he had heard in some churches, the latter sounding far different from when the bells were properly rung.

Councillor Mooney thanked the president for his welcome and recalled that when living at Skipton he enjoyed hearing the sound of Gargrave bells.

The Mayor of Goole (Alderman R. Jolley) also expressed appreciation for the president's welcome and said that if the bells were not rung he felt there was something missing on Sundays. Ringers could be looked upon as 'Top Room Boys,' ringing out a message from Almighty God Sunday by Sunday. In conclusion, he said, 'I commend your work, keep on doing it. I appeal to the young people to take up the art of change-ringing.'

Mr. H. S. Morley ably proposed the toast, 'The Church,' saying that during his long experience as a ringer, he had always received every assistance from the clergy of the various churches visited.

The Rev. J. A. P. Kent, responding, said there were definite signs of a return to the Church, not only in this country but throughout the world.

The toast, 'The Society,' was proposed by Mr. T. H. Foster (Selby Abbey). He said that many years ago ringing was looked upon as an old man's job, but could assure the company that young people would be welcomed and encouraged. Mr. C. W. King (Goole) responded, paying tribute to the work of the secretary and to the advancement in the standard of ringing.

Mr. S. H. Steel (York) submitted the toast of 'The Visitors,' to which Mr. W. Hartley (organist, Selby Abbey) replied.

During the evening Mr. S. H. Steel (York) was the vocalist, accompanied by Mr. W. Hartley.

Dancing and games followed and the singing of 'Auld Lang Syne' ended what was generally felt to be an excellent evening's entertainment.

L. M. W.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Annual Meeting

THE annual general meeting was held in Norwich on Easter Monday. During the day good use was made of the bells of Mancroft, St. George Colegate, St. Giles', St. Miles' and St. John de Sepulchre, at the last named until the necessity for a neighbouring baby to sleep brought ringing to an end.

The annual service took place at Mancroft at 12 noon. At this, the new service book was used for the first time and members were delighted with it. The sermon was preached by the Rev. F. E. Vokes, Rector of Forncett, and chairman of the South Norfolk Branch.

A splendid lunch was served in Mancroft Youth Centre, and all who had previously bought a ticket got a seat with comfort and convenience. At this, members were present from, if possible, even further afield than usual, including Loughborough, Feltham and Sutton and Hessle (Yorkshire). Ringers were present from other places, including Leicester, during the day.

At the business meeting, arising out of the minutes, it was noted that the new service book was now out, and the 1951 annual report would be out soon. Apologies were received from Messrs. W. L. Duffield and W. C. Duffield, whose absence was much regretted.

New members elected included Horace Easey and Douglas Mitchell (Pakefield), Miss Muriel Nunn (Wroxham) and Horace Womack (Forncett).

The officers were re-elected as follows:—President, the Rev. A. St. J. Heard; general secretary and treasurer, the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow; the vice-presidents, en bloc; Ringing Master, Mr. Nolan Golden; hon. auditor, Mr. George Fletcher.

The accounts were presented by Mr. Fletcher, who was warmly applauded for his lucid manner of explaining the Association's financial position.

RULES TO BE REVISED

The meeting agreed to endorse the Standing Committee's action in getting on with the 1951 report on the lines of the 1950 one, also that the Sub-Committee should in due course take similar action over the 1952 report. It was agreed to make those over 65 honorary members of the Association. A committee consisting of the chairman and secretary of each Branch, with the chief officers of the Association, was appointed, with power to co-opt, to revise the Association Rules and Branch Rules. Mr. Nolan Golden spoke about the annual outing to Loughborough, etc., which he is arranging on May 24th.

Members stood in silence in honour of those who had passed away since the last annual meeting, including W. J. Lee, Russell Riches, William Dye, Charles Cracknell, C. Bailey, Maurice Hibbert, A. W. Taffender, T. Groombridge, C. Deane and J. George. Hope was expressed that at the next annual meeting the popular bells of St. George Colegate should be open in the morning; the Vicar said this would gladly be done. It was agreed that the new service forms should be paid for out of the Association's funds.

Thanks were expressed to Canon Waddington for the use of Mancroft bells and for having the service at Mancroft, to the Revs. Hay, Rae, Thurlow and Wallis, for use of the other City bells, the Rev. F. E. Vokes for his sermon and the organist of Mancroft for playing and thus sparing the Association from hearing the general secretary's efforts. At the conclusion of the business meeting the bells were rung again until nightfall.



WINDOW RECENTLY DEDICATED IN THE RINGING CHAMBER AT ST. PETER'S, ST. ALBANS.

The window is the work of Martin Webb, one of the young ringers at St. Peter's, who rang his first peal recently, just prior to entering H.M. Forces.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Stockport Branch at Norbury

Sixty-six members and friends attended the Stockport Branch meeting at Norbury on April 26th. The Vicar (the Rev. E. Taylor), who conducted the service, referred to the sudden and unexpected death of Miss Ethel Fernley, whose family had been closely identified with the work of Norbury Church for many years. He also spoke of the profound impression which the fellowship among ringers had made upon him.

An excellent tea preceded the business meeting at which the Vicar presided, supported by the Branch chairman, Mr. Elkins. Through a slight indisposition, the secretary was unable to attend, and his wife kindly acted as his deputy.

It was announced that the next quarterly meeting, on June 28th, would be at Knutsford, instead of Mobberley, and as a compliment to Mr. Percy Walton, who had been elected Mayor, the November meeting would be at Stalybridge St. Paul's. The heartiest congratulations of the Branch were extended to Mr. J. W. Hartley, who had recently completed 50 years' ringing service in the belfry of Norbury Church.

Tributes were paid to the memory of Dr. J. C. E. Simpson and to Miss Ethel Fernley, who had passed to higher service that morning.

Three new members, all from Norbury, were elected—Miss Molly May, Miss Valerie Duncan and Mr. Charles Povall. A letter of good wishes was read from Mr. W. W. Wolstencroft, an old and well-remembered member of the Branch. Members were asked to support the Wilmslow Festival of Christian Arts and Drama by attending the Open Ringing Day on May 17th. The meeting was particularly glad to welcome Mr. Barry Corbishley, who is recovering from a serious accident sustained some time ago.

BUCKINGHAM OUTING

Buckingham ringers, with friends from Maids Moreton and Wicken, had an enjoyable outing on Easter Monday ringing at Kibworth, St. John's and St. Margaret's, Leicester (where they met Mr. Ernest Morris), the Loughborough foundry (with a welcome from Mr. John Fidler), Loughborough Parish Church and Wigston Magna. Mr. Frank Townsend was 'father' of the party and the arrangements were made by Mr. W. Gates and Mr. D. Wesley.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD MEET AT WOOL

The quarterly meeting of the Dorchester Branch was held at the Church of the Holy Rood, Wool, which still displayed its charming Easter decorations. The light six bells were rung from 2.30 p.m. until 4 p.m. when the Guild service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. A. L. Edwards, who also gave the address. The lesson was read by the Branch chairman, Canon A. Wilkinson Markby.

Tea was served in the Recreation Hut by the ladies and was followed by the business meeting, conducted by the chairman.

New members were elected as follows:—Messrs. Douglas and Rodney Leak (Wool), the Misses E. Bowditch, P. Brown, I. Henson, G. Upshall, Mr. G. Henson (Bere Regis), Mr. V. Eeles and Miss P. M. Eeles (Milton Abbey).

It was agreed to hold the next meeting (subject to confirmation by the Vicar) at Milton Abbey, on Thursday, June 12th, and the next Branch practice at Dorchester on Saturday, May 3rd.

Mr. J. T. Godwin asked to be relieved of his office as trustee of the Branch funds and Mr. R. H. Duke, hon. assistant secretary, was appointed to fill the vacancy.

Mr. Fred Precey, Branch Ringing Master, stated that Charminster bells (6) were to be rehung and he had been informed that the ringers would be grateful if some steps could be taken to give them some instruction in change ringing. The secretary was instructed to inform the Charminster band that such help was always at the disposal of any tower in need of it.

Mr. J. H. Hayne, hon. secretary, remarked that all ringers were always welcome at Branch practices, which had already proved their value, and were most popular.

The captain of Cattistock ringers, Mr. T. Lippitt, stated that it was hoped that their eight new bells would be dedicated by the Bishop of Sherborne, on Sunday, June 29th.

A vote of thanks to all concerned in the success of the meeting, especially to the Rev. A. L. and Mrs. Edwards and the ladies who had looked after their visitors so well, was proposed by Mr. Duke and supported by the chairman.

Mr. Edwards, in reply, said they were always pleased to welcome the Branch ringers and hoped to be able to do so again in the not too distant future.

Ringing was resumed until about 8.45 p.m. under the direction of Mr. Precey and his deputy, Mr. Stedman. J. H. H.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MEADOWSMANSHIP

Dear Sir,—Your correspondent, Raymond Philpott, appears to have taken Mr. Meadows' efforts far more seriously than ever was intended.

Of course there are doubtless, in ringing as in other pursuits, people whom this particular cap fits, but I venture the opinion that this was not the idea Mr. Meadows had in view. All the ringers I have spoken to about these articles, and I get around fairly extensively, are highly amused although a few are not quite certain of what is behind it, any more than people did not quite know what to make of the B.B.C.'s broadcast Lifemanship Lectures.

I can assure your correspondent that 'Meadowsmanship,' as he terms it, is not born of an unfortunate ringing life, and as to whether or not it was sired by the seven deadly sins, perhaps this brings us back to the beginning of my second paragraph.

In his last paragraph Mr. Philpott mentions chess. A well-known chess periodical has from time to time in the past year or two published items somewhat akin to the matter under review, but up to the time of writing no chess enthusiast appears to have been upset by them, although in the absence of any comment whatsoever I am unable to say if anyone was amused.

'Meadowsmanship' is amusing rather than salutary, as it is intended to be. Let us hate other views or ideas if we feel that way disposed but let us not deny their holders the right to express them.—Yours, etc.,

Worcester. BERNARD C. ASHFORD.

A YOUNG ESSEX BAND

Dear Sir,—You will see in last week's issue of 'The Ringing World' the report of the peal rung on the bells of All Saints' Church, Springfield, Essex, the average age of the band being 16¼ years. This is believed to be unique is this division, but we should like to know if any other peal of its kind has been rung. The two girls are members of the All Saints' ringers and the four boys are members of the Danbury Church band, and apart from the one who rang the third bell, all have learnt to ring in the past two years, including the conductor, whose age is 16 years 4 months.—Yours faithfully.

Danbury, Chelmsford. PETER J. CAME.

FREEDOM BELL

Dear Sir,—The German Government has produced a range of postage stamps commemorating the 9¼-ton Freedom Bell installed in the Rathaus Tower, Schöneberg, West Berlin, in 1950, by my firm. It is beautifully engraved and I have pleasure in enclosing a copy.

It would be interesting to know whether an English-founded bell has ever before formed the basis of a stamp design. Perhaps one of your readers may be able to say.

Croydon. FRED C. W. STEVENSON.

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THEY WERE ALL OVER EIGHTY

First Octogenarian Peal

A remarkable performance took place at St. John-the-Evangelist Church, Deptford, on Saturday, April 26th, when a band of ringers all over 80 years of age rang a peal of 5,024 Plain Bob Major in three hours and two minutes.

'On October 20th a previous attempt was unsuccessful. There were two changes in the personnel of the band: Mr. John Wheadon, making the journey from Cheshire, replaced Mr. A. E. Reeves on the treble, and Mr. Harry Stalham, of Brighton, took the place of Mr. Frank Blondell on the seventh.

The previous record was a peal of Stedman Triples at St. Olave's, Hart Street, London, on October 21st, 1933, conducted by C. F. Winney. Then the united ages, 612 years, averaged 76¼ years. In this peal the united ages were 651 years with an average of 81.375.

Editorial comment on the St. Olave's peal: 'A hundred and forty years ago, when James Barham rang his 100th peal, the total age of the band was 582. It has taken nearly a century and a half to stretch the average age by four years, but with the growing expectancy of life coupled with the increased efficiency of bell-hanging, it may not be anything like as long before another four years are added to the record. A peal by a band of the average age of 80 would be a wonderful achievement.'

BIOGRAPHY

Treble.—John Wheadon, born Lambeth, London, January 4th, 1872. Learnt to ring at Brenchley, Kent. Now ringing at St. Bartholomew's, Wilmslow, Cheshire. Rung about 360 peals.

Second.—Isaac Emery, born St. Mary Cray, June 25th, 1871. Learnt to ring at St. Mary Cray and now rings at SS. Peter and Paul's, Bromley. Rung 365 peals.

Third.—Frank Bennett, born at Basingstoke, January 27th, 1869. Learnt to ring at St. Michael's, Basingstoke, and now rings at St. Nicholas', Brighton. Rung 1,590 peals.

Fourth.—William H. B. Wilkins, born at Chatham, December 30th, 1870. Learnt to ring at Bobbing, now ringing at St. Ebbe's, Oxford. Rung 290 peals.

Fifth.—Richard W. Stannard, born at Saxmundham, Suffolk, September 5th, 1869. Started to ring at Leiston, Suffolk, in 1825 and rang three peals in 1886. Now ringing at St. Margaret's, Westminster, and Leytonstone. His 140 peals include 10,304 Bob Major on April 21st, 1888. He has rung on every national occasion since Queen Victoria's Jubilee in 1887.

Sixth.—William J. Nudds, born at Banham, Norfolk, May 29th, 1868, and learnt to ring at Banham. His regular towers are Stanmore and St. Margaret's, Westminster. Rung 501 peals.

Seventh.—Henry Stalham, born March 17th, 1872, at Eastbourne. He learnt to ring at St. Paul's, Brighton, and now rings at St. Nicholas', Brighton. Rung 223 peals.

Eighth.—George Henry Daynes, born Lyminge, near Folkestone, July 6th, 1870. Learnt to ring at East and West Malling, Kent, and now rings at St. John s, Deptford. Rung about 300 peals.

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SUSSEX RINGERS' WEDDING

Mr. Edgar R. Rapley — Miss Enid E. Lonnen

A wedding of interest to ringers far beyond the towers of Sussex took place at Felpham (Sussex) Parish Church on April 26th between Mr. Edgar R. Rapley and Miss Enid E. Lonnen.

The bridegroom learnt to ring at West Grinstead and Shipley 20 years ago and, encouraged by that grand Sussex ringer, Walter Charman, who staged an excellent monthly practice at Horsham, progressed rapidly to the higher methods and soon became one of the leading Sussex peal ringers and conductors. He took part in the record length of Bob Royal at Prittlewell on August 7th, 1950, and in the ill-fated 'raisin' record of Double Norwich Court Bob Major at Debenham on October 21st in the same year.

The bride's ringing interest centred round the activities of the Western Division of the County Association and her loyal support earned her the office of assistant hon. secretary. Her record of attendance—every monthly meeting since November, 1946— must be almost unsurpassed.

The marriage service was conducted by the Archdeacon of Chichester (the Ven. Lancelot Mason), himself a ringer and a vice president of the County Association. Mr. G. W. Cecil (Master) and many officers of the Association, including three Divisional secretaries, were among the large congregation. The service was choral, with Mr. G. R. H. Smith (a ringer from Chichester Theological College) at the organ. The two bridesmaids were the sisters of the bride, one also a ringer at the local tower.

A reception was held in Bognor Regis, where nearly 100 guests assembled. It can quite readily be assumed that the remark made by the best man (Mr. Frank Lufkin, of Prittlewell) concerning the welcome he had received from ringers in Sussex was founded on the hospitality he received from these now vacated homes, and there must be many among the ringing fraternity from far and near who will wish to join at this opportune moment in an expression of gratitude for the never-failing welcome, no matter how inconvenient the time, which always awaited one at Butcher's Row, West Grinstead, and Downview Road, Felpham.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World' of May 10th, 1912.

VETERAN RINGER'S DEATH

We have to record the death of Mr. John Coales, who had been a member of the St. Andrew's Society, Rugby, since its formation in 1895 . . . who passed away in his 82nd year.

Mr. Coales had a remarkable career. . . . As a young man [he] assisted his father in his business as a blacksmith. Village life did not appeal to him, however, for at the age of 21 he enlisted in the Metropolitan Police Force, being on duty at the opening of Crystal Palace. When the Crimean War broke out, he enlisted in the Commissariat Department, going over the town of Sevastopol after the famous siege, and being on the field of Balaclava and Inkerman. He was then for a number of years a sorter in the Post Office, travelling between Rugby and Carlisle, retiring on a pension in 1886, when he became curator of the Art Museum at Rugby School. In 1890 he was appointed verger at the Parish Church. . .

He learned to handle a bell when quite a lad but it was not until 1895, when he was 65, that he began to learn change-ringing . . . . He belonged to that grand old school of perfect strikers which the present generation would do well to follow. . . . Opportunities for peal-ringing were very few and he had rung only one 5,000, but it is worthy of note that he learned to ring Bob Major and Stedman after his 75th year.

OBITUARY

MR. BERNARD J. SADDINGTON

The death occurred on April 15th. after an intermittent illness over the last two years, of Mr. Bernard Saddington, of Burton Latimer, near Kettering, aged 61. He had been a ringer from his youth, first at his native Cranford and later at Burton. He was a first-class striker and method ringer and had rung approximately 50 peals ranging from Doubles to Royal and including Surprise Major. One of his happiest ringing experiences was a quarter of Grandsire which he conducted in which both his father and his daughter, Joy, took part.

Mr. Saddington had acted as captain at Burton for 14 years and during that period had devoted a considerable amount of time to the instruction of young ringers. For some years up to his death he held the office of auditor to the Peterborough Diocesan Guild and had also held various offices at the church, where he had been a regular worshipper.

He was in earlier years well known as a sports man, particularly as a cricketer and billiards player and, in more recent years, as a bowls player.

The enthusiasm which Bernard had for ringing, his devotion and patience with learners and his kindly and cheerful presence will be greatly missed by his friends over a wide area.

On the day of the funeral the bells of St. Mary's Church were rung in the afternoon by friends from various towers and in the evening by the local band. An attempt for a peal was unsuccessful owing to a rope breaking after half an hour but a quarter peal was rung by a representative band which included the Master and the general secretary of the Guild.

G. E. W.

BEVERLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The April meeting of the Society was held at Patrington with 30 members attending. Severe thunderstorms prevented additional members from joining in the evening but did not spoil the meeting in the lovely church, 'The Cathedral of Holderness.'

The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. A. E. Jones), who gave an excellent sermon telling of his experiences with ringers in five different dioceses.

Tea was taken in the Church Hall, followed by the business meeting. The Rector was thanked for the use of the bells and service.

The bells were rung again and some good ringing was enjoyed to standard methods, Erin and Little Bob.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Mid-Devon Branch

A quarterly meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch was held at Dittisham, near Dartmouth, on April 19th when members and friends attended from Buckland Newton (Dorset), Honiton Clyst, Kenn, Teignmouth, Newton Abbot, Paignton, Dartmouth, Totnes, Dartington, Buckfastleigh and Plymouth.

The handy ring of six was kept going throughout the afternoon to touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor. A short service in church was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. E. Claydon), who gave an excellent address.

After tea the business meeting followed with Mr. J. E. Lilley in the chair, the secretary reporting on matters arising from the minutes. It was announced that, subject to the necessary permission, a joint meeting with the South-West Branch would be held at Berry Pomeroy with Totnes on June 28th, and that the next quarterly meeting would be held on July 26th at Dawlish.

The usual votes of thanks concluded the meeting and further ringing afterwards took place at Halwell Parish Church.

A. L. B.

LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Annual General Meeting

The Society's 63rd annual meeting was held at Leeds Parish Church on April 26th.

The bells were rung up in peal at 3 p.m. and rung until evensong, which put a temporary stop to the proceedings. The interval was used by many to refresh the inner man at the various cafes in town. Ringing was started again at 5 p.m. and enjoyed until the business meeting at 7 p.m.

A letter of apology for absence was received from the president, Mr. T. W. Strangeway (vice-president) was elected to the chair. Visitors included Messrs. Stote (Coventry) and Kennington (Grimsby), the latter now serving with H.M. Forces stationed in Leeds.

The business details were quickly dealt with and new members elected were Mr. G. Smith, Misses O. Gale and S. Colley and Mr. F. Colley (Wetherby), Mr. G. Thackray, the Misses J. Lawn, Margaret Barker, S. Dinsdale and E. Murray (Collingham) and Mr. P. Dawson (Calverley).

The vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and local company was proposed by Mr. H. Lofthouse, who said he wished to thank the local company for their prodigious efforts in getting the tower ready for the meeting. Owing to certain repairs and renovations, the tower was left on Thursday in a very sorry state—48 hours before the meeting. An alternative tower was arranged as a stand-by but this was not required owing to the wonderful effort made by some of the local ringers. 'Thank you, Leeds,' for the arrangements and to the authorities for allowing the meeting. This was seconded by Mr. Alf Johnson and supported by the chairman.

Mr. Drake acknowledged the thanks and regretted the tenor clapper had broken and he hoped that on their next visit the full ring would be available.

The next meeting will be at Guiseley on May 31st.

Election of officers.—Owing to the numerous nominations, ballot papers were distributed and when the scrutineers had finished their work, the chairman declared the following to be the Society's officers for 1952-53:—President, Mr. J. W. Benten; vice-presidents, Messrs. T. W. Strangeway, S. H. Barron and L. Drake; hon. vice-president, Mr. F. Hutchinson; Ringing Master, Mr. W. Dixon; secretary and treasurer, Mr. H. Lofthouse.

The secretary's report gave the following details.—Eleven meetings held during the year with an average good attendance, should and could be better if all members remembered the last Saturday in each month was the Society's day. Membership 217, 16 new members having been elected during the year. The financial side was sound. The number of peals rung could be improved and some non-members ringing peals in the District should be invited to join the cheapest Ringing Society—subscription sixpence per year, the original subscription fixed in 1889.

The alteration to Rule 12 was carried unanimously.

The secretary was authorised to purchase a new peal book.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

The quarterly meeting of the Southern District at Charlwood on April 26th, was attended by 28 ringers. Following an excellent tea at the Half Moon a short business meeting was held. Members were reminded that there would be a bi-monthly meeting at Godstone on May 24th. A collection for the Belfry Repair Fund realised 17s. 9d.

Further ringing was enjoyed during the evening until 7.50. This early finish was in deference to the parents of two very young members of the local community, who had apparently been complaining vociferously all the afternoon.

Methods rung ranged from rounds to London Surprise Minor.

QUARTER PEALS

ALDINGTON, KENT.—On April 24th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: M. J. Martin (first touch of Minor) 1, Miss M. Vantom 2, Miss O. M. Boulden 3, R. Swift 4, J. R. Cooper 5, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 6.

ANSTEY, LEICS.—On April 23rd, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Miss J. M. Simpson (first quarter in method) 1, Mrs. P. J. Staniforth 2, D. S. Harris 3, R. F. Elkington (cond.) 4, W. A. Lacey 5, J. Hill 6, A. Disney (first quarter in method) 7, P. J. Staniforth 8. Rung for St. George's Day.

BENEFIELD, NORTHANTS.—On April 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. P. E. Clarke (first quarter) 1, H. W. Smith 2, N. Freer (first quarter 'inside') 3, A. B. Clarke 4, W. Freer (cond.) 5, A. Moisey (first quarter) 6. In honour of retiring president (Canon J. L. Cartwright, of Oundle).

BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE.—On April 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Hayes 1, A. Lewis 2, Nancy P. Hanton 3, A. G. Watkin 4, P. Roberts 5, F. H. Birks 6, D. H. B. Millward (cond.) 7, J. E. Ellis 8. A farewell to Nancy P. Hanton (nee Birks), who is leaving to take up residence in Johnstone, Renfrewshire.

CHIPPING NORTON, OXON.—On April 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Francis 1, H. Cook 2, S. Pulker 3, I. Harris (cond.) 4, R. Jarvis 5, F. Perry 6, J. Jarvis 7, C. Tompkins 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect for N. Coleman, for 28 years ringer and sexton at Chastleton Church, interred at Chipping Norton the same day.

CLERKENWELL, LONDON.—At St. James's, on April 27th, 1,296 Little Bob Major: Miss D. A. Deverell (first in method) 1, Miss M. Prockson 2, E. Pryor 3, W. Prockson 4, J. L. Morris 5, D. Harman 6, R. H. Begrie (cond.) 7, F. C. W. Knight 8.

FRAMPTON, LINCS.—On April 20th, 1,260 Bob Minor (720 Cambridge Surprise, 360 Oxford Treble, 180 Plain): J. R. Kemp 1, F. Bishop 2, J. R. Young 3, E. Fisher 4, T. Cummins 5, A. E. Flatters (cond.) 6. Also on April 21st, 1,260 Bob Minor (720 Cambridge Surprise, 540 Plain): F. Bishop 1, J. R. Kemp 2, A. Young 3, A. E. Flatters 4, W. E. Clarke 5, J. R. Young (cond.) 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled.

GORLESTON-ON-SEA, SUFFOLK.—On April 22nd, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: M. J. King (cond.) 1, P. G. W. Newstead 2, C. Parnell 3, J. G. W. Harwood 4, A. G. Wigmore 5, A. W. Bird 6. In honour of H.M. the Queen's birthday, and to celebrate the wedding of the Rev. R. G. Robinson and Miss P. E. Higgings, who were married that day.

GRESFORD, DENBIGHS.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Hodges 1, E. Webster 2, E. Millington 3, F. R. Evans (cond.) 4, J. Clutton 5, A. Lea 6, W. Cathrall 7, C. Pridding 8. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. Cathrall (parents of the 7th ringer), who were married at this church on April 23rd, 1902.

LINCOLN.—At St. Peter-at-Gowts, on April 21st, 1,260 Minor (being 360 Oxford Treble Bob, 720 Kent Treble Bob and 180 Plain Bob): C. Popple 1, F. Dixon 2, A. Melton 3, F. Crowe (first quarter as cond.) 4, V. Briggs 5, H. Hurst 6. A birthday compliment for H.M. Queen Elizabeth II.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.—On April 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: N. Taylor (first quarter) 1, Miss M. May 2, Miss E. Brentnall 3, W. Fernley 4, Miss S. Cain 5, Mrs. J. Fernley 6, B. Jones (cond.) 7, J. Fernley 8. Rung as a welcome to N. Taylor on leave from the Navy.

OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON.—On April 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: B. Pidgeon 1, J. Arbury 2, K. Clark 3, E. Retter 4, E. Marks (first quarter 'inside') 5, E. Rowe 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, G. F. Turner 8. A compliment to Preb. E. V. Cox, over 50 years a member of the Devon Guild.

POWICK, WORCS.—On April 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Smith (first quarter) 1, Susan Jackson 2, G. Morris 3, G. Lewis 4, H. Cole 5, F. Hyde 6.

SALTWOOD, KENT.—On April 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): G. F. Gray 1, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 2, E. J. Walker 3, J. L. Morris 4, F. C. W. Knight 5, J. Soles (first in two methods) 6.

SIDMOUTH, DEVON.—On April 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Clarke 1, R. Pike (cond.) 2, Betty Smith 3, Marion Davis 4, P. Davis 5, E. Rowe 6, R. Woodley 7, B. Vincent 8.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At the Cathedral, on April 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss B. Copson 1, J. G. Blow 2, H. E. C. Goodenough (cond.) 3, H. R. Hofton 4, R. F. Ewer 5, A. Hatten 6, F. Beeson 7, W. J. Arnold 8. Rung half-muffled as a last token of respect to C. H. Walklate, a member of the Society for 29 years.

TICKNALL, DERBYS.—On April 27th, 1,260 Minor (being 540 St. Clement's, 720 Double Oxford): Mrs. T. J. Marriott 1, W. G. Soar 2, P. Marriott 3, L. Warren 4, T. J. Marriott 5, A. J. Marriott (first quarter of Minor as cond.) 6.

WOOKEY, SOMERSET.—On April 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Hall 1, A. Weare 2, W. J. Furze 3, R. Gardiner 4, V. Roberts 5, F. Sandy (cond.) 6. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. M. Hale.

BELLS IN ENGLISH LIFE

By ERNEST MORRIS

(Continued from page 251)

IN a number of ancient churches and in some museums may be seen—preserved as curios—bellringers' jugs, gotchers and pitchers. These were used in the 'good old days' to contain refreshment after special ringing occasions at a time when all kinds of labour was paid for 'in kind.' For this reason our ancient bellringers must not be condemned lightly, as it was the rule and custom of the period in which they lived. It is often pointed out by would-be critics of the old-time ringer that he was a drunkard, and that there are many entries in old churchwardens' accounts quoting payment for ringing as being in so much 'ale or beer,' yet these same critics do not tell you that the same drinks were the usual refreshment of all classes, and the same churchwardens' accounts will prove this. A delightfully candid instance is found at a church near Liverpool where the churchwarden enters: 'Spent on ourselves when we met at the Abbey Arms to decide how much to give the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel.' At St. Mary-on-the-Hill, London, is this entry:—

'Paid for wyne & peres at skrasis house at Aldgate for Mr. Jentyll, Mr. Russell, John Althorpe & the clerkes of Synt Antonys to go and see whether Smythes bell wer Teun abill or nat . . viijd.'

Beer and ale were the common drink; tea, coffee, cocoa were unheard of until quite modern times, and at first even then only obtainable by rich folk at very high prices. 'Church Ales' are still a comparatively recent memory, and in one Dorset parish at least it was the custom to keep a barrel of cider in the vestry. A still more august example might be cited. In Queen Victoria's reign a bottle of sherry used to be provided in the vestry of the Chapels Royal for the refreshment of any distinguished preacher to partake of after his oration. Numbers of churches owned public-houses, the income from which went towards the upkeep of the fabric and the stipend of the incumbent. At St. Peter's, Belgrave, Leicester, until a few years ago the Talbot Inn nearby thus provided income, and other examples might be quoted.

Ringers in early days did exactly as other people, and as a whole were not a bad sort. They composed 'Rules and Observanses' for good behaviour in the belfry, and on many an ancient church wall may be seen these rules, quaintly worded and in 'rhyme.' Thus at Drewsteignton, Dartmoor:—

'A good ringer and a true heart,
Will not refuse to stand a quart.'

Or at Pitminster, Somerset:—

'If aney do ware hise hat
When he is ringing here
He state way then shall sixpence pay,
In sider or bere.'

Or as at Newark, Notts:—

'Who brawls or wrangles, whom ye major part
Finds to be guilty, shall pay his quart.'

At Crosthwaite is a long set of such 'rhymes' continuing:—

'And he in ringing who interrupts a peal
for such offence shall pay a quart of ale;
In falling bells one penny must be paid
by him who stops before the signals made.
And he who takes God's Holy Name in vain
shall pay one shilling, and this place refrain.
You ringers all take care, you must not fail
to have your forfeits all spent in ale.
With heart upright let each true subject ring
for health and peace, to Country, Church and King.'

In many cases ringers had their own 'jugs' and a number remain to this day. At Ixworth, Suffolk, this is of brown glazed ware and was formerly carried from house to house to receive whatever beer the liberal parishioners might feel disposed to give. This pot, long since disused, had neither lip nor spout, but was provided with a tap at the base to draw off the two gallons that it held. It is inscribed in rude letters:—

'Here you may see what
I request of Hanst (honest) Gentlemen
My Baly (belly) filled of the best . . . I com but now and then . . . . 1716.'

Another curious pitcher of this period is at Hadleigh, also in Suffolk. It holds 16 quarts and is inscribed in rudely indented letters without any regard to uniformity of size or straightness of lines:—

'ME. Thomas Windle: Isaac Bynn: John Mann: Adam Sage: George Bond: Thomas Goldsborough: Robert Smith: Henry West.'

There is no doubt these are the names of the ringers as Hadleigh had eight bells. Below are the lines:—

'If yov love me doe not lend me
Evse me often and keep me clenely,
Fvll me fvll, or not at all,
If it be with strovng, and not with small.'

HADLY:

Under one handle is the date 17 T.G.15 while under the other is 17 R.O. 15. This jug was in the possession of Mr. Pettitt of the Eight Bells Inn, Angel Street, who held it for the ringers, he being their leader. Another similar pitcher was preserved in the tower of the church at Hinderclay inscribed:—

'By Samuel Moss, this pitcher was given to the Noble Society of Ringers at Hinderclay in Suffolk, viz.:—Tho. Stirgeon: Ed. Lock: John Haw: Ric. Ruddock: and Ralf. Chapman: to which Society he once belonged, and left in the year 1712.

From London I was sent,
As plainly doth appear;
It was this intent,
To be filled with strong beer.

Pray remember the Pitcher when empty.'

The well-known Ringers' Pitcher of Beccles, still kept in the belfry, has three handles and bears the name of the potter, 'Samuel Strongfellow Potter 1827.' It holds six gallons less one pint, and bears the quaint rhyme:—

'1827
When I am filled with liquor strong,
Each man drink once & then ding dong;
Drink not to much to cloud your knobs,
Lest you forget to make the bobbs.
A gift of
John Pattman
Beccles'

Great Yarmouth ringers preserve a large jug of Staffordshire pottery. It has one handle and a steadying nib on front. It is hand-painted in colours, and pictured on either side. Capacity 23½ pints and is inscribed:—

'Should you venture up the tower high
To visit ringers, know that they are dry;
And if you be generous, kind and free,
Give a trifle and remember me.
Yarmouth, May 2: 1808.'

(To be continued)

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION BY THE RIVER

AS is customary, the Bedfordshire Association held its annual meeting in Bedford on Easter Monday. The two previous annual meetings have seen somewhat dampened ringers hurrying from tower to tower in a steady downpour of rain, but this Easter the warm weather brought out the summer clothes, and the travelling between churches was far more leisurely. Bedford was full of people, most of them enjoying themselves by the river, and the sound of church bells added a gay note to the general excitement of the crowds

The day's programme began at half past ten, when the belfries at Biddenham and St. Paul's, Bedford, were opened. Biddenham looked unpromising from a ringer's point of view as the tower was encased in scaffolding, but permission had been granted for Easter ringing and many varied touches were rung on the six bells. Meanwhile the ten-bell experts were making themselves at home on the glorious ring at St. Paul's. Here the sitters-out were able to enjoy the sunshine on the church roof and look down on the busy streets beneath. At mid-day a company assembled at St. Peter's, by the Green, for touches on the light ring of eight, and here most of the standard Major and Triples methods were rung. Lunch at St. John's Church Hall was signalled by several 'tower-collectors,' who climbed the adjacent church tower to ring the single bell! After lunch, which was prepared by Mr. and Mrs. D. Thompson and Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Stephens, the visitors were told they were free to leave the hall and that St. Peter's bells were once again available.

The business meeting was opened by the president, Miss E. Steel, making a speech in which all the Association ringers with over 50 years' membership were remembered. The secretary and treasurer, Mr. F. J. Plummer, read the minutes of the previous annual meeting and these were confirmed by the meeting. Next on the agenda was the adoption of the annual report for 1951, which was described as the best ever produced because of its varied contents. In addition to the usual lists of members, practice nights and peals rung, there were reports of meetings, dedication services and obituary notices, and the secretary was congratulated on collecting such good material for his last report.

The balance sheet showed that the two shilling subscription, augmented by the peal tax and profit from the sale of badges, was sufficient to meet the general expenses. The committee's report stated that membership remained steady with 11 honorary, 241 performing and 9 probationary members. Thirty-three peals were rung during 1951, an analysis giving the following figures:—Doubles 2, Minor 13 (one 'in hand'), Triples 2, Major 14 (one 'in hand') and Caters 2. Two specially mentioned by the committee were the handbell peal of Major, the first since before the war, and Stedman Caters, at Luton, by the local Sunday service band. The conducting of peals was shared by 16 ringers and eight members rang their first peal.

The election of officers was speedily carried out. Miss E. Steel was unanimously re-elected president, as were the vice-presidents, Messrs. A. King, E. Herbert, A. E. Sharman, H. D. Harris, G. W. Heley, W. Stapleton, C. J. Ball, L. H. Bywaters and P. Inskip. It was with great regret that the meeting heard Mr. F. J. Plummer announce that he would be leaving Bedfordshire shortly and would, therefore, be resigning his post of secretary and treasurer. Mr. J. M. Stephens was elected in his place. The auditor and librarian, Messrs. G. H. Mason and S. Foskett, respectively, were both re-elected and Mr. D. Thompson was voted to the new post of assistant librarian.

Bedford was chosen for the place of the 1953 annual meeting on April 6th, and the committee's suggestion of holding the 1952 Summer Festival at Woburn, on June 28th, was agreed. Two non-resident life members, Messrs. N. Park (Darlington) and R. Manning (Otley), were elected. After a short discussion on the purchasing of suitable books for the Association library, the votes of thanks were put to the company and the business meeting terminated.

Ringing was then resumed at St. Paul's until the early evening when those still eager for more, journeyed over to Kempston for an hour's ringing.

REOPENING OF CASTLE ACRE BELLS

MEMORIES of the magnificence of Castle Acre Church, Norfolk, at the recent hallowing of the bells were revived on April 26th, when the new six, now completed, were re-opened. Ringers were present from Norwich, Gaywood, Wymondham, Herringfleet, Watton, Acle, Gressenhall, North Elmham, Stonham Aspal (Suffolk), Caston and Fakenham. Members from a long distance included Mr. S. Flint, of Liverpool, and Mr. and Mrs Paul Taylor, of Loughborough, whose firm has made such a magnificent job of the new ring, and the Rev. and Mrs. A. S. Roberts, of Carbis Bay.

The service was festal in character as befitted the occasion. The Vicar, the Rev. R. N. Evans, conducted the service, praying for those who had rung the old five in the past and those who will ring in the future and for all who will hear the bells, and the president of the Association, the Rev. A. St. J. Heard, read the lesson.

After Psalm 150, a procession consisting of the clergy, members of the Offord family—the work having been made possible by a bequest of the late Mrs. Offord—and Mr. Paul Taylor, went to the ringing chamber, which is on the ground floor. Here the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow dedicated the bells and the work which ringers will do here, and receiving one of the ropes from Mr. Taylor, handed it to the Vicar, representing the bells as a sacred trust committed to him.

The opening touch of 60 Grandsire Doubles was then rung by the following:—C. V. Ebberson (conductor) 1, S. Marshall 2, Nolan Golden 3, V. Ovens 4, G. A. Cooke 5, C. V. Tovell 6. Then was sung the ringers' hymn by the Rev. W. G. Bridge, of King's Lynn, whilst the procession returned to the chancel. In his address, the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow said that the finest sermons are those we can look at, and Castle Acre as we see it to-day provides a tremendous challenge to the thoughtful. Here are three historic buildings; two, the Priory and the Castle, dead, because they no longer serve men's needs; the third, the Parish Church, still lives and now proclaims from its tower by a sound never heard before in this parish by the oldest here that it is alive. How long the Parish Church continues to live depends on the people and whether they continue to desire that for which it stands, just as the extent to which the bells ring depends on the extent to which Castle Acre reacts to the work which donors and founders have done here.

After the service the bells were rung in a variety of methods, and universal approval was expressed at their 'go,' which is very easy despite a longish draught of rope, their tone, which is Taylor at its best; and the volume outside, which is perfect, as the bells have been rehung several yards beneath the belfry windows.

Formerly the bells were a ring of five cast by Thomas Newman, 1710: they hung in a frame which appears to be as old as the tower (15th century), and which has been preserved as an interesting historic relic in its old position. The old five are all recast this year, and the new tenor bears the inscription, 'The five bells recast by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, 1952, and this new bell added to make six. Richard Neville Evans, M.A., Vicar. William Richard Savage, Robert George Joplin, Church Wardens. Given by bequest of Mary Maude Frederica Offord.'

The new tenor weighs 10 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb., and the bells are hung in metal frames, with ball bearings.

CHISELDON, WILTS.—On April 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. M. Court 1, R. J. Court 2, B. Thompson 3, F. G. Cook 4, W. E. Court (cond.) 5, W. Ford (first quarter) 6. Also on April 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. M. Court 1, R. J. Court 2, B. Thompson 3, S. C. Archer 4, W. E. Court (cond.) 5, W. Ford 6. Rung as a wedding compliment to the Vicar's son (Mr. B. Anderson) and Miss L. Faubel.

MR. PETER J. STANIFORTH'S 300 PEALS

Mr. Peter J. Staniforth, who recently rang his 300th peal, has a particularly interesting list. These peals have been rung in 48 different towers for 14 societies. On tower bells Mr. Staniforth has scored 222 peals (conducted 57) and on handbells 78 (conducted 13).

TOWER BELLS

Triples.—Grandsire 3 (cond. 1), Stedman 15 (4).

Caters.—Stedman 9 (1).

Cinques.—Grandsire 1, Stedman 4 (2).

Minor.—Two methods 1 (1), Cambridge S. 3 (2), London S. 1.

Major.—Plain Bob 1, Kent Treble Bob 2, Double Norwich Court Bob 4, Aldenham S. 1, Belgrave S. 1 (1), Bristol S. 13 (2), Cambridge S. 30 (11), Leicestershire S. 1, Lincolnshire S. 2, London S. 8 (2), New Cambridge 2 (1), Premier S. 1, Pudsey S. 1, Rutland S. 3 (1), Superlative S. 5 (1), Uxbridge S. 1 (1), Watford S. 1, Yorkshire S. 19 (5); Spliced S., four methods 4 (1), six methods 1 (1).

Royal.—Albanian S. 2, Aldenham S. 2 (1), Belgrave S. 1, Cambridge S. 10 (4), Leicestershire S. 1, New Cambridge S. 1, Pudsey S. 1, Rochester S. 2, Rutland S. 1, Wye S. 1, Yorkshire S. 12 (7), Spliced Cambridge and Yorkshire 1.

Maximus.—Albanian S. 1, Aldenham S. 2 (1), Bedford S. 1, Belgrave S. 1, Bristol S. 2, Buckingham S. 1, Cambridge S. 13 (3), Leicestershire S. 1, Lincolnshire S. 1, New Cambridge S. 1, Pudsey S. 2 (1), Rochester S. 1, Rutland S. 1, Superlative S. 4, Wigston S. 1, Yorkshire S. 10 (1); Spliced S., two methods 1, three methods 1, four methods 2 (1), six methods 1, seven methods 1.

HANDBELLS

Triples.—Grandsire 1, Stedman 6.

Caters.—Grandsire 2, Stedman 8 (1).

Cinques.—Grandsire 1, Stedman 14 (3).

Minor.—Cambridge S. 2.

Major.—Plain Bob 1, Kent Treble Bob 6 (2), Cambridge S. 7 (2), Superlative 1, Yorkshire 1.

Royal.—Plain Bob 4, Kent Treble Bob 8 (2), Cambridge S. 6 (2), Yorkshire S. 2.

Maximus.—Plain Bob 2, Kent Treble Bob 3 (1), Cambridge S. 1, Spliced Plain four methods 1, Kent Treble Bob Fourteen 1.

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MISCELLANEOUS

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WOULD ANYBODY interested in a cycle-hostelling ringing tour, July 5th—13th, starting at Ludlow, please contact A. Cave, Wills Hall, Bristol 9. 733

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch.—Meetings for practice during the summer months have been arranged as follows:—Chaddesley Corbett (8), alternate Fridays from May 9th, 7.30 p.m., and Kidderminster (12), alternate Thursdays from May 15th, 7.30 p.m.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec. 725

CATTERICK CAMP, YORKSHIRE.—All ringers welcome at St. Mary's Church, Richmond. Sunday ringing 10 a.m. and 5.45 p.m. Practice, Tuesdays 8 p.m.—Doris M. Killingley, 2, Potter Gate, Richmond, Yorks. 741

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Saturday, May 10th, meeting at St. Denys', Rotherfield, Sussex. Bells (8) 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Individual names for tea to Mr. W. Rogers, Vine Cottage, Rotherfield, Sussex. Tea in Memorial Institute. Train, Charing Cross, 1.25. Coach, Tunbridge Wells Central 2.39.—A. B. Peck. 614

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Meeting at Sutton (6 bells) on Saturday, May 10th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Business after. 703

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Edenbridge (8), May 10th. Names for tea to Mr. E. Leigh, Holmesdale, Station Road, Edenbridge.—C. A. Bassett. 668

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Meeting at Apsley End (6), Saturday, May 10th, 3 p.m.—P. A. Martin, Dis. Sec. 679

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, St. Nicholas-at-Wade, Saturday, May 10th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at 2s. per head.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Sec. 646

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Meeting at Ightham (6), Saturday, May 10th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5, followed by business. Names, punctually, please, to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone (Maidstone 7216). 647

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Saturday, May 10th, 3 p.m., quarterly meeting. All Saints', West Ham. Service 4.45. Tea and business, 5.15, in Church Hall. Ringing afterwards. All welcome. Names for tea, please.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. HOU 3921. 638

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AND LONDON GUILD.—N. and E. District.—Meeting at St. Matthew's, Warwick Grove, Upper Clapton, on Saturday, May 10th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, and business. Further ringing, also at St. John-at-Hackney in evening.—T. J. Lock, Sec. 685

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, May 10th, Theale. Bells 3 p.m. and evening. Service 4.30 p.m.. Englefield bells in evening. 664

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Branch.—Annual, Kingham (8), May 10th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.45. 700

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Quarterly Meeting, Carisbrooke and Newport, May 10th. Bells from 2.30. Tea available.—Mrs. A. M. Guy, Dis. Sec. 677

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Micheldever, Saturday, May 10th. Bells (6) 2. Service 4.15. Tea 5 in Village Hall. Look up London Minor.—J. A. C. King. 673

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION — Chew Deanery.—Meeting, Nempnett Thrubwell, May 17th, 4 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 712

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Bridgwater Branch.—Practice meeting at Westonzoyland, May 17th, 6.30—9 p.m.—R. Short, Chilton Trinity. 742

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Meeting, Toddington (8), Saturday, May 17th, 3 p.m. Names for tea, by Tuesday, May 13th, to Dennis Knox, 17, Woodlands Avenue, Houghton Regis, Dunstable, Beds. 737

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Wilmslow Festival of Christian Arts and Drama. Open ringing day May 17th. Bells from 2.30. Tea 5.30. For tea advise, by May 13th, Mrs. Kidd, Oakcot, Parsonage Green, Wilmslow.—C. K. Lewis. 695

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Meeting, St. Saviour's, Oxton, Birkenhead, Saturday, May 17th. Bells (8), 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea provided for those notifying by 14th.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 735

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Coventry and Rugby Branch.—Meeting at Kenilworth (6 bells), Saturday, May 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, before Wednesday, May 14th, to J. L. Garner-Hayward, 8, Orchard Crescent, Coventry. 715

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION. — Northern District. — Meeting at All Saints', Gosforth, on Saturday, May 17th. Names for tea, by Thursday, May 15th, to R. S. Dryen, 2, Harewood Road, Gosforth, Newcastle 3. 707

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION. — Ashover (8), Saturday, May 17th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names not later than Wednesday, May 14th, to Miss F. Price, Sec., 1, Bertrand Avenue, Clay Cross, Chesterfield. 708

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District. — Meeting at St. Neots (8), Saturday, May 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Own arrangements for tea; plenty of cafes nearby.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 723

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Evening practice, Downham Market, Saturday, May 17th. Bells (8) 6 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 728

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch. — Meeting at Newland, May 17th. Bells (6) 2. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Names for tea, by Wednesday, May 14th, to Mrs. D. Stafford, Staunton, Coleford, Glos. 718

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Grayshott (8) on Saturday, May 17th, 6 p.m.—9 p.m.—G. S. Joyce, Dis. Sec. 730

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guildford District.—Meeting at Dunsfold, May 17th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea at Village Hall, 5. Hascombe bells available after tea. Notifications for tea, by previous Wednesday, to Mr. R. C. Fincher, Ivy Cottages, Dunsfold. 684

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD — Meeting at Waldron, Sussex, on May 17th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea, by May 14th, to Geo. Billenness, 3, Grasmere Terrace, Hawkhurst. 706

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Ledbury District.—Quarterly meeting at Ledbury, May 17th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, to J. Ward, Woofields, Coddington, Ledbury. 705

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch. — Ringing meeting at St. George's, Mossley, May 17th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea. All welcome. Bus from Ashton Market.—R. Benson. 734

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—Next meeting at Helmshore on Saturday, May 17th. All ringers welcome. Bells from 3. 729

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Illston, May 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5; cups of tea only. Outing fare 18s. 6d. inclusive. Names and fare to be paid by this meeting.—L. W. Allen. 722

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—S. and W. District.—Ruislip (8), May 17th, from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (obtainable nearby) and business to follow, with further ringing. Evening practice, Fulham (10), Thursday, May 22nd, 7.30 p.m.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., Seaford, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks. 710

NORWICH ASSOCIATION. — South Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Redenhall (8), Saturday, May 17th. Service 4.15. Tea, 5 p.m., at the Yew Tree Tea Rooms, for all who notify, by May 12th, Mr. W. Flatt, 11, Mendham Lane, Harleston. **Special** business after tea.—A. G. Harrison, Hon. Sec. 696

OXFORD GUILD. — Newbury Branch. — Meeting, Midgham (6), Saturday, May 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, by May 14th, to Mrs. Vallis, 6, Council Houses, Midgham, Reading. 672

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Berks Branch.—Annual meeting at Appleton, Saturday, May 17th. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30, for those who advise me by the 13th.—A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks. 663

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Spring meeting, Hanbury, near Burton-on-Trent, May 17th. Bells (8) 2.30. Important committee meeting 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Coach will leave Wulfruna Street, Wolverhampton, 2 o'clock. Names for coach to Mr. D. Holden, 22, Harding Street, Coseley. Names for tea and coach not later than Tuesday, May 13th. There will be no need for those travelling by coach to notify me for tea.—Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourn. 682

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting at Coddington, Saturday, May 17th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Bring food; cups of tea available. Buses from Newark. 675

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Quarterly meeting, Steyning, May 17th, 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea, please, by 12th, to E. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis. 727

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—Laverstoke (6), May 17th. Bells from 2.30. Names by 15th.—J. A. Hill, Anna Valley, Andover. 720

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Southampton District. — Practice meeting at Eling on May 17th. Bells from 2.30. Names for tea, by May 13th, to M. J. Butler, 8, St. Peter's Road, Southampton. 709

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch. — Bi-quarterly meeting at Wolverley, Saturday, May 17th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., 2s. per head. Names, by Thursday, May 15th, please, as facilities are limited. No name, no tea.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 724

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Derby, Ilkeston and Peak Districts.—Joint meeting at Wirksworth on May 24th. Bells available 3 p.m. Names for tea, by May 21st, to Miss K. Tivey, 232, Chellaston Road, Shelton Lock, Derby. 738

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting on Saturday, May 24th, at Manuden (5), near Stansted, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Thence to Farnham (6), near Bishop's Stortford, for tea and further ringing. Visitors are requested to bring own sandwiches, etc.; cups of tea provided.—G. Blake, Dis. Sec., Teesta, Jack's Hatch, Epping Upland, Essex. 911

DEVON GUILD. — Exeter Branch. — Meeting, Thorverton, Saturday, May 24th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Silverton (8) 7—8.30 p.m. Names, by May 20th, to F. Wreford, 24, Normandy Road, Exeter. 739

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Annual District meeting, May 24th, Mansfield. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. (price 2s. 6d.) for all who notify, **not later** than Tuesday, May 20th, Mrs. J. Staniforth, 150, Narborough Road South, Leicester. 726

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Annual meeting, Metheringham, May 24th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, by Tuesday previous, to C. Brown, 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln.—F. Lord.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD and PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — A joint meeting will be held at Stony Stratford on Saturday, May 24th. Bells (8) at 2.30. Service 3.30 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify me by May 19th?—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 721

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Thame on May 24th. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4. Tea for those who notify me by May 20th.—H. Badger, Branch Sec., North Street, Thame. 716

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.—Saturday, May 24th. Meeting for ringers wishing to practise on ten bells. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea 5, only for those notifying, by May 21st, R. C. Hide 1, Priory Place, Southover, Lewes.

THE NORTH BEDFORDSHIRE FIVE-BELL FESTIVAL will be held on May 24th. All ringers are invited to attend.. Renhold 2.15—3.15; Wilden 3.30—4.30; Great Barford 6—8. Tea at the Anchor, Great Barford, 5. Names for tea must be sent, by May 21st, to Miss M. Pettitt, Bedford Hill, Great Barford. 713

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Bi-quarterly meeting, May 24th. Coach leaves Birmingham at 1.30 p.m.. Ringing at Shustoke (6), Kingsbury (5), Grendon (6), Polesworth (6), Tamworth (8). Numbers limited. Please notify early.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Phone: SPR 1025. 731

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting at Godstone May 24th. Bells (8) 3. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Names for tea, by May 21st, to J. W. Knight, 92, Coldshott, Oxted. 719

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Stonham Aspal (10). Ringing Sunday May 25th. Ringing 2.30. Service 3.30. Tea 5. Ringing until 9. Names for tea, by May 17th, to W. J. Button, Stonham Aspal, Stowmarket 704

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival and meeting, Coalbrookdale (10), Whit Monday, June 2nd. Service 3.30. Tea 4.15. Annual meeting 5. Bells available 11 a.m.; also Broseley (8), Much Wenlock (8) for parties. Names for tea, by May 29th, to Rev. E. G. Benson, Presteigne Rectory, Rads. 714

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD — The annual general meeting will be held at Daventry on Whit Monday, June 2nd. Guild committee meet at 2 p.m.. Abbey Buildings. Service 3 p.m., Parish Church. Tea in Abbey Buildings at 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to reach me by Saturday, May 24th. Bells available: Braunston 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.; Byfield and Great Brington 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Whilton, Lower Heyford and Harpole 11 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.; Weedon 12 noon to 2.30 p.m.; Staverton, Newnham and Badby 1 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. and Daventry 1 p.m. onwards. Bells available after meeting announced later. Please make an effort to attend and note proposed alterations to Rules as printed on leaflets in reports.—R. C. Noon, 3, Denton Road, Brafield, Northants.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual Festival at St. Barnabas', Bromborough, Saturday, June 7th. Service at 3.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Tickets for tea (3s.) obtain-

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able from Branch secretaries, who are requested to forward numbers sold to Mr. A. J. Martin, 19. Falaon Road. Birkenhead. not later than Tuesday, June 3rd. Towers available: Eastham, Port Sunlight, Bebington and Bromborough. 1—3 p.m. and after the meeting. Cathedral en route by arrangement with Mr. P. Swindley, 71, Prenton Place, Chester.—J. Kingdon, Hon. Sec. 746

EXETER CATHEDRAL BELLS (1902—1952) 50th anniversary of restoration. Commemoration meeting, June 14th. Service, Cathedral, 3 p.m. evensong. Tea 4.15. Ringing, Cathedral. after tea till 8.30 p.m. Other Exeter towers being applied for. Details later. —F. Wreford, Hon. Sec. 740

LADIES' GUILD.—Annual general meeting, London, Saturday, July 5th. Towers available: St. Giles-in-the-Fields 2.30—3.30: St. Martin-in-the-Fields 3.30—5; St. Margaret's, Westminster, 7.30—9. Further details later.—D. Colgate, Hon. Sec. 736

BRENTFORD TOUR

Ringers of St. Lawrence's, Brentford, had a successful tour on Easter Monday. Towers visited were Little Missenden (famed for its mediæval bells and wall paintings), Ellesborough (with a cordial welcome from Harry Jones), Weston Turville (a fine-toned, recently-rehung five), Aston Abbots, Wingrave (where the Vicar pointed out a cracked mediæval bell due for preservation), Cheddington (a church in an orchard), Edlesborough (an unringable six), Eaton Bray (the six would be easier to handle if the organ did not occupy half the tower) and Langleybury (a newly-re-opened six, lovely though noisy).

Home was reached in heavy rain, tired, but with memories of a happy day.

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DOWN UNDER

By A. J. LANCEFIELD

TO the itinerant observer of the Antipodes it becomes increasingly apparent that the British mind, firmly rooted in a distant land, must be kept in close contact with the British mind still nurtured by its native soil if it is to retain, to a large degree, its essential characteristics and remain compatible with it in thought, word and deed.

Perhaps the reason lies not entirely in the properties of the soil as in a combination of many qualities peculiar to this hardy plant that thrives so unconcernedly close to danger, and whose very existence is an epic struggle only partially comprehensible to all not closely associated with its function.

Britain's emigrants of over a hundred years ago settled in Australia and New Zealand and built up, under great hardship, the two great Dominions that are now an integral part of the Realm. They built exceedingly well and, undoubtedly, in the future, as in the present, these still greatly unexplored lands will be of inestimable value to the mother nation. Immigrants poured in periodically over the years and succeeded in perpetuating, to a certain extent, the British way of life and thought, and a steady influx to-day is helping to maintain the status quo.

But the task is not an easy one and will continue to be less so unless measures are taken by national and local government bodies to supply the truth about Britain's activities in every field of thought and endeavour. It should be made available in book and pamphlet form to every town and city, in the schools, on the wireless and the films and in every conceivable modern manner so long as it records the truth. The veins of instructive and constructive British propaganda are perilously thin and it is little wonder that the average Australasian occasionally becomes frustrated and develops a 'don't care' attitude when he receives such little authentic evidence to prove to him that Britain has not 'had it' and is not 'down and out.'

We should, of course, and probably do, accord the Australasian nation as a whole sense and reason enough—born of a common pride and loyalty and only a very slight knowledge of the past—to know that Britain's position could never be low enough to class as 'finished.' But history proves that it is foolish to accord any nation such an all-round commonsense.

Are we doing all we can in our little sphere of ringing to ensure the survival and advancement of our art in the southern hemisphere, or is our propaganda just as conspicuous by its absence? Comparatively speaking, we are doing exceptionally well, or rather a number of individuals are, both at home and on the field of play, but there is plenty of room for others to come in and give a helping hand.

'The Ringing World' is a vital and constant link and it has been my endeavour to bring this point to bear in the course of my peregrinations from tower to tower.

The few far-seeing gentlemen in Britain who have contributed and are contributing in various ways to ringing in Australia and New Zealand will be pleased to know that their instruction and help is falling upon young and very fruitful local groups and individuals, and it is possible to say that ringing in these two countries (as far as can be ascertained) is as high as it has ever been. Progress, in every way, is likely to continue at a good rate if these co-operative conditions prevail.

There are many ways in which help and instruction can be given, and the writer will gladly supply to anyone interested a list of towers, their positions, requirements, etc. Mr. W. M. Rowe, Editor of the 'Ringing Towers' monthly, will also supply any information required, particularly concerning bands just springing up. Tower captains and secretaries will also be glad of contacts; the letters at 6d. a time take only a week to reach Australia and nine days New Zealand.

A ringing tour of these two countries by a band of competent ringers would be the most effective measure of help and inspiration at this stage, for it would serve to supply the one remaining essential to the advancement of ringing 'down under'—the necessity of the 'team spirit' in all weathers.

Such a venture is a large one in these days, but it is a thought which possibly a number of members of the Exercise are, or will be, in a position to bear in mind. It has been done before.

And it is up to us to 'bear these things in mind' and act upon them wherever and whenever possible if we are to ensure that our art—such a typical product of the British mind—is not discarded in favour of some more modern method of expression and praise to the Creator in the natural process of that mind's adaptation to the conditions of the New World.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., May 3, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

HENRY H. FEARN	*Treble*	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	7
MURIEL REAY	2	TERRY R. HAMPTON	8
FRANK E. HAYNES	3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	9
SHIRLEY V. RYMER	4	HARRY PARKES	10
FRANK E. PERVIN	5	JOHN PINFOLD	11
*ANTHONY AGER	6	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.
* First peal on twelve bells, and first of Stedman. A compliment to Albert Walker on his 76th birthday.

TEN BELL PEALS

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 3, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,
A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt.

REGINALD WOODYATT	*Treble*	GEORGE PRESCOTT	6
ALLEN MORGAN	2	WILLIAM H. PARKER	7
GEORGE E. LARGE	3	CYRIL TANSELL	8
LEONARD DERRICK	4	THOMAS W. LEWIS	9
FRANCIS C. MOGFORD	5	WILLIAM A. PRESCOTT	*Tenor*

Composed by MORRIS J. MORRIS. Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 3, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN.	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	6
RICHARD C. HIDE	2	ERNEST J. LADD	7
*HILDA OAKSHETT	3	*C. ALFRED LEVETT	8
MAXWELL F. OAKSHOTT	4	R. W. E. DAWE	9
ARTHUR F. LEWRY	5	GEORGE P. ELPHICK	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN ROGERS. Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters. First peal as conductor on ten bells.

SWINDON, WILTSHIRE.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., May 3, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 22 cwt. 9 lb.

W. BERTRAM KYNASTON	*Treble*	HARRY J. GAYLARD	6
JOHN THOMAS	2	RONALD G. BECK	7
JAMES TOPP	3	WILLIAM C. PORTER	8
VICTOR SAVAGE	4	EDWARD J. CHIVERS	9
GEORGE W. MASSEY	5	A. GEORGE CLARE	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 3, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,
A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb. in D.

*A. RONALD POCKLINGTON	*Treble*	DAVID VINCENT	6
JULIA M. PRESTON	2	THOMAS W. HESKETH	7
†JOHN ROBERTS	3	EDWIN C. BIRKETT	8
ARTHUR LINTOTT	4	PERCIVAL W. CAVE	9
GEORGE H. HESKETH	5	FREDERICK S. ALMOND	*Tenor*

Composed by J. COX. Conducted by THOMAS W. HESKETH.
* First peal on ten bells. † First peal in the method. First peal of Grandsire Caters as conductor. Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to Mrs. G. H. Hesketh, wife of the 5th ringer.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., April 24, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 2,880 Yorkshire and 2,176 Cambridge, with 134 changes of Method. Tenor 10 cwt. 10 lb. in A.

J. MARTIN THORLEY	*Treble*	*WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT	5
*MURIEL REAY	2	TERRY R. HAMPTON	6
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
DOROTHY E. BEAMISH	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First peal of Spliced.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., April 25, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

RUBY GIBBONS	*Treble*	WILLIAM C. WEST	5
FREDERICK S. SLATFORD	2	*CLIVE BARBER	6
LAWRENCE E. HITCHINS	3	GILBERT H. HARDING	7
PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING	4	CHARLES F. ANDREWS	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by CHARLES F. ANDREWS.
* First peal. A birthday compliment to Mrs. W. C. West, wife of the General Secretary of the Guild.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., April 30, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6½ cwt.

JOHN HILL	*Treble*	JOHN R. SMITH	5
HAROLD J. POOLE	2	J. FREDK. MILNER	6
*BRIAN AUSTIN	3	*T. EDWARD HARROLD	7
ERNEST RAWSON	4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDK. DENCH. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal of London Surprise Major. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Bowley on their wedding anniversary.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., May 2, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 16 cwt.

LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN	*Treble*	CHARLES W. BEECROFT	5
RUSSELL PARKER	2	WALTER W. MILLER	6
*LLEWELLYN ALLUM	3	ALBERT E. WHITING	7
WALTER RUFFLES	4	LESLIE G. BRETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN.
* First peal of Surprise.

ALTON, HAMPSHIRE.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 3, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's One-part. Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

*PETER G. SHERWOOD	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. PAICE	5
†DAVID B. WILLIAMSON	2	‡E. JOHN WELLS	6
‡JUDY A. DODSON	3	§JAMES F. DODSON	7
*CLIFFORD J. BEADLE	4	ROY COLLINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. PAICE.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal. ‡ First peal in the method. § First peal of Grandsire Triples.

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THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., May 2, 1952, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's Variation. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

ERNEST W. RAWSON	*Treble*	HAROLD J. POOLE	5
PETER J. STANIFORTH	2	S. ANTHONY JESSON	6
COLIN B. GOLDING	3	JOHN R. SMITH	7
MRS. H. J. POOLE	4	ALFRED BROUGHTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.

BACKWELL, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Sat., May 3, 1952, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.

ALLEN MORGAN	*Treble*	CYRIL TANSELL	5
REGINALD WOODYATT	2	GEORGE PRESCOTT	6
HERBERT W. KNIGHT	3	ROGER O. FRY	7
GEORGE E. LARGE	4	THOMAS W. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.
200th peal as conductor. First peal of Major on the bells.

BARTON-LE-CLAY, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 3, 1952, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 18½ cwt.

*HUBERT MANN	*Treble*	HAROLD BURTON	5
*JOHN SCOTT	2	ALF RUSHTON	6
FRED PLUMMER	3	RICHARD KENDALL	7
ARTHUR DAY	4	CLAUDE MANN	*Tenor*

Composed by BRUERTON. Conducted by HAROLD BURTON.
* First peal. First peal of Grandsire as conductor.

FLIXTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 3, 1952, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13½ cwt.

*CLIFFORD W. SHAW	*Treble*	REGINALD W. WORRALL	5
DOUGLAS KIRKPATRICK	2	CECIL RADDON	6
ERIC HORNBY	3	HENRY PARKER	7
HAROLD WORRALL	4	†HARRY W. HOWARD	*Tenor*

Composed by W. NICOLLS. Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † 200th peal. First peal in the method as conductor.

FRINDSBURY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 3, 1952, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Taylor's Six-part. Tenor 16 cwt.

*EMILY B. P. WALKER	*Treble*	GEORGE A. NAYLOR	5
TREVOR A. CROSS	2	CYRIL S. JARRETT	6
LEONARD C. WELLS	3	VICTOR A. JARRETT	7
FRANCIS J. CHEAL	4	ALBERT GREEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL S. JARRETT.
* First peal on eight bells. First peal of Grandsire Triples as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the treble, 2nd and 7th.

HEPTONSTALL, YORKSHIRE.
THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 3, 1952, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in E.

*ERIC NIXON (Man.)	*Treble*	†GEOFFREY PEARSON (Man.)	5
P. E. M. BARTON (Leeds)	2	†PETER E. PARRY (Man.)	6
†PHILIP P. CARTER (Man.)	3	W. L. ROBINSON (Man.)	7
‡DAVID ATKINS (Leeds)	4	BRIAN HARRIS (Man.)	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (C.C.C. Major, No. 2).
Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.
* First peal of Kent Treble Bob on tower bells. † First peal of Kent Treble Bob. ‡ First peal. The conductor's 50th eight-bell peal.

HIGHER WALTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 3, 1952, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

JAMES BLACKBURN	*Treble*	G. ALEC DIMMOCK	5
E. ROGER MARTIN	2	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE	6
SIDNEY J. PHILBRICK	3	ERNEST J. GOWER	7
THOMAS BARKER	4	ARTHUR HATCH	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and first for the Lancashire Association. In memoriam Edward Ramsbotham, ringer, of Whittle-le-Woods.

MARDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 3, 1952, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

BETTY M. VIDLER	*Treble*	*THOMAS E. SONE	5
*BENJAMIN F. BAKER	2	ROBERT COLLINS	6
REGINALD E. LAMBERT	3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT	7
LEONARD MANNERING	4	S. GEOFFREY WATERS	*Tenor*

Composed by G. W. DEBENHAM. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
* 50th peal together. Fastest peal on the bells.

MOORSIDE, OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 3, 1952, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Tenor 18 cwt. 18 lb. in E.

OGDEN MOORES	*Treble*	GERALD DARE	5
HAROLD ARMSTEAD	2	JAMES BROOKS	6
FRED PRITCHARD	3	IVAN KAY	7
*JOHN T. WALMSLEY	4	*MARJORIE LEACH	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by IVAN KAY.
* First peal in the method. The conductor's 50th peal in this tower. Rung fully muffled. In memoriam Mrs. Calderley, late wife of the Vicar

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 3, 1952, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18¼ cwt.

*BARRY COOK	*Treble*	FRANK C. MAY	5
FRANK B. LUFKIN	2	PHILIP SADLER	6
MRS. C. WOODGATE	3	VICTOR W. GRIMWADE	7
BERNARD SADLER	4	DONALD COOMBES	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. BARKER. Conducted by VICTOR W. GRIMWADE.
* First peal. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. Woodgate, of Great Wakering, whose 28th wedding anniversary was on the above date, and also as a compliment to Mr. Edgar R. Rapley and Miss Enid Lonnen, of Sussex, who were married on Saturday, April 26th.

RATBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 3, 1952, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's. Tenor 10 cwt.

COLIN B. GOLDING	*Treble*	PETER J. STANIFORTH	5
MRS. H. J. POOLE	2	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	6
WINIFRED M. BURTON	3	JOHN BRAMLEY	7
S. ANTHONY JESSON	4	JOHN HILL	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
Rung for the Feast of SS. Philip and James.

SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., May 3, 1952, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THH CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

CLIVE M. SMITH	*Treble*	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	5
WILLIAM DAVIES	2	J. NORMAN HADLEY	6
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	3	MAURICE G. TURNER	7
ERNEST STITCH	4	HOWARD HOWELL	*Tenor*

Composed by W. ROYLE. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

YARDLEY, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., May 3, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURGHA,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. in F sharp.

ANTHONY AGER	*Treble*	TERRY R. HAMPTON	5
*JOHN MCDONALD	2	BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	6
MURIEL REAY	3	HARRY PARKES	7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
* First peal of Yorkshire. In memoriam Harold Jack Fitter, a ringer at this church.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., May 5, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Carter's odd-bob one-part. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F. sharp.

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	*Treble*	HENRY H. FEARN	5
JOHN PINFOLD	2	GEORGE E. FEARN	6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	3	FRANK E. HAYNES	7
CLEMENT GLENN	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

The original composition. Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
Rung on the 50th anniversary of the first performance of this composition.

HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Mon., May 5, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Original. Tenor 12 cwt.

CLIVE M. SMITH	*Treble*	ERNEST STITCH	5
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	2	J. NORMAN HADLEY	6
STANLEY PRESTIDGE	3	HOWARD HOWELL	7
WILLIAM DAVIES	4	MAURICE G. TURNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.
50th peal as conductor.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

STANDON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 15, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one 720 of Oxford Bob, and two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, and Plain Bob. Tenor 17 cwt.

FREDERICK BARKER	*Treble*	JOHN KEMP	4
EDWARD J. PHILLIPS	2	JOHN WELCH	5
JOHN PHILLIPS	3	SIDNEY F. CARTER	*Tenor*

Conducted by SIDNEY F. CARTER.
Rung in honour of the birth of a son (Graham John) to Edward and Jean Phillips, of Hertford.

DALWOOD, DEVONSHIRE.
THE BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 19, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being forty-two extents, ten different callings. Tenor 8 cwt.

EDMUND C. ATYEO	*Treble*	ALBERT S. ATYEO	4
*RAYMOND P. SELWAY	2	WILLIAM E. TURNER	5
*ALBERT W. DYER	3	†JACK TILLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.
* First peal of Doubles. † First peal. Rung for R. P. Selway's birthday.

YASS, AUSTRALIA.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
(All Saints' Society, Parramatta.)
On Sat., April 26, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being four callings. Tenor 7 cwt.

*BRUCE DUNBAR	*Treble*	ADRIAN R. BOTTING	4
GEORGE E. WILLIAMSON	2	ROBERT W. FERRIS	5
†JOHN BOUTLAND	3	*GEORGE K. P. STACEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT W. FERRIS. Referee, WARWICK K. MUNDY.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal in Australia. First peal of Minor as conductor. First peal of minor on bells. First Cumberland peal outside British Isles. Rung for the first anniversary of the augmentation of the ring and 102nd anniversary of the church.

PRESTON PLUCKNETT, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 21, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob and five of Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt.

HERBERT W. PEARCE	*Treble*	SYDNEY W. WHITE	4
GILBERT W. RENDELL	2	ALBERT S. ATYEO	5
WALTER H. POOLE	3	WILLIAM E. TURNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.
Rung for the Queen's birthday.

ASH, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 26, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise, and three each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Tenor 7¼ cwt.

*SYLVIA SHERWOOD	*Treble*	ERIC PEPLER	4
THOMAS E. DENYER	2	EDGAR SHERWOOD	5
MARGARET PEPLER	3	CHARLES W. DENYER	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES W. DENYER.
* First peal, aged 14. First peal on the bells since restoration. Rung in honour of the Queen's 26th birthday.

BREEDON-ON-THE-HILL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., April 26, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND HARDULPH,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

MRS. S. H. JONES	*Treble*	WALTER G. SOAR	4
PETER MARRIOTT	2	JOSEPH WM. COTTON	5
WILLIAM F. WOODWARD	3	*ERNEST MORRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
* 600th peal as conductor and his 130th tower for a peal in the Diocese.

BROCKWORTH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 26, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being ten six-scores of Grandsire and 32 of St. Dunstan's.
Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lb. in F.

LESLIE BARRY	*Treble*	PETER CLARKSON	4
*MICHAEL GILBERT	2	TREVOR PRITCHARD	5
ALFRED LYNALL	3	*BARRY SLADE	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.
* First peal. Rung for the Patronal Festival.

THAKEHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., April 27, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in A.

JEAN HORTON	*Treble*	EDWARD F. FOSBERRY	4
*MARIAN SKINNER	2	ERNEST TREAGUS	5
*CHARLES B. SKINNER	3	BENJAMIN W. FARHALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST TREAGUS.
* First peal 'inside.' Arranged for the christening of Elaine P. Farhall, daughter of the ringer of the tenor.

STANDISH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 28, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different 720's. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in F sharp.

DORIS SHEPPARD	*Treble*	WILLIAM RICHINGS	4
CHARLES ROUSE	2	TREVOR PRITCHARD	5
*ALFRED LYNALL	3	LESLIE BARRY	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.
* First peal of Minor.

HOLYWELL, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., April 30, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise, two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob (57 Bobs, 68 Singles).
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

E. JACK PARISH	*Treble*	ARTHUR CLEMENTS	4
JOHN R. G. SPICER	2	FRANK W. LACK	5
FRANK WARRINGTON	3	HAROLD S. PEACOCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., April 30, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, COLEGATE.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Single Court, Double Court, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Plain Bob, Double Bob and St. Clement's.
Tenor 9 cwt. in G.

SIDNEY FLINT	*Treble*	GEORGE SAYER	4
F. CHARLES GOODMAN ..	2	ARTHUR G. BASON	5
NOLAN GOLDEN	3	BERT GOGLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
Arranged for Mr. S. Flint, of Maghull, Lancashire.

WEST TARRING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., May 1, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, C.C.C. 77, 75, 80, 81, 76, 21, 20. Tenor 9 cwt.

*JUNE M. CLEMENTS ..	*Treble*	LEONARD STILWELL	4
†COLIN A. J. CHAPPELL ..	2	ERNEST TREAGUS	5
RICHARD WILSON	3	HENRY C. WEAVER	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST TREAGUS.
* First peal. † First peal of Minor 'inside.' A wedding compliment to Edgar R. Rapley and Enid E. Lonnen; also as a thanksgiving for the recovery after a serious operation of Mrs. H. Dyer (Rector's wife) and Mrs. Cowper (Rector's warden's wife).

BARKING, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., May 2, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in G.

URBAN W. WILDNEY	*Treble*	ROBERT E. LESTER	4
PATRICIA M. CLARKE	2	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ..	5
GEORGE WATERMAN	3	RONALD W. STEWARD ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.
Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Gilbert, of Needham Market.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.'
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Fri., May 2, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 9 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

ALEC G. ISAACSON	*Treble*	DEREK PREECE	4
MICHAEL W. FAIREY	2	DENNIS BERESFORD	5
PETER BERESFORD	3	CLIVE M. SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENNIS BERESFORD.
Rung for SS. Philip and James' Day.

WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., May 2, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise, and two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

MRS. E. R. RAPLEY	*Treble*	HAROLD F. WOOD	4
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	2	LEONARD STILWELL	5
CECIL R. LONGHURST ..	3	BASIL W. WHITE	*Tenor*

Conducted by BASIL W. WHITE.
A wedding compliment to the ringers of the treble and 2nd.

BUCKLAND, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 3, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor 6¼ cwt.

ROYDON DAVIES	*Treble*	FRANCIS T. HOAD	4
*MRS. W. F. OATWAY ..	2	COLIN J. CHAMPION	5
JAMES W. KNIGHT	3	WILLIAM F. OATWAY ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by COLIN J. CHAMPION.
* First peal 'inside' and of Minor. First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. W. F. Oatway.



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CASTLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 3, 1952, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Double Court, and two each of Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

ERNEST BROWN	*Treble*	THOMAS BIRD	4
*JACK BRETT	2	ALBERT CATTERWELL ..	5
GEORGE TRENDELL	3	RONALD SUCKLING	*Tenor*

Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.

* First peal of Minor.

CHEDDINGTON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 3, 1952, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

JOAN M. NEWMAN	*Treble*	ROBERT PIRON	4
ALAN BROYD	2	DENNIS KNOX	5
DAVID W. BEARD	3	JAMES G. NEWMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID W. BEARD.

CLIFTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 3, 1952, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Single Oxford, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and two each of Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr.

GEOFFREY MAYES	*Treble*	ANDREW C. SINFIELD ..	4
ARTHUR W. DILLEY	2	STANLEY H. WALLIS ..	5
RONALD J. SHARP	3	LEWIS H. BYWATERS ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by LEWIS H. BYWATERS.

Rung for the 50th anniversary of the first peal on the bells; also a 17th birthday compliment to Miss Jean Dilley, daughter of the ringer of the 2nd.

DEENE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 3, 1952, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being four extents of Kent and three of Oxford.
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

CECIL W. MATHEWS ..	*Treble*	RONALD RUSSELL	4
*THOMAS F. CARFORD ..	2	*BERNARD H. DALTON ..	5
PERCY D. BALDOCK ..	3	*JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal of Treble Bob Minor.

ELSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Newark District.)
On Sat., May 3, 1952, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents of 720. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER..	*Treble*	FREDERICK G. HOOPER ..	4
*LEWIS HEMSTOCK	2	FRANK W. VERNON	5
GEORGE E. FOSTER ..	3	CLARENCE F. BRIGGS.. ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK G. HOOPER.

* First peal of Minor on an 'inside' bell. A farewell to Rev. R. S. Foster, Rector of Elston, who is moving to the south of England.

FORNHAM ST. MARTIN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., May 3, 1952, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob.
Tenor 6 cwt.

WILLIAM STANNARD	*Treble*	JOHN W. BANKS	4
FREDERICK H. COOPER ..	2	FREDERICK J. BUCKLE ..	5
ARTHUR F. BALLAM	3	PETER C. WRIGHT	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER C. WRIGHT.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 3, 1952, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9¼ cwt. In A.

JOHN SITCH	*Treble*	*FREDERICK A. ABREY ..	4
HARRY TURNER	2	HARRY J. WRIGHT	5
CHARLES HARRINGTON ..	3	†DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS..	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

* First peal. † 50th peal.

GRAFTON REGIS, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Northampton Branch.)
On Sat., May 3, 1952, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four extents of Reverse St. Bartholomew, six each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Southrepps Pleasure, eight each of Old Doubles and April Day, and ten of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 lb.

*ANTHONY J. BAKER ..	*Treble*	KENNETH D. PERKINS ..	3
†ALAN C. COZENS	2	IVOR J. DICKIN	4
ERIC NOBLES	*Tenor*		

Conducted by ERIC NOBLES.

* First peal of Doubles in six methods. † First peal 'inside.' Rung to commemorate the Festival of SS. Philip and James.

OCKBROOK, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 3, 1952, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

*SHEILAGH KILBOURN ..	*Treble*	RODNEY HARRISON	4
MAURICE BAILEY	2	DENIS R. CARLISLE	5
WILLIAM E. SIMPSON ..	3	DAVID J. MARSHALL ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID J. MARSHALL.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. A farewell to Maurice Bailey, who is leaving for service with the Middle East Land Forces.

SANDON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 3, 1952, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

PETER CHILDS	*Treble*	RONALD GROVES	4
KATHLEEN KNIGHT	2	JEAN M. HARRIS	5
DAVID WALLIS	3	FRANK L. HARRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JEAN M. HARRIS.

First peal on the recently augmented six.

HANDBELL PEALS

MONTMORENCY, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA.
THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
On Fri., April 25, 1952, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT RATTRAY ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 13 in E.

JOHN B. WILLIS	1—2	JOAN GRAY	5—6
VALERIE WILLARD	3—4	PHILIP M. J. GRAY	7—8

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE (C.C.C. 119).
Conducted by PHILIP M. J. GRAY.

First handbell peal by the Society. Rung in memory of the Society's late President, Dr. J. C. E. Simpson.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., May 1, 1952, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

MRS. J. THOMAS	1—2	JACK R. WORRALL	5—6
JOHN THOMAS	3—4	ALBERT M. TYLER	7—8

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

Rung on 50th anniversary of the first peal 'in hand' rung in Bristol, which was the conductor's first 'in hand.'

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., May 4, 1952, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT 13, CALDECOTE ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor size 17 in A.

MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH ..	1—2	PETER J. STANIFORTH ..	5—6
HAROLD J. POOLE	3—4	ERNEST MORRIS	7—8
JOHN BRAMLEY	9—10		

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

Rung as a compliment to John Bramley on his 21st birthday.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(Southern Branch.)
On Tues., May 6, 1952, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
AT 29, HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part, 7th Observation. Tenor size 15 in C.

*GERALD C. HEMMING ..	1—2	†JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ..	5—6
MRS. JOHN THOMAS ..	3—4	†GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ..	7—8

Conducted by GEOFFREY J. HEMMING.

* First peal on handbells. † 100th peal together.

BARMING, KENT.—On April 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Gunner 1, W. R. Manser (cond.) 2, W. Manser, sen., 3, F. E. Manser 4, C. Ruffle 5, H. J. Manser 6. Rung for Easter Sunday.

BATH.—At the Abbey, on April 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. D. Evans 1, W. Prescott 2, E. J. Fry 3, J. Hallett 4, G. J. Hawkins 5, E. Naylor (cond.) 6, K. Medway 7, H. Merrett 8.

BELGRAVE, LEICS.—On April 27th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: G. Castleman 1, P. Wells 2, J. Kesterton 3, R. Swann 4, J. Udale 5, C. Linch 6, A. Skinner 7, R. Barrow (cond.) 8.

BRENTFORD, MIDDLX.—On April 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. C. Price 1–2, F. T. Blagrove 3–4, T. Price (cond.) 5–6. Witness G. Dodds.

CARISBROOKE, I.O.W.—On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Attrill 1, H. Taylor 2, Mrs. C. F. Guy 3, W. Upton 4, S. Moody 5, C. A. Drake (cond.) 7, W. H. G. Scott 8. Rung in honour of H.M. the Queen's birthday.

CLITHEROE, LANCS.—On April 21st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Rosemary Parkinson 1 E. J. Gower 2, Jean Dawson 3, Diana R. Banks 4, S. Norman 5, Patricia M. Bourn 6, J. P. Norman 7, V. J. C. Wood (cond.) 8. First quarter for 1, 3, 4 and 5, and in the method for 6. Believed to be first quarter by a local band. Rung in honour of the birthday of H.M. the Queen.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On May 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: K. Snelling 1, G. W. Cecil 2, H. E. Lilley 3, G. Apps 4, J. W. Jeffery 5, J. H. Lilley 6, R. Overy (cond.) 7, E. J. Brett 8.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.—At St. Cuthbert's, on April 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss P. Collier 1, G. F. Newton 2, M. E. Airey 3, D. R. Airey 4, T. Hill 5, T. Senior 6, R. D. Airey (cond.) 7, T. Cooke 8. First in the method for 1 and 3.

DUNDRY, SOMERSET.—On May 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Blake (first quarter) 1, W. Webb (first quarter in method) 2, R. G. Hooper 3, R. J. Bowden 4, E. Sutton (first quarter in method as cond.) 5, F. C. Mogford 6. Rung in honour of the feast of SS. Philip and James.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On April 21st, 1,316 Grandsire Triples: Miss C. Smith 1, F. Hurrell 2, G. Ashdown 3, B. Aldridge 4, J. Hurrell 5, E. Warner 6, E. Crowder (cond.) 7, P. Rablah 8. Rung in honour of Her Majesty's birthday.

FEERING, ESSEX.—On April 23rd, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: S. Fisher 1, J. Papworth 2, J. Newman 3, C. Burton 4, H. Nicholls 5, W. Arnold (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of William Keeble, who died April 4th.

QUARTER PEALS

FINCHLEY, MIDDLX.—On April 27th, a quarter peal of Kent Treble Bob Major: A. Richardson (first quarter in the method) 1, F. A. Barker 2, J. L. Morris 3, L. E. Tubb 4, E. Prior 5, F. C. W. Knight 6, B. Willis 7, A. F. Warren (cond.) 8. First quarter in the method on the bells. Also on May 4th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. F. Warren 1, Miss E. Wise 2, F. Goodall 3, J. L. Morris 4, F. A. Barker 5, L. E. Tubb 6, B. J. Willis 7, F. C. W. Knight (cond.) 8.

GARSINGTON, OXON.—On April 24th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Reverse Canterbury, 240 April Day, 360 Bob and 420 Grandsire): C. Eden (first quarter) 1, Christine Hall (first in four methods) 2, W. Fern 3, M. Harding (first in four methods) 4, T. Bowles (cond.) 5, J. Godfrey (first quarter) 6.

GRANTHAM, LINCS.—On April 24th, 1,064 Grandsire Triples: A. P. Harrison 1, F. W. Pinchbeck 2, F. S. Parsons 3, P. Turner 4, W. Dale 5, T. A. Relf 6, H. R. Woods (cond.) 7, T. Hall 8.

GREAT MONGEHAM, KENT.—On April 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: June Court 1, J. F. Penfold 2, Ann Vine 3, Janet R. Wells 4, P. J. Rye 5, G. E. Ruck (cond.) 6. First quarter of Minor for 2, 3 and 5 and first as conductor. A birthday greeting to H.M. Queen Elizabeth II.

HEREFORD.—At All Saints', on April 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rosemary Jarrett 1, H. Symonds 2, A. Wingate 3, M. P. Moreton 4, J. Rock 5, L. Evans 6, A. W. Davis (cond.) 7, L. Quartermain 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of the late Rev. F. R. C. Jarvis.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On April 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Meadows 1, J. Carrott (cond.) 2, D. E. Salisbury 3, C. E. Wright 4, R. W. Stannard 5, S. Penfold 6, T. East 7, A. J. Salisbury 8.

IFFLEY, OXON.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss C. Hall 1, M. Harding 2, L. Busby 3, T. Bowles 4, W. Fern 5, J. Adams (cond.) 6. First 'inside' for 2 and 3. First in method for 1. Rung for the christening of Capt. and Mrs. Allen's grandson in South Africa.

KEYMER, SUSSEX.—On April 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Fagg 1, C. D. Linington 2, A. J. Backshall 3, J. Backshall, sen., 4, P. F. Romney (cond.) 5, F. Cox 6. Rung half-muffled as a mark of respect to Dr. W. E. L. Horner, a benefactor of the church.

LANSALLOS, CORNWALL.—On April 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Birch 1, H. Harper (first 'inside') 2, A. Carveth 3, Rev. A. S. Roberts (cond.) 4, Miss E. Symons 5, Miss M. Matthews 6, Mrs. A. S. Roberts 7, C. K. Brewer 8. First quarter on the bells.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.—On April 27th, 1,280 Spliced Surprise Major (6 methods): R. Smith 1, Mrs. R. F. Deal 2, D. W. Beard (cond.) 3, F. V. Gant 4, J. F. Grove 5, C. E. Willmington 6, F. W. Housden 7, J. H. Crampion 8. First by all except 3 and 8.

LLANGOLLEN, DENBIGHS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles, 7, 6, 8 covering: D. Jones 1, A. Davies 2, F. Hughes 3, F. Jones 4, A. Bailey (cond.) 5, A. Lloyd 6, J. Chinnock 7, W. Young 8. Rung to mark the close of the 24 years' ministry of the Rev. Chancellor W. Alcuin Jones, M.A., M.C., as Vicar of Llangollen, and to congratulate him on his appointment as Archdeacon of Montgomery.

LONG BUCKBY, NORTHANTS.—On April 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Holland (first quarter) 1, M. Amos 2, A. Cooper 3, S. Summers 4, M. Chown (cond.) 5.

LUBENHAM, LEICS.—On April 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Morbey 1, Miss V. Carter 2, Miss J. Wise 3, D. Griffin 4, A. J. Millward (cond.) 5, First quarter for 1, 2 and 3.

MANCHESTER, LANCS.—At the Cathedral, on St. George's Day, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: P. Carter 1, E. Nixon 2, F. Barraclough 3, H. Reynolds 4, H. Longden 5, A. Ridyard 6, B. Walshaw 7, B. Harris 8, R. Longden (cond.) 9, G. Longden 10.

MARDEN, KENT.—On May 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Haffenden 1, B. M. Vidler 2, P. Carter 3, F. W. Mitchell 4, S. G. Waters (cond.) 5, T. Pert 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Gilbert Maynard, a ringer of the above parish, who was buried this day.

MARKET DRAYTON, SALOP.—On April 27th, 1,248 Bob Major: W. H. Tyler (cond.) 1, H. White (first 'inside') 2, W. Lycett 3, R. Hazeldine 4, A. Hickman 5, T. Price 6, S. Hughes 7, F. Price 8.

MAULDEN, BEDS.—On April 38th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Sinfield 1, C. Mann 2, A. Murphy 3, M. J. Lockey 4, B. Pattinson 5, R. Sharp 6, A. Sinfield 7, G. Kirby 8. First quarter of Triples for 1 and 5.

NELSON, LANCS.—On April 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. W. Blakey 1, A. Tomlinson 2, V. J. C. Wood 3, L. J. Williams 4, J. Tomlinson 5, Patricia M. Bourne (first quarter) 6. E. J. Gower (cond.) 7, G. Clegg 8. Rung for 50th anniversary of the dedication of the church.

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While the peal of Superlative was being rung at Hawkhurst on April 26th the Pinewood Studios, London, were taking shots for the film, 'Something money can't buy,' in the nearby cricket field. The producer thanked the band for helping to create 'a rural atmosphere' to the sound track.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The 50th anniversary of the first performance of John Carter's odd bob one-part peal of Stedman Triples was deservedly commemorated by the ringing of this peal at Bishop Ryder's Church, Birmingham, on May 5th. It was first rung on May 5th, 1902, at Selly Oak, conducted by W. H. Barber and the figures were published in 'Bell News' of October 18th, 1902. The calling was afterwards modified and simplified by the composer and these figures are given in both Davies' and Trollope's 'Stedman.' Very few conductors have called either the original or simplified version.

We are pleased to learn that Mr. Albert Walker is much better.

With a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major on May 2nd, Mr. Leslie C. Wightman 'completed the circle' of Framsden, Suffolk, tower for the ninth time.

Owing to pressure on our space a number of articles and reports of annual meetings have been held over. With the majority of Guilds holding their annual meetings at this time of the year such a congestion is bound to occur.

The first peal for the Royal Society of Cumberland Youths overseas has been rung at Yass, New South Wales. Recently we reported the admission to the Society of a number of Australian ringers.

Mr. Ivan Kay has rung 50 peals in the Church of St. Thomas, Moorside, Oldham. He believes this feat has only once before been accomplished by a regular Sunday service ringer in Lancashire.

Fourteen-year-old Sylvia Sherwood, of Ash, Surrey, volunteered to 'have a go' when one of the local ringers was unable to take part in a peal at Ash on April 26th. This was Sylvia's first attempt at peal ringing and was the first peal on the bells since restoration.

A long silence in Sunday service ringing at Nelson, Lancs, has been broken by ringing for the Jubilee of the church in response to an appeal by the Vicar to the Blackburn Branch of the Lancashire Association. Ringers from Colne, Burnley, Blackburn Cathedral, Church, Kirk, Clitheroe and Oswaldtwistle participated on three occasions. Small actions like this go a long way to maintaining good relations and stimulating interest in the art in dormant towers.

The first handbell peal for the University of London Society, though by no means the first attempted, was rung in Melbourne, Australia.

Ringing at Melbourne, Australia, has now progressed to the regular ringing of touches of Grandsire Caters.

A party of Sydney ringers are making a tour to Melbourne, Ballarat and Adelaide in August. They will probably travel 2,500 miles in the course of two weeks and ring in five, or possibly six, towers!

Mr. S. G. Riches, of Bristol, has now rung peals of Stedman from Doubles to Cinques. He left the Doubles to last at Wookey, Somerset, on May 3rd.

We hope that one of the friends of the late Mr. John William Keeble, of Feering, Essex, who have noted the peals rung to his memory, will give the Exercise an appreciation of his services to ringing. He died on April 4th.

A correspondent has forwarded to us manuscript of carol tunes suitable for eight bells. We are prepared to loan this to any readers interested to enable them to take a copy upon receipt of a stamped addressed envelope.

The railwaymen's peal of Plain Bob Major at Tunbridge Wells on May 3rd was successfully accomplished in three hours and two minutes. Mr. Frank Bennett called one of his own compositions.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

Gifts Place Association in Healthy Position — Revival of Annual Dinner — A Good Year for Peal Ringing

THE 74th annual meeting of the Lancashire Association was held on April 26th at Bacup, the attendance being not as great as usual owing to travel difficulties. Favoured with good weather, ringing commenced early in the day at Newchurch, Waterfoot, St. Saviour's and Christ Church, Bacup, and continued until evening.

The service in Christ Church, Bacup, was conducted by the Rev. A. L. M. Davies (Vicar) assisted by the president, the Rev. R. D. St. John Smith. Mr. Davies preached the sermon which was appreciated by all present. Mr. Alan Thomas was the organist. After the service over 90 people sat down in the schoolroom of Christ Church to an excellent tea.

The president, who took the chair, opened the meeting by thanking the Vicar of Christ Church for the welcome they had received to Bacup. The Vicar, in reply, said that he, his parishioners and ringers were greatly honoured by the Association holding their annual meeting in their parish and extended a welcome to everyone with the hope that it would not be long before the Association decided to come to Bacup again.

Apologies for absence were read by the secretary from Mr. S. H. Dearden, Miss J. M. Preston, Mr. J. Ridyard, Mr. P. Crook and Mr. G. A. Bell.

The meeting continued with the reading of the minutes of the last annual general meeting held at Blackpool and the minutes of the extraordinary general meeting held at Holy Trinity, Bolton, on October 6th.

The following officers were appointed:—Vice-president, Arthur Tomlinson; general secretary, Mr. Fred Dunkerley; auditor, Mr. George A. Bell.

COMMITTEE'S REPORT

At the committee meeting held at Wigan in February, 1952, it was decided to make an attempt to issue the annual report in time for the annual meeting. It has been the practice previously to wait until the annual meeting has been held before printing the annual report which has meant that the report was not in the hands of members until August. (This had been achieved and the annual reports were distributed to the members after the meeting.)

During the year committee meetings were held at Manchester and Mossley. The half-yearly meeting took place at Bolton at which place an extraordinary general meeting requested by the Liverpool Branch was held on the question of alterations to Rule 3 and Rule 11. The result was that both proposed alterations were defeated, 50—7 and 50—12 respectively.

A great deal of dissatisfaction was caused by the arrangements made for the re-opening of Liverpool Cathedral bells. The Association was not invited to take part and was not officially informed of the opening. The committee wishes it to be made quite clear that the Liverpool Branch was in no way responsible for the arrangements made and did, in fact, do their utmost to make it an Open Ringing Day.

The committee decided to revive the annual dinner and an attempt would be made to hold it at Liverpool in the autumn.

During the year losses by death were four life members, eight ringing members and five non-resident members. The Association's membership is as follows:—Honorary life members 69 (new 2), non-resident members 462 (new 19), ringing members 1,028 (new 144), making a total of 1,559 members.

The ringing members are divided among the Branches as follows:—Blackburn 106, Bolton 106, Furness 77, Fylde 57, Lancaster 53, Liverpool 124, Manchester 131, Preston 115, Rochdale 107, Rossendale 54, Wigan 98.

RINGING REPORT

Peals numbering 163 were recorded for the year thus beating the 1949 record by one peal. This was an achievement of which the Association could be proud, inasmuch as 42 of these peals were in Surprise methods.

'We now have pleasure in adding to our list of "first peals in the method" the following:—Eastcote Surprise Major, Rutland Surprise Royal, Double Oxford Bob Major, Beddington Surprise Major, Spliced Surprise (12 methods) Major, Lyme Surprise Major, London Surprise Royal. The highlight of the Association's performances was the record length of Cambridge Surprise Royal, 15,480 changes, this being the longest peal of Royal yet rung, and the longest length in the method on any number. To Mr. John Worth, the conductor, and his band we offer our heartiest congratulations.'

Fifty-five members rang their first peal, 223 their first in some particular method or on higher numbers, 8 their first peal on an inside bell, 2 their first as conductor and 18 their first in the method as conductor.

Mr. Arthur Tomlinson, who joined the Association in 1908, rang his 500th peal for the Association. We believe that this is an all-time individual record for the Association and we offer our heartiest congratulations to Mr. Tomlinson on being the first member of the Association to reach the 500 mark.

Mr. P. Crook rang his 325th peal for the Association, Mr. L. J. Williams his 275th, Mr. J. Ridyard his 250th, Mr. J. W. Grounds his 200th, Mr. E. R. Martin his 175th, Mr. T. S. Horridge his 150th, Mr. R. Leigh and Mr. E. C. Birkett their 100th, Mr. T. Barket and Mr. S. H. Dearden their 75th and Mr. J. Ashcroft and Miss M. E. Ridyard their 50th.

SPECIAL PEALS

Peals were rung to celebrate the Festival of Britain and the birthdays of H.M. Queen Mary and Prince Charles and also on the occasion of the visit of Their Majesties the King and Queen to the County Palatine. Peals were also rung to celebrate the centenary of incorporation of the Borough of Blackburn and the 76th anniversary of the consecration of All Saints', Whitefield. A peal was rung to commemorate the seventh anniversary of the consecration of the Bishop of Penrith. Complimentary peals were rung for the golden weddings of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wolstencroft, of Ashton-under-Lyne, and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Taylor, of Mossley, and for the silver weddings of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wilson, of Blackburn, and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Walker, of Mossley. A birthday peal was rung for Mr. George Staff, of Milnrow, on his 81st birthday. He still rings twice on Sundays and walks a distance of six miles each time in order to be present in the tower.

Mr. A. Tomlinson again headed the list of leading peal ringers with 33 peals, Mr. J. Ridyard with 32 peals, Mr. R. Kenrick with 27 peals and Mr. J. Ashcroft with 26 peals.

Fifty members shared the conducting with Mr. J. Ridyard having conducted 28, two of which were 'firsts for the Association.' Mr. A. Tomlinson 14, Mr. P. Crook, sen., 10 and Mr. R. Leigh 8.

HEALTHY FINANCIAL POSITION

The treasurer in giving his report after reading the balance sheet, said that from the figures in front of them they would see that the Association was at last in a healthy position but that did not mean that members should be complacent about it. The healthy position had been created by gifts and donations and the waiving of expenses by the general secretary and the Branch secretaries and the Association's thanks were due to these gentlemen. He said that the proposed increase of subscriptions to 3s. would just about cover the running expenses of the Association providing members kept straight with their subscriptions.

It was proposed and seconded by the Manchester and Wigan Branches that Rule 4 be altered, making the annual subscription for ringing members 3s. except in the case of juveniles under 18 years of age whose annual subscription shall be 2s. This was adopted.

ANNUAL DINNER

Discussion took place regarding the revival of the Annual Dinner. It had been hoped that this could be held on the same day as the opening of St. Nicholas' bells, Liverpool, but the secretary pointed out that this would be impracticable as he understood the date would not be fixed for some time yet and there would be difficulty in securing accommodation at short notice. In view of this it was moved and seconded that the secretary be empowered to fix the annual dinner in Liverpool on November 29th or December 6th at a cost of up to 12s. 6d. per head.

It was announced that Preston was next on the list to be invited to hold the annual meeting and the secretary was instructed to write inviting the Branch there to organise the arrangements.

A member suggested that at the next annual meeting local bands should be asked to be in attendance at the towers selected so that ringers travelling long distances would be able to get a ring.

The secretary said that he wished to place on record the assistance he had received during the year in maintaining the Association's business from Mr. Stephen Ll. Parry and Mrs. Eileen Collier and expressed to them his personal thanks.

Several members expressed satisfaction at the annual report being placed before them at the annual meeting for the first time, they believed, in the history of the Association and expressed their congratulations to the officials.

VOTES OF THANKS

The president proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. A. L. M. Davies, Mr. Mills and the local ringers, ladies and others for all the hard work and care that had been taken in making the afternoon at Christ Church an enjoyable one. He coupled with it thanks and good wishes to Mr. Selwyn H. Dearden, who is leaving the district.

The president asked the company to stand in silence as a token of respect to Dr. J. C. E. Simpson, whom the Association had lost and whose absence would be greatly felt not only in Lancashire but in other counties who knew him as one of the leading lights of the Exercise.

LADIES' GUILD

Midland District at Kingswinford

A very successful meeting of the Midland District of the Ladies' Guild was held at Kingswinford on April 26th which was attended by 22 members.

The Leicester District members, actively supported by other members, left Leicester by bus about 1 p.m. Monotony is never allowed to bear down on such journeys and on this occasion the party was kept fully awake with handbell ringing and singing

Ringing was delayed at Kingswinford owing to a wedding. A delightful service conducted by the Vicar was followed by a tea prepared by the local ladies which was all that could be desired, both in quality and quantity.

After thanks of those present had been duly expressed by the vice-president to all concerned, the parting of the ways came—the gentlemen returning to the tower and the ladies to conduct their meeting. Five new members were elected and the next meeting is to be held at Mansfield on May 24th.

Further ringing included Cambridge Surprise Major by a ladies' band.

Members were present from Anstey, Aylestone, Beoley, Birmingham, Castle Bromwich, Claverley, Ibstock, King's Norton, Leicester, Nottingham, Stourport, Syston and Thurcaston.

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

THE annual meeting held at Worcester on Easter Monday provided its usual good attendance, upwards of 100 members and friends being present at the service and business meeting. By permission of Bishop Lasbrey the service was held in All Saints' Church at 11 a.m. and was conducted by the chaplain, the Rev. H. Hartley, and the Rev. B. Lane-Smith, assistant priest at All Saints'. Owing to indisposition, the organist, the Rev. J. M. Wale, was prevented from playing, but a last-minute search among the ringers present found a substitute in Geoffrey Baughton, of Clent, who proved to be an accomplished organist.

The general business meeting was held in College Hall with the president, the Dean of Worcester, in the chair and he was supported by Mr. C. Skidmore (Master), the Rev. H. Hartley (chaplain), Mr. J. D. Johnson (general secretary) and Messrs. J. R. Newman, J. Bass and W. Ranford (Freemen of the Association).

The president, in welcoming the Association, personally thanked them for the donation of £5 5s. made to the Cathedral Tower Restoration Fund during the year. Letters of thanks were also received from Evesham and Hagley for grants of £10 each to their respective Bell Restoration Funds

Reporting on behalf of the Central Committee, the secretary said a grant of £10 had been made to the rehanging and augmentation of the bells at Earl's Croome. It had been decided to devote a single page of the report to the names of the 'Freemen,' with a brief record of their years of membership and offices held. Following a loss of £4 10s. in the General Fund for 1951, a charge of sixpence per copy for the annual report would be instituted this year. The reports cost 1s. 9d. each to print—quite the heaviest item of expenditure—and the committee had decided on this course in preference to increasing the subscription from 2s. 6d., and he trusted members would co-operate. The annual dinner had been provisionally arranged at the Guildhall for October 25th, and this date had been confirmed.

HALF-YEARLY MEETING DEFEATED

A resolution from the Northern Branch to institute a half-yearly meeting to be held in the summer in each Branch in turn came in for considerable discussion. It was pointed out that each of the three Branches already held quarterly and often bi-quarterly practice meetings and that other Branches were welcomed to these; that it would clash with bands' summer outings and come close to the annual dinner; and would probably develop into nothing better than an extra Branch meeting. The proposal was heavily defeated, only nine voting in favour.

The librarian (Mr. C. W. Cooper) reported that during the year 15 applications had been received for the loan of 20 books and that since the report was compiled E. Morris's 'Bells of All Nations' had been added to the library. Mr. Cooper was thanked for his services,

All the existing officers were re-elected. Worcester was again chosen for the next annual meeting and arrangements for the annual peal were left to the Master.

An appeal from the Rev. L. J. Birch asking for assistance towards urgent restoration work at Hanbury tower was read and as the constitution of the fund did not allow of a grant from the Belfry Repairs Fund for this work a donation of £5 from the General Fund was made.

The meeting closed with sincere votes of thanks to the president, Dean and Chapter, headmaster of King's School, Bishop Lasbrey and Incumbents whose bells were available for ringing. These were All Saints', Claines, St. John's and Kempsey, the Cathedral bells, unfortunately, not being available owing to work on the fabric of the tower.



THE EIGHTY-YEAR-OLDS, who at St. John's, Deptford, rang a peal of Plain Bob Major on April 26th and thus established a new record in longevity. The band from left to right is—R. W. Stannard (82), H. Stalham (80), F. Bennett (82), W. H. B. Wilkins (81), G. H. Daynes (82), W. J. Nudds (84), I. Emery (80), J. Wheadon (80). Details and biographies of the ringers appeared in our last issue.
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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

Bell Restoration Fund Inaugurated

THERE was a large attendance of ringers at the annual meeting of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild at St. James', Clerkenwell, on April 26th. The bells at St. Mary's, Holloway, were rung from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and St. James's, Clerkenwell, during the afternoon before the service, under the supervision of Mr. T. Price, the Association's Ringing Master. The service was conducted by Canon A. Rogers, Vicar of St. Mary's, Twickenham.

The Rev. P. Gough (president) was in the chair for the business meeting and was supported by Messrs. A. W. and W. H. Coles (vice-presidents).

The meeting stood in silence in memory of the following who had died since the previous annual meeting:—C. F. Bailey (Leiston), T. Butler (Ellesmere), W. Claydon (Reigate), M. F. R. Hibbert (Bushey), H. Kilby (Willesden), H. G. Miles (Hammersmith), T. H. Reeves (Birmingham) and W. H. Shuker (Manchester).

The general secretary (Mr. E. C. S. Turner) presented the annual report of the activities during 1951. Altogether 17 District meetings were held, besides two joint meetings with neighbouring Associations and a special Festival meeting on August Bank Holiday. Fifty-seven peals were rung, two less than last year. These included the first peals ever rung of Brinklow, Hereford, Kensington and Wirral Surprise Major. Three other methods not rung previously to peals by the Association were Apsley, Cornwall and Lindum Surprise Major. The list of conductors was headed by R. F. B. Speed (10), C. W. Roberts (9) and E. C. S. Turner (6).

Reference was made to the considerable progress made by two young members of the Hampton band. T. H. Blunt and P. A. Lawrence, and F. T. Blagrove, of Stanwell. The latter had taken part in many quarter peals ringing two bells, some of which he conducted. He and F. C. Price, the younger son of the Ringing Master, took part in one quarter peal on the back six at Feltham with each of them ringing two bells. Tribute was paid to Mr. Reuben Sanders who, at the age of 77, rang the 38-cwt. tenor of Waltham Abbey to a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major.

The Master (Mr. Tony Price) referring to this performance, said that while there were many young ringers all competing to be the youngest to ring one method or another, it was a pleasure to acknowledge the skill of one of their oldest members. Mr. Sanders was a pattern for every ringer; he had never sought the limelight and there were few ringers capable of ringing a heavy bell with more precision and style.

Quarter peals reported numbered 161; the St. John's, Hillingdon, band heading the list with 19.

Restoration work during the year included the installation of the ring of ten in All Hallows', Twickenham. This tower formerly stood in Lombard Street and was moved to Twickenham before the war. The ring of eight at St. Mary's, Hampton, had been retuned and rehung on ball bearings, the ring of six at St. Lawrence's, Brentford, re-hung, and restoration work had also been carried out at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton.

Officers elected for the ensuing year were:—President, the Rev. C. P. Gough; vice-presidents, A. W. Coles and W. H. Coles; general secretary, E. C. S. Turner; assistant secretary, W. N. Genna; Master, T. Price; treasurer, C. W. Roberts; auditor, M. Hodgson; trustees, T. J. Lock, C. W. Roberts and E. C. S. Turner.

Mr. W. H Oram was thanked for his long and valuable services to the Association and as treasurer during the past 24 years, and was elected an honorary life member.

An amendment of Rule 7 was adopted to allow the Districts to hold their annual meetings before the end of February instead of by the second Saturday of that month.

A donation of £5 5s. was made to the fund for the restoration of the bells of St. Margaret's, Uxbridge. It was also agreed to make a donation to St. Magnus-the-Martyr's, Lower Thames Street, when the work of restoring the bells had been put in hand. To inaugurate a Bell Restoration Fund a collection was taken and this realised £5 14s.

Among the visitors was Mr. G. Joyce, from Hornchurch, who referred to the progress made by the Essex Association and offered to send the general secretary a copy of that Association's annual report. He thought that some of their ideas might be adopted by the Middlesex Association. The general secretary thanked Mr. Joyce for his comments.

Votes of thanks to the incumbents and the tower keepers, the helpers at the tea, the organist, and Canon Rogers for coming at short notice to conduct the service, concluded the meeting.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

LIKE CÆSAR'S WIFE

Dear Sir,—Thank you, Madeline M. Croft, for your warning, sympathy with and tribute to 'The Ringer's Wife' which I would like to support.

I remember the time, and not so long ago, when to suggest taking the ladies with us on our ringers' outing was to expect the tower to oscillate almost to the point of disintegration; yet after having, I believe, revived the pleasure without any adverse effects, and I think everybody managed to get as much refreshment (liquid) as is good for one, if not as much as one wanted.

After all, one day's outing is not a great price to pay for, as you say, 'two nights a week and little of him at week-ends,' and I am sure the day is mutually more pleasant and profitable.

We owe our wives a great debt; for although they sometimes seem indifferent and 'create,' yet they are usually pleased when we return home late, and want to know how we have fared.

Some— only a few— get an opportunity of paying tribute to our wives' patience when receiving a presentation for 21 to 25 years' 'absence from home.' 'The Ringer's Wife,' like Cæsar's, should be above reproach, and have the patience of Job.

I am really concerned with the common or garden variety. You say 'she will at other times have the pleasure of hearing him talk of his ringing experiences.' Mine, after seeing and reading your article, said she never thought she would be front page 'Ringing World' news, then continued (aside) 'but then I once despaired of ever becoming a "ringer's wife."' But she is the best and truest critic I know.

If one gets a cold, it is usually through going off ringing, never from gardening or spring cleaning.—Yours, etc.,

H. FRANK STENSON.

Crewe.

THE SOCIAL DUTIES OF THE PRACTICE

Dear Sir,—As a ringer's wife and a non-ringer I was very interested to read Mrs. M. Croft's letter on 'Ringers' Wives.' She seems to have covered all the responsibilities of these patient, long-suffering humans. There is one point, however, Mrs. Croft didn't mention. A ringer's wife must be prepared to wait to all hours, early or late, for the return of the wanderer, and aways be ready with a cheerful smile and something for the inner man; not forgetting to be prepared for one or two extras who call for a rest and refreshment before continuing on their way home, even if it is one or two o'clock in the morning.

I do not agree with Mrs. Croft on the ideal ringer's wife. I think the wife should take it upon herself to perform the social duties of the practice. If she performs her job of entertaining the members and suffering in silence all the intricate talk of 'course ends' and mistakes made by this one or that, she has done her duty. She will also find, I think, that she will be far more appreciated by her husband and his friends, than iourneying in the 'run in' and 'run out' in the belfry.

I have also found one does not need to understand about a bob missed or a dodge put in the wrong place, for as one suffers the pains of listening to ringing debates one soon gets to understand a little of what is meant by these cryptic references.

As for a wife ringing, I, personally, think a ringer is better equipped with a non-ringing partner, for then he is forced to complete the inquest on the peal with his friends and not with his patient spouse when they have departed. Hasn't she suffered enough without having it dished up again?

PATIENCE.

Cheshire.

RINGERS' WIDOWS

Dear Sir,—How very refreshing to read your leading article recently, 'The Ringer's Wife'; how very true is every word of it!

I must tell you of an amusing experience which befell me. We have a small car and, of course, before we take any runs on a Saturday afternoon, I have to inquire, 'Any ringers' meetings anywhere?' This particular Saturday there was a meeting in Rishton, Lancs, and away we went. While the bellringing husband is busy ringing, I usually have a run in the car or sometimes I knit or read, calling later to pick up my husband.

After my usual run I was sitting in the car waiting and looking up to the tower. (The ringers can be seen through the windows at Rishton.) Walking up and down slowly in front of the church was another lady who from time to time glanced up at the tower. Then she came over to me and said rather quietly, 'Are you a widow, too?' Feeling very sorry for this lonely-looking soul, I said, 'No, I'm waiting for my husband.' Bursting out laughing she said, 'I thought so. Mine's up in the tower, too.' I opened the car door and said, 'Get in and sit down.' But that's not all. The said husband came down and when he saw his wife talking to me he actually turned back for another ring.

Joking apart, though, I enjoy going out to the meetings. I have seen many lovely churches I should never have seen, met many people who are extremely friendly and, incidentally, I have read many books and done miles of knitting and crochet during my waiting time.—Yours etc.,

M. WALMSLEY.

Oldham.

THE OLD THEME

Dear Sir,—May I say a word on behalf of those ringers who do attend the services for which they ring? Do they not suffer from an evasion of responsibility on the part of some of the clergy?

I know a tower whose ringers engage in competitive ringing and are members of a sister association and Sunday after Sunday these gentlemen may be seen conversing outside the church whilst the service for which they have just rung is in progress, thus helping to give a bad name to **all** ringers. This state of affairs has been going on for years, and these ringers never hear the abuse which is consistently hurled at their more conscientious brethren. Surely the remedy lies with their own incumbent, who is the custodian of the bells they use to practise on for competitive purposes.

As a member of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers I often attend our meetings and I find it a little offensive to be almost invariably reprimanded along with the guilty in the address at the services. This seems to me to reveal a remarkable lack of fluency by the clergy and also to be entirely the wrong approach to the problem and much more likely to discourage church attendance than otherwise.—Yours faithfully,

(MISS) E. LOMAS.

Whimple, Devon

ALTAR SERVERS

Dear Sir,—May I, through your columns, ask for any ringers who are also altar servers and live within easy reach of Chislehurst, Kent, to get in touch with me with a view to ringing for the Guild of the Servants of the Sanctuary Annual Festival at the Church of the Annunciation, Chislehurst, on Saturday, June 7th. Details will be sent regarding time of service, etc.—Yours faithfully,

CYRIL E. PALMER.

37, Rowley Avenue,
Sidcup, Kent.

'THE PRICK OF CONSCIENCE'

Dear Sir,—May I say very briefly how much I, unlike Mr. Raymond Philpott, have enjoyed Rodney Meadows' extremely humorous and amusing articles on 'Belfrymanship'? Let us have more of these articles; it is good for us to laugh at ourselves occasionally especially as most of us have at some time practised one or other of Mr. Meadows' suggestions (I know I have!). Can it be, I wonder, that the 'anti-Meadows-ists practise Belfrymanship to a greater degree than their fellow-ringers and, in consequence, feel the prick of conscience at some of Mr. Meadows' telling remarks?

Be that as it may, let us have more of these amusing articles from the pen of a gifted writer of humorous satire.—Yours sincerely,

PETER N. BOND.

Winchester.

MORE OF THE VIRUS

Dear Sir,—It is with regret that I have to inform Mr. Philpott that the evil virus, the vile emetic of Meadowsmanship, or shall we be less personal and say Belfrymanship, is spreading. To my horror I have just seen that a man by the name of Stephen Potter has got hold of the idea and is giving a lecture on Businessmanship in the B.B.C. Third Programme.

I can only echo Mr. Philpott's cry: 'Whatever happens leave our women alone.'—Yours faithfully,

J. R. CHAUNDY.

Oxford.

A PEAL QUESTIONED

Dear Sir,—With reference to the peal at Wollaston, Worcestershire, on April 19th, I would say that I have been mixed up in this fascinating art for the past 40 years and I think this is one of the worst efforts I have heard. I am very surprised that the Ringing Master of the Worcestershire Association has allowed his name to be submitted with this peal. Between 5.15 and 5.30 p.m. there was an appalling and incomprehensible mix-up. If this sort of thing is allowed to go on then I think the art of change ringing should be scrapped. The public should not have to listen to such a jumble.

I am sure that if the late Mr. R. Matthews or Mr. W. Short or any of the older ringers had heard this the heavens would have opened up in protest. In writing this letter I feel I am doing my duty as I have heard a number of other complaints confirming my opinion of the ringing.—Yours faithfully,

P. C. RICHARDS.

Wollaston, Stourbridge.

NOTE.—The first condition required for peals is that any shift or error in ringing be corrected immediately. (See page 682, October 26th, 1951.)—ED.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World' of May 17th, 1912

OXHEY, HERTS

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, May 8, 1912, in 3 hours and 13¼ minutes.

At 43, Heath Road.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES

5,002 Changes

Henry Hodgetts	1-2	Hubert Eden	7-8
William Hodgetts	3-4	George E. Howchin	9-10
George N. Price	5-6	Charles N. Leman	11-12

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by George N. Price.

First twelve-bell peal in the county and by the Association. Rung at the first attempt.

[This was one of many fine performances prior to 1914 by the celebrated band at Oxhey, most, if not all, of whom were pupils of Mr. G. N. Price. Hertfordshire at this time did not possess a ring of twelve bells.]

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

Minutes of Chester Meeting

MINUTES of the first session of the twenty-first Council (54th annual meeting) held in the Cathedral Refectory, Chester, on Whitsun Tuesday, May 15th, 1951.

The Council was given a warm welcome to Chester by the Bishop of Chester and the Very Rev. Dean of Chester.

The meeting opened with prayer.

PRESENT:—

Ancient Society of College Youths.—Mr. G. W. Cecil, Mr. A. B. Peck, Mr. J. F. Smallwood.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—Mr. J. T. Dyke, Mr. H. J. Sanger, Miss N. G. Williams.

Bedfordshire Association.—Mr. H. Harding.

Cambridge University Guild.—Mr. E. M. Atkins, Mr. S. E. Darmon.

Chester Diocesan Guild.—Mr. J. W. Clarke, Rev. J. Kingdon, Mr. D. Smith, Mr. J. Worth.

Coventry Diocesan Guild.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Mr. F. W. Perrens.

Derbyshire Association.—Mr. D. R. Carlisle, Mr. A. Mould.

Devon Guild.—Mr. A. L. Bennett, Mr. E. W. Biffin.

Dudley and District Guild.—Mr. F. Colclough.

Durham and Newcastle Association.—Mr. F. Ainsley, Mr. W. N. Park.

East Grinstead and District Guild.—Mr. C. A. Bassett.

Ely Diocesan Guild.—Mr. F. W. Lack, Mr. E. H. Mastin.

Essex Association.—Mr. F. V. Gant, Mr. F. B. Lufkin. Mr. H. J. Mansfield.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Mr. P. E. Baker, Miss D. M. Drew, Mr. W. B. Kynaston, Mr. F. Skidmore.

Guildford Diocesan Guild.—Mr. A. C. Hazelden, Mr. A. H. Pulling.

Hereford Diocesan Guild.—Mr. G. J. Lewis, Mr. W. F. Moreton, Mr. G. E. Oliver.

Hertford County Association.—Mr. W. Ayre, Mr. R. G. Bell, Mr. C. W. Woolley.

Irish Association.—Mr. F. E. Dukes, Mr. J. T. Dunwoody.

Kent County Association.—Mr. P. A. Corby, Mr. T. E. Sone, Mr. G. H. Spice, Mr. J. Willis.

Ladies' Guild.—Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, Mrs. A. Richardson, Mrs. P. J. Staniforth.

Lancashire Association.—Mr. F. Dunkerley, Mr. J. Ridyard, Mr. C. Sharples, Mr. L. J. Williams.

Leicester Diocesan Guild.—Mr. A. Ballard, Mr. H. J. Poole, Mr. A. E. Rowley, Mr. E. C. Turner.

Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Mr. J. Bray, Mr. G. E. Feirn, Mr. J. Freeman, Mr. J. A. Freeman.

Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association.—Mr. J. W. Jones, Mr. T. M. Roderick.

London County Association.—Mr. H. W. Rogers, Mrs. H. W. Rogers.

Middlesex County Association.—Mr. F. W. Goodfellow, Mr. T. J. Lock, Mr. C. W. Roberts, Mr. E. C. S. Turner.

Midland Counties Guild.—Mr. J. W. Cotton.

National Police Guild.—Mr. T. R. Butler.

North Staffordshire Association.—Mr. R. S. Anderson.

North Wales Association.—Mr. A. J. Hughes.

Norwich Diocesan Association.—Mr. W. C. Duffield, Mr. N. Golden, Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow.

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Mr. A. D. Barker, Mrs. A. D. Barker, Mr. F. D. Boreham, Mr. A. E. Lock.

Oxford University Society.—Mr. R. B. Meadows.

Peterborough Diocesan Guild.—Mr. G. W. Jeffs, Mr. B. P. Morris, Mr. R. C. Noon, Mr. W. Rose.

St. David's Diocesan Guild.—Mr. J. A. Hoare.

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—Mr. F. E. Haynes.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, Mr. G. Harding, Mr. W. C. West.

Sheffield and District Society.—Mr. N. Chaddock.

Shropshire Association.—Mr. G. L. Hewitt.

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.—Mr. P. N. Bond, Mr. T. H. Francis, Mr. F. E. Hawthorne.

Stafford Archdeaconry Society.—Mr. H. Knight, Mr. C. Wallater.

Suffolk Guild.—Mr. C. W. Pipe.

Surrey Association.—Mr. A. P. Cannon, Mr. D. Cooper, Mr. F. E. Collins.

Sussex County Association.—Mr. F. Bennett, Mr. R. G. Blackman, Mr. F. H. Dallaway, Mr. L. Stilwell.

Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild.—Mr. G. I. Lewis.

Truro Diocesan Guild.—Mr. H. Miles.

Universities Association.—Miss M. R. Cross.

Winchester and Portsmouth Guild.—Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, Mr. C. H. Kippin, Mr. G. Pullinger, Mr. F. W. Rogers.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—Mr. B. C. Ashford, Mr. W. B. Cartwright.

Yorkshire Association.—Mr. W. E. Critchley, Mr. P. J. Johnson, Mr. L. W. G. Morris, Mr. S. F. Palmer.

Life Members.—Mr. E. H. Lewis, Mr. G. W. Fletcher, Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, Mr. E. Alex. Young.

Honorary Members.—Mr. F. I. Hairs, Mr. A. A. Hughes, Mr. E. A. Barnett, Mr. C. K. Lewis, Mrs. C. C. Marshall, Mr. W. Osborn, Mr. F. Sharpe, Mr. W. H. Viggers, Mr. A. Walker.

SUMMARY.

	Associations	Members Present	Members Absent
Wholley represented	32	81	
Partially represented	18	37	25
Not represented	4		6
	54	118	31
Life Members ..		4	
Hon. Members ..		9	4
		131	35

REPORT AS TO MEMBERSHIP

The Hon. Secretary reported that 53 Associations were affiliated, entitled to elect 148 members.

The Surrey Association was now entitled to three members and two Associations had each left a vacancy.

Honorary Members numbered 17 making a total membership of 163.

ADMISSION OF A NEW SOCIETY

On the proposal of Mr. G. W. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. L. W. G. Morris, the Sheffield and District Society was admitted as a non-territorial society. Its membership was reported as being 345 ringing members and 24 honorary members.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The following apologies were received:—Messrs. K. Beardsall, H. G. Cashmore, S. G. Coles, G. H. Cross, G. E. Debenham, E. G. Fenn, G. L. Grover, A. Harman, W. F. Judge, B. G. Key, J. E. Lilley, T. G. Myers, F. Precey, J. W. Raithby, Rev. A. S. and Mrs. Roberts, Messrs. H. T. Rooke, F. A. Salter, C. J. Sedgley, A. C. Sinfield, G. E. Symonds, T. H. Taffender, T. W. Taffender, Rev. W. H. R. Trewhella, Mr. J. J. Webb and Rev. C. E. Wigg.

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS TO THE PRESIDENT

New members presented were:—Messrs. S. E. Darmon (Cambridge University), D. Smith and J. Worth (Chester Diocesan), D. Carlisle and A. Mould (Derbyshire Association), C. A. Bassett (East Grinstead Guild), F. W. Lack (Ely), P. E. Baker and Miss D. M. Drew (Gloucester and Bristol), Messrs. P. A. Corby and J. Willis (Kent) Mrs. P. J. Staniforth (Ladies'), Messrs. F. Dunkerley, J. Ridyard, C. Sharples and L. J. Williams (Lancashire), E. C. Turner (Leicester), T. M. Roderick (Llandaff and Monmouth), T. J. Lock (Middlesex), R. B. Meadows (Oxford University), B. P. Morris and R. C. Noon (Peterborough), A. Hoare (St. David's), N. Chaddock (Sheffield and District), F. Bennett and L. Stilwell (Sussex), A. P. Cannon (Surrey), G. I. Lewis (Swansea), W. B. Cartwright (Worcestershire and Districts), W. E. Critchley (Yorkshire).

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

President.—On the proposal of Mr. G. W. Fletcher (on behalf of the Standing Committee), seconded by the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, Mr. E. H. Lewis was elected for the next three years, 1951-54.

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.—On the proposal of the President Mr. G. W. Fletcher was re-elected, and it was agreed that the appointment be for one year only.

It was further agreed that a committee consisting of the present officers, with powers to co-opt, consider the question of a successor to this office.

Hon. Librarian.—Mr. W. H. J. Hooton was re-elected on the proposal of Mr. H. J. Poole, seconded by Mr A. Walker.

Life Members.—It was announced that under Rule 6 of the new Rules the following Honorary Members were now Life Members:—Mr. E. H. Lewis, Mr. G. W. Fletcher, Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, Mr. E. A. Young.

Notice of motion was given to propose the election of Mrs. E. K. Fletcher at the next meeting.

Honorary Members.—On the recommendation of the Standing Committee it was proposed by the Hon. Secretary, seconded by Mr. P. J. Johnson, that the retiring members be re-elected viz.:—The Right Hon. The Earl of Shaftesbury, Mrs. C. C. Marshall, Messrs. E. A. Barnett, G. E. Debenham, T. Groombridge, A. A. Hughes, F. Sharpe, W. H. Viggers, and A. Walker, and that the following be elected:—Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher and Messrs. M. Howard, D. Hughes, G. R. Newton, B. D. Price, E. Shepherd and P. L. Taylor.

The recommendation was adopted.

On the proposal of Mr. C. H. Kippin, seconded by Mr. G. Pullinger, Mr. J. P. Fidler was also elected.

Election of Hon. Auditors.—On the proposal of the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, seconded by Mr. H. Miles, the following were elected to serve for 1951-54:—Mr. A. A. Hughes and Mr. F. W. Perrens.

Loss of members through death.—Members stood in silence as the President formally reported the deaths of the following:—W. H. Barber, W. Claydon, C. Dean, J. George, H. R. Newton, W. Pickworth, Rev. R. F. Routh, Rev. G. D. Scott, W. Short, W. H. Shuker, O. Sippetts, C. Tyler, J. G. Wall.

Tributes to the memory of W. H. Barber were paid by Messrs. R. S. Anderson and A. Walker, and to W. H. Shuker by Mr. Dunkerley.

Minutes of the last Meeting.—On the proposal of Mr. F. I. Hairs, seconded by Mr. L. W. G. Morris, the minutes as published and circulated were taken as read and approved.

REPORTS

The various reports have been published as indicated and are preserved in the Council's records.

REPORT OF THE HON. LIBRARIAN

('Ringing World,' No. 2,095, May 25th, 1951, page 330.)

Adopted on the proposal of Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, seconded by Mr. F. E. Dukes.

Thanks were expressed to Mr. C. W. Woolley for assistance given during the year.

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

('Ringing World,' No. 2,095, May 25th, 1951, pages 330-1.)

Adopted on the proposal of Mr. G. W. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. A. A. Hughes.

J. H. Shepherd bequest.—On the proposal of Mr. E. C. S. Turner, seconded by Mr. R. S.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL—Cont.

Anderson, it was agreed that the surplus be used in the work of the Biographies Committee.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE CARTER RINGING MACHINE

Mr. A. A. Hughes reported that the machine was now in first-class order but suggested that it be further tested before it was returned to the Museum.

The Report was seconded by Mr. A. Walker and adopted, and thanks were accorded to Mr. A. A. Hughes for providing a new electric motor free of cost to the Council.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE

The committee reported that the sub-committee's reports had been received, considered and circulated. The Agenda had been considered and recommendations made. The Report was adopted on the proposal of Mr. G. W. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. W. Ayre.

REPORT OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO CONSIDER THE DECISIONS OF THE COUNCIL

The following Report was adopted on the proposal of Mr. J. F. Smallwood, seconded by Mr. F. W. Perrens.

Since making our last report on the various Decisions of the Council, we have received a very small number of communications from the Exercise generally.

These have been carefully considered and we have revised our first suggestions slightly so as to give effect to the useful points which have been raised by correspondents, and also bearing in mind the discussion of the matter by the Council last year.

We have endeavoured to deal with the various controversial subjects, but, as you will no doubt agree, no rules or recommendations can be effective unless they are adhered to in their spirit and in their letter.

We hope the suggestions we have made will find general acceptance.

THE REVISION OF 'RULES AND DECISIONS'

A Progress Report

'Rules and Decisions' first appeared in 1904, and in revised form in 1927, since when there has been no further issue, and copies are nowadays quite scarce. It is timely, therefore, to consider a third edition, more especially as the Rules were completely overhauled in 1950, and the Decisions are now enjoying like treatment.

The planning of such a booklet necessitates choosing its most appropriate form. If it is to be another 24 years before a fourth edition then the contents of the third edition should be such as not to 'date' the text unduly. But if the whole policy behind production is towards a more frequent, and hence more up-to-date text, then a sustained demand by the Exercise must be stimulated. It is the latter policy which seems the more valuable and inviting, and the basis of the accompanying proposals is that small supplements should be issued at the beginning of a new Council (a three-year interval), and that the next edition should follow after six or nine years.

The demand for a Central Council HANDBOOK should not, of course, be limited to Council members, or to Guild libraries, but every band of ringers should be encouraged to have a copy in their own tower, whilst there must be many individual ringers who would wish to have their own copy. One important result of such a wide circulation would be to bring a more intimate knowledge of the work of the Council to the notice of many more ringers, and so to further the aims and purposes of the Council.

Regarding production of the handbook it is hoped that the Council will authorise its publication at the coming meeting at Chester, though it is realised that this will involve a large initial outlay. The price of the 1927 edition was 1s. 3d., so allowing for a rather larger book a present-day price of 5s. would not be excessive. In effect it will be necessary to compile the handbook to economic specification, but with a first printing of 750 or 1,000 an attractive production should be possible at this price, at the same time allowing an adequate working margin of profit.

The committee's detailed proposals regarding the handbook were published in 'The Ringing World,' No. 2,097, June 8th, 1951, page 361.

SCHEDULE TO THE REPORT

The Schedule to the Report was considered in detail and on the President's motion it was agreed that the committee amend and publish as soon as convenient. Permission was also given to proceed with the handbook.

REPORT OF SUB-COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO PREPARE THE ROLL OF HONOUR

('Ringing World,' 2,097, June 8th, 1951, page 361.)

Adopted on the proposal of Mr. H. Miles, seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs, and it was agreed that Mr. J. W. Clarke be co-opted and that further consideration be given to the cost of preparing the Roll.

REPORT OF THE FESTIVAL OF BRITAIN SUB-COMMITTEE

('Ringing World,' No. 2,074, December 29th, 1950.)

Adopted on the President's motion.

RE-APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

The President announced the names of the officers, past officers and conveners of committees who were ex-officio members.

On the proposal of the Honorary Secretary, seconded by the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, the following were re-appointed:—Messrs. G. E. Debenham, J. T. Dyke, F. I. Hairs, P. J. Johnson, H. J. Poole, A. H. Pulling, Alderman A. Paddon Smith, Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow and Mr. A. Walker, and as a result of a ballot the following were declared elected:—Messrs. E. C. S. Turner, C. K. Lewis and R. S. Anderson.

REPORT OF THE PEAL COLLECTION COMMITTEE

The following report was adopted on the proposal of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. C. W. Woolley:—

'We have very little to report, as our activities throughout the year have been very quiet. Steady progress has been maintained on the Royal and Maximus Collection.'

RE-APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE

On the proposal of Mr. F. I. Hairs, seconded by Mr. F. W. Perrens, the following were re-appointed:—Messrs. H. G. Cashmore, E. A. Barnett, G. R. Newton and C. W. Woolley.

REPORT OF THE METHODS COMMITTEE

('Ringing World,' No. 2.095, May 25th, 1951, page 331.)

Adopted on the proposal of the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, seconded by Mr. C. K. Lewis, and it was agreed to defer discussion on Method Extension.

The committee consisting of the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead and Messrs. E. A. Barnett, H. G. Cashmore, F. N. Golden and C. K. Lewis were re-appointed on the proposal of Mr. R. S. Anderson, seconded by Mr. H. J. Poole.

REPORT OF THE PEAL ANALYSIS COMMITTEE

('Ringing World,' No. 2,096, June 1st, 1951 page 345.)

Adopted on the proposal of Mr. W. Ayre, seconded by Mr. P. J. Johnson.

The following committee were reappointed on the proposition of Mr. F. W. Perrens, seconded by Mr. F. W. Dunwoody:—Messrs. W. Ayre, G. L. Grover and H. Miles.

REPORT OF THE RECORDS COMMITTEE

('Ringing World,' No. 2.096, June 1st, 1951, page 345.)

Adopted on the proposal of Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, seconded by Mrs. C. C. Marshall.

The committee—Mrs. G. W. Fletcher and Mrs. C. C. Marshall—were re-appointed on the proposition of Mr. F. I. Hairs, seconded by Mr. F. W. Perrens.

REPORT OF THE TOWERS AND BELFRIES COMMITTEE

Members of the committee reported verbally—see 'Ringing World.' No. 2,096, June 1st, 1951, page 345.

The report was adopted on the proposal of Mr.. J. H. Lewis, seconded by Mr. F. Sharpe.

The committee—Messrs. E. H. Lewis, W. Osborn, F. Sharpe and E. Alex. Young—were re-appointed on the proposal of the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, seconded by Mr. F. W. Perrens.

REPORT OF THE LITERATURE, PRESS AND BROADCASTING COMMITTEE

('Ringing World,' 2,096, June 1st, 1951, pages 345-6.)

Adopted on the proposal of the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, seconded by Mr. J. F. Smallwood.

The following committee were re-appointed on the proposal of Mr. R. S. Anderson, seconded by Mr. F. E. Dukes:—Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, Alderman A. Paddon Smith and Mr. A. Walker.

REPORT OF THE PEAL BOARDS COMMITTEE

A verbal report was presented by Mr. W. Ayre, see 'Ringing World,' No. 2,096, June 1st, 1951, page 346. The report was seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs and adopted.

The committee were re-appointed on the proposal of Mr. P. J. Johnson, seconded by Mr. R. G. Blackman, and on the proposal of Mr. W. Ayre, seconded by Mr. A. Ballard, Mr. J. P. Fidler was added.

REPORT OF THE BIOGRAPHIES COMMITTEE

('Ringing World,' 2,096, June 1st, 1951, page 346.)

Adopted on the proposal of Mr. A. C. Hazelden, seconded by Mr. W. H. Viggers.

The committee were re-appointed on the proposal of Mr. A. D. Barker, seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs, and it was also agreed to add Mr. E. A. Barnett.

REPORT OF THE 'RINGING WORLD' COMMITTEE

('Ringing World,' No. 2,096, June 1st, 1951, page 346.)

Adopted on the proposal of the President, seconded by Mr. H. Miles, and it was also agreed to appoint a new committee consisting of Messrs. J. F. Smallwood, F. I. Hairs, J. T. Dyke and H. J. Poole with power to co-opt and with full power to advance the price of the paper should it prove necessary to meet increasing costs.

Thanks for past services were accorded to the retiring committee on the proposal of Mr. W. Ayre, seconded by Mr. A. D. Barker.

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

On the recommendation of the Standing Committee it was, on the proposal of the Hon. Secretary, seconded by Mr. T. R. Butler, agreed to accept the invitation of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, to visit Lincoln.

BARRON BELL TRUST

A short discussion ensued as to the operations of this Trust and the difficulties experienced in the endeavours to obtain grants.

COMPETITION RINGING

The President reported as to suggested competitions proposed by Butlin's Camps. The Council endorsed the action of the officers in opposing the scheme and it was agreed that the President communicate with those Bishops who had given their support.

PUBLICATION OF MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES

It was agreed to ask 'The Ringing World' committee to consider the publication of those performances which could not be accepted as peals where these were rung by young or new bands.

VOTES OF THANKS

On the President's motion, thanks were expressed to the Bishop and Dean of Chester for the use of the Refectory; to the Chester Diocesan Guild, its Master and Hon. Secretary for hospitality and arrangements; to Mr. Edwards for peal arrangements; and to all incumbents and tower keepers for ringing arrangements.

On the proposal of Mr. A. D. Barker, seconded by Mr. T. R. Butler, thanks were accorded to the President, and Mr. F. E. Dukes expressed the Council's thanks to the Hon. Secretary, Hon. Librarian, Mrs. G. W. Fletcher and Mr. T. W. White.

OBITUARY

MR. CONOR O'BRIEN

Mr. Conor O'Brien, the distinguished cruising yachtsman, who died recently in Ireland, was in his early days a ringer of some ability. He rang up to London Surprise in the first decade of the century and was probably the first Irishman to do so. A correspondent suggests that he probably learnt to ring at Oxford. Later he rang at St. Patrick's, Dublin.

After his famous trip round the world in 'Saoirse' (20 tons) in which he logged 31,000 miles during 280 days at sea, the Dublin ringers sent him a congratulatory message, though he had given up ringing by then.

MR. A. KING

It is with regret that we learn that Mr. A. King died in Victoria, B.C., on April 15th.

Mr. King was a well-known ringer in London before going out to Canada in 1913. He was also at that time in the Metropolitan Police Force. Shortly after his arrival in Canada he formed one of the band of ringers at the Holy Rosary Church in Vancouver.

He volunteered for overseas service in 1914 and near the end of the war received a serious leg wound and was returned to Vancouver and placed in Shaugnessy Veterans Hospital. After leaving the hospital he rang regularly for the Vancouver band and then went to Victoria in 1938 and was an active member of the Christ Church Cathedral Guild in that city. In the latter part of 1951 his old injury began to cause him considerable discomfort and he entered the D.V.A. Hospital in Victoria where he died on April 15th.

The Christ Church Cathedral bells were rung half-muffled on the day of his death and also at the morning service on Sunday, April 20th. He was buried in the Military Cemetery at Esquimalt, B.C., all the pall bearers being bell ringers and a touch of Grandsire Triples was rung at the graveside after the 'Last Post.'

MR. A. MANN

The death occurred at his home on February 8th of Mr. Alfred Mann at the age of 83 years. He had been a regular ringer at Christ Church, Epsom, for nearly 60 years and rang his first peal in this tower in 1902. At one time his four sons and four of his daughters were all active ringers in this tower. He was a vice-president of the Surrey Association, being one of its oldest members.

The funeral took place at the Epsom Cemetery on Thursday, February 14th, preceded by a service at Christ Church which was attended by a large number of old friends and ringers.

A short touch of Grandsire Triples with the bells half-muffled was rung before the service by Mrs. Lathbury and Messrs. W. Lathbury, W. Harman, F. Smith, A. Winch, J. Beams, W. Robinson, and F. Oakshott, and at the interment a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells was rung over the grave.

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QUARTER PEALS

NEWPORT PAGNELL, BUCKS.—On April 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Stratton 1, E. Lathall 2, R. Abrams 3, H. Beard (cond.) 4, R. Evans 5, R. Howson 6, R. Hall 7, C. D. Harris (first quarter) 8. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. Lathall, who has been a ringer here for 44 years. Also a fifth wedding anniversary compliment to the daughter of Mr. R. Hall.

NORTH KILWORTH, LEICS.—On April 24th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): C. N. Bennet 1, P. J. Thomas (cond.) 2, J. S. Haynes 3, K. H. Rowland 4, D. Allsop 5. Rung half-muffled as a last token of respect to Mr. Charles H. Bennett, for many years a ringer at this church, who was interred this day.

NORTON, HERTS.—On April 27th, 1,260 Bob Triples: Pamela Willis (first quarter, aged 15) 1, J. Dear 2, E. Buck 3, R. Dixon (first quarter as cond., aged 12) 4, I. Werrett 5, M. Collins 6, H. Werrett 7, T. Werrett 8. Rung in honour of the Queen's 26th birthday.

PENTRE, RHONDDA.—On April 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. M. Roderick 1, E. Morris 2, F. Lasbury 3, J. Lovett 4, A. Hoare 5, G. R. Eyles 6, R. O. Fry (cond.) 7, H. Crabb 8.

PORTSMOUTH.—On April 16th at St. Mary's, Portsea, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Miss S. K. M. Knight 1, Miss B. M. Ball 2, P. Page 3, T. R. Taylor 4, A. Y. Bramble 5, L. D. Duguid 6, F. W. Rogers (cond.) 7, J. H. Hunt 8.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On April 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. M. M. Osborne (first quarter in method) 1, Mrs. J. C. Northan 2, Miss S. Booth 3, H. Corney 4, N. Philips 5, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 6. A silver wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Langstone. Also on May 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. T. Langstone 1, Mrs. J. C. Northan 2, Miss S. Booth 3, H. Corney 4, H. F. Perry 5, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 6. Silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Langstone.

SANDFORD, OXON.—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: O. Steel 1, D. Jones 2, W. Cross (cond.) 3, L. Larner 4, M. Perrin 5, R. Perrin 6. First quarter for 1, 2, 5 and 6.

SCUNTHORPE, LINCS.—On April 27th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. Lambkin 1, D. Hewitt (first quarter) 2, A. Hewitt 3, F. Lacey 4, G. Thompson 5, C. A. Harrison 6, H. Morwood 7, F. Lord (cond.) 8.

SELLY OAK, BIRMINGHAM.—On Mar. 23rd, 1,260 Bob Major: Miss J. Oates (first quarter in method) 1, T. Elliot 2, E. Large 3, K. Haslem 4, H. Haslem 5, W. Cartwright 6, J. Pinfold 7, W. Goodman (cond.) 8. Also on April 13th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Miss G. Plimmer 1, K. Haslem 2, T. Elliot 3, W. Cartwright 4, H. Haslem 5, J. Pinfold 6, N. Goodman (cond.) 7, F. Walters 8.

STOKE-HARTLAND, DEVON.—On April 21st, 1,260 Doubles (660 Grandsire, 600 Bob Doubles): R. J. Hicks 1, A. E. Bissat 2, A. J. Hicks (cond.) 3, C. E. Taylor 4, C. Sangwin 5, J. Rich 6. First quarter on the bells since rehanging. First quarter in two methods for all the band.

STYTHIANS, CORNWALL.—On April 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. C. Spencer 1, P. R. C. Williams 2, C. H. Drewett (cond.) 3, E. T. P. Field 4, R. G. Clemens 5, P. Stagg 6.

SWYNNERTON, STAFFS.—On April 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, half-muffled: R. Smith 1, W. Buckley 2, J. Kane 3, H. Hodson 4, A. Rowley (cond.) 5, W. Watkin 6. In memory of the Hon. Evelyn Fitzherbert, brother of Lord Stafford.

TANWORTH-IN-ARDEN, WARWICKS.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. W. Jones 1, R. D. Wilson 2, E. T. Lloyd 3, V. A. Hemming (cond.) 4, E. D. Wilson 5, J. Corbett 6. First of Minor 1, 5 and 6.

THORLEY, HERTS.—On May 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Barbara Warboys 1, F. Bird 2, Brenda Perry (first quarter) 3, T. Camp 4, C. Warboys (first quarter as cond.) 5, J. Foreman 6. Rung half-muffled for the late Miss Hale.

WANDSWORTH, LONDON.—On May 4th, at Holy Trinity, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Maxwell 1, Mrs. C. Watts 2, B. Lunn 3, H. Belcher 4, A. J. Phillips 5, J. Phillips (cond.) 6, J. Stephenson 7, H. M. Page 8.

YASS, AUSTRALIA.—On April 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Boutland 1, R. Burden 2, A. Botting (cond.) 3, R. Ferris 4, M. Minter 5, W. Munday 6. Rung half-muffled to commemorate Anzac Day, and a compliment to Mr. W. W. Curll on his 70th birthday.

LATE NOTICE

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION and CHESTER GUILD (Chester Branch).—Combined meeting, Northop (8) on Saturday, May 24th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, May 21st, to W. Cathrall, 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham. 775

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PEAL-RINGING TOUR. — Cornwall, July 12th—19th. A few vacancies for ringers available. For details write Box 717, 'Ringing World,' c/o The Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford. 717

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch.—Meetings for practice during the summer months have been arranged as follows:—Chaddesley Corbett (8), alternate Fridays from May 9th, 7.30 p.m., and Kidderminster (12), alternate Thursdays from May 15th, 7.30 p.m.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec. 725

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MEETINGS

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District. — Meeting at St. Neots (8), Saturday, May 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Own arrangements for tea; plenty of cafes nearby.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 723

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Evening practice. Downham Market, Saturday, May 17th. Bells (8) 6 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 728

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Grayshott (8) on Saturday, May 17th, 6 p.m.—9 p.m.—G. S. Joyce, Dis. Sec. 730

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Waldron, Sussex, on May 17th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. 706

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—S. and W. District.—Ruislip (8). May 17th, from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (obtainable nearby) and business to follow, with further ringing. Evening practice. Fulham (10). Thursday, May 22nd, 7.30 p.m.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., Seaford, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks. 710

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Monthly meeting, Escrick, Saturday, May 17th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Members bring own food. Cups of tea available.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 748

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District. —Quarterly, Saturday next, May 17th, at Fordingbridge. Bells 2.30. Tea 5.15. Ringwood bells in the evening.—A. V. Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 755

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch. — Bi-quarterly meeting at Wolverley, Saturday, May 17th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., 2s. per head.

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Derby, Ilkeston and Peak Districts.—Joint meeting at Wirksworth on May 24th. Bells available 3 p.m. Names for tea, by May 21st, to Miss K. Tivey, 232, Chellaston Road, Shelton Lock, Derby. 738

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting on Saturday, May 24th, at Manuden (5), near Stansted, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Thence to Farnham (6), near Bishop's Stortford, for tea and further ringing. Visitors are requested to bring own sandwiches, etc.; cups of tea provided.—G. Blake, Dis. Sec., Teesta, Jack's Hatch, Epping Upland, Essex. 911

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Cromhall (6), May 24th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify for tea, by May 22nd, Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 756

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Quarterly, Burghill, May 24th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Number for tea, May 20th, to J. W. Downs, The Cottage, Roundway, South Bank Road, Hereford. 762

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—A combined practice at Worthen, Saturday, May 24th. Bells (6) 4 p.m. 750

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. — Barkway, May 24th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special method, St. Clement's. —E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 765

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Annual District meeting, May 24th, Mansfield. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. (price 2s. 6d.) for all who notify, **not later** than Tuesday, May 20th, Mrs. J. Staniforth, 150, Narborough Road South, Leicester. 726

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at St. John's, Farnworth, on Saturday, May 24th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Business meeting follows tea. Cups of tea provided.—Peter Grant, Hon. Sec. 769

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District. — Broughton Astley, May 24th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea, at Social Club, 5. Names, please, by 21st, to Mr. Drury, Willowbrook, Cosby Road, Broughton Astley. 759

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Meeting at Buckminster, Saturday, May 24th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Names, by the 21st, to Mr. T. Simpkins.—J. H. Cook. 757

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Annual meeting, Metheringham, May 24th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, by Tuesday previous, to C. Brown, 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln.—F. Lord.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Wainfleet St Mary, Saturday, May 24th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5. Names for tea, by Monday, May 19th, to Mr. H. Wright, Council Houses, Wainfleet Bank, Skegness. 766

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting at Netherseale, Saturday, May 24th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. W. Cotton, Overseale. 772

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD and PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — A joint meeting will be held at Stony Stratford on Saturday, May 24th. Bells (8) at 2.30. Service 3.30 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify me by May 19th?—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 721

CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING LINCOLN

Members and wives (or husbands) will be entertained to tea on Tuesday, June 3rd, following the meeting. Will members please apply for tickets before Thursday, May 29th, to Mrs. A. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Spalding, when tickets will be forwarded or reserved for them. 767

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Thame on May 24th. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4. Tea for those who notify me by May 20th.—H. Badger, Branch Sec., North Street, Thame. 716

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Meeting, Chalfont St. Peter, Saturday, May 24th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by May 19th.—Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 751

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch. — Rothersthorpe, May 24th. Names for tea to Mr. Eric Nobles, Hon. Branch Sec., 48, Millway, Duston. Bus leaves Weston Street car park, Northampton 2 and 3.15 p.m. 763

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—Meeting of the Branch will be held at Cottesmore on Saturday, May 24th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Notify for tea to S. H. Towell, Hon. Sec., 25, West Road, Oakham. 774

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Joint meeting with Crewe Branch of CHESTER GUILD. — Market Drayton (8) on May 4th. Ringing at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, before May 21st, to Mr. F. Price, The Grove, Bentley's Road, Market Drayton.—G. C. Bagley, Hon. Sec. 768

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.—Saturday, May 24th. Meeting for ringers wishing to practise on ten bells. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea 5, only for those notifying, by May 21st. R. C. Hide 1, Priory Place, Southover, Lewes.

THE NORTH BEDFORDSHIRE FIVE-BELL FESTIVAL will be held on May 24th. All ringers are invited to attend.. Renhold 2.15 —3.15; Wilden 3.30—4.30; Great Barford 6—8. Tea at the Anchor, Great Barford, 5. Names for tea must be sent, by May 21st, to Miss M. Pettitt, Bedford Hill, Great Barford. 713

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Bi-quarterly meeting, May 24th. Coach leaves Birmingham at 1.30 p.m.. Ringing at Shustoke (6), Kingsbury (5), Grendon (6), Polesworth (6), Tamworth (8). Numbers limited. Please notify early.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Phone: SPR 1025. 731

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting at Godstone May 24th. Bells (8) 3. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Names for tea, by May 21st, to J. W. Knight, 92, Coldshott, Oxted. 719

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch. — Meeting, Earls Croome, Saturday, May 24th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, by Tuesday, May 20th, to E. T. Cubberley, Park Cottages, Kempsey, near Worcester. 771

BENGEO, HERTFORD.—Dedication of recast ring of eight as part of Village War Memorial, Sunday, May 25th, 6.30 p.m. Service by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of St. Albans. Bells available until 9 for visitors. 760

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Stonham Aspal (10). Ringing Sunday May 25th. Ringing 2.30. Service 3.30. Tea 5. Ringing until 9. Names for tea, by May 17th, to W. J. Button, Stonham Aspal, Stowmarket 704

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bath District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Bathford (6) on Saturday, May 31st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. S. S. Woodburn, The Bungalow, Cranwells, Weston Park. 747

NORWICH ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Meeting, Gressenhall (6), May 31st. Service 4.30. Tea in Village Hall for those who apply, by 28th, to Mr. G. T. Bunning, Gressenhall Green, E. Dereham, Norfolk.—W. J. Eldred, Branch Sec. 752

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting, Cheriton, Saturday, May 31st. Bells (6) 2. Service 4. Tea 4.45 in Bricklayer's Arms. Names for tea, by previous Monday, to Mr. J. A. C. King, 29, Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester. 754

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Annual meeting, Chelmsford, Whit Monday, June 2nd. Service in the Cathedral 11 a.m., preacher the Very Reverend G. E. Gordon, M.A., Provost of Chelmsford Cathedral. Meeting to follow in the Chapter House. Lunch at the Cathedral Hall 1.30 p.m., members 3s., non-resident members and non-members 4s. Tea will be served as a running buffet in the Cathedral Hall from 4.30 p.m. until 6 p.m. at 1s. 6d. per head. Bells available: Cathedral (13) 9.30 a.m to 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. The following bells are available from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.: Great Baddow (8), Boreham (8), Great Waltham (8), Galleywood (8), Writtle (8), Widford (8), Broomfield (6), Danbury (6), Springfield (6), Sandon (6), Little Baddow (5). Applications for lunch and tea tickets to the general secretary not later than May 26th, to be prepaid, enclosing stamped addressed envelope for the return of the tickets.—Robert C. Heazel, Hon. Sec., The School House, Wimbish, Saffron Walden. 764

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival and meeting, Coalbrookdale (10), Whit Monday, June 2nd. Service 3.30. Tea 4.15. Annual meeting 5. Bells available 11 a.m.; also Broseley (8), Much Wenlock (8) for parties. Names for tea, by May 29th, to Rev. E. G. Benson, Presteigne Rectory, Rads. 714

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Daventry on Whit Monday, June 2nd. Guild committee meet at 2 p.m., Abbey Buildings. Service 3 p.m., Parish Church. Tea in Abbey Buildings at 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to reach me by Saturday, May 24th. Bells available: Braunston 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.; Byfield and Great Brington 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Whilton, Lower Heyford and Harpole 11 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.; Weedon 12 noon to 2.30 p.m.; Staverton, Newnham and Badby 1 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. and Daventry 1 p.m. onwards. Bells available after meeting announced later. Please make an effort to attend and note proposed alterations to Rules as printed on leaflets in reports.—R. C. Noon, 3, Denton Road, Brafield, Northants.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual Festival at St. Barnabas', Bromborough, Saturday, June 7th. Service at 3.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Tickets for tea (3s.) obtainable from Branch secretaries, who are requested to forward numbers sold to Mr. A. J. Martin, 19, Faloon Road, Birkenhead, not later than Tuesday, June 3rd. Towers available: Eastham, Port Sunlight, Bebington and Bromborough, 1—3 p.m. and after the meeting. Cathedral en route by arrangement with Mr. P. Swindley, 71, Prenton Place, Chester.—J. Kingdon, Hon. Sec. 746

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at Brize-Norton on Saturday, June 7th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify, by June 5th, Miss Lottie Pimm, High Street, Eynsham, Oxford. 761

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SOUTHWELL GUILD (Nottingham District) and LEICESTER GUILD (Melton District). — Joint meeting at Melton Mowbray, Saturday, June 7th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, Colles Hall, 5. Names **must** be sent to Mr. H. Clayton, 17, Bayswater Road.—S. P. M. Lewin, J. H. Cook, Joint Secretaries. 758

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Shield contest at Penistone, June 14th, open to all members. Entrance fee 10s. per company. All entries must reach me not later than June 7th. —D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 18, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 770

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

East Devon Branch

The quarterly meeting of the East Devon Branch was held at Feniton on May 3rd and attended by 31 members.

The Guild service was held in the Parish Church conducted by the Rev. A. G. Chappell (Vicar) and the lesson was read by the president (Preb. E. V. Cox). An excellent tea was provided by Mrs. Chappell and the lady ringers of Feniton.

The Branch chairman (the Rev. H. Taylor) presided at the business meeting, supported by the Vicar, Brig.-Gen. Acland and the president.

There was some excellent ringing during the afternoon, methods rung being Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor and a very good touch of Grandsire Doubles by all ladies.

Votes of thanks were accorded to Mrs. Chappell and her helpers for an excellent tea, the organist and, last but not least, the organ blower.

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MERTON COLLEGE BELLS

THERE are some towers in which the peal ringer and tower visitor take a special pride in writing in their records. Among these is Merton College, Oxford, not because of the special tonal qualities of the bells but because of the curious ringing gallery. This gallery extends round the four sides of the tower above the arches; and the ringers stand, two on each side, behind the balustrades of the gallery. There is an opening in the centre some 20ft. square, and the ringer looks down from the gallery into the chapel some 60ft. below. From time to time references have been made in 'The Ringing World' to the difficulties of peal ringing at Merton with its widely-spaced circle and open centre. The bells, with a 28 cwt. tenor, hang approximately 20ft. above the gallery with only the carved oak ceiling between.

These bells have a long history, and Mr. Frederick Sharpe, in volume iii. of 'The Church Bells of Oxfordshire,' delves into their history very methodically. The present eight were cast by Christopher Hodson in 1680, and they have the unique distinction of being the oldest complete ring of eight in existence by one founder. Each bell retains its canons and has been quarter turned. The massive oak frame made by Messrs. White, of Appleton, is to the pattern of the former century frame.

According to G. C. Brodrick's 'Memorials of Merton College' (1885), these bells were mentioned in the Burser's rolls as early as 1288, and were later increased to five. Some of them were cast when the massive tower was rebuilt in the 15th century. Anthony Wood, who often rang here in the 17th century, mentions that the tenor was reputed to be the finest bell in England. It was during his lifetime that these bells passed through the furnace at the hands of Michael Darbie, an itinerant bellfounder who received the sanction of the sub-warden to recast the five ancient bells into a ring of eight. Wood gives this account of the first occasion on which the bells were rung:—

'1657. May 14th. All the eight bells of Merton Coll(ege) did begin to ring. And he (Anthony Wood) heard them ring very well at his approach to Oxon in the evening, after he had taken his rambles all that day about the country to collect monuments. The bells did not at all please the curious and critical hearer. However, he plucked at them often with some of his fellow-colleagues for recreation sake. They were all afterwards recast, and the belfry wherein the ringers stood (which was a little below the arches of the tower, for while the five hanged the ringers stood on the ground), being built of bad timber, was plucked down also; and after the bells were put up againe, this belfry, that now is above the arches, was new made and a window was made to give light.'

In another reference Wood strongly condemns Darbie and Dr. Jones, the sub-warden, of stealing metal from the original bells. Writing in December, 1675, he records that his mother and two brothers gave towards the casting of the bells, and adds: 'They being so cast, severall were found to be ugly dead bells for the truth is (that) . . . Darby who cast them stole a great deal of mettle from them (and Jones they say complice with him); and whereas the old tenor was the best bell in England, this is now the worst.'

When Christopher Hodson came to Oxford for the purpose of recasting Great Tom, the Merton authorities engaged him to recast their ring. This took place in 1680, and Hodson received about £300 for his work and some metal. Merton bells, however, are not considered to be of outstanding quality, but Mr. Sharpe suggests that they would not sound so harsh to the listener outside the tower if the belfry windows were properly treated for bell acoustics. Originally in Hodson's days the bells were rung from the ground floor.

Anthony Wood and his contemporary ringers must have had exceptional skill in controlling these bells with a 28 cwt. tenor and 20 cwt. seventh with such a long length of rope and the primitive methods of hanging then in vogue.

Merton was not the only college that Michael Darbie succeeded in persuading to convert their ancient five into eight. At New College, four of his bells remain, the present third, fourth, eighth and tenor. He tried to use his persuasive tongue with the authorities at Magdalen. The ten at Magdalen in Mr. Sharpe's opinion are among the best in the country, and comprise one of the best examples of 'old standard' tuning. The treble, second and fifth are by Abel Rudhall, and the third and fourth by Abraham Rudhall I. The oldest bell in the tower, the seventh, is by William Dawe, of London, circa 1410. The tenor, of approximately 19 cwt., was cast with the sixth in 1623 by Ellis Knight, of Reading, and these are regarded as some of the finest products of this post-Reformation foundry.

TEN BELL PEALS

DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 3, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.

*William Allman	*Treble*	Alan A. Potts	6
Fred Dunkerley	2	Edward Jenkins	7
Wilfred Stevenson	3	Peter Laflin	8
John E. Bibby	4	Walter Allman	9
John Worth	5	Joseph W. Whittaker	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by John Worth.
* First peal of Surprise Royal.

CARDIFF.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., May 8, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

*Thomas Yeoman	*Treble*	†George Francis	6
*Brynley J. Parry	2	Frank Rowsell	7
*Jacqueline S. Evans	3	*A. Ryan Price	8
Frederick J. Bailey	4	*Rodney B. Meadows	9
*Donald G. Clarke	5	William Dare	*Tenor*

Composed by Henry Johnson. Conducted by Rodney B. Meadows.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman as conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

SILVERDALE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 14, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Luke,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb.

John Beardmore	*Treble*	Eric Nixon	5
June Marie Henshaw	2	Fredk E. Wilshaw	6
G. Arnold Moore	3	Charles H. Page	7
Kenneth Mackintosh	4	Fredk. Wm. Grocott	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Fredk. Wm. Grocott.

DARESBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 28, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in E.

Walter Allman	*Treble*	Harry Parker	5
Cecil Raddon	2	*William Allman	6
Henry O. Baker	3	John E. Bibby	7
Harold Worrall	4	*Harry Howard	*Tenor*

Composed by H. Earle Bulwer. Conducted by John E. Bibby.
* First peal in the method.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 3, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
At the Collegiate Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Cuthbert.
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt.

*J. Alan Ainsworth	*Treble*	*Edmund P. Crowdy	5
Margaret Fidell	2	Richard A. Gofton	6
Charles McGuiness	3	Roland Park	7
W. Norman Park	4	Denis A. Bayles	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Parker. Conducted by Denis A. Bayles.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

SUTTERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 3, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

William B. Dawson	*Treble*	John P. Morriss	5
*Philip H. Reynolds	2	Albert H. Bennett	6
Denis A. Frith	3	Jack Petch	7
Frank Dewey	4	†William E. Clarke	*Tenor*

Composed by John Reeves. Conducted by William E. Clarke.
* First peal of Major. † 150th peal.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 3, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

William R. Rich, Motor Repairer, Maidstone	*Treble*
William J. Rawlings, Special Traffic, Orpington	2
*Derek Riley, Booking Clerk, Ongar	3
Frank Bennett, Carriage and Wagon Dept., Brighton	4
Mark S. Lancefield, Loco Erector, Ashford	5
Ernest R. Warner, Passenger Guard, Guildford	6
Leonard W. Giles, Carpenter, Tonbridge	7
Charles A. Bassett, Per. Way Ganger, Wadhurst	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Frank Bennett.
* First peal 'inside' and first of Major. One retired and seven active employees of British Railways.

BROMBOROUGH, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Wirral Branch.)
On Wed., May 7, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Barnabas,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

Charles B. Pemberton	*Treble*	A. Trevor Sutton	5
Stanley D. Sutton	2	H. Stewart Bailey	6
*Charles Wiltshaw	3	Derek Parry	7
Alexander J. Martin	4	Frank T. Parry	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Charles B. Pemberton.
* First peal in the method. First peal of Major as conductor. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Joseph Goddard, interred at Bromborough this day.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Wed., May 7, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19¾ cwt.

George A. Fleming	*Treble*	Albert E. Whiting	5
Leslie C. Wightman	2	Walter W. Miller	6
*Frank Ruffles	3	Ernest E. Grimes	7
Walter Ruffles	4	Leslie G. Brett	*Tenor*

Composed by F. Nolan Golden. Conducted by Leslie G. Brett.
* First peal of Yorkshire.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., May 8, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip,
A PEAL OF 5056 CHILTERN SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 10 lb. in A.

John S. Walton	*Treble*	Terry R. Hampton	5
Muriel Reay	2	John Pinfold	6
John R. Mayne	3	Wilfrid F. Moreton	7
Arthur V. Pearson	4	George E. Fearn	*Tenor*

Composed by Henry W. Wilde. Conducted by George E. Fearn.
First peal in the method for the Guild, and by all.

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MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., May 9, 1952, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Washbrook's Variation. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*CYRIL S. JARRETT	*Treble*	JOHN BURLES	5
FREDERICK J. CULLUM	2	VICTOR A. JARRETT	6
FREDERICK A. MITCHELL	3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	7
GEORGE KENWARD	4	THOMAS W. BLEWITT	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.

* First peal of Triples in the method. Rung as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. W. Gorringe, a member of the local band, and Mrs. Gorringe.

BOCKING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 10, 1952, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE DEANERY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E.

HENRY PRATT	*Treble*	GEORGE SAUNDERS	5
*RONALD BOYKETT	2	JOHN WARNER	6
*ALFRED LITTLE	3	RONALD SUCKLING	7
STANLEY BONES	4	JOSEPH JENNINGS	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHT. Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.

* First peal in the method. 100th peal as conductor. Conductor's 50th peal at Bocking.

Rung to mark the 21st year of the Very Rev. Edgar Rogers as Dean. Also 77th birthday compliment to Mr. Farrow, of Felsted.

CLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 10, 1952, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	*Treble*	ANTHONY AGER	5
MURIEL REAY	2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	6
ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER	3	HENRY H. FEARN	7
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	4	*GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

* 100th peal for the Association.

HAGLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 10, 1952, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

GEORGE E. FEARN	*Treble*	JOHN S. WALTON	5
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	2	BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	6
MURIEL REAY	3	ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER	7
TERRY R. HAMPTON	4	HENRY H. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 10, 1952, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising six methods with 1,728 Bristol; 1,344 London; 960 Rutland; and 384 each Cambridge, Superlative and Yorkshire with 143 changes of method. Tenor 12 cwt.

DAVID W. BEARD	*Treble*	†JOHN F. GROVE	5
*MRS. R. F. DEAL	2	†CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON	6
†FRANK V. GANT	3	†FRANK B. LUFKIN	7
*FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN	4	*JOHN H. CRAMPION	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by DAVID W. BEARD.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise in six methods. † First peal of Spliced Surprise. First peal of Surprise as conductor. The conductor's 50th peal.

HORRINGER, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., May 10, 1952, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5072 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

ARTHUR F. BALLAM	*Treble*	PRESTON G. EVERETT	5
WILLIAM STANNARD	2	JOHN W. BANKS	6
*FREDERICK H. COOPER	3	FREDERICK J. BUCKLE	7
*DOUGLAS O. ROWLAND	4	PETER C. WRIGHT	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by PETER C. WRIGHT.

* First peal of Major. First peal on the bells since rehanging. To mark the birth of a grandson to the Vicar, the Ven. H. Norton.

LONG CRENDON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 10, 1952, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb.

KEITH F. BIGGS	*Treble*	NORMAN CORNWALL	5
WALTER LEE	2	HARRY JONES	6
ARTHUR NEWTON	3	ROLAND BIGGS	7
VICTOR HOLLOWAY	4	*SIDNEY YOUNG	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND BIGGS.

* First peal.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., May 10, 1952, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
J. W. Washbrook's Variation of Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 10 cwt.

ALBERT E. THOMPSON	*Treble*	*FRANCIS R. LOWE	5
ERNEST W. BEADSMOORE	2	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	6
WILLIAM F. WOODWARD	3	JOSEPH WM. COTTON	7
WM. GEOFFREY HAIR	4	HAROLD TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH WM. COTTON.

* 125th peal. Rung as a 79th birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., May 10, 1952, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb.

HOWARD HOWELL	*Treble*	SAMUEL BIRCH	5
ERNEST STITCH	2	MAURICE G. TURNER	6
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	3	WILLIAM DAVIES	7
*J. NORMAN HADLEY	4	RODERICK J. LEES	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM DAVIES.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. Mr. Howard Howell has now completed the 'circle' at this tower.

OVERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., May 10, 1952, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

JOSEPH WM. COTTON	*Treble*	FRANCIS R. LOWE	5
WALTER G. SOAR	2	PHILIP WHITAKER	6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	3	SIDNEY H. JONES	7
HAROLD TAYLOR	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by F. W. GROCOTT. Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

WARFIELD, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 10, 1952, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 13¼ cwt.

MRS. B. C. CASTLE	*Treble*	WALTER HUNT	5
*STANLEY G. DAY	2	†CHARLES W. MORTIMER	6
†LAURIE HALL	3	BERNARD C. CASTLE	7
WILLIAM J. BROOKS	4	†ERNEST ALLUM	*Tenor*

Conducted by BERNARD C. CASTLE.

* First peal of Stedman away from tenor. † First peal of Stedman.

WEST HALLAM, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 10, 1952, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,
A PEAL OF 5376 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

JACK BAILEY	*Treble*	DENIS R. CARLISLE	5
EDWARD C. GOBEY	2	DAVID J. MARSHALL	6
MARK J. BARKER	3	WILLIAM LANCASTER	7
*W. RODNEY HARRISON	4	MAURICE BAILEY	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by MAURICE BAILEY.

* First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor. The composition, now rung for the first time, contains the extent of 468 and 678. A farewell to the conductor, who is leaving for service with the M.E.L.F.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

WESTON TURVILLE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 19, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being eight 120's Plain Bob, four callings, two 240's Grandsire and thirty 120's, ten callings. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr.

*Bernard Collins ..	..*Treble*	Harry C. Jones	3
†Gilbert R. Goodship ..	2	†Roland Biggs	4
W. Lee	..*Tenor*		

Conducted by W. Lee.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles.

EASTHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Wirral Branch.)
On Sat., May 3, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in G.

*Hilary Muirhead (15) ..	..*Treble*	*C. Anne Muirhead (17)	4
Robert F. Ferris	2	†John Amer (17)	5
*Carol F. Jones (16) ..	3	A. J. H. Scott (18) ..	..*Tenor*

Conducted by Andrew J. H. Scott.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor. First peal of Minor on the bells by a band of Eastham service ringers. A compliment to the Vicar, Rev. J. Wright Davies, on his appointment as honorary Canon of Chester Cathedral.

WALTHAM ST. LAWRENCE, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 3, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Lawrence,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. in A flat.

*John W. Bolter	..*Treble*	*William Pearson	4
†Bridget Vass	2	Laurie Hall	5
Thomas C. Tilley ..	3	Stanley G. Day	..*Tenor*

Conducted by Stanley G. Day.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' Rung for the induction of the new Vicar, the Rev. C. A. Wilson.

WIGTOFT, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 3, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being four extents of Plain Bob, and three of St. Clement's. Tenor 16 cwt.

*F. A. Porter	..*Treble*	E. Fisher	4
J. W. Baily	2	†R. J. Toynton	5
L. H. Taylor	3	†R. Padley	..*Tenor*

Conducted by R. Padley.

* First peal. † First peal in two methods. Rung as a farewell to the Vicar and on the occasion of the birth of his son.

WOOKEY, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 3, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Matthew,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being ten different callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

*Mrs. H. L. Parfrey ..	..*Treble*	*J. Walter Smith	4
*Sidney G. Riches ..	2	Roger O. Fry	5
*Harold L. Parfrey ..	3	*William J. Cook	..*Tenor*

Conducted by Roger O. Fry.

* First peal of Stedman Doubles. First of Stedman Doubles as conductor. First in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. J. Cook.

STRETTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., May 5, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Matthew,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Consisting of one 2,160 and four 720s. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

Douglas Kirkpatrick ..	..*Treble*	Cecil Raddon	4
Eric Hornby	2	Henry Parker	5
Harold Worrall	3	Harry W. Howard	..*Tenor*

Conducted by Harry W. Howard.

MISTERTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., May 7, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Leonard,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Kent Treble Bob and Double Oxford. Two extents of St. Clement's and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb.

*†Frederick Watson ..	..*Treble*	*Peter J. Thomas	4
‡Bernard S. Payne ..	2	W. Arthur Riddington ..	5
John Bramley	3	†Ernest Morris	..*Tenor*

Conducted by Ernest Morris.

* First peal in four methods. † 50th peal together. ‡ 50th peal. Rung in memoriam J. Leslie Willars, of South Wigston. The conductor's 601st peal as conductor.

CASTLE ASHBY, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., May 8, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 720 each of Stedman, St. Simon's, Union, Chase, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

*Brian S. Cope	..*Treble*	George Care	3
Philip Jones	2	Ronald C. Noon	4
Harry Wooding	..*Tenor*		

Conducted by George Care.

* First peal of Doubles.

PUBLOW, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., May 8, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Double Court and Plain Bob. Tenor 21 cwt. 16 lb.

*Richard J. Bowden ..	..*Treble*	Francis C. Mogford ..	4
*Reginald G. Hooper ..	2	*Wilfred F. Webb	5
George Prescott	3	Jack R. Worrall	..*Tenor*

Conducted by Jack R. Worrall.

* First peal in seven methods. First peal in seven methods as conductor.

ASHCOTT, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 10, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 10 callings. Tenor 12 cwt. 21 lb. in F.

Leonard Derrick	..*Treble*	Herbert W. Knight ..	4
Marjorie Legg	2	Ernest F. Shearn	5
Michael J. Horseman ..	3	George Prescott	..*Tenor*

Conducted by Leonard Derrick.

First peal of Stedman on the bells.

BONVILSTON, GLAMORGAN.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., May 10, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being one 2,160 and four 720's. Tenor 12 cwt.

Trevor M. Roderick ..	..*Treble*	Edmund Morris	4
Alfred Hannington ..	2	Robert E. Coles	5
Rev. Ivor J. Richards ..	3	Gwyn I. Lewis	..*Tenor*

Conducted by Gwyn I. Lewis.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. Gilbert Thomas, Vicar of the above church, who is retiring after 34 years. Believed to be the first peal for the Society in Wales by a band resident in the Principality.

CASTOR, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 10, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. Kyneburgha,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's with varied callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

William Rose	..*Treble*	*Walter Longfoot ..	4
*Leonard Sharp	2	Herbert Goakes	5
*Frank Sisiney	3	Thomas Austin	..*Tenor*

Conducted by William Rose.

* First peal. A silver wedding peal for Mr. and Mrs. Longfoot.

KINGS BROMLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., May 10, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of London, Cambridge, Kent, Oxford, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

CLIVE M. SMITH	*Treble*	JOAN BERESFORD	4
PETER BERESFORD	2	WALTER J. COPE	5
DENNIS BERESFORD	3	GEORGE E. OLIVER	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. OLIVER.
First peal in seven methods by all the band and on the bells.

MOULTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 10, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Ipswich Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 16 cwt.

STANLEY E. BENNETT	*Treble*	THOMAS H. CHARLTON	4
JOHN G. AMES	2	CYRIL WANDER	5
FREDA OLDERSHAW	3	FRANK TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK TAYLOR.
Believed to be the first peal in seven methods on the bells.

NAVENBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 10, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven extents of combined Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. (No Bobs.) Tenor 13 cwt.

MOSES BILLINGS	*Treble*	PETER MASON	4
BERTIE BEE	2	RONALD APPLEWHITE	5
AMOS INGALL	3	LOUIS WILLDERS	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by MOSES BILLINGS.
First peal in the composition by all the band. Believed to be the first in the county and for the Guild.

HANDBELL PEALS

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., May 4, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
C.C.C. No. 17. Tenor size 15 in C.

ALBERT H. WARD	1—2	MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	5—6
DANIEL T. MATKIN	3—4	WILLIAM G. YOUNG	7—8

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

EPSOM.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., May 8, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT 74, HOOKFIELD,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 16 in B.

GILLIAN R. BRITTAIN	1—2	ALBERT J. ADAMS	5—6
EDWIN J. LINDLEY	3—4	*JANET M. BESANT	7—8

Arranged and Conducted by EDWIN J. LINDLEY.
* First peal.

LONDON, S.E.1.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., May 9, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
AT COUNTY HALL,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 16 in B.

THOMAS J. LOCK	1—2	*WILFRID G. WILSON	5—6
EDWIN A. BARNETT	3—4	EDWIN J. LINDLEY	7—8

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by EDWIN J. LINDLEY.
* First peal in the method on handbells.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(St. Ambrose Ringing Guild.)
On Sun., May 11, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT 22, YORK STREET, REDFIELD.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C.

ERIC SUTTON	1—2	JACK R. WORRALL	5—6
FREDERICK J. SAMPSON	3—4	*REGINALD G. HOOPER	7—8
JOHN F. PEDLER	9—10		

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL
*50th peal. First peal of Royal 'in hand' as conductor.



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CROYDON



ALLESLEY, WARWICKS.—On May 4th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: C. S. Aylett 1, Mrs. C. M. Carpenter (first quarter 'inside') 2, J. W. Taylor 3, P. Stone 4, H. G. Summers 5, D. A. Carpenter 6, W. A. Stote 7, J. W. T. Taylor (cond.) 8.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCS.—On May 4th, at St. Peter's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. W. Stone (first quarter) 1, Miss P. S. Gatty 2, Miss B. A. Carter 3, R. H. Wimpenny 4, J. B. Robinson 5, W. Harrison 6, D. Ogden (cond.) 7, P. R. Harrison 8. Also on May 11th, at St. Peter's, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. W. Stone 1, Miss P. S. Gatty 2, J. B. Robinson 3, W. Harrison 4, D. Ogden 5, R. M. Edwards (first quarter in method as cond.) 6. First quarter in the method for 1 and 2. Rung for the Sunday School anniversary.

BEDFORD.—On May 5th, at St. Paul's, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Thompson 1, M. Locky 2, Miss J. Pell 3, G. Salter 4, C. E. Jeffries 5, S. J. Woodcock (cond.) 6. First quarter of Plain Bob Minor for 3 and 4.

BERRINGTON, SALOP.—On May 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. P. J. L. Purslow 1, Miss E. M. Duppa, P. J. L. Purslow 3, R. Davies 4, R. E Purslow 5, E Fox 6, W. H. Lloyd (cond.) 7, A. G. Owen 8. First quarter on the bells. Rung to celebrate the marriage on April 26th of Miss Anne Cherida Holcroft, daughter of Sir Reginald Holcroft, Bt., and Lady Holcroft, to John Dewe Neville Lake.

BLAGDON, SOMERSET.—On May 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. E. Large (cond.) 1, A. Morgan 2, R. Woodyatt 3, G. Prescott 4, T. Kimber 5, C. Tansell 6, T. W. Lewis 7, W. A. Prescott 8.

CARDIFF, GLAM.—On May 4th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: A. R. Price 1, R. B. Meadows 2, F. Hannington 3, W. Heath 4, T. Yeoman 5, S. J. Hart 6, F. Rowsell (cond.) 7, J. Evans 8, W. Dare 9, S. R. Barker 10. A farewell to Rodney B. Meadows.

CARLISLE.—At St. Stephen's, on April 24th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): Miss A. Bousfield 1, J. Butterfield (cond.) 2, A. Hodgson 3, J. B. Porter 4 (first quarter 'inside') 4, A. Forsyth 5, C. Lightning 6. Rung in honour of the Queen's birthday. Also on May 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. J. Hayward (first quarter) 1, Miss A. Bousfield 2, L. A. Tremeer 3, J. B. Porter 4, A. Forsyth 5, J. Butterfield (cond.) 6.

CHARLTON MACKRELL, SOMERSET.—On May 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Butler 1, F. G. Sparkes 2, P. Eades 3, T. Look 4, F. J. White (first quarter as cond.) 5, A. E. Bown 6. Rung for the wedding of Mr. M. H. Buckland and Miss E. Eades, daughter of one of the local ringers.

CLERKENWELL, LONDON.—At St. James's, on May 11th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. L. Morris 1, Miss E. Wise 2, Miss M. Prockson 3, W. D. Prockson 4, G. A. Parsons 5, D. F. Harman 6, R. H. Begrie 7, F. C. W. Knight (cond.) 8.

CLEWER, BERKS.—On April 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Bird 1, Monica Howard (first 'inside') 2, R. Purchase 3, W. Butler (cond.) 4, G. Herd 5, C. H. Vitler 6. Also on May 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Monica Howard 1, A. Bird (first 'inside') 2, R. Purchase 3, W. Butler (cond.) 4, G. Herd 5, J. Brooks 6.

COMPTON CHAMBERLAYNE, WILTS.—On May 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Roper 1, J. Oakley 2, H. Abrahams 3, C. Holly 4, A. Haines (cond.) 5, J. Drew 6.

CRANFORD, MIDDLX.—On April 26th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: A. J. Phillips 1, M. V. Chilcott 2, J. Chilcott 3, J. W. Stephenson 4, J. B. Sansom 5, J. Phillips (cond.) 6. Rung for the wedding of Mr. Peter J Woodgyer, the local captain, to Miss Joan Sansom

CROYDON, SURREY—At St. John-the-Baptist's, on May 4th, 1,363 Grandsire Cinques: N. Brown 1, R. Davies 2, Mrs. W. Oatway 3, E. Razzell 4, Miss P. Steere 5, C. Parks 6, P Humphries 7, W. J. Rawlings 8, F. E. Mitchell 9, G. H. Humphries 10, D. D. Cooper (cond.) 11, W. Oatway 12. First quarter of Cinques by 1 and 8.

DENHOLME, YORKS.—On May 11th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: V. Bairstow 1, H. Oglesby 2, J W. Molyneux 3, J. Windle 4, A. J. Smallbones 5, L. Thompson 6, F. Dalby 7, W. Proctor (cond.) 8. In memoriam John Cooper, of Silsden, a life-member of the Yorkshire Association.

HALESOWEN, WORCS.—On May 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Greenhall 1, E. Woodall 2, Miss M. Tromans 3, A. H. Harris 4, H. Shilvock 5, T. Greenhall 6, L. Clissett (cond.) 7, J. H. Cox 8. A 65th birthday compliment to Mr. J. H. Cox.

HELMDON, NORTHANTS.—On May 7th, 1,300 Doubles (360 Stedman, 400 St. Simon's, 240 Plain Bob and 300 Grandsire): C. Hinton 1, W. J. Chester 2, J. Steel 3, M. Saunders 4, W. Yates (cond.) 5, H. Batchelor 6. Rung on the occasion of Mr. H. Batchelor's 70th birthday. He has been a most loyal and regular service ringer at this church for 50 years. The ringers afterwards enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Batchelor.

HENLOW, BEDS.—On May 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Dear 1, R. Fuller 2, Miss D. J. Hare 3, P. Meyhew 4, G. Dear 5, L. H. Bywaters (cond.) 6.

QUARTER PEALS

HERTFORD.—At St. Andrew's, on Mar. 29th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: F. J. Matthews 1, Miss M. F. Jackson 2, Mrs. T. H. Francis 3, J. R. Kemp 4, A. S. Carter 5, A. Cutler 6, A. J. House 7, T. H. Francis (cond.) 8. First quarter in the method for 3, 4 and 5.

HIGHWORTH, WILTS.—On May 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. J. Gardner 1, Miss M. J. Skinner 2, Miss H. J. Tesson (first quarter Stedman) 3, B. Bladon 4, W. W. T. Daniell 5, W. B. Kynaston 6, I. H. Trueman (cond.) 7, S. T. Chivers (first quarter) 8. First quarter on the bells since their restoration.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—On May 4th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: F. Hayes (cond.) 1, R. Coles 2, Mrs. C. Wilkinson 3, A. Newton 4, P. Baldwin 5, W. H. Plumridge 6, A. Clutton 7, G. R. Goodship 8, R. G. Hunt 9, A. L. James 10.

HURST, BERKS.—On May 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. C. A. Eeles 1, W. Hunt 2, H. Smith 3, C. A. Eeles 4, L. Hall 5, C. W. Mortimer 6, B. C. Castle (cond.) 7, F. Hicks 8. First quarter of Stedman by 1, 4, 5, 6 and 8.

HUTTON CRANSWICK, YORKS.—On May 3rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. Chew 1, T. H. Huddleston 2, J. Davies 3, J. B. Ibbotson 4, J. A. Parker 5, H. Parker (first quarter of Minor as cond.) 6. First quarter of Minor for 1, 2, 3 and 4. First quarter of Plain Bob Minor on the bells A 21st wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Huddleston.

KIRTON-IN-HOLLAND, LINCS.—On April 21st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: F. Bishop 1, A. Young 2, F. Dewey 3, J. Kemp 4, F. Leggott 5, J. Young 6, A. E. Flatters 7, W. E. Clarke (cond.) 8. In memoriam W. Barker.

LAMBETH, LONDON.—On April 4th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. A. Hales 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, Miss A. M. Castle 3, P. Devenish (first quarter 'inside') 4, N. G. Hollingworth 5, C. W. Ottley 6, E. T. Beauchamp 7, J. Bullock 8.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On May 11th, 1,280 Oxford Treble Bob Major: S. Smith 1, S. H. Symonds (cond.) 2, W. Jarvis 3, W. R. J. Poulson 4, M. T. Symonds 5, A. F. Turner 6, L. Pryke 7, D. A. S. Symonds 8. A birthday compliment to J. W. Symonds, grandson of the second ringer, and son of the tenor ringer.

LEICESTER.—On May 11th, at St. Margaret's, 1,280 Bob Major (heavy 8): Margaret Morris 1, 'Old Joe' Morris 2, E. Morris 3, W. Tanser 4, E. J. Clements 5, G. Olliffe 6, J. B. Bennett 7, J. Bramley (cond.) 8. A farewell to the conductor, joining H.M. Forces.

LICHFIELD, STAFFS.—On May 5th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Doubles (being one extent each of Reverse Canterbury, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas's, Original, April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Plain Bob and Stedman with 60 of Grandsire): A. Ager 1, G. E. Oliver 2, Joan Beresford 3, D. Bereford (cond.) 4, P. Beresford 5, M. R. Knight (first quarter) 6. First quarter in 11 methods by all the band and on the bells. Rung as a 20th birthday compliment to the ringer of the third.

LONDON.—At St. Martin-in-the-Field, on April 6th, 1,260 Double Norwich Court Bob Royal: Mrs. E. E. Davis 1, Mrs. T. H. Francis 2, Miss M. F. Jackson 3, Mrs. R. F. Deal 4, Mrs. C. J. Matthews 5, W. H. Hewett 6, F. J. Matthews 7, A. J. House 8, R. F. Deal 9, T. H. Francis (cond.) 10. First quarter of Royal in the method for 2, 3, 5, 7 and 10.

LYDD, KENT.—On April 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. Boulden 1, Miss M. Vantom 2, J. R. Cooper 3, Miss O. Boulden 4, R. Swift (cond.) 5, L. Terry 6. Rung as a farewell to the Vicar (the Rev. W. Britton), who retired on April 30th.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On May 4th, 1,312 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: E. L. Taylor 1, Mrs. C. W. Powell 2, C. W. Powell 3, H. G. Keeley 4, Canon C. C. Cox 5, G. H. Whitemore 6, R. Keeley 7, G. S. Morris (cond.) 8.

LYMPSTONE, DEVON.—On May 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss L. Pannell 1, Miss J. Terry 2, J. Newton (first quarter) 3, W. Panter (cond.) 4, R. Perry 5, R. Hill (first quarter) 6. An 80th birthday compliment to Mr. J. Guest (member of the local band).

MARKET WEIGHTON, YORKS.—On May 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Kneeshaw 1, J. Kneeshaw 2, F. Wilkinson 3, Irene M. Hall 4, G. Dowling (cond.) 5, T. Southwick 6. First quarter of Minor for 1, 2, 3 and 4. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Fred Kneeshaw, chorister and ringer at this church for over 30 years.

MITCHAM, SURREY.—On May 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Uden 1, E. H. Eveleigh 2, Miss B. Harris 3, H. Allen 4, W. E. Eveleigh 5, P. E. Allen (cond.) 6.

NORTON, HERTS.—On May 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Angela Willis 1, H. E. Werrett (cond.) 2, W. Collins 3, R. Dixon 4, W. Hitch 5, E. Buck 6, J. Dear 7, T. Werrett 8.

OTHERY, SOMERSET.—On May 9th, 1,260 Doubles (being 120 each Southrepps Pleasure and Clifford Pleasure, 240 Reverse Canterbury, 120 each Kennington and April Day, 240 Plain Bob and 300 Grandsire): E Bawden 1, W. Kent 2, C. Clarke 3, R. Short (cond.) 4, F. Sweet 5. First quarter in more than one method by 2; first in 7 methods by 1. Believed to be the first in more than one method on the bells.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.—On May 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss L. M. Bown 1, E. Bishop, jun., 2, H. Vaughan 3, C. Brasier 4, W. Hibbert (cond.) 5, A. F. Lewry 6, W. Rogers 7, S. T. A. Russell 8.

SAWLEY, DERBYS.—On May 11th, 1,272 Minor (480 Little Bob, 792 Plain Bob): O. Cripps 1, Miss S. Kilbourn 2, M. Bailey 3, W. Simpson 4, R. Harrison 5, D. Marshall (cond.) 6.

SHILTON, WARWICKS.—On April 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. C. A. Carpenter (first quarter in method) 1, Mrs. D. E. Beamish 2, Miss M. A. Bailey 3, Miss M. E. L. Beamish (cond.) 4, Miss A. A. Timms 5, Miss M. V. Godderidge 6. Rung for the birthday of H.M. the Queen.

SHOREDITCH.—At St. Leonard's, on Mar. 23rd, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: G. H. Cross 1, Mrs. T. H. Francis 2, Miss M. F. Jackson 3, Mrs. C. J. Matthews 4, Miss A. B. Stockdale 5, T. H. Francis (cond.) 6, F. J. Matthews 7, R. F. B. Speed 8. First quarter in the method for 2, 3 and 7.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.—1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major, half-muffled: V. Connell 1, J. Brett 2, E. Brown 3, B. W. Pettit 4, S. Dace 5, O. E. Broyd 6, A. Catterwell (cond.) 7, T. Bird 8. Rung as a mark of respect to the late Mr. William Keeble, of Feering.

ST. IVES, HUNTS.—On May 4th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: W. O. Noble 1, F. Warrington (cond.) 2, L. W. Fisher 3, G. Nicholls 4, H. W. Pratt 5, W. Ransom 6, A. Clements 7, G. H. Dunnington 8. Rung at All Saints' in the octave of SS. Philip and James.

STANMORE, MIDDLX.—On May 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss C. M. Hoare 1, E. C. S. Turner 2, J. Schofield 3, A. Wenban 4, G. Cheshire 5, E. J. Leversuch 6, R. Stoddard (first quarter as cond.) 7, R. Lambert 8.

STOKE-UNDER-HAM, SOMERSET.—On May 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rev. D. Ballard (first quarter) 1, B. Grinter 2, Mrs. E. S. Powell 3, W. Warr 4, J. W. Drew (cond.) 5, J. Bentley 6. Also on May 8th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): Miss S. Bishop 1, B. Grinter 2, J. W. Drew (cond.) 3, H. Warr 4, T. J. Setter 5, Miss J. Punnett 6. First quarter in two methods for 1, 2, 4 and 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Alfred Pester, former ringer at this church.

STREATHAM, LONDON.—At St. Leonard's, on May 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Charge 1, Miss M. Jackson 2, F. J. Mathews 3, R. Sanders 4, T. Welbourne 5, J. Chapman 6, J. Euston (cond.) 7, E. Wright 8. Also at Immanuel, on May 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. V. Parry 1, N. R. Phillips 2, Miss N. R. J. Noble (first quarter) 3, D. J. Woodhams 4, W. H. Brainch (cond.) 5, R. C. Cressey 6.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On April 27th, at Christ Church, 1,260 Stedman Caters: C. J. Gardner (80), 1, Miss P. Manning 2, W. W. Daniell 3, R. Townsend 4 G. Townsend 5, Miss M. E. Richards 6, E. J. Berry 7, H. Bishop 8, T. Townsend (cond.) 9, E. Vincent 10. Birthday compliments to ringers of 1, 4 and 5.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDS.—On May 3rd, 1,272 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. Scott 1, M. Hootton (first in method) 2, J. G. Newman 3, D. W. Beard 4, W. Twidell 5, D. Knox (cond.) 6.

UPTON BISHOP, HEREFORDS.—On April 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. P. Morris (first quarter, aged 15) 1, J. J. Webb 2, E. J. C. Davies (first quarter as cond., aged 16) 3, A. G. Hazleden 4, L. W. Phillips (first quarter 'inside') 5, G. A. Phillips (first quarter) 6.

WALSALL, STAFFS.—On May 1st, 1,323 Stedman Cinques: H. Howell (cond.) 1, A. Elsmore 2, J. N. Hadley 3, W. Davies 4, M. G. Turner 5, C. Wallater 6, S. Prestidge 7, A. T. Dutton 8, H. E. Green 9, E. Stitch 10, J. S. Eastwood 11, A. S. Williams 12. First of Cinques for 4 and 7. Rung to mark the official opening of the Memorial Gardens.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On April 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. Davies 1, A. E. Dobb 2, Joan Smith 3, F. Flint 4, D. H. Rooke (cond.) 5, H. T. Rooke 6. Birthday compliments to A. Edward Dobb (15) and Douglas H. Rooke (17).

WATERLOO, LONDON.—On April 20th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: P. Devenish (first quarter away from tenor) 1, J. A. Hales 2, Miss A. M. Castle 3, F. L. Blewer 4, N. G. Hollingworth 5, E. T. Beauchamp 6, C. W. Ottley 7, J. Bullock (cond.) 8.

WIDCOMBE, BATH.—On April 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. E. Fry 1, P. Bate 2, E. White 3, E. Fry 4, H. Newman (cond.) 5, R. Burgess 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. E. Taylor, wife and mother of two of the local ringers.

YAXLEY, HUNTS.—On May 7th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: R. E. King 1, L. Sharpe 2, B. Bell 3, W. W. Longfoot (first quarter) 4, H. Goakes 5, D. T. Austin (cond.) 6.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Lewisham District

Youth predominated at the quarterly meeting of the Lewisham District, held at West Wickham on April 26th, when fifty ringers enjoyed delightful afternoon and evening ringing, directed by Mr. H. Hoverd, Ringing Master.

The service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. Canon J. Hough (at whose invitation West Wickham was being visited), and his inspiring address on the joys of being a Christian was much appreciated.

The company were the guests of the local ringers for tea served in the Assembly Hall, the Rector being at the head of the table.

The Rector presided at the business meeting, where seven new ringers were elected.

Mr. J. Dafters read a report of proceedings at the committee meeting, K.C.A., at Ashford on Easter Monday, and, arising therefrom, the need for a supply of service books was again insisted on. A motion was carried urging the general committee to exert itself to the utmost to make sufficient copies available for use at all Association services.

Chelsfield was chosen as the place of the summer meeting, to be held on Saturday, July 26th.

Apologies for absence were read from Messrs. J. Hurrell, P. J. Spice and I. Emery. Mr. Hurrell was that day celebrating his golden wedding anniversary; Mr. Emery was unavoidably detained elsewhere by the demands for his services by his fellow-octogenarians. The district secretary was instructed to write to Mr. Hurrell and send the meeting's congratulations and good wishes on the happy occasion.

Mr. J. Dafters and Mr. E. Barnett referred to the passing of two old and prominent members of the district—Mr. H. Warnett, sen., of Lewisham, and Mr. T. Groombridge, sen., who had created the Lewisham District as known to-day. Tribute was paid to the memory of the two members in the traditional manner.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

THE annual meeting and Ringing Festival was held at Truro on Saturday, May 10th, with the bells of the Cathedral (10), Kenwyn, Kea, Probus (8) and St. Erme (6). Over 150 members were present.

The ringers attended the Cathedral evensong, which was sung by the choirboys and included an anthem. The sermon was preached by the Bishop of Truro and the lessons read by Canon Simcock, the Cathedral treasurer, and Canon Roxby, the Sub-Dean. After his sermon the Bishop presented certificates for long service to ringers who had served in towers of the Diocese for 40 years or more. Over 60 were eligible, and about three-quarters of these were present and went up to the Bishop's throne and received them. The Bishop also had tea with the ringers and signed all the long service certificates as patron of the Guild.

At the meeting all the officers were re-elected and a tribute was paid to Miss Symons, the president, for her splendid work for the Guild, and a vote of sympathy sent to Mr. Southeard, the Ringing Master, who was lying very seriously ill in Truro Infirmary, and expressing hope that he would soon be back.

The treasurer, Mr. S. Robinson, reported a balance of over £51, and the peal secretary, Mr. C. E. Lanxon, that 20 peals had been rung for the Guild in 1951.

Canon Gilbert stated that he had relinquished the secretaryship of the Mid-Cornwall Branch and that the Rev. J. R. Jose had been appointed to succeed him. Mr. Lanxon proposed, and Mr. Lander, of St. Stephen-in-Brannel, seconded, a vote of thanks to Canon Gilbert for all he had done in establishing the Mid-Cornwall Association.

It was agreed to revert to the old arrangement of holding the annual business meeting in February and the Diocesan Ringing Festival in July, the 1953 meeting to be held at Bodmin and the festival at Stratton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Bicester Deanery Branch

The annual meeting of the Bicester Deanery Branch was held at Ambrosden on May 3rd. The bells of St. Mary's were rung to Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob Doubles, Plain Bob and Kent Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Plain Bob Triples. Ringing on this fine eight (tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.) was enjoyed by all.

The Guild service was conducted by the Master of the Guild (the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg) who also gave the address. The Vicar of Ambrosden (the Rev. A. F. Gatehouse) read the lesson.

After tea the Branch president (the Rev. C. Cowland Cooper) presided over the business meeting when the following officers were re-elected:—President, the Rev. C. Cowland Cooper; vice-presidents, Mr. F. Sharpe and the Rev. Hugh Benson; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. C. H. Kinch; representatives to the Guild committee, Mr. C. Stockley and Mr. W. Baggett. Three new members were elected. Brill was selected for the next meeting on June 14th. It was decided to support the proposed increase in the Guild's subscription to 3s.

The Master addressed the meeting and suggested that, wherever possible, recruits should be found from regular members of the congregation.

The president suggested that a collection should be made at the Branch services as an appreciation of the facilities afforded to the ringers by the local churches.

The meeting closed with votes of thanks to the Master, the Rev. A. F. Gatehouse, the Rev. C. Cowland Cooper, Mrs. E. G. Jones and Mrs Busby, who prepared the tea, and Mrs. Harper, who presided at the organ.

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The Editorial Committee desire to impress upon those who ring peals or quarter peals the importance of a voluntary contribution to help balance the accounts of 'The Ringing World.' These contributions are vital.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. H. W. Badger, of Thame, a well-known member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, on May 8th was installed Worshipful Master of St. Mary's Lodge, Thame (No. 1763). He would be very pleased to attempt a peal with other members of the craft during his year of office. Will ringing members of the craft please communicate with Mr. Badger, North Street, Thame, giving Masonic details.

The quarter peal at Gorleston-on-Sea on April 22nd was conducted by Mr. M. J. Ling and not as published.

Congratulations to the Rev. D. Ballard, Vicar of Stoke-under-Ham, on his first quarter. Since his bells were augmented and rehung he has taken a keen interest in ringing and created a very happy spirit in the belfry.

The peal of Bristol Surprise Major at Chester-le-Street on May 3rd is noteworthy, as it is about 25 years since a peal in this method was rung by a resident band of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.

A correspondent asks us to correct two errors that appeared in the issue of April 11th, 1952, page 226. The peal of 5,056 Pudsey Surprise Major was composed by R. F. B. Speed and not C. H. Martin as submitted to us, and the peal of 5,088 Superlative Surprise Major by F. W. Grocott and not H. G. Cashmore.

The peal at Misterton, Leicestershire, carries with it a rather amusing incident in which the elderly local church cleaner played the 'leading lady.' During the first 720 the belfry door was opened, to the surprise of the band, to admit the aforesaid lady, who at once commenced her duties in the belfry, weaving her way between ringers, collecting buckets, brushes, soap and other various items and then entered the body of the church by the only other door to the much louder melody of buckets, pans, etc. All this and she never said, 'Good evening.' The band smiled in turn, but carried on.

Mr. S. E. Armstrong, who for 16 years has been general secretary of the Sussex County Association, has been appointed Master in succession to Mr. G. W. Cecil, who is leaving the county. Mr. B. W. White is the new hon. secretary. A report of the annual meeting at Brighton will appear in our next issue.

Mr. F. W. Grocott, of the North Staffordshire Association, has gone to Trieste.

The bells of St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, are now in order. There will be service ringing on the second and fourth Sundays in each month at 5.15 p.m.

Lavenham bells are now in ringing order, having been rehung on self-aligning ball bearings and fitted with a new set of proportionately graded clappers. The work, which is most satisfactory, was carried out by Mears and Stainbank. At a special practice meeting recently everyone present complimented the hangers on the excellent 'go' of the bells.

Members of the North Staffordshire Association who participated in the Easter Monday peal at Silverdale have a vivid memory of the last half-hour. There was first an attempt to break down the door and, this having failed, attempts were made to stone the ringers through the open window. The conductor, writes our correspondent, who was himself well out of range of the stones, forced the band to continue the peal and would not allow the striking to suffer.

Because of damage to the pinnacles at each corner of the tower of Holy Trinity, Hull, the bells are not to be rung. This is the first time, except during war years, that the bells have been silent on Lord Mayor's Day. Doubt is expressed whether the repairs will be completed in time for the bells to be rung for the Coronation.

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SOUTH OF ENGLAND RINGERS' RALLY

ANOTHER POPULAR BOURNEMOUTH GATHERING

THE sixth annual rally and George Williams Commemoration Dinner at Bournemouth on May 3rd proved to be the most successful function of this series so far held. Proceedings started with a ringing tour in the morning and ringing at Christchurch Priory and St. Peter's, Bournemouth, in the afternoon.

Canon A. L. E. Williams, Vicar and Rural Dean of Bournemouth, presided at the dinner at the Devonshire Hotel, attended by a company of 81. Supporting the chairman were the Rev. J. L. and Mrs. Featherstone and Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hughes, of London.

The loyal toast was honoured to a well-struck course of Grandsire Caters.

In a welcome to the visitors the chairman spoke in appreciation of the ringers of St. Peter's, a most loyal band who were also active in the work of the church. He gave a special welcome to Captain E. Samson, a former ringer and server at St. Peter's, Canon R. P. Price, the Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Featherstone and Mr. and Mrs. Hughes.

After referring to the muffled peals rung in memory of the late King, George VI., and to the ringing for the proclamation of the new Queen, Canon Williams said: 'I want to leave this thought with you. You have been ringing for great historic occasions. but may I remind you that you will never ring for a greater occasion than when you call people to worship God on Sundays in God's house. May you all be blessed and inspired in all your work.'

THE MEMORY OF GEORGE WILLIAMS

The toast of the evening, 'The Memory of George Williams,' was submitted by Mr. A. A. Hughes, who said he felt it to be a great honour and privilege to be asked to propose this toast in memory of that great man and ringer who lived to the age of nearly 92—George Williams.

He had known George Williams by sight and by reputation for a great number of years, although his personal contacts with him were few. Unfortunately, he had only rung with him on two or three occasions, but he used to meet him once a year at Central Council meetings.

The last memory he had of Mr. Williams was when the College Youths held a monthly meeting a few months before his death. He remembered Mr. Williams at that great age ringing the third to a course of Cambridge Royal absolutely faultlessly with his bell always in the right place. It showed that even at that great age his mentality was unimpaired.

He did not intend to go through his life history as many of them knew it already. He took part in over 1,500 peals and conducted over 1,000 on tower bells, which even in these days was a great record. His greatest worth, however, was his character. He was a good Christian, a good churchman and a benefactor to the Church. 'I know that to him his Church came before his bellringing,' said Mr. Hughes. 'He also had a very happy, lovable nature; he did his full share of public work, and his high integrity was very well known in his business contacts.'

'SPEAK FOR ENGLAND'

The toast of 'The Bells and Bell-ringers' was submitted by Canon Price, who said they heard very occasionally of certain kinds of friction—perhaps between the parson and the ringers, but that was not the case in their part of the world and they all felt that the ringers were a very real and living part of the family of the Church and as clergy they were very grateful for it.

'The ringers do a great work for the Church and for the national life. They speak for England and I do feel that the church bells do that and the men and women who ring them.

'We live in a difficult age. A young soldier was stationed at Salisbury and was asked what he thought of the city. He replied that he saw a "smashing movie" there. Fancy living in the city of Salisbury, beneath the shadow of that great spire, and the only thing you bring away is the remembrance of a "synthetic blonde"! The Church has to try to bring back a truer sense of proportion and we clergy feel that you play a great part in the life of the Church and in the life of England.

'We are united in our admiration and gratitude for the devotion of those who ring the bells. It is good to see in these days in this room so many young people to carry on this great craft. Bell-ringing does help people to keep young, and in that respect I must mention George Preston, who is an inspiration at Christchurch Priory, leading the ringers up to the tower every Sunday and afterwards into the church.'

NON-RINGING WIVES

Mr. W. B. Cartwright thanked Canon Price for proposing the toast, but regretted that he had not read 'The Ringing World's' leading article about ringers' wives. If he had he would certainly have mentioned the ladies who stayed at home when other people went ringing. They owed a lot to those non-ringing wives and they should be definitely included in the toast list.

'The Visitors' was submitted in humorous vein by the Rev. J. L. Featherstone, who said he was deeply moved by Mr. Cartwright's reference to the ladies, which reminded him of the days when Sylvia Pankhurst was fighting for votes for women. She was making an eloquent appeal at Hyde Park Corner and caused amusement by shouting, 'Where would you men be if it were not for us women?' A little Cockney's voice answered from the back, 'In the Garden of Eden, Ma, eating strawberries.' He thanked Mrs. Hughes for her handbell selections, which really brought out the magic of the bells.

Mr. W. G. West, general secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, replied, and he had a special word of thanks for Mr. Arthur Davis and the organising committee for the excellence of the arrangements. The previous day he was looking through the peal records of a Salisbury tower and noted that it was recorded that Mrs. Williams rang 1–2 to a handbell peal. Mr. Williams thought apparently that it was just as well to get the ladies interested.

The high standard of the musical entertainment was a feature of the evening. Songs and duets were sung by Miss Pamela Stone and Mr. Charles Beresford, with Mr. Johnston as accompanist. They are members of the staff of Canford School, Wimborne, where a serious attempt is being made to form a change ringing band from among students at the school. Mrs. A. A. Hughes' handbell selections were exquisite and she held her audience spellbound by her artistry. She played Grieg's 'Solveg Song,' Dvorak's 'Humoresque,' Haydn's 'Brown Birds Singing,' and Elgar's 'Land of Hope and Glory,' with Mr. Johnston proving an expert accompanist on the piano. Bournemouth ringers hope that Mr. and Mrs. Hughes will come again next year. Change ringing on handbells included 216 Spliced Major by W. E. Young, Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay, W. T. Matkin and R. Hurst, and a course of Grandsire Caters by Mrs. Marshallsay, Messrs. Davis, Matkin, Price and Hurst.

A hearty vote of thanks to the chairman, speakers and artistes was carried with acclamation.

THE COMPANY

Those present included Miss K. Barnes (Christchurch), Miss D. Battersby, Mr. M. Bazley, Mr. and Mrs. C. Beresford (Canford), Mr. J. Blatchford (Bournemouth), Mr. M. Buller (Southampton), Mr. P. Cannon (Betchworth), Mr. and Mrs. W. B. and Miss P. Cartwright (Selly Oak), Mr. W. Cheater (Ringwood), Miss J. Chick, Mr. J. Coles, Mr. C. W. Cooper (Stourbridge), Miss J. Cox (Southampton), Mrs. N. Crofts, Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Davis, Mr. B. Dykes.

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WHIT SUNDAY SERVICE RINGING

Lincoln Cathedral (12) 9 to 10.30 a.m., 3 to 3.45 p.m.; St. Giles' (Lincoln) (8) 8.40 to 9 a.m., 5.30 to 6.30 p.m.; St. Peter-at-Gowts (Lincoln) (6) 10.30 to 11 a.m., 5.45 to 6.30 p.m.; Washingborough (8) 6.30 to 7.30 a.m., 10 to 11 a.m., 5.30 to 6.30 p.m.; Harmston (8) 10.15 to 11 a.m., 5.15 to 6 p.m.; Nettleham (6) 10.15 to 11 a.m., 5.15 to 6 p.m.; Saxilby (6) 10 to 10.30 a.m., 5.30 to 6 p.m.; Wellingore (6) 9.45 to 10.30 a.m., 5.30 to 6 p.m.; Caythorpe (8) 10.30 to 11 a.m., 6 to 6.30 p.m.; Boston (10) 10 to 11 a.m., 5.30 to 6.30 p.m.; Grantham (10) 10.15 to 11 a.m., 5.45 to 6.30 p.m.; Newark (Notts) (10) 9 to 10.30 a.m., 5.15 to 6.30 p.m.

WHIT MONDAY

Conducted tours of the Cathedral 11.15 a.m.

Towers available:—

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Standing Committee meeting, Saracen's Head, 6.30 p.m. A room will be available in the evening at the Saracen's Head.

WHIT TUESDAY

Holy Communion in the Cathedral Choir. 8 a.m.

Council meeting, Cathedral Chapter House, 11 a.m. Members are requested to sign the Roll and be in their places by 10.50 a.m. Tea by kind invitation of the Mayor and Corporation of Lincoln, 5 p.m. Admission by ticket to be obtained from Mrs. A. Richardson.

Social evening at headquarters. Lincoln Cathedral (12) available 6.30 to 7.30 p.m. Other towers can be made available.

G. W. FLETCHER, Hon. Sec.

CROYDON BELL FOUNDER'S WEDDING

Mr. H. M. Howard — Miss R. C. Phillips



A MARRIAGE of great interest to their many friends took place on Wednesday, May 14th, at the Church of St. Barnabas, Addison Road, London, W.14, between Mr. Henry Michael Howard (a director of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston), son of the late Mr. Gilbert Howard and of Mrs. Howard, of Stafford Court, London, W.8, and Miss Rosamond C. Phillips, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Phillips, of Brook Green, London, W.6.

The bridegroom, who is responsible for the tuning of all bells cast at the Croydon Bell Foundry, is becoming increasingly well known to ringers all over the country. He has been exceptionally successful with the number of perfect splices which he has made since the war, and is also learning to ring at Fulham Parish Church under the instruction of Mr. Hugh M. Page.

The bride, who made a charming picture in a figured satin dress with flowered headdress, was attended by five bridesmaids in pale lemon spotted muslin. Dr. John Moor, son of Dr. F. Moor, of Norwich, who is a ringer, acted as best man. The service was fully choral and was attended by a large gathering of relatives and friends of both families, and by many members of the Croydon Foundry staff. Among those present were Brig. and Mrs. H. A. F. Crewdson, uncle of the bridegroom, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Craig (managing director), Mr. and Mrs. B. N. Newson (general manager), Mr. and Mrs. F. C. W. Stevenson (bell sales manager), Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Cannon, Messrs. J. Knight, B. Shallcrass, J. Spraget (belltuner), E. Poole and F. Ridge.

Mrs. C. F. Johnston, widow of the late Mr. Cyril F. Johnston, and Mr. and Mrs. G. Dodds were also present.

As there is no ring of bells at St. Barnabas', arrangements were made for handbells (specially cast for the occasion) to be rung outside the church by Messrs. H. M. Page, J. F. Smallwood, H. Belcher, F. W. Goodfellow and J. Chilcott, and a well-struck course of Grandsire Caters was rung, to which the bride and bridegroom listened.

About 200 guests were present at the reception given at 96, Cheyne Walk, Chelsea, once the home of Whistler, the artist, and later in the day Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Howard left for the Lake District for the first part of their honeymoon, after which they are going on to Switzerland and Italy.

On May 10th Mr. Howard was presented with a solid silver coffee service as a token of esteem by the staff and employees of Messrs Gillett and Johnston.

THE LATE MR. GEORGE WILLIAMS

Dear Sir,—Through illness I was unable to attend the commemoration dinner held in Bournemouth on May 3rd. I have been a member of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild for over 50 years and I should like, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' to pay a tribute of respect to that great gentleman and ringer, the late Mr. George Williams.

I enjoyed and valued his friendship for 45 years and our first peal together was rung 39 years ago. His life's work and devotion to our art is finished but the result of that work will live on for many years. His great heart of love and human sympathy, his charming personality and his never-failing courtesy were some of the beautiful characteristics which endeared him to all those with whom he came in contact. Little wonder was it said 'that to know him was to love him.'—Yours faithfully,

FRANCIS S. WILSON.

Lilliput, Dorset.

RUISLIP OUTING

Ringers of St. Martin's, Ruislip, visited the tulip fields of Lincolnshire for their outing on May 10th. Mr. W. Dawson, of Bicker, who met them near Spalding, acted as guide. Ringing took place at Sutterton, Swineshead and Bicker. The day's journey was nearly 250 miles.

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD

Presentation to Mr. E. Beadsmoore

The spring meeting of the Midland Counties Guild at Ticknall on April 26th was marked by a presentation to Mr. E. W. Beadsmoore, who was that day celebrating his 79th birthday.

This ceremony took place after tea. The secretary (Mr. J. W. Cotton) drew attention to the fact that the meeting coincided with Mr. Beadsmoore's birthday. He recalled that he joined the Midland Counties Association in 1890 and for 62 years had been a stalwart of campanology in the Burton area. During the last 40 years he had been captain of the ringers at Ashby Parish Church.

Mr. Cotton asked the Ringing Master (Mr. S. H. Jones) to present a gift to Mr. Beadsmoore on behalf of all the members of the Guild, and assured him that although the gift was small, it conveyed a host of good wishes.

As the gift was presented the members joined in according musical honours to Mr. Beadsmoore.

Other business at the meeting was mainly formal in character. Two new members from Repton were elected and it was announced that the next meeting would be held at Netherseal on May 24th.

Miss J. Cochrane proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar (the Rev. G. Evans), who conducted the service, the organist (Mr. W. G. Soar, of Ticknall) and the ladies who prepared the tea.

Prior to the meeting a peal was rung at Breedon-on-the-Hill which the ringers wish to associate with the birthday celebrations. On May 3rd, at Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Mr. Beadsmoore's native place, a quarter peal of Cambridge Surprise Major was rung by J. W. Cotton 1, E. W. Beadsmoore 2, E. Morris 3, W. G. Soar 4, F. Lowe 5, F. Bailey (conductor) 6, H. Taylor 7, A. Mould 8.

Following a birthday tea, Mr. Ernest Morris, on behalf of the company, wished Mr. Beadsmoore 'all the best' and spoke of their association over the last 45 years in meetings, practices and peals. The most notable of the last-named was the 'Ernest peal,' when eight Ernests rang the composition of another Ernest while yet another Ernest witnessed it. Mr. Beadsmoore seemed to have the secret of perpetual youth as he (the speaker) never knew him to be any different throughout the years. Mr. J. W. Cotton supported this expression to which Mr. Beadsmoore suitably replied.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Salisbury Branch

Some 30 members from 16 towers in the Salisbury and North Dorset Branches on May 3rd enjoyed their first ring on the pleasant light six at Donhead St. Mary since those bells were rehung by Taylors. They had been rededicated in January, and the local ringers had extended a warm welcome to the branch to hold a quarterly meeting there.

The Rector, the Rev. H. D. Peel, R.D., conducted the Guild service, at which the chairman played the organ and the secretary read the lesson. He spoke of the great pleasure which the bells gave to all who heard them, and as the church stands high on the downs the bells are heard over a wide area. After a very generous tea, provided by the local ladies, the short business meeting was held, two new members being elected from the Donhead St. Mary band.

The bells were again put to good use, and many of the ringers also visited Berwick St. John for a ring there before returning to Salisbury.

WENDOVER, BUCKS.—On April 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. A. Chapman (first quarter) 1, W. Lee (cond.) 2, Mary Chapman (first quarter) 3, F. Kirkland 4, R. Eggleton 5, N. Razey 6.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

NEW ZEALAND'S APPRECIATION OF MR. A. J. LANCEFIELD

Dear Sir, — By this time Mr. Albert J. Lancefield will have arrived back at his home in Ashford, Kent, after his visit to New Zealand and Australia.

The members of the Christchurch Cathedral Bellringers Society wish me to express their sincere thanks and appreciation for all he has done for them and in the interest of bell-ringing in New Zealand. Through his efforts and conducting, two peals were rung at Christchurch and also one at St. Peter's, Hamilton, for the opening celebrations, these being the first since 1903. In recognition of his valuable service to the Society, we were very pleased to elect him a life member.

It was with regret that we had to say farewell to him, but we know that back in England he will have greater opportunities for his talents and we wish him every success in the future.

Though we have lost the services of Mr. Lancefield, we are very fortunate in welcoming Mr. Fred Savage, of Bristol. He is now settled in his own home and we wish Mr. and Mrs. Savage and their children every success and happiness in New Zealand. We feel sure that all Fred's help and assistance our Society will continue to advance.

I cannot close this letter without mentioning how pleased we are to receive visits from Ray Idle, late of Northants. His place of employment is over 150 miles from Christchurch, but his interest in change ringing is such that whenever anything important is on, he is always willing to travel to Christchurch to assist. We hope that the day is not far off when he will be able to settle nearer our tower.

In conclusion, we send our best wishes to all ringers in England.—Yours sincerely,

G. N. SLOAN, Sec.,
Christchurch Cathedral Bellringers Society.

ANOTHER YOUNG BAND

Dear Sir,—I should like to congratulate the young Essex band referred to by Mr. Peter Came in his letter published in 'The Ringing World' of May 9th.

By coincidence, in May 2nd's issue, there appeared a report of a peal at Little Aston, Staffs, on April 19th, which was not only the first peal there to be rung by a local band, but all who had taken part had learned to ring during the previous 18 months. The average age was 16 years. Four ringers are members of Little Aston choir and three are also servers.—Yours faithfully, CLIVE M. SMITH.

Little Aston, S. Staffs.

GREAT ST. MARY'S BELLS

Dear Sir,—The bells of Great St. Mary's, Cambridge, are well known throughout the ringing world, and beyond that too, for they have on several occasions been broadcast. It was for these bells that the so-called Westminster Chimes were composed by Dr. Jowett, Regius Professor of Civil Law, in 1793; these chimes were afterwards copied at Westminster and then throughout the world. All the world listens to them every day before the nine o'clock news. Countless people would count it a tragedy if these chimes ceased to sound after 150 years on the bells for which they were composed, but we are advised that we must spend £2,500 on a new frame if the bells are to go on. This is more than it is possible for Cambridge to raise by itself, and with the kind publicity of your paper we would like to make a world-wide appeal for help to preserve the bells. Donations will be gratefully received and acknowledged if sent to me at Great St. Mary's Church, Cambridge.—Yours truly,

G. E. A. WHITWORTH, Vicar.

SUNDAY SERVICE RINGING

Dear Sir,—Many letters have been published in 'The Ringing World' re Sunday service ringing. This prompts me to write regarding the position of our ringing at Danbury, Essex.

During Spring, 1950, Messrs. E. W. and E. G. Roast formed a band of young ringers, whose ages ranged from 12 to 17 years. By Sunday, May 2nd, 1950, we were experienced enough to ring rounds and call changes for Sunday services.

The bells have now been rung for every Sunday morning and evening service for two whole years without missing a service, and also for early Holy Communion at festivals. Can any other tower record this with so young a band?

The band now numbers 18, and the bells are rung to many methods, namely, Double Court, Double Oxford, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's and Cambridge.—Yours faithfully,

PETER J. CAME.

Danbury, Chelmsford.

PEAL AT CRANBORNE

Dear Sir,—Owing to a breach of Rule 5, regarding membership, the peal of Stedman Triples rung at Cranborne on Sunday, February 24th, 1952, cannot be accepted by the Salisbury Diocesan Guild and will not be included in the records for that Guild.

W. C. WEST, Hon. Sec.,
Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

Melksham.

HODSONS OF ST. MARY CRAY

Dear Sir,—It is a coincidence that in the same issue of 'The Ringing World' containing the report of the octogenarians' peal, in which it was mentioned that I was born at St. Mary Cray, that there should be a reference in the editorial article to the founders of Great Tom of Oxford, especially the founder of the bell as it is to-day, Christopher Hodson. He must have been a splendid workman. It states that he was of London, and although we know there was a Hodson foundry in London, there is proof that the Hodsons lived at St. Mary Cray and had a foundry there, but I was never able to locate its site.

Stahltsmidt, in his 'Church Bells of Kent,' states that he saw in the baptismal register of St. Mary's Church, Cray, the registration of Christopher Hodson, son of John and Mary Hodson, bell founders of this parish. He goes on to say that after the failure of two other bell founders, the authorities at Oxford sent for Christopher Hodson, of St. Mary Cray, to recast Big Tom, and that he went there and cast it in Christ Church close. I hope to go there some day to see and hear it.—Yours faithfully, I. EMERY.

Bromley, Kent.

ACCIDENT INSURANCE FOR BELLRINGERS

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COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

Record Number of New Members

FAVOURED by beautiful weather the annual meeting of the Coventry Diocesan Guild was held in Coventry on April 26th. Members to the number of 132 were welcomed by the Provost, the Very Rev. A. T. Howard, in the nave of the ruined Cathedral.

A course of Stedman Caters was rung on handbells by Miss M. Beamish 1-2, T. W. Sheppard 3-4, F. W. Perrens 5-6, F. E. Pervin 7-8, A. H. Beamish 9-10, following which the Provost conducted the party to various parts of the Cathedral giving a very interesting talk on the history and future plans of the building. The party then descended to the Chapel of Unity where a short service was held.

Tea was taken in the Council House at the kind invitation of the Mayor (Councillor H. Weston) but in his absence in Jugoslavia the Mayoress welcomed the visitors.

The business meeting followed in the Council Chamber where the Mayoress handed to the Master of the Guild (Mr. F. W. Perrens) a beautifully-bound book inscribed in gold lettering to be used to record peals rung by Guild members from the year 1950 onwards. The peal book is a gift from the Mayor of Coventry.

After the departure of the Mayoress and the Provost, the business proceeded. The president (the Rev. R. R. P. Rigby, Vicar of Chilvers Coton) was unanimously re-elected, as also were the Master (Mr. F. W. Perrens) and the hon. secretary and treasurer (Mrs. D. E. Beamish). The vice-presidents were elected with the addition of the Mayor of Coventry and Mr. A. Roberts, an 80-year-old stalwart of the Guild since its inception. The hon. District secretaries were duly appointed—Messrs. A. J. Hinde for Nuneaton District, R. J. Edden for Stratford and Warwick District and J. L. Garner-Hayward for Coventry District. Mr. F. E. Pervin was re-elected as hon. auditor. There was a record number of new members elected—five from Coton, four from Keresley, one from Stoke, three from Kenilworth, three from Bilton, four from Clifton and eleven from Tysoe, making a total of 32. Salford Priors was decided upon as the place of the next meeting in July.

The balance sheet showed a balance at the end of 1951 of £32 17s. 11d. including a £20 Defence Bond. The balance in the Bell Repair Fund was £17 7s. and a collection at the close of the meeting added £4 to this fund. Nine honorary members, two non-resident members and 142 ringing members paid their subscriptions in 1951. Thirty six peals were rung during the year, two 'firsts' for the Guild being Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major on handbells and Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Royal on tower bells.

HANDBOOK PLANNED

According to a decision made by the members at the January meeting it was announced that a handbook was in course of preparation giving details of towers in the Diocese containing five bells and over for ringing, name and address of head ringer, times of Sunday service ringing and practice night, also names of Guild members and towers to which attached. The handbook and the peal book would, therefore, fill the gap made by the withdrawal of the report which was formerly presented every two years.

The members stood, just prior to the end of the meeting, to the respected memory of Mr. L. J. Hinde, of Bulkington, who had passed to higher service in January.

Ringing took place during the afternoon and evening on the bells of Allesley and Stoke churches.

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS, LANCS.—On May 5th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: T. Barker 1, J. Charnock 2, I. Jones 3, L. Walmsley 4, S. Tuson 5, J. Blackburn 6, C. Crosthwaite (cond.) 7, A. Hatch 8. Rung with bells half-muffled in memoriam Edward Ramsbotham.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD ANNUAL MEETING

AN OUTSTANDING YEAR REVIEWED

THE annual general meeting of the Leicester Diocesan Guild was held at Leicester on May 3rd and was well attended. The afternoon was spent ringing at the Churches of St. Mary de Castro, St. John the Divine and St. Margaret's, ringers having the choice of 8, 10 and 12 bells.

Following the Guild service, held at St. George's, where a large congregation was addressed by the Ven. C. L. Matthews, Archdeacon of Leicester, members and friends numbering 150 assembled in St. George's Hall for tea. On the platform were the Lord Bishop of Leicester, Assistant Bishop Hollis, Archdeacon Matthews, the Vicar of St. George's and his organist, together with the general officers of the Guild and members of the General Committee.

Opening the business meeting, the President (Mr. H. J. Poole) expressed his pleasure and that of the gathering at having the Lord Bishop and other high dignitaries of the Diocese with them. He regretted that the Archdeacon of Loughborough was not with them; it was the first annual meeting the Archdeacon had not been able to attend. Mr. Poole welcomed the visitors, among whom were Mr., Mrs. and Miss Beamish, of the Coventry Diocesan Guild. He then invited the Lord Bishop to take the chair for the meeting. On doing so, the Bishop said he looked forward each year to the annual meeting of the Guild. The Guild, he said, was a strong body of loyal church men and women and he rejoiced to hear the bells well rung—as they usually were.

A GREAT YEAR FOR PEALS

The hon. peal secretary (Mr. S. Burton) then gave his report for 1951. Peal activity, said Mr. Burton, again achieved a high standard in both quantity and quality. A total of 251 peals were rung, 58 more than in the previous year. The popularity of multi-method peals was a notable feature. Doubles in 12, 15, 17 and 20 methods were each the most methods rung for the Guild; the three last named were rung by the Syston District.

The 80 method Minor peal of the previous year was surpassed in 1951 by peals of 94, 105 and 126 methods rung by the Loughborough District. The last named was the greatest number of methods ever spliced into nine extents. A peal of 12 Spliced Major methods, rung at Bottesford, was the largest number of Major methods rung for the Guild. Peals of Spliced Surprise Royal in two methods were also the first for the Guild, and one peal of Spliced Surprise Maximus by the Cathedral band was the first ever rung in six methods.

New methods rung for the first time were Kent Treble Bob Fourteen on handbells, Wye Surprise Royal and Braunstone Surprise Major. Methods rung first for the Guild were Premier and Watford Surprise Major, Double Norwich Caters and St. Simon's Doubles. Four peals of Cambridge were rung in one day—Minor, Major, Royal and Maximus. The six ringers of the Minor peal took part in each of the other peals.

Forty-one members rang their first peal and 370 their first in the method. There were 44 different conductors, of whom six called their first peal and 43 called their first peal in the method. Personal 'milestones' were: 550th peal, A. Ballard; 400th, S. Burton; 200th, H. Bowley; 100th, J. Fidler, B. G. Warwick; 50th, C. W. Hall, E. F. Payne, R. Beniston, Jos. Taylor, H. Poyner, B. Austin and W. M. Burton.

Mr. H. G. Jenny, one of the Guild auditors, reported that the books and accounts were drawn up in a very satisfactory manner and that those concerned were to be congratulated on their work.

A DEFICIT OF £47

Mr. A. E. Rowley, hon. treasurer, reported that the General Fund, which included the sum of £88 6s. received from resident and non-resident members, did not meet expenditure by some £47. The expenditure in 1951 had been greatly increased by the high cost of printing the 1950 report and by the reprinting of the rules. It would thus be realised why a report was not being printed this year. The Bell Repair Fund had received, mainly from collections at services held at meetings during the year, the sum of £28 3s. 1d. The amount paid out in grants during 1951 amounted to £31 10s., leaving a balance of £144 2s. A new item, the Catering Reserve Fund, appeared for the first time in the balance sheet. It amounted to nearly £10 and was the accumulation of small surpluses from various occasions. It was hoped to increase this fund as, some time, the Central Council might be entertained at Leicester. There was now an accumulated fund amounting to £231 17s. 3d. in hand, compared with £273 4s. 10d. last year. The report was duly adopted.

The hon. general secretary (Mr. W. A. Wood), in his report for 1951, dealt with the wider activities of the Guild. Quarterly meetings had been held at Syston, Whitwick and St. John the Divine's, Leicester. At the Syston meeting it was decided to alter the date of the 1951 annual general meeting from May 5th to April 28th in order to leave May 5th clear for the Festival of Britain ringing. This was in accordance with the expressed wishes of the Central Council. Many peals, quarter peals and shorter lengths were rung. In many places the ringing was done at intervals during the day.

During the year, Mr. John Grant, of the Cathedral band, Mr. S. Coe, of Earl Shilton, and Mr. J. Needham, of Barwell, were made honorary life members in recognition of long and faithful service to Guild and Church. Oadby tower was, by local request, transferred to the Market Harborough District. Grants towards bell repairs were made from the Bell Repair Fund to St. Mary de Castro, Leicester, and to Swepstone. It was interesting to note that, to the end of 1951, grants totalling 125 guineas had been made from this fund. Already in 1952 a further 45 guineas had been granted, making a total to date of 170 guineas. These grants were additional to local efforts, and letters of appreciation had been received from the various parishes helped in this way.

ENCOURAGING YOUNG RINGERS

The total number of Guild certificates sold or ordered to date numbered 567. All districts continued to make progress, the number of meetings had been maintained and in some districts average attendance had improved. This improvement was mainly due to special attention being given to young ringers and to learners and to arranging ringing to suit their varying capabilities. It had resulted in much lower losses of new young members. One district reported that no members were lost during the year. The regular district outings had been held and there were some additions during the year. Another district was adopting the Hinckley idea of an annual dinner and social. These affairs did much to foster the spirit of friendship among members and their families. Joint meetings were held with the Nottingham District of the Southwell Guild, the Midland Counties Guild and the Peterborough Guild. The Syston and Melton Districts also held a joint meeting.

A most successful Festival dinner-social was held at Market Harborough. It was well attended, especially by the local people, and a first-class dinner was followed by a social that was enjoyed by everyone. The president gave a talk on bells at Walton, a small village in the Market Harborough district, possessing only four bells. The six local ringers had all joined the Guild. During August, the president organised a special gathering of the veteran ringers of the Diocese. Districts were consulted in order that no one was missed and transport was laid on. A very successful meeting resulted. Ringing took place at two towers; these towers were specially selected. The 26 veterans did justice to an ample tea arranged for them. One band of over 80's rang Grandsire Triples, their total age amounting to 659 years. The oldest ringer was 86 years of age and another had been ringing for 69 years.

The Guild membership was practically the same as last year, although during 1951 80 new ringing members and 23 non-resident members had been received into the Guild. The general secretary drew attention to the comparatively large number who were slack in paying their subscriptions. An increasing number of towers have now fully paid up members and it was to be hoped that the other towers would follow their example. There was no need to wait until asked before paying up; someone in each tower should be appointed to collect subscriptions and remit them to the local secretary. The thanks of the Guild were again due to the local officers and to all who had in any way helped to make the work of the Guild more efficient and who had helped to make the social side of the Guild such a success.

Mr. H. J. Poole was re-elected president, and the two vice-presidents, Mr. P. L. Taylor and Mr. E. C. Turner, were also re-elected, as were the remaining general officers, Mr. A. E. Rowley (hon. treasurer), Mr. S. Burton (hon. peal secretary) and Mr. W. A. Wood (hon. general secretary).

Bottesford, on July 26th, was selected for the next quarterly general meeting.

PEAL BOOKING FEE

The proposition of Mr. A. Ballard, seconded by Mr. H. B. Bowley, that a booking fee of 6d. per person taking part in a Guild peal be charged was, after discussion, carried. It was pointed out that this fee, which would come into force next January, would be of great value in helping to meet the ever increasing cost of printing the report.

Mr. Ken Roe referred to the recent peal of Surprise Royal rung at Loughborough. This peal had been rung under the name of the Guild and had been published in 'The Ringing World' as London Surprise Royal. Mr. Roe objected strongly to the name 'London' in the title of the peal. He, therefore, proposed that the peal should be recorded in the Guild records as a peal of Surprise Royal and not as a peal of London Surprise Royal, as no such method existed. Mr. J. Carter supported the proposition and it was made clear that the objection was to the name 'London' and not to the peal as such or to the ringers taking part. Other members took part in the discussion and the proposition was carried.

The Lord Bishop of Leicester, before ending the meeting with a prayer and blessing, congratulated Mr. Poole on his re-election, to which the president suitably replied and said some of the most enjoyable meetings he had attended were the five-bell meetings. Mr. E. C. Turner, on behalf of himself and Mr. P. L. Taylor, spoke of their appreciation of the honour of being returned again as vice-presidents.

Most of those present then moved to a more suitable room, where a social evening was spent. Games, handbell ringing and dancing were kept going until a late hour and, in the usual words, a good time was had by all.

W. A. W.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Presentation to Mr. W. Lancaster

THE annual general meeting of the Derbyshire Association was held in Derby on April 19th. Between 60 and 70 ringers, including several visitors who had cycled long distances, took advantage of a very warm day and enjoyed ringing during the morning at St. Andrew's (10) and during the afternoon and evening at the Cathedral (10) and St. Peter's (8). Mr. Freebrey, Mr. Glew and Mr. Taylor shared the duties of Ringing Master and the requirements of all were well covered.

The annual service was held in the Cathedral and in an interesting address the Provost, the Right Rev. R. S. M. O'Ferrall, made reference to the Diocesan Jubilee celebrations and gave a short history of the Cathedral with particular reference to the tower and bells. Mr. Heath Gracie was at the organ and the service included 'A Hymn for Ringing Festivals' composed by G. Campbell Grills. The Association treasurer, Mr. E. Fletcher, had gone to considerable trouble to ensure that sufficient copies of the words of the new hymn were available for the service.

A substantial tea was provided in the Diocesan House, adjacent to the Cathedral, by the wives and friends of the ringers of the Cathedral and St. Peter's companies and this was followed by the annual general meeting at which the chairman was the president, the Right Rev. R. S. M. O'Ferrall.

GIFT TO FIRST SECRETARY

After the chairman had given a hearty welcome to members and visitors, a presentation of an eight-day chiming clock was made to Mr. W. Lancaster, who was general secretary from the formation of the Association in 1946 until he resigned in 1951. Glowing tributes were paid to the work of Mr. Lancaster, especially during the early life of the Association. Mr. Lancaster thanked members for their kindness and said how much he and his wife would appreciate the gift.

The annual report was presented by Mr. A. B. Cooper, the Association general secretary. This showed that the Association as a whole had not maintained the very successful activity of the previous year. A special effort was made to mark the opening of the Festival of Britain, but in some Districts there had been a marked decline in Association activities. The Derby District had made considerable progress in peal ringing, particularly in advanced methods, and the members expressed their gratitude to Mr. W. Whitehead, of Hinckley, and Mr. F. W. Grocott, of Stoke, for opportunities offered in this direction.

A total of 49 peals was scored during 1951 as against 68 during 1950, the reduction being entirely due to a falling-off in peal ringing activities in the Chesterfield District.

The financial statement, presented by the treasurer, Mr. E. Fletcher, revealed a loss on the year's working of approximately £10. The largest item of expense was connected with the printing of the annual report and it was reported that the gentleman's agreement to introduce a peal booking fee of sixpence per ringer was likely to go a long way towards reducing the deficit. The treasurer appealed to District secretaries to ensure that all subscriptions were collected within the current year.

Election of officers.—Mr. J. Bailey had indicated that he wished to resign from the position of vice-chairman and Mr. W. Lancaster was unanimously elected to fill the vacancy. The treasurer, Mr. E. Fletcher, and one trustee, Mr. J. F. George, who retired according to Rules, were re-elected.

Alterations to Rules.—In order to ensure that the ringing arrangements at the annual and quarterly meetings should be fully covered it was decided to add the following clause to the Association Rules:—'The District Ringing Master shall be responsible for the arrangement of the programme for ringing at all meetings held in the District in which he or she is appointed.'

A proposition by Mr. George Freebrey in connection with the recording of peals aroused considerable discussion and after a vote had been taken it was decided to add the following to the Association Rules:—'Conductors of any peal rung for the Association shall, within one month, send full details of the peal, including the composition, to the peal secretary. The Association shall not recognise any peal for which the conductor does not comply with this condition.'

It is hoped that visiting conductors will take note of this addition to Rules.

Insurance of ringers.—Reference was made to the recent tragic fatality at a church in Nottingham and it was decided that an approach should be made to incumbents of churches where members ring to verify the position regarding insurance.

Peal booking fee.—After some discussion it was decided not to amend the Association Rules to include a condition about peal booking fees but to continue the gentleman's agreement to pay sixpence per ringer for each peal rung for the Derbyshire Association.

Vote of thanks.—Mr. F. Adams, the Chesterfield District chairman, proposed a vote of thanks to all who had helped towards a very successful meeting and tea. This was supported by Mr. D. Carlisle and passed with acclamation.

FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World' of May 24th, 1912

THE LATE MR. J. PETTIT

The death of Mr. James Pettit has removed a well-known figure from the ranks of the Exercise, one whose gentleness of nature, quiet dignity and personal charm won the affection, as it commanded the respect, of all who knew him. It was with the College Youths . . . . that he rang most of his peals, and, as leader for many years of the St. Paul's Cathedral band, in its ranks he occupied a most prominent position. Born on April 25th, 1834, Mr. Pettit [rang his first peal] on December 3rd, 1857, and thereafter he took part in most of the notable performances by the Society, [including] 8,448 Kent Treble Bob Major at Bethnal Green on March 3rd, 1866 . . . . while two years later he was one of the band that rang the 15,840 of Kent Major at Bethnal Green, which H. W. Haley conducted.

No one has probably called Holt's Original so many times as Mr. Pettit. . . . On July 27th, 1872, he called the composition at Waterford Cathedral, the first peal ever rung in Ireland, and on October 23rd, 1884, took part in the Original non-conducted at St. Giles-in-the-Fields. On December 10th, 1881, [he called] the first peal on the bells of St. Paul's Cathedral, having previously been appointed conductor there . . . . while in 1883 he conducted the then record peal of Stedman Caters, 11,111, in 6 hours 25 minutes, at Fulham on December 8th. He was also the conductor of that memorable attempt for the record peal of Stedman Cinques at Cornhill, when, in a peal of 10,030 changes with only the last two bobs of the coming home course to be called, the tenor man collapsed, after 7 hours 35 minutes' ringing. . .

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD AT BURNHAM

East Berks and South Bucks Branch

SOMETHING of a novelty was introduced at the annual meeting of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch, held at Burnham on April 26th. When it was decided to recast the bells and provide a completely new frame, the whole village rallied round its ringers in an all-out effort to raise the large sum of money required in the shortest possible time. In 1950 and 1951 a procession of decorated vehicles of great length with people in fancy dress and old-time costumes, a veteran as well as a modern fire engine, and, of course, a band, toured the parish and left it the poorer, but the bell fund thereby the richer. All the colour and gaiety of these occasions were filmed, and the large concourse of ringers much enjoyed seeing in colour what a Buckinghamshire village could do in support of its bells and their ringers.

The attendance must have been a record. Following the afternoon ringing was the service, conducted by the branch chairman, the Rev. E. C. S. Lowman, Vicar of Bray. In his address the Vicar of Burnham, the Rev. J. Wildman, spoke of the ringer's duty to God.

At the conclusion of the service the Blessing was given by the Master of the Guild, the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg. A feature of the service was the number of robed choirmen, all ringers, who augmented the boys from Burnham choir in leading the singing, in which over a hundred ringers joined.

After the tea which followed came the film show and then the business meeting. Before the business began the whole company stood in silence as a mark of respect to His late Majesty King George VI. An apology was received from the Bishop of Buckingham, president of the branch, regretting his absence.

The hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. D. Barker, then presented his reports. The balance of £24 5s. 7d. reported last year had fallen to £8 4s. 3d., but this was accounted for by a grant of £5 to Fulmer, of £10 to the Canon Coleridge Memorial Fund and a special donation of £7 10s. to the General Guild. He reported a subscribing membership of over 300, of whom less than 25 were members in 1919! He condemned those people who rang peals in methods not recognised by the Central Council and stressed the fact that the Guild's rules clearly stated that members would abide loyally by the decisions of the Council.

In answer to this, one member stated that unorthodox performances were rung for the members' enjoyment, and would continue to be rung, but that those ringers participating in such peals were perfectly prepared to abide by the Central Council's decisions regarding their publication or acceptance.

Mr. T. J. Fowler, Branch Ringing Master, in his report, said there was always room for improvement, and that there were still far too many slovenly ringers about. He made special mention of the good work done for the branch by Mr. W. Butler (Clewer), and said that the £50 voted by the Guild towards Hughenden's restoration fund was the largest grant yet made.

All the officers were re-elected, viz.: Branch chairman, Rev. E. C. S. Lowman (Bray); Ringing Master, Mr. T. J. Fowler (Cookham); Deputy Ringing Master, Mr. R. Biggs (Hughenden); hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. D. Barker (Stoke Poges). Mrs. A. D. Barker and Messrs. W. Birmingham, W. Butler, F. Russell, W. Welling and D. Poole were elected to the committee.

The Master addressed the meeting and congratulated the branch on the large number of new members, especially ladies. He hoped as many members as possible would attend the Guild's annual festival at Oxford on July 12th.

The Guild general secretary, Mr. W. Hibbert, had some scathing remarks for those who rang advanced methods and finished there. 'We are always struggling,' he said, 'to get enough ringers to man the bells for our Sunday services. I think that those people who ring peals of Spliced Surprise, etc., should devote more of their time and skill to the teaching of new recruits.'

OBITUARY

MR. JOSEPH GODDARD

The Wirral Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild has suffered an irreparable loss by the sudden death on May 3rd of Mr. Joseph Goddard, its oldest life member. Whilst ringing a farewell peal to the Rev. W. J. Allen Price, Rector of Bromborough he collapsed and died on the way to hospital.

Mr. Goddard was 77 years of age and was born at Mottram-in-Longdendale, Cheshire, where he learnt to ring. There he was a faithful member of St. Michael's band until he left the district and came to Wirral in 1922 (circa). At Mottram he participated in a number of peals, all Kent Treble Bob Major, including several long lengths. Early in 1906 he rang 3rd through peals of 8,896 changes, 10,176 changes and 12,000 changes. These were evidently practice peals, for on June 8th, 1906, he rang 3rd in the then record length of 16,800 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major, rung at Mottram in 9 hours 40 minutes. In all he rang 56 peals—52 Kent Treble Bob Major and 4 Plain Bob Major. Since leaving Mottram he had been a most faithful ringer at St. Barnabas', Bromborough, and recently was acting as tower captain.

It was his proud boast that he started work as a boy of 13 years as a cotton operative, and throughout all his working life until he retired at the age of 72 years he was away from work only four days. This absence was caused by his removal from Mottram occasioned by his wife's desire to return to her native heath.

As he had never suffered a day's illness in his life his death was a great shock to all his ringing friends. The post-mortem examination revealed that his collapse was inevitable and that the exertion of ringing was in no way a contributory cause of his death. Nevertheless, the passing of 'Old Joe' will be mourned by Wirral ringers young and old, and it is hard to realise that never again will his broad Cheshire dialect and hearty laugh be heard at any of our gatherings.

The funeral was at Bromborough on May 7th. The service was choral, and the Rev. —. Boultbee, Vicar of St. Mark's, New Ferry, officiated. Following the committal handbells were rung at the graveside, and later a half-muffled peal of Plain Bob Major was rung.

Ringers attending were: Messrs. J. Cooke (Wirral branch chairman), A. J. Martin (Wirral branch secretary), H. S. Bailey, F. T. Parry, R. S. F. P. Harris, G. Rixon, G. Pink, D. Melling, Miss P. Owen, Miss T. Owen, Miss D. Minnis and Miss T. Uytendal (Bromborough), Messrs. G. F. Pickthall, A. L. Shepherd, A. J. H. Scott, P. C. Holmes and T. W. Woods (Eastham), C. B. Pemberton, A. T. Sutton and S. D. Sutton (Bidston), Mr. and Mrs. J. Mann and Mr. E. Ash (Birkenhead St. Mary's). Mr. D. Parry (Port Sunlight) and Mr. C. Wiltshaw (Bebington). Messrs. A. L. Shepherd, A. J. H. Scott, A. T. Sutton and S. D. Sutton acted as bearers.

Wreaths included tributes from Wirral Branch and Bromborough ringers.

MR. H. J. FITTER

Mr. Harold Jack Fitter died on May 1st in his 64th year, and by his passing Yardley Parish Church, Birmingham, has sustained the loss of a great stalwart.

He learnt to ring at Solihull Church quite early in life, although he did not progress very far in change ringing. He will be remembered for his work in Yardley tower, where he taught several to handle a bell, among whom was his son, Albert Harold. He was mainly instrumental for the scheme for the transformation of the poor old six bells into Yardley's beautiful modern octave.

'Jack' Fitter will be missed by his friends of the St. Martin's Guild, whose meetings he regularly attended. To the widow and only son the sympathy of his many ringing friends will be extended in their very sad loss.

LIVERPOOL TENOR RECAST

On Wednesday, April 30th, the recasting of the bells of Liverpool Parish Church (Our Lady and St. Nicholas) was completed, and there was a very happy expedition from Liverpool to Loughborough to witness this event. A coach-load of members of the congregation and their wives reached Loughborough in good time for lunch, in spite of having to collect a well-known Cheshire ringer on the way. We were very pleased to have with us the Rector of Liverpool, the Rev. R. Nelson, and at Loughborough we were joined by the Rector's warden, Dr. H. Jasperson, and his wife.

At the Bell Foundry we watched the casting of a dozen or so bells of various sizes, ending up with the 42 cwt. tenor for the new ring of twelve at Liverpool (half-a-crown's worth of which now belongs to the said well-known Cheshire ringer!). In another part of the foundry the front eleven were lined up and waiting for us, fresh from the tuning machine, and here we tried—without very much success—to tap some Grandsire Triples on the middle eight. After inspecting the rest of the foundry and sounding a bewildering variety of notes on the many bells which lay around in great profusion, we made our way to the campanile, well satisfied with our new twelve.

Our efforts on the famous light ten were not wholly successful, but we did bring round most of the touches we attempted. Finally, we said good-bye to the bell foundry with a course of Grandsire Caters out in the road, rung on the St. Nicholas' handbells, which have now been well and truly put in order by Taylor's. We were more at home with the grand ring of ten at the Parish Church than with the 'toys' at the foundry, and we enjoyed more than an hour's ringing here before adjourning for tea. The Rector expressed the thanks of the party to Mr. Taylor for the hospitality he had shown us, and for the excellent job that was being made of the bells.

It is hoped that the bells will be first rung at the consecration of the new church, which is to take place on October 18th. The following Saturday, October 25th, is to be an open ringing day, and we hope soon to publish full particulars of the arrangements.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association

The bi-annual Corporate Communion of the Chew Deanery Branch was held at Easton-in-Gordano on April 27th, when the ringers joined the parishioners at the early celebration in St. George's Church.

Ringing commenced at 7 a.m. and continued until service time when the celebrant was the Rector, the Rev. W. J. James.

Ringers from Clapton-in-Gordano, Easton-in-Gordano, Long Ashton, Marksbury, Nailsea and Wrington afterwards sat down to an excellent breakfast in the Parish Hall, despite some little difficulty over boiling eggs!

A return was then made to the tower to ring for the morning service. M. J. H.

MR. S. WARREN STURGIS

The death took place on April 24th at his home, 66, Marlborough Street, Back Bay, Massachusetts, U.S.A., of Mr. S. Warren Sturgis (84), a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

For 44 years he was a master at Groton School and a former teacher of the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

After the death of Dr. Arthur H. Nichols, Mr. Sturgis did his best to keep alive the interest in tower-bell ringing, and as recently as Christmas Eve arranged for a group to meet at the Advent Church in Boston. Readers will remember that there was a ring of bells at Groton School.

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MARTIN. — On May 15th, 1952, at St. Mark's Hospital, Maidenhead, Arthur Martin, in his 69th year. For many years a ringer at All Saints' Church, Boyne Hill. 782

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MISCELLANEOUS

LOST from Ringers' Chapel in Lincoln Cathedral on April 26th, green Baracuta mackintosh.—J. B. Nicholson, The Limes, Saxilby, Lincoln. 749

HANDBELL RINGERS. — Two sisters arranging cycling hostelling holiday, Birmingham to Penzance, September 1st to 14th, would like to contact en route any handbell teams. Both are enthusiastic tune ringers and would like to ring with other teams and exchange ideas.—Tromans, 40, Perry Park Road, Blackheath, Birmingham 776

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MEETINGS

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District—Meeting on Saturday, May 24th, at Manuden (5), near Stansted, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Thence to Farnham (6), near Bishop's Stortford, for tea and further ringing. Visitors are requested to bring own sandwiches, etc.; cups of tea provided.—G. Blake, Dis. Sec., Teesta, Jack's Hatch, Epping Upland, Essex. 911

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Practice meeting, Lympsham, Saturday, May 24th, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.—E. J. Avery, Hon. Local Sec. 799

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Meeting, Carlton-in-Cleveland, 3 p.m., Saturday, May 24th.—P. W. B. Semmens, Hon. Sec. 786

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HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. — Barkway, May 24th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special method. St. Clement's.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 765

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Ashby Folville, May 24th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names to Miss B. Whait, The Leys, Gaddesby. 778

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Wainfleet St Mary, Saturday, May 24th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5. 766

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting at Netherseale, Saturday, May 24th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. W. Cotton, Overseale. 772

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Meeting, Chalfont St. Peter, Saturday, May 24th, 3 p.m.—Barker.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Joint meeting with Crewe Branch of CHESTER GUILD. — Market Drayton (8) on May 4th. Ringing at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—G. C. Bagley, Hon. Sec. 768

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting at Godstone May 24th. Bells (8) 3. Service 5. Tea 5.30. 719

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch. — Meeting, Earls Croome, Saturday, May 24th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 771

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tuesday, May 27th, 7.15, advanced methods practice, Christ Church, Ealing Broadway; Monday, June 9th, 7.15, general practice, St. Mary's, Lambeth. All welcome. 806

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Arksey, Saturday, May 31st. Bells (8) 3. Tea 5. Names for tea, by May 28th, to Mrs. I. Somerville, 13, Station Road, Arksey, Doncaster.—R. J. Sanderson. 790

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Meeting at Ickleton, Saturday, May 31st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 795

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Monthly meeting at Alveston, Saturday, May 31st Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15. Names for tea, by Monday, May 26th, to W. F. Scudamore, 6, Sandringham Avenue, Downend, Bristol. 788

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—St. Andrew's, Chippenham, May 31st. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Service 6.30 p.m. Names by 27th.—R. Tigwell, 44, King Alfred Street, Chippenham. 793

LADIES' GUILD. — Wiltshire Branch. — Meeting, North Bradley (8) May 31st. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Miss R. Gibbons, 7, Canon Square. Melksham. 783

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midlands District. —Annual meeting at St. Nicholas', Nuneaton, on Saturday, May 31st. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—M. Beamish, Hon. Sec. 805

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Guiseley on Saturday, May 31st. Bells available from 3 p.m.. Tea for drinking supplied; members take own food Business meeting in tower 7 p.m.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds 12. 800

NORWICH ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Meeting, Gressenhall (6). May 31st. Service 4.30. Tea in Village Hall for those who apply, by 28th, to Mr. G. T. Bunning. Gressenhall Green, E. Dereham, Norfolk.—W. J. Eldred, Branch Sec. 752

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A ringers' meeting will be held at Eye, May 31st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea arranged for those who notify, by the 27th, Supt. Rush, Sunnyside, Castle Street, Eye.—E. E. Cook, Dis. Sec. 779

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting, Cheriton, Saturday, May 31st. Bells (6) 2. Service 4. Tea 4.45 in Bricklayer's Arms. Names for tea, by previous Monday, to Mr. J. A. C. King. 29, Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester. 754

CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING LINCOLN

Members and wives (or husbands) will be entertained to tea on Tuesday, June 3rd, following the meeting. Will members please apply for tickets before Thursday, May 29th, to Mrs. A. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding, when tickets will be forwarded or reserved for them. 767

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Walpole St. Andrew, Whit Monday, June 2nd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Tea provided (numbers, please).—J. E. Fox, Walpole Highway. 796

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Annual meeting, Chelmsford, Whit Monday, June 2nd. Service in the Cathedral 11 a.m., preacher the Very Reverend G. E. Gordon, M.A., Provost of Chelmsford Cathedral. Meeting to follow in the Chapter House. Lunch at the Cathedral Hall 1.30 p.m., members 3s., non-resident members and non-members 4s. Tea will be served as a running buffet in the Cathedral Hall from 4.30 p.m. until 6 p.m. at 1s. 6d. per head. Bells available: Cathedral (13) 9.30 a.m to 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. The following bells are available from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.: Great Baddow (8), Boreham (8), Great Waltham (8), Galleywood (8), Writtle (8), Widford (8), Broomfield (6), Danbury (6), Springfield (6), Sandon (6), Little Baddow (5). Applications for lunch and tea tickets to the general secretary not later than May 26th, to be prepaid, enclosing stamped addressed envelope for the return of the tickets.—Robert C. Heazel, Hon. Sec., The School House, Wimbish, Saffron Walden. 764

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival and meeting, Coalbrookdale (10), Whit Monday, June 2nd. Service 3.30. Tea 4.15. Annual meeting 5. Bells available 11 a.m.; also Broseley (8), Much Wenlock (8) for parties. Names for tea, by May 29th, to Rev. E. G. Benson, Presteigne Rectory, Rads. 714

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, June 7th, 3 p.m. Ringing afterwards St. Stephen's, Clapham Park.—A. B. Peck. 802

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern District.—Claverdon (6), June 7th (Leamington not available.) Names for tea, by Tuesday, 3rd, to Miss H. Purkiss, Deppers Bridge, Southam, Rugby. 785

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch.—East Budleigh, June 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to B. Pidgeon, East Budleigh. 808

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. —Meeting at Foxearth (8), Saturday, June 7th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea, please, to H. A. Pratt, 6, Council Houses, Black Notley, Braintree. 798

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. Division.—Crusader meeting, June 7th, High Ongar (6), 3 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. Impossible to make arrangements for tea. Cafes at Chipping Ongar, short walk or bus. To High Ongar by bus from Brentwood.—F. V. G. 781

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Tirley, June 7th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, by June 3rd, to J. Beech, Hon. Sec., 6, Abbey Terrace, Tewkesbury. Tel. 2308.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Quex Park, Saturday, June 7th, 2.30 p.m. Tour of museum during afternoon. Tea 2s. per head; names, with cash, please, to Mr. J. A. Russell, 40a, Station Road, Birchington, Kent, not later than June 4th. This is definite: no names no tea. Entrance is by the Farm Road, and **not** in front of the Mansion.—B. J. Luck. 794

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Quarterly meeting, Lydd, June 7th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 787

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District. — By-meeting at Cowden (6), June 7th, at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by June 4th to R. A. Whitehead, 19, Deakin Leas, Tonbridge. 804

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Annual meeting at St. Peter's, Milton-next-Gravesend, June 7th. Ringing 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, by June 4th, to Mrs. Mitchell, 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend. Everybody welcome. 792

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be at Halsall on Saturday, June 7th. Please send names to Mr. Maudsley, Post Office, Halsall, near Ormskirk. Branch practice at Ormskirk on Thursday, June 5th, 7.30 p.m. till 9.30 p.m.—W. Farrimond, Branch Sec. 803

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Marshfield, June 7th. Bells 2.30. Service at 4. Tea and business to follow.—F. J. Hannington, 32, Surrey Street, Canton, Cardiff. 784

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at Brize-Norton on Saturday, June 7th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify, by June 5th, Miss Lottie Pimm, High Street, Eynsham, Oxford. 761

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting at Newport Pagnell, Saturday, June 7th. Bells 2.30. Service 3.30. Names for tea, please, by June 2nd. —R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 789

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Practice meeting, Damerham (6), June 7th. Bells 2.30. Tea for those who notify me by June 3rd.—Miss Eloie, 81, Hamilton Road, Salisbury. 780

SOUTHWELL GUILD (Nottingham District) and LEICESTER GUILD (Melton District). — Joint meeting at Melton Mowbray, Saturday, June 7th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, Colles Hall, 5. Names **must** be sent to Mr. H. Clayton, 17, Bayswater Road.—S. P. M. Lewin, J. H. Cook, Joint Secretaries. 758

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—Annual meeting, Bridlington Priory Church, June 7th. Bells (8) available 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Service 3 o'clock; preacher, Ven. C. O. Ellison (Archdeacon of Leeds and president, Yorkshire Association). Tea in Priory Institute. Names, by June 5th, to Mr. J. A. Parker, Higher Waterworks, Mill Lane, Bridlington. 50th anniversary of dedication of bells. —H. S. Morley, 28. Church Hill, Selby. 801

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Shield contest at Penistone, June 14th, open to all members. Entrance fee 10s. per company. All entries must reach me not later than June 7th. —D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 18, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 770

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Meeting fixed for June 26th at Esher cancelled. Date for next meeting July 19th. Place announced when notice due.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec. 797

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LINCOLN

AFTER an absence of 30 years, the Central Council are back again in Lincoln. Formed on April 29th, 1899, the Lincoln Diocesan Guild has made a big contribution to the advancement of the Exercise, and for years the voice of Lincoln has carried weight in ringing councils. We think of the Guild's three masters—the late Rev. H. Law James, a theorist and forthright speaker whose mathematical mind opened up new vistas in method construction; the late Mr. Rupert Richardson, whose sound commonsense, generous hospitality and knowledge of ringers made him one of the most influential men on the Council; and the present Master, Mr. John A. Freeman, whose long association with Lincoln Cathedral, his friendliness and his reputation as a 12-bell ringer have gained him the esteem of the Exercise. The Council will be very welcome at Lincoln, and the programme of ringing facilities and hospitality and general interest arranged augurs well for a happy meeting.

Every American knows of the White House; English ringers have also their White House from where for many years official communications and guidance have emanated. The meeting next Tuesday ends an era of 21 years, during which Mr. G. W. Fletcher has served the Council faithfully and efficiently as its secretary and treasurer. His resignation, which came before the Chester meeting, was received with regret. Mr. Fletcher kindly consented to remain in office for another year to enable a special committee of the officers of the Council to make a mature recommendation. Their choice is the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, Vicar of St. Michael's, Southampton, and chairman of the Methods Committee. His nomination has received the support of 24 members of the Standing Committee. There is a second recommendation before the Council, Mr. E. A. Barnett, of Crayford, Kent. One might say of Mr. Barnett that he was nurtured in the art of change ringing—his father and grandfather being famous ringers. Before he had turned 15 years he had rung 100 peals and he has an encyclopædic mind on ringing matters. To whoever is appointed we will pass on the comment given by an old journalist to your Editor when he accepted the editorial chair of a newspaper: 'You will make mistakes, but take comfort in the thought that anyone else in the chair will probably make more mistakes than you.' To the Exercise we would say, Extend to your new secretary the greatest of all gifts—charity. Following one with 21 years' experience will not be easy, but the load of office can be lightened by friendly helpfulness on the part of the many who hold key positions in the Guilds and Associations of the Exercise.

BELLS FOR THE MODERN CHURCH

(From 'The Irish Bell News')

'IS the Tubular Type the Answer?' is the question asked under the above title in an article published in the 'Irish Builder and Engineer' recently. The author, who claims to be a 'campanologist,' alludes to the subject of Church bells and chimes of the future; 'bells that will in many church designs be amply accommodated in a slender ultra modern tower, turret or cot.' He speaks of the love for bells of many since early Christian times, and then deals with the high cost of construction and upkeep of ecclesiastical buildings and the need for the dimensions of belfries to be reduced to a minimum.

The writer says that 'the solo bell, peal of bells in the traditional form of bell-founding requires plenty of room in the belfry, which means a tower of considerable size.' The answer he advocates is tubular bells, and states some advantages for these types of bell over the traditional form: 'The tubular bell is the decided answer to the ultra modern Church ring.'

This article should not pass without some comment. There is a number of sets of tubular bells—or, correctly speaking, 'tubes,' in churches throughout the country. They range from one tube up to ten in number; their lengths vary from four feet to nine feet, and a frame to accommodate an average set of eight tubes can be ten feet high by four feet wide by three feet deep—which requires considerable space—whereas a chime of eight real bells could be accommodated in a space not much larger.

Tubes sound only one note—it is a monotone and is therefore 'monotonous' to the listener, whereas bells, when properly tuned, will strike a harmonious chord, and even one bell is music in itself. Far better to have one good bell than a set of monotonous tubes. A large sweet bell, having a long range of sound, can be accommodated in an average tower or even an ultra modern one. Quite recently a bell, 3ft. 3in. diameter, was hoisted into a tower which is only 4ft. 6in. in diameter.

True campanologists everywhere will advocate a ring of bells rung by a team of bellringers. Due to local conditions, rings of bells are not always possible; in such

cases we press for chimes of bells, or one good single bell. While we disagree with the author in his advocation of 'tubular bells,' we do, on the other hand, congratulate him on part of his final paragraph, which is reproduced here:—

'We find to-day a tendency to adopt recorded bell-ringing and chiming in plans for the future. This is only recorded as on a gramophone and has been properly referred to as "canned music." It is in truth sham. Keep the tradition of the actual living bell alive in our churches.'

With these remarks we are in full agreement, but let it be in no other form than the traditional bell. We hope that our readers will do all in their power to keep alive the living bell by pressing for rings of bells, chimes of bells, or even the humble single bell as the case may be, in preference to tubes or 'canned music.'

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RAYMOND G. BURTON	3	WILLIAM HIBBERT	9
MRS. P. LEWINGTON	4	HORACE BELCHER	10
KENNETH W. MACKINTOSH	5	CYRIL G. J. WATTS	11
CYRIL J. HIBBERT	6	WILLIAM H. RAMPTON	*Tenor*

Composed by HAROLD N. PITSTOW. Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

QUEX PARK, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., May 18, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE WATERLOO TOWER,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

CHARLES H. KIPPIN	*Treble*	THOMAS J. LOCK	7
WILFRED WILLIAMS	2	*FRANK J. MATTHEWS	8
JOHN HILL	3	JOHN H. CRAMPION	9
NOEL J. DISERENS	4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	10
DAVID W. BEARD	5	JOHN S. MASON	11
DONALD G. CLIFT	6	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
* First peal of Maximus. First peal of Surprise Maximus on the bells.

TEN BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., May 7, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6½ cwt.

JOHN HILL	*Treble*	*HAROLD J. POOLE	6
ERNEST W. RAWSON	2	HARRY G. WAYNE	7
MRS. H. J. POOLE	3	JOHN R. SMITH	8
J. FREDERICK MILNER	4	†T. EDWARD HARROLD	9
ALFRED BALLARD	5	*HERRICK B. BOWLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
*200th peal together. † First peal on ten bells.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., May 14, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6½ cwt.

PAUL L. TAYLOR	*Treble*	ALFRED BALLARD	6
HAROLD J. POOLE	2	JOHN HILL	7
JOHN R. SMITH	3	J. FREDERICK MILNER	8
ERNEST W. RAWSON	4	T. EDWARD HARROLD	9
MRS. H. J. POOLE	5	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., May 15, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5040 LANGLEY SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

*ANTHONY AGER	*Treble*	TERRY R. HAMPTON	6
MURIEL REAY	2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	3	JOHN R. MAYNE	8
JOHN PINFOLD	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	9
WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT	5	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
* First peal of Royal. The first peal of Royal in the method. Method No. 548 in Corrigan's Collection.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.
LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.
On Sat., May 17, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 SOLIHULL SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 16 cwt. 24 lb. in E.

MRS. KATHLEEN PARR	*Treble*	THOMAS E. DAVIES	6
R. JOYCE PETT	2	SQUIRE CROFT	7
SHEILA HARRIS	3	FRANCIS D. BISHOP	8
MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS	4	CHARLES T. RICHARDS	9
WILFRID G. WILSON	5	HAROLD W. ROGERS	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by HAROLD W. ROGERS.
First peal in the method by all, for the Association, and in the county of Middlesex. All members of the local company except the ringer of the 5th. (No. 622 Corrigan Collection.)

EIGHT BELL PEALS

SILEBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Thurs., April 17, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

*ROBIN G. TURNER	*Treble*	W. GWYN THOMAS	5
†RUTH M. K. HOW	2	N. GERARD MCCRUM	6
REV. PETER T. ROBBINS	3	RODNEY B. MEADOWS	7
‡JOHN T. HOMFRAY	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First peal of Treble Bob on tower bells. † 25th peal and first peal in the method. ‡ First peal of Surprise. First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major as conductor.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., April 27, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb. in E.

MRS. EVELYN M. HICKS	*Treble*	ERNEST J. LADD	5
ARTHUR F. LEWRY	2	*RICHARD J. SUMNER	6
ARCHIBALD G. GRIMWOOD	3	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	7
HENRY N. VAUGHAN	4	FRANK H. HICKS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.
* First peal of Major.

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FAKENHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 3, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

SIDNEY MARSHALL	*Treble*	CECIL V. EBBERSON	5
STANLEY G. ELSEY	2	ERNEST H. MASTIN	6
GEORGE A. COOK	3	NORMAN V. HARDING	7
TONY OWEN	4	WILLIAM ROSE	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.

CONISBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., May 6, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 WEMBLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. JACKSON	*Treble*	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	5
DAVID G. JACKSON	2	GIBSON JACKSON	6
MILTON C. FOWLER	3	J. FREDERICK MILNER	7
F. BERNARD DITCHER	4	ERNEST A. THORPE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
First peal in the method for all the band, in the county and for the Association.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., May 9, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6½ cwt.

PAUL L. TAYLOR	*Treble*	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	5
J. FREDERICK MILNER	2	HAROLD J. POOLE	6
PETER J. STANIFORTH	3	DONALD PRICE	7
JOHN R. SMITH	4	HARRY PARKS	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 10, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

GRACE BURCHNALL	*Treble*	*CLARENCE F. BRIGGS	5
KATHARINE BURCHNALL	2	HARRY BARNES	6
FRANK VERNON	3	†WILLIAM H. DALE	7
FREDERICK G. HOOPER	4	GEORGE W. CREASEY	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by GEORGE W. CREASEY.
* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to Rosemary Creasey, daughter of the conductor.

MAYFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., May 13, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 21¼ cwt. in E.

*ALBERT RELFE	*Treble*	*†WM. A. KITCHENSIDE	5
*ARCHIBALD GRIMWOOD	2	*BERNARD V. COLLISON	6
*ARTHUR F. LEWRY	3	‡ERNEST J. LADD	7
FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN.	4	*CHARLES A. BASSETT	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.
* First peal in the method. † 200th peal. ‡ 175th peal. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a compliment to A. W. Kitchenside, son of the 5th ringer (and former member of the local band) on obtaining his B.Sc. degree at the London University.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 14, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-ON-THE-HILL,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 100 lb. in F.

ELIZABETH M. BIBBY	*Treble*	GEORGE SAYER	5
*WILLIAM LOVE	2	BERT GOGLE	6
NOLAN GOLDEN	3	F. CHAS. GOODMAN	7
ARTHUR G. BASON	4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal in the method.

CHIPPING NORTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., May 15, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 14 cwt.

EDMUND E. PEARSON	*Treble*	REGINALD H. JARVIS	5
EDGAR J. SMITH	2	GEORGE F. BURTON	6
JOHN S. WALTON	3	ALAN R. PINK	7
DOUGLAS O. WILKS	4	CYRIL TOMPKINS	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
First peal of Bob Triples by all except the conductor, and on the bells.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., May 16, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AMBROSE, BRISTOL, E.
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

JACK R. WORRALL	*Treble*	ALBERT M. TYLER	5
ALBERT C. BAKER	2	J. WALTER SMITH	6
SIDNEY G. RICHES	3	ERIC SUTTON	7
P.C. WM. F. SCUDAMORE	4	REGINALD G. HOOPER	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by REGINALD G. HOOPER.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Rev. Arnold Lee, eldest son of Rev. F. S. Lee, Vicar of St. Ambrose, who was married on this day, to Miss Kathleen Stowe, of London, at St. Edmunds, Lombard Street, E.C. The bride and bridegroom are leaving this country, to take up missionary work, in Malaya.

CHESTER.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., May 16, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY'S-WITHIN-THE-WALLS.
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in F.

WILLIAM ALLMAN	*Treble*	JOHN WORTH	5
JOHN E. BIBBY	2	ERIC J. GILBERT	6
HENRY O. BAKER	3	WALTER ALLMAN	7
BRIAN D. THRELFALL	4	RALPH G. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Composed by JOHN E. BIBBY.
A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Stella Mary Kingdon, a ringer at the above tower.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., May 16, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

*RICHARD E. MANTON	*Treble*	*JAMES W. BOWLEY	5
HAROLD J. POOLE	2	JOHN R. SMITH	6
MICHAEL E. BROWN	3	JOHN B. BENNETT	7
JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	4	PETER J. STANIFORTH	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
* First peal of Surprise Major. A welcome home to John B. Bennett, who has returned from service with H.M. Forces in Germany.

ALMONDSBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Sat., May 17, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 25¼ cwt. in D.

*RICHARD J. BOWDEN	*Treble*	*HAROLD L. PARFREY	5
*MRS. H. L. PARFREY	2	ERIC NAYLOR	6
ERIC SUTTON	3	*WILFRED F. WEBB	7
REGINALD G. HOOPER	4	ROGER O. FRY	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.
* First peal in the method. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to John Bramley, of Leicester.

BATTERSEA, LONDON.
LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.
On Sat., May 17, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr.

AUDREY M. CASTLE	*Treble*	A. FRANK UDALL	5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER	2	ERIC T. BEAUCHAMP	6
ERNEST W. FURBANK	3	CHARLES W. OTTLEY	7
NEVIL G. HOLLINGWORTH	4	*PETER DEVENISH	*Tenor*

Conducted by NEVIL G. HOLLINGWORTH.
* First peal. Rung in honour of the induction of the new Vicar, the Rev. Barzillai Beckerleg, M.A.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., May 17, 1952, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5152 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

GEORGE A. FLEMING	*Treble*	FRANK L. FISHER	5
*PATRICIA CLARKE	2	RONALD W. STEWARD	6
*RODERICK W. PIPE	3	CECIL W. PIPE	7
WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN	4	GEORGE W. PIPE	*Tenor*

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by GEORGE A. FLEMING.
* First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to Mrs. R. W. Steward.

MARKET BOSWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 17, 1952, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 17 cwt.

M. DOROTHY SMITH	*Treble*	JOHN HOUGH	5
FRANK K. MEASURES	2	*ALAN HOUGH	6
ALFRED BALLARD	3	T. KELHAM DEACON	7
DAVID PRICE	4	WILLIAM R. PROUDMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK K. MEASURES.
* 25th peal. A birthday compliment to Miss M. D. Smith. Rung on the second anniversary of the dedication of the bells and the first peal since augmented to eight.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 17, 1952, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 7 lb.

*S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT	*Treble*	†LESLIE D. DUGUID	5
†BLANCHE M. BALL	2	PETER N. BOND	6
†PATRICK PAGE	3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS	7
TOWER R. TAYLOR	4	JOHN H. HUNT	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Cambridge. Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to Josiah D. Harris, a member of the local band.

SLAUGHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 17, 1952, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5120 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

MARY HOWELL	*Treble*	EDGAR R. RAPLEY	5
BASIL W. WHITE	2	LEONARD STILWELL	6
FRANK BENNETT	3	WILLIAM T. BEESON	7
*BERNARD G. MOORE	4	RAYMOND OVERY	*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by RAYMOND OVERY.
* First peal in the method.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 17, 1952, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET OF ANTIOCH,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

MARGARET E. RICHARDS	Treble	WALTER H. TRUEMAN	5
*MARION J. SKINNER	2	THOMAS TOWNSEND	6
*PAULINE MANNING	3	W. BERTRAM KYNASTON	7
*RALPH E. W. WENBAN	4	WILLIAM W. T. DANIELL	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by W. B. KYNASTON.
* First peal in the method. A farewell to Miss M. J. Skinner, who is leaving for London.

WITTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 17, 1952, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5280 COLVILLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE F. SPERRING	*Treble*	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	5
NORAH M. BIBBY	2	GEORGE H. RANDLES	6
JOHN W. BEST	3	BRIAN HARRIS	7
DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	4	PERCY SWINDLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD (No. 25). Conducted by P. SWINDLEY.
First peal in the method for the band, for the Chester Guild and in the country. Rung in memory of James Swindley.

SIX BELL PEALS

COPLE, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., April 8, 1952, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being an extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8¼ cwt. in G sharp.

RONALD J. SHARP	*Treble*	*BRYAN PATTISON	4
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	2	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	5
C. HENRY HARDING	3	BRYAN F. SIMS	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.
* First peal. First peal on the bells since the addition of the new treble bell.

WONSTON, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 26, 1952, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven 720's. Tenor 8¼ cwt. in A.

*MOLLY DENBY	*Treble*	RICHARD SMITH	4
†CHARLES TAYLOR	2	†TOM CHAPMAN	5
†NORMAN HAYES	3	REGINALD A. REED	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD A. REED.
* First peal. † First peal on 6 bells. First peal of Plain Bob Minor as conductor. A 19th birthday compliment to Molly Denby.

AVENING, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 10, 1952, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 10 six-scores of Grandsire, 24 of St. Dunstan's and four 240 Morris's arrangement. Tenor 12½ cwt.

DORIS H. SHEPPARD	*Treble*	THOMAS PRICE	4
JOAN BUSSEY	2	LESLIE BARRY	5
MARY DREW	3	CHARLES ROUSE	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.
First peal on the bells for 33 years. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. C. C. Cooper on his appointment as Canon to Gloucester Cathedral.

CARLTON-JUXTA-SNAITH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 10, 1952, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt.

*ALAN E. HARTLEY	*Treble*	HENRY R. ROBINSON	4
WILLIAM GRAVES	2	LESLIE M. WOODHEAD	5
JOHN J. TAYLOR	3	LEONARD DRAKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by LEONARD DRAKE.
* First peal.

SAPCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Hinckley District.)
On Sat., May 10, 1952, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents (C.C.C. Nos. 34, 48, 49, 50, 51, 28 and 29).
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in A flat.

ALLAN CHAPMAN	*Treble*	ALFRED BALLARD	4
MRS. M. J. ABBOTT	2	FRANK K. MEASURES	5
*MALCOLM J. ABBOTT	3	MICHAEL E. BROWN	*Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL E. BROWN.
* First peal of Minor.

STAMFORD HILL, LONDON, N.15.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 10, 1952, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 2,160 Cambridge Surprise, 720 Kent Treble Bob and 2,160 Plain Bob. Tenor 8¾ cwt.

REGINALD P. CRUMP	*Treble*	JOHN E. CRUMP	4
JOHN L. MORRIS	2	DAVID H. KINGSTON	5
LEONARD E. TUBB	3	FRANK C. W. KNIGHT	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID H. KINGSTON.
First peal as conductor.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 10, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being 720 each of Wells, Durham, London, York, Norwich, Bourne and Cambridge. Tenor 13 cwt.

*WILLIAM WENBAN	*Treble*	†ALICK CUTLER	4
GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN	2	FRANCIS KIRK	5
*LEONARD H. BOWLER	3	*HAROLD G. CASHMORE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.

* First peal in seven Surprise Minor methods. † First peal on six bells.

WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 10, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Plain Bob, and two extents each of Kent Treble Bob, and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

ANNE WORTH	*Treble*	IVOR JENKINS	4
NEIL D. LOMAS	2	SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN.	5
DOROTHY KIDD	3	SYDNEY SAGE	*Tenor*

Conducted by DOROTHY KIDD.

Rung to open the Wilmslow Christian Arts Festival.

BLADON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., May 12, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising seven extents in 19 methods with 134 changes of method, viz. (1) Ockley Treble Bob, Duke of Norfolk Treble Bob; (2) College Exercise Treble Bob, Norbury Treble Bob; (3) Cambridge Surprise, Primrose Surprise; (4) Fulbeck Reverse Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Double Bob, Plain Bob; (5) Thelwall, St. Clement's, Childwall, Double Oxford; (6) Hereward, Single Oxford; (7) Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in B.

CYRIL H. KINCH	*Treble*	HARRY P. FLOYD	4
DOUGLAS O. WILKS	2	EDGAR J. SMITH	5
EDMUND E. PEARSON	3	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

The first peal in 19 Minor methods by all the band and on the bells. This is the greatest number of Minor methods yet rung to a peal by the Guild.

WHETSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., May 12, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*FREDERICK WATSON	*Treble*	JOHN J. MORRIS	4
HAROLD KILBY	2	†E. CHARLES TURNER	5
WILLIAM A. WOOD	3	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Kent Minor. First in the method as conductor.

ASHBOCKING, NEAR IPSWICH.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., May 16, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

E. Bankes James' Arrangement. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

JAMES BENNETT, JUN.	*Treble*	ROBERT E. LESTER	4
GEOFFREY PAGE	2	MAX P. PAGE	5
JOHN W. C. BLYTH	3	GARNHAM BLAXCELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by MAX P. PAGE.

First peal of Surprise as conductor, aged 18 years. First peal of Cambridge arranged by E. Bankes James for all except the ringer of the 3rd.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the daughter of R. Lester.

BODENHAM, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., May 16, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, 10 callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

*WILFRED STOKES	*Treble*	AUSTIN T. WINGATE	4
†JOHN D. ROCK	2	LESLIE EVANS	5
‡REGINALD BULLOCK	3	LESLIE QUARTERMAIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE EVANS.

* First peal away from covering bell. † 100th peal for the Hereford Guild. ‡ First peal 'inside.' First peal on the bells since recasting by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.



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CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 17, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 1,440 Plain Bob and 3,600 Grandsire. Tenor 6 cwt.

WILLIAM A. WOOD .. ..*Treble*	GEORGE PICKERING 4
E. CHARLES TURNER .. 2	FREDERICK WATSON .. 5
PETER J. THOMAS 3	DAVID BISHOP .. .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER J. THOMAS.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Sheila May Simms-Reeve, daughter of the Rector of this church, and John Frank Holdridge.

DYFFRYN, NEAR NEATH, GLAMORGAN.
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 17, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

*WILLIAM DAVIES .. ..*Treble*	GWYN I. LEWIS 4
†W. JOHN LOCKE 2	EDMUND MORRIS 5
HARRY BOYCE 3	*REGINALD ELIAS .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

ECCLESTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Preston Branch.)
On Sat., May 17, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise, and three extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

*JOHN NELSON .. .. ..*Treble*	IAN JONES 4
LAWRENCE WALMSLEY .. 2	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE .. 5
THOMAS BARKER 3	ARTHUR HATCH .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.

* First peal. In memoriam William Holmes, who had been a ringer at St. James', Leyland, for over 60 years.

KINGSTHORPE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Northampton Branch.)
On Sat., May 17, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

*JOHN W. FELCE .. ..*Treble*	STANLEY F. EARL 4
*JACK PAYNE 2	FRED BENFIELD 5
BERNARD E. FROST .. 3	ERIC NOBLES .. .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by ERIC NOBLES.

* First peal. First peal on the bells since 1914. Rung in memoriam George Parker and John Dunkley.

GESTINGTHORPE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 17, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court and St. Clement's, two each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE TRENDELL .. ..*Treble*	JOHN BRETT 4
RONALD SUCKLING 2	REGINALD RIPPINGALE .. 5
ERNEST BROWN 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ..*Tenor*

Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.

GREAT BRINGTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 17, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 17½ cwt. in E flat.

*STEPHEN J. SUMMERS ..*Treble*	‡ERNEST G. ORLAND .. 4
†VICTOR A. PERRY 2	RONALD C. NOON 5
†MALCOLM J. V. CHOWN.. 3	ERNEST MORRIS .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

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

SNODLAND, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 17, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 30 six-scores (10 callings) Grandsire and 12 six-scores (4 callings) Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*PETER F. BORER .. ..*Treble*	*TREVOR A. CROSS 4
WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.. 2	†CYRIL S. JARRETT .. 5
FRANCIS J. CHEAL 3	ALBERT GREEN .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL S. JARRETT.

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

MISTERTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., May 19, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 13 lb.

FREDERICK WATSON .. ..*Treble*	WILLIAM A. WOOD 4
DENNIS H. ALLSOPP .. 2	E. CHARLES TURNER .. 5
PETER J. THOMAS 3	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON..*Tenor*

Conducted by W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON.

MOBBERLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., May 19, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. WILFRID AND MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

HENRY PARKER .. ..*Treble*	CECIL RADDON 4
*DOUGLAS KIRKPATRICK .. 2	HAROLD WORRALL 5
A. DOREEN EDWARDS .. 3	HARRY W. HOWARD ..*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

* First peal in three methods away from treble.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., April 17, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor size 18 in G sharp.

PETER J. STANIFORTH .. 1—2	*MICHAEL SLANEY .. 7— 8
HAROLD J. POOLE .. .. 3—4	*ROBIN G. TURNER .. 9—10
ALFRED BALLARD .. .. 5—6	†PETER BORDER .. .. 11—12

Composed by SAM WOOD. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal on 12 bells. † First peal on 12 handbells and first peal of Maximus.

LEICESTER.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Fri., April 18, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT 147, NARBOROUGH ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5000 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR

In seven methods, viz.: Plain, Double, Reverse, Little Bob; Gainsborough; St. Clement's College; Crayford Little Court, with 230 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

*ROBIN G. TURNER .. .. 1—2	MICHAEL SLANEY .. .. 5—6
†RUTH M. K. HOW .. 3—4	‡PETER BORDER .. .. 7—8

Arranged and Conducted by MICHAEL SLANEY.

* First peal of Spliced Major. † First peal of Spliced Major in seven methods. ‡ First peal of Spliced Plain Major. First peal of Spliced Major as conductor.

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., April 23, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Comprising three extents of Cambridge Surprise, three extents of Kent Treble Bob, and one extent of Oxford Treble Bob.
Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

FREDK. E. WILSHAW .. 1—2	RONALD BARLOW .. .. 3—4
	MICHAEL SLANEY .. .. 5—6

No Bobs called.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., May 16, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
No. 5. Tenor size 15 in C.

ALBERT H. WARD .. .. 1—2	DANIEL T. MATKIN .. 5—6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY.. 3—4	KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER .. 7—8

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

ALDERSHOT, HANTS.—On May 11th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: B. Batt (first of Major) 1, Miss M. Lewis 2, Miss S. Corke (first of Major 'inside') 3, D. Williamson (first of Major 'inside') 4, R. Corke 5, J. Bragg 6, W. Viggers 7, K. Williamson (first of Major as cond.) 8.

BARFORD ST. MARTIN, WILTS.—On May 16th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Stedman, 480 Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire): H. Roper 1, C. Oakley 2, C. Haines 3, C. Holly 4, H. Abrahams (cond.) 5, J. Drew 6.

BEDFORD.—On May 12th, at St. Paul's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Pell 1, S. J. Woodcock 2, A. Lacey 3, G. Satter 4, K. Spavins 5, L. Williams 6, C. E. Jeffries 7, D. Thompson 8. First quarter of Grandsire Triples for 1, 3 and 5.

BOSTON, LINCS.—On May 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Nancie Swaine 1, Lorne Briggs 2, D. White 3, R. Brown (cond.) 4, F. Dewey 5, S. Jessop 6, W. E. Clarke 7, J. Petch 8. Specially rung for the new Mayor.

BRAMLEY, HANTS.—On May 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Bowden (first quarter) 1, Miss O. Osler 2, C. Herridge 3, Miss J. Baby (first quarter Triples) 4, W. Clift 5, W. Perry 6, S. Webb (cond.) 7, H. Bartlett 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. Osler on their silver wedding, both of whom have been members of the local band for 36 years and Mr. Osler captain for 27 years. First quarter on the augmented 8 bells.

BRITFORD, WILTS.—On April 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Farmer (first quarter on working bell) 1, Miss M. Page 2, Miss Y. Eloie (first quarter as cond.) 3, J. Lewis 4, H. Abrahams 5, L. Page 6.

CAPENHURST, CHESHIRE.—On May 14th, 1,260 Doubles (being 240 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 300 Bob, 360 Antelope and 360 Grandsire): Jeanne Pilkington 1, R. B. Morris 2, J. Bagley 3, D. N. Peers 4, R. G. Corby (cond.) 5, D. Bishop (first quarter) 6. A farewell quarter for Jeanne Pilkington, who is leaving Capenhurst to take up a new appointment in London.

CASTLE ACRE, NORFOLK.—On May 4th, 1,260 Minor (720 Oxford Bob, 540 Plain Bob): V. Bowen 1, S. G. Elsey 2, E. Barker 3, W. Buckenham 4, E. H. Mastin (cond.) 5, R. E. Price 6. First quarter peal on the bells.

DARTFORD, KENT.—On May 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Betty Allan 1, H. Hoverd 2, K. Noy 3, J. Walker 4, H. Audsley 5, W. Lemon 6, R. Rayfield (cond.) 7, G. Huckstepp 8. A farewell to Miss Betty Allan on leaving Dartford to take up a laboratory position in Sunderland.

QUARTER PEALS

EBBW VALE, MON.—On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Evans 1, R. Stephens 2, Audrey Stephens 3, R. Alsop 4, B. Werry (first quarter as cond.) 5, T. Stephens 6, B. D. Price 7, J. Jeynes 8. A birthday compliment to Miss Audrey Stephens.

FENHAM, NEWCASTLE.—On May 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Sewell 1, Miss M. A. Softley (first quarter) 2, K. Arthur 3, N. Hewitt 4, J. A. Ainsworth 5, E. N. Harrison (cond.) 6, J. Heal 7. A 16th birthday compliment to the conductor.

GRANTHAM, LINCS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. W. Charity (first quarter Triples) 1, R. H. Parker 2, F. W. Pinchbeck 3, F. P. Turner 4, R. H. Woods 5, T. H. Hall 6, R. C. Blakey (cond.) 7, F. S. Parsons 8.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On May 18th, 1,272 Minor (720 Kent, 552 Plain Bob): E. J. Parish 1, F. Warrington (cond.) 2, G. Nicholls 3, L. W. Fisher 4, F. R. Nicholls 5, G. L. Perkins 6.

KENSINGTON, LONDON.—At St. Mary Abbots, on May 18th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: E. R. Mackrill 1, Miss M. J. Freer 2, N. G. Hollingworth 3, W. G. Wilson 4, P. Devenish 5, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 6, C. W. Ottley 7, J. Bullock 8.

KINGSTON SEYMOUR, SOMERSET.—On May 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. T. Summerell (first quarter) 1, E. C. S. Baker 2, E. R. Norton 3, H. A. Price (cond.) 4, W. H. Neath (first quarter 'inside') 5, A. E. Parsons (first quarter) 6. Last quarter before restoration.

LONG BUCKBY, NORTHANTS.—On May 11th, 1,260 Doubles (960 Plain Bob and 300 Grandsire): S. Smith 1, M. Amos 2, A. Cooper 3, S. Summers 4, E. Orland (cond.) 5.

LUTON, BEDS.—On May 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: C. Mann 1, June Gladman 2, J. Herbert 3, H. Burton 4, J. Rushton 5, A. Smith 6, L. Goodenough (cond.) 7, H. Wood 8, R. Kendall 9, A. Rushton 10. First quarter of Royal on the bells and by the Sunday service band.

NEW ROMNEY, KENT.—On May 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. J. Martin 1, C. A. Wratten (first of Triples as cond.) 2, H. S. Humphrey 3, J. R. Cooper (first of Triples) 4, R. Swift 5, G. F. Gray 6, E. J. Walker 7, J. Chittenden 8.

PAUL, CORNWALL.—On May 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. B. Rodda 1, Marion L. Lidgey 2, H. Miles (cond.) 3, Elizabeth S. Ford 4, W. R. Curtis 5, J. H. Ladner 6. First quarter for 1, 4, 5 and 6.

PIDDLEHINTON, DORSET.—On May 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Doris Walden 1, N. B. Davis (cond.) 2, A. Tyers 3, F. C. Davis 4, E. T. P. Field 5, B. Cheeseman 6. A compliment to Mrs. Betty Brook (nee Allen), of Leeds (a former member of the local band), on the birth of a daughter.

ROCHDALE, LANCS.—On May 11th, at All Saints', Hamer, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Leach 1, Beatrice Wood 2, I. W. Taylor 3, K. Abbott 4, Alwyn Taylor 5, J. Taylor (cond.) 6. Rung for the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. Taylor.

SAWLEY, DERBYS.—On May 18th, 1,260 Doubles (120 Reverse St. Bartholomew, 120 April Day, 480 Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire): O. Cripps 1, Sheilagh Kilbourn 2, R. Harrison 3, W. E. Simpson 4, D. J. Marshall (cond.) 5, R. G. Newsum 6.

STAUNTON, GLOS.—On May 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Bessant (first quarter, aged 14) 1, Mrs. K. Smith 2, Mrs. D. Stafford 3, S. Goodwin 4, L. H. Jones (cond.) 5, E. Malsom 6. Rung half-muffled for the late Mrs. L. M. Heygate.

ST. BRIAVELS, GLOS.—On May 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, with 7, 6, 8 covering: Mrs. K. Smith 1, W. Reynolds 2, Mrs. D. Stafford 3, W. Reynolds 4, L. H. Jones (cond.) 5, A. Barton (first quarter) 6, E. Malsom 7, G. Wilce 8. Rung half-muffled for the late Doctor Nanda.

STYTHIANS, CORNWALL.—On May 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Stagg 1, Miss T. Richards 2, C. H. Drewett (cond.) 3, R. G. Clemens 4, E. S. Seymour 5, P. E. R. Willams 6. Rung on the occasion of the induction of the new Vicar.

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.—On May 2nd, 1,260 Oxford Bob and Plain Bob Minor: D. Nelson 1, S. Flint 2, C. Cousins, jun., 3, E. Bunting 4, W. W. Cousins (cond.) 5, C. Cousins, sen., 6.

TIBSHELF, DERBYS.—On May 13th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: P. Eastland 1, Miss D. Armstrong (first quarter) 2, Miss M. Bradley (first quarter 'inside') 3, T. Radford 4, F. Bradley (cond.) 5, W. Riley 6. Rung for the 84th birthday of Mr. H. Draycott, a ringer at the above church for 65 years.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.—On April 29th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. Baxter 1, R. Amor 2, C. Butcher 3, F. A. Penn 4, P. W. J. Harding 5, C. Doel 6, F. Slatford 7, E. Parker (cond.) 8, C. Harding 9, L. Hitchins 10. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Francis.

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The Editorial Committee desire to impress upon those who ring peals or quarter peals the importance of a voluntary contribution to help balance the accounts of 'The Ringing World.' These contributions are vital.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Considerable self-control was shown by Miss M. E. Richards during the ringing of a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major at Stratton St. Margaret, Wiltshire. Just after the half-way mark had been passed a bee stung her arm. Apart from a slight flutter, the ringing proceeded smoothly, and at the end of the peal the sting was removed.

For visitors to Lincoln. The times for Whit Sunday ringing at Newark Parish Church are from 9-9.30 a.m. and from 5-6 p.m., and not as published in 'The Ringing World' last week.

Mr. Sydney Sage, who 'completed the circle' of Wilmslow tower on May 10th, is believed to be the first ringer to accomplish this in this Cheshire tower.

Three days after the F.A. Cup final at Wembley a peal of Wembley Surprise Major was rung at Conisborough, Yorks. Facetious members of the band suggested that the footnote should read, 'In memoriam, Arsenal.'

Mr. P. W. B. Semmens contributes an interesting article headed 'Campanology, or the art of bell-ringing,' to the I.C.I. Magazine. The Exercise will feel flattered by the sub-title, 'Cambridge Surprise Royal,' says the bell-ringer, and everyone in the belfry knows what he means! Nevertheless, it is a first rate article and is one of the best introductions to change ringing.

Bristol University Society at a general meeting on May 20th elected the following officers for the 1952-53 session: President, Professor S. H. Piper, D.Sc.; Master, Miss B. Enid Lloyd Roberts; secretary, Miss Heather J. Tesson (address, McAdam, Stapehill, Wimborne, Dorset); treasurer, Miss Jeannette A. Rose; tower secretary, Mr. Alan P. Cave; committee member, Mr. Robert J. Stokes.

One guild secretary who devotes much of his leisure to teaching the young has been perturbed of late by the ease with which he loses his temper. To remedy the defect a large envelope hangs on the wall of the belfry, marked with a red cross for danger. Inside is a big black T. When irate, 'George' walks over to the envelope, pulls out the T and puts it back again, thus relieving his feelings. The novitiates heave a big sigh of relief and 'the Mother Superior' smiles benignly.

Chester Diocesan Guild have the honour of ringing the first peal of Colville Bob Major.

Kingston Seymour, Somerset, bells are to be restored. A last quarter on the old bells was rung on May 12th.

Mr. Brian D. Threlfall is hoping to arrange a Brians peal. Will those interested please write to Thorncroft, Thornton Hough, Wirral, Cheshire?

The mid-Essex ringers and friends will be on tour in Somerset for a week commencing Aug. 16th. There are several vacant seats. Anyone interested should get in touch with Mr. A. H. Everett, Boreham, Essex.

Mr. C. Chambers, of 147, Garmonth Avenue, King's View, Durban, S.A., is seeking information about Mr. Dick Sworder, who died three or four years ago. He particularly wants to know what part of England this ringer came from.

Will the visitors who applied for the use of Cookham, Berks, bells please repeat their application, with an assurance that it will be granted. Inadvertently the Vicar returned the original letter without passing on details to the tower captain, Mr. T. J. Fowler, of Black Butts, Cookham, Maidenhead, who does not know when to receive the ringers.

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

1952 Festival at Bridport

The annual festival of the Guild was held at Bridport on May 10th and attracted an attendance of about 200 ringers and friends.

The annual general meeting was held in the Church House, the Master of the Guild (Canon C. Carew Cox) presiding, supported by the hon. secretary and treasurer (Mr. W. C. West). A civic welcome was accorded the visitors by the Mayor of Bridport (Mr. H. R. C. Palmer).

In reply, the Master said the aim of the Guild was the highest standard for Sunday service ringing. He commended ringers on their regular work and said from his contacts throughout the diocese there were few instances where there was not this regular Sunday ringing.

'From time to time a great deal has been delivered from the pulpit and in the ringing Press about ringers and their connection with the Church,' he said. 'I don't believe a lot of it. I believe ringers have such interest in the Church that it enables them and impels them to give up their time on Sundays for ringing.'

Canon Cox told the Mayor that the Guild was formed in 1882 and that in the last 20 or 30 years in particular there had been 'tremendous progress' in ringing.

Messages were read from the Earl of Shaftesbury (president) and the Bishop of Salisbury, who expressed his 'appreciation of the work that ringers do for the Church, Sunday by Sunday, and to wish the Guild every success in the coming year.'

In his annual report, Mr. W. C. West said that during the period of national mourning the number of peals, quarter peals and attempted peals was 'legion.' Ringers were certainly not found wanting at that time, he said. Membership remained steady, with 1,078 members. There were 30 peals rung, and he spoke of the fine achievements of the Lyme Regis band, who had rung the first peal of Lyme Surprise and Double Oxford and Little Bob Major, the first for the Guild. 'I don't think any other tower in the diocese could come up to such performances,' he added.

Officials were re-elected as follows: President, Lord Shaftesbury; Master, Canon Cox; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. W. C. West; assistant hon. secretary, Mr. F. Slatford; committee, officers and Messrs. A. Macdonald, G. H. Harding, F. Precey and R. H. True; auditors, Mr. J. S. Weeks and Mr. C. F. Andrews.

The Guild service was held in Bridport Parish Church, the address being given by the Archdeacon of Sherborne, the Ven. J. C. Chute.

Towers open for ringing were Bridport, Bradpole, Beaminster, Lyme Regis, Burton Bradstock, Loders, Symondsbury and Netherbury.

CREATING INTEREST IN A HAMPSHIRE VILLAGE

On a recent Wednesday evening some ringers from neighbouring towers met at the Church of the Holy Cross, Binsted, to try the bells, which had not been rung for a number of years. With the aid of one or two borrowed ropes, some oil and the tightening up of the gudgeon bolts of the fourth bell, the six were raised and various touches rung, including a course of Cambridge.

The Vicar is anxious for a band to be trained for the bells to be regularly rung, but they will need the attention of a competent bell-hanger and tuner before much can be done upon them. The tenor is a 14 cwt. bell and from limited knowledge the back five are by T. Mears and the treble added at a later date by Barwell, of Birmingham. The tower clock takes up a lot of valuable space and rather spoils the circle of ropes.

It is hoped to arrange another evening's ringing in the near future to try and rouse some local interest. W. J. PAICE.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT ON METHOD EXTENSION

THE members of the Central Council have received the following as part of the Methods Committee's report this year. In the hope that the question of Extension can be finished with at the coming meeting of the Council, the members of the Committee are anxious that the Exercise as a whole should know what is proposed and they invite comment:—

Since presenting our last report to the Central Council at Whitsun, 1951, we have further considered the subject of Extension in the light of comments and suggestions made by various people prompted by our invitation published in 'The Ringing World.' In particular, we have directed our attention to the problem of the movement of the bells in the coursing order from lead to lead.

It will be appreciated that, if the structure of a lead of an extension be satisfactory, the 'likeness' of the blue-line of the extension to that of the parent will be governed by the order in which the leads are joined together. This order is determined by the sequence of pivot bells from parent to extension. Each pivot will move all the bells two distinct numbers of places through the coursing order, dependent upon whether the lead-end place is 2nds or ultimate; e.g., if in a Major method the pivot bell be the 3rd followed by an ultimate place, the lead head will be 3527486, each bell having moved one place back in the coursing order, but if followed by a 2nds place, the lead head will be 5738264, each bell having moved two places back in the coursing order. Moreover, each movement may be regarded in two different ways, backward or forward. In the example given above, the first movement may be regarded as one place backward or six forward, and the second movement as two backward or five forward. Thus, if it is desired to extend an ultimate place Major method having the 3rd as pivot, and the movement be regarded as one place backward, the pivot sequence in Major, Royal and Maximus will be 3, 3, 3; but if the movement be regarded as six forward, the required sequence will be 3, 5, 7. In the first case the lead heads will be 3527486, 352749608 and 3527496E8T0; but in the second case 3527486, 795038264 and ET907856342 respectively. It will be readily seen that while in the first case the blue line of the extensions will closely follow that of the parent, in the second place it will be so badly cut up that it will bear very little resemblance to that of the parent.

Similarly, if the method be 2nds place and the 3rd the pivot and the movement be regarded as two backward, the pivot sequence will again be 3, 3, 3, and for five forward again, 3, 5, 7, and once again the first will piece together satisfactorily and the second will not.

The following table shows the results for Major methods having the 5th as pivot. In these the movement may be regarded as four forward (ult.) and three forward (2nds) or three backward (ult.) and four backward (2nds).

	Pivot Sequence	Lead-head Ult.	Lead-head 2nds	Pivot Sequence	Lead-head Ult.	Lead-head 2nds
Major	5	7856342	8674523	5	7856342	8674523
Royal	7	089674523	860492735	5	795038264	907856342
Maximus	9	08T6E492735	8604T2E3957	5	795E3T20486	9E7T5038264

None of these will piece the leads together satisfactorily.

Investigation has shown that very few sequences permit the leads of an extension to be joined together in an order that produces a blue line bearing a close resemblance to that of the parent, and so it is our desire to amend the table of pivot sequences recommended in our report to the Council in 1951 so that it reads as follows:—

	Ultimate Place Methods only		2nds Place Methods only		All Methods	
Minor	2	4	4	6	3	5
Major	2	6	4	8	3	7
Royal	2	8	4	0	3	9
Maximus	2	0	4	T	3	E

The above sequences produce the lead heads of Plain Bob on all numbers and their reverse order, and those of Cambridge Surprise on all numbers and their reverse order, and no others. Whilst recognising that many true mathematical extensions give other sequences than those in the above table, we recommend that none but those above be recognised.

Our last year's definition must now be amended as follows:—

'The pivot bell should be the same treble or the same tenor throughout the series of extensions but that the third treble and the third tenor be the limits. In the case of extensions from Minor where the pivot may be regarded as either the third treble or the third tenor, second's place methods should be treated as the third treble and ultimate place methods as the third tenor.

K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

St. Michael's Vicarage,
Southampton.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD

A Visit to Laverstoke

The quarterly meeting of the Andover District was held at Laverstoke on May 17th. About 25 members attended from surrounding towers. Ringing on the bells (6) ranged from rounds to Oxford Treble Bob Minor. The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar of Overton, who, a ringer himself, gave an inspiring address on discipline in the tower, stating that although the parson has the last word in control, he should obey the captain on all matters when in the tower.

A splendid tea was afterwards served in the canteen of Messrs. Portals, of Laverstoke, the famous banknote paper manufacturers' factory.

A short meeting was held after tea, and the new Vicar of Andover (Rev. Dr. Machin) was welcomed and elected an honorary member of the Guild. Ringing then continued until a late hour, when those ringers left were entertained by the local band in the village club. This is the first meeting held in the tower by the Guild since pre-war days, and though the bells need the attention of the bell hanger, a lot of local interest has been aroused.

One feature of the meeting was the attendance of clergy, no less than five being present—Rev. — Gidlow (Goodworth Clatford), Rev. Dr. Machin (Andover), Rev. F. Marle (Deane), Rev. — Saunders (Overton) and the priest-in-charge, Laverstoke. The organ was played by Miss N. Smith, of Wonston, also a ringer, who is well known locally, being a teacher at Wolversdene School.

RINGERS HAVE THEIR BANNER

An Example From Marksbury

MARKSBURY, near Bath, is a very small village, and it can truly be said that the centre of its activities is its church. It is fortunate to possess that man of energy and vision, W. A. V. Prescott. He it was who raised the money for the repair of the bell fittings, and he it is who has now, after much research, had a ringers' banner designed. This was dedicated at a special ringers' service, the fourth of its kind in the parish, on Saturday, May 10th.

The service was conducted by Prebendary C. S. L. Alford, Rector of Rowberrow and Shipham, assisted by the Rev. H. Warren, curate of the Parish Church of Weston-super-Mare. The former deputised for the Rector of Marksbury, the Rev. E. Wells, who was ill.

The very hearty hymn singing, accompanied by the organ and the Hallatrow handbell trio, included the Ringers' Hymn, by the Rev. J. H. Matthews. The anthem, 'The radiant morn has passed away,' was also sung by the choir.

The dedication of the banner was carried out by Prebendary A. J. Hook, Master of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, who in the course of his address said: All things are sacramental, including the banner and the bells. The banner is to remind us of the sacramental nature of bells, that is that they are there for the glory of God. Ringers are tempted to look upon them as 'things,' but they are not there because we enjoy ringing or for the number of peals that can be rung on them. They are in God's house, for His glory, and to call the faithful to worship. That should make us treat them with reverence, and should make us want to ring them as well as possible. So there is the necessity for peals and practices. And how lovely it is that we can do a thing which we enjoy for the glory of God! There are many kinds of voices in the world, and one of them is bells. We must remember that they are not without signification, namely, that they were made, and we were created, for the glory of God.

During the recessional hymn, the banner was taken from the altar by the Master, and handed to W. A. V. Prescott, who in turn handed it to Janet Smith to carry, assisted by Barbara Bradley and Betty White, who are all young bell ringers.

The usual bountiful tea was then taken, and Prebendary Alford welcomed the visitors, who included Mr. and Mrs. F. Skidmore, Mr. and Mrs. Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. A. Hilliar and Mr. and Mrs. N. Coombs, of Bristol. He also thanked the choir and those who had helped in any way.

No one who knows Mr. Prescott can fail to be impressed with his singleness of purpose. A job done by him is a job well done. He inspired a lady in the village, Mrs. G. Smith, to undertake the embroidery of the banner, which was a colossal task. As an appreciation of her work, a cheque was presented to Mrs. Smith after evensong on May 18th.

[Photo: Wendie Scutts, Ditcheat.

BOUGHTON ALUPH BELLS SOLD

Protests have been made by the Canterbury Archæological Society at the granting of permission to sell the bells of All Saints', Boughton Aluph, Kent, by the Canterbury Diocesan Board of Faculty. The five bells have been sold for scrap for about £300 to meet the cost of repairs to the church.

The bells have been in All Saints' belfry since 1540, and one of them, 'The Great Bell, Gabriel,' was cast just after 1500. Archæologists place its value at over £1,000.

Endeavours are being made to recover the bells.

A letter on the subject from Mr. George H. Head appears in another column.



DEDICATION

STOKE GOLDINGTON

There was a large congregation on Thursday evening, May 8th, at Stoke Goldington Church, Bucks, when the Archdeacon of Nottingham, the Rev. J. H. L. Phillips, M.A., dedicated the new treble and recast tenor bells. All six bells, now retuned, have been rehung with new fittings in a metal frame by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

The service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. J. L. Woods, assisted by the Rural Dean, the Rev. C. J. Tovey. The Archdeacon, clergy and churchwardens climbed the spiral stone steps into the ringing chamber to perform the dedication ceremony.

As the inscription on each bell was read, the notes of that bell responded, and rounds were rung by the local ringers as the procession returned to the chancel. In an inspiring address the Archdeacon spoke of the efforts which had been made. That night was a joyful occasion and the bells would peal for generations to come, proclaiming glory to God in all things.

Following the service, short touches were rung on the bells.

Among those present were the Deputy Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, Mr. F. Sharpe, and the secretary of the North Bucks Branch, Mr. R. Howson.

The inscriptions on the bells are as follows:—
Treble.—Cast by Mears and Stainbank, London, 1952. 'Let Brotherly Love Continue.'

2nd.—'Henry Penn Made Me, 1707. Thomas Hodgkins, William Waring, Churchwardens.'

3rd, 4th, 5th.—(Cast by Robert Atton, Buckingham.) 'God Save Kyng Charls, 1625.'

Tenor.—'God Save Kyng Charles, 1625.' Recast by Mears and Stainbank, London, 1952.

A section of the old oak frame bearing the date 1625 is being preserved in the ringing chamber. A. A.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY EASTER TOUR

A Week in Leicestershire

The Oxford University Easter tour was held in Leicestershire during Easter Week. Thirteen members were present, including the Misses Brown, Clayton, How, Higgins, the Rev. P. Robbins and Messrs. Border, Meadows, Turner, Homfray, Slaney, Thomas, McCrum and Edge.

Towers visited included Leicester (St. Mary de Castro's and St. Margaret's), the Loughborough Foundry Campanile, Anstey, Thurcaston, Swithland, Markfield, Birstal, Quorn, Rothley, Sileby, Old Woodhouse, Woodhouse Eaves, Copt Oak, Barwell, Thurlaston, Enderby, Kibworth, Wigston Magna and the notable rings at Earl Shilton, Hinckley, Leicester (St. John's) and Loughborough.

The ringing consisted chiefly of Surprise, there being only one member requiring Grandsire and Plain Bob. This was exceptional and meant that the Surprise was leavened with the more homely fare instead of vice versa. There were two tower-bell peal attempts, Cambridge being rung at Sileby and Pudsey lost at Barwell with the treble in three four down in the final lead. There was a handbell peal of Spliced Major in seven methods.

A very pleasant afternoon was spent in the Taylor Foundry on April 16th. Thanks are due to Mr. Paul Taylor and Mr. Fidler, whose explanation of the various processes involved in the preparing of a ring was most interesting and instructive, and also for their patience and phlegm afterwards whilst members attempted to wreck the campanile.

On the evening of April 19th, a merry couple of hours were spent with a company of the Leicester ringers in the Earl Howe Hotel. In addition to the anticipated vigorous conversation, there were other entertainments, including three leads of Kent Treble Bob Fourteen, rising and falling on handbells, odd courses of Grandsire Triples and the Beer Runner's face, which bore a marked resemblance to that of an asylum attendant serving juvenile inmates with ice-cream.

Grateful thanks are due to the captains of the towers visited for their courtesy in making the arrangements, to Mr. H. J. Poole for his invaluable assistance, and to many other Leicestershire people for the pleasure that they gave by their hospitality and friendliness.

G. Mc.C.

FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World' of May 31st, 1912

THE SURPRISE MAJOR RECORD

Hornchurch, Essex.

The Middlesex County Association.

On Monday, May 27th, 1912, in 9 hours and 49 minutes.

At the Church of St. Andrew.

A Peal of Bristol Surprise Major, 15,264 changes.

Tenor 19¼ cwt.

Reuben Sanders	Treble	Bertram Prewett	5
George R. Pye	2	Alfred W. Grimes	6
Isaac G. Shade	3	Ernest Pye	7
John H. Cheesman	4	William Pye	Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff.

Conducted by William Pye.

[Superseding the 12,160 rung at Knebworth seven weeks before, this remained the record length of Bristol until the 21,600 rung at Over, Cheshire, in 1950. The ringer of the 4th is said to have rung the entire peal without making a trip. Of this famous band, the treble ringer alone survives.]

GRIMSBY, LINCS.—On May 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. Kennington 1, F. Bloomfield 2, D. Cox 3, Miss G. Rusby 4, A. Swain 5, S. Broomfield 6, A. Pashley (cond.) 7, H. Hadwick 8. Rung as a farewell to D. Cox, who has now left the district and gone to Aberdeen.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FOR VISITORS TO DEVON

Dear Sir,—As the summer approaches, we of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers look forward to a very large number of touring and peal-ringing parties who plan to visit this part of England this year. They are welcome, as are all ringers, and we love to see them, yet we view their arrival with some apprehension.

Many of us in the G.D.R. are becoming very concerned at the increasing number of towers around us where change ringers are acquiring a bad reputation. This is not on account of our striking; that has been a standing grievance for years. It is on account of the very inconsiderate conduct of some visiting change ringers, and this, we are sorry to say, almost invariably means touring parties from 'up the line.'

Apart from one or two occasions when peals have been rung without permission, the grievance is always the same—tampering with the ropes. The call-change ringers of the Devon Association usually ring with the rope's end spliced into a small loop, for as a rule they ring with a coil or two in hand; this makes peal ringing uncomfortable, and as a result visitors often untuck the splices and tuck the rope in the usual manner. This is very annoying to the local ringers, particularly if the splice is not replaced, and for this reason many fine rings of bells are now not available for change ringing whether for a meeting or a peal attempt.

It is inconvenient, we know, but ropes in these towers are generally very long, and if parties carry a small ball of twine the loop at the rope's end can be stopped up to the rope firmly enough to last out a peal. But we do earnestly urge touring bands not to unsplice ropes in call-change towers. The relations between the Guild and the Devon Association at present are better perhaps than they have ever been, but on those relations depends much of our own ringing at meetings and peal attempts, and we do not relish the prospect, next autumn, of totting up the number of towers which, since the summer invasion, have been labelled 'No Scientific.'—Yours, etc.,

(Rev.) JOHN G. M. SCOTT.
Chairman, Exeter Branch, G.D.R.

A KENT RING SOLD

Dear Sir,—The sale of All Saints', Boughton Aluph, bells is very sad reading. To think that the powers that be should allow such a transaction to take place seems almost unbelievable. It is to be hoped that the bells will be recovered intact. But will they be?

Boughton Aluph Church is on the Pilgrims' Way to Canterbury, not far from Wye. Both churches can be clearly seen from my old home, Kennington.

The dispersal of these bells follows closely on recent news of the proposed sale of the bells of Eastwell Church, the neighbouring parish of Boughton. The church is rapidly falling into decay; only the outer walls and the tower were standing when I was there last year. This church is in beautiful setting, being close to the lake in Eastwell Park and close to the Pilgrims' Way. We struggled with Grandsire Doubles on these bells 60 years ago, being just able to keep the tenor up for six-score. Since those days they have been rehung, and the Ashford lads have rung several peals there.

I wonder if the ringers' organisations are ever consulted in such matters as mentioned above? —Yours faithfully,

GEORGE H. HEAD.
Twickenham, Middlesex.

BELFRYMANSHIP A TONIC

Dear Sir,—I should like to say that I found Mr. Meadows' contributions on 'Belfrymanship' to be quite a tonic.

The art of gentle and humorous satire is probably as old as bell ringing and just as essentially English. In any case, it is much to be preferred to personal invective, which seems to be Mr. Raymond Philpott's method of approach.

After all, no one need wear a cap which does not fit him!—Yours faithfully,

VICTOR NEIL.
Shepherd's Bush, London.

YOUNG PEAL BANDS

Dear Sir,—In your issue of May 9th, Mr. Peter J. Came asks if a younger band than 16¼ years has rung a peal.

On April 21st, 1934, eight members of the Kent County Association rang a peal of Plain Bob Major, 5,024 changes, at St. Paulinus' Church, Crayford, Kent, in two hours and fifty minutes, the average age of the band being 15 years and 2 weeks.—Yours truly,

GEORGE E. SYMONDS.
Ipswich.

THE SNOWDON SCHOLARS

Almost seven years ago two groups of young ringers from towers in the Leeds area attended a local ringing meeting. They were at the stage when they ate, drank and slept bells, particularly Bob Minor. That's where the story begins. Nobody else at that meeting seemed to be interested in Bob Minor. The young ringers were upset about this, for in their minds there was nothing sounded finer, nothing made more enjoyable ringing; in their minds there was, in fact, nothing save Bob Minor. So it was that during the lengthy periods when such weird and uninteresting names as Superlative and Double Norwich were being bellowed across the circle, these two groups of young aspirants gathered in a corner and nursed their common grievance and plea, 'We want more Bob Minor.' Were there, they wondered, any meetings where nothing was rung but this cream of all methods. If not why not arrange some? Absurd as it now sounds, that's precisely what they did and after several such meetings at a small six-bell tower near Leeds, more learners were recruited, and so the Snowdon Scholars Society of Young Change Ringers was born.

The aim of our first meeting has been our aim throughout, namely, to give beginners the opportunity for practice in the simpler methods, and as we look back over sixty such monthly meetings we feel proud of what we have achieved. Month by month young ringers from the area, all under twenty-five, have gathered in numbers of up to thirty, and the sixty or so members whose names appear on our books are mostly ready to agree that the second Saturday in each month has at some time or another been the day to which they most looked forward and fully enjoyed.

We have progressed since those early days. We have aimed higher than Bob Minor and have struggled to attain a good standard of striking. In early 1946 eight members, whose ages averaged 18, proudly recorded the first peal for the Society, one of Bob Major at Calverley. Several of our members are now officers of the Yorkshire Association and are ringing peals regularly. But as a society we are not ambitious in that direction. We like to feel that perhaps some learners who might never have stuck it have done so because of the encouragement and comradeship they have found with us. We are proud to feel that we have found favour in the sight of most of the experts in the district. So, after what must seem a rather long time, we humbly bring ourselves to the notice of the Exercise.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Meeting at Ruislip

Bell ringing as a recreation to offset the restrictive effects of television was put forward by the Rev. L. Fawcett, the curate of St. Martin's, Ruislip, when he spoke at the ringers' service on the occasion of the visit of the South and West District on May 17th. The habit of passive entertainment might lead to a new generation unable to think or do things for itself.

The ancient craft of bell ringing, Mr. Fawcett said, besides its present-day connection with the Church and all that that implied, did offer men and women, and boys and girls, an opportunity to take a pride in using hand and brain, and to join together in mutual pleasure and satisfaction in the accomplishment of good change ringing.

The meeting was a most successful and happy occasion, about 50 persons attending from a wide area on the most lovely day in May for years. The old Priory Church was a source of interest in many ways, not least the cool and shady churchyard in which to gossip and listen to the bells.

The business was expeditiously conducted by the District Ringing Master, Mr. R. E. Price, in the mysterious absence of the vice-president, Mr. W. H. Coles. Mr. H. J. Hazell, of Enfield, was elected a ringing member. The new bell restoration fund of the Association was explained by the general secretary, Mr. E. C. S. Turner, and the subsequent collection brought in 26s. 9d. The new rota of meetings drawn up by the officers was approved, the next meeting taking place as usual in June at Egham and Staines on the 28th.

The district secretary, Mr. F. W. Goodfellow, told members that in conjunction with the North and East District he had arranged for the Ecclesiastical Insurance Office to forward details of their scheme for ringers' insurance to all the towers in the Association.

The ringing during the afternoon and evening was generally of good quality, ranging from rounds to the dizzy heights of Surprise Major.

College Youths at Rotherfield

The Ancient Society of College Youths had a most enjoyable meeting at Rotherfield, Sussex, on May 10th at the invitation of the local ringers, who provided an excellent tea. The tones of the mellow-sounding, 'old standard' tuned bells provided an appropriate background to this quaint old Sussex village. A short service was conducted in the 13th century church.

All the officers and five past masters attended the business meeting. Mr. A. A. Hughes, referring to the annual dinner, said it was desirable to find a venue giving more accommodation than that at Pim's even if it cost a little more. He was empowered to see what he could find in the way suggested.

GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGED

The Editorial Committee gratefully acknowledge the following contributions to meet the added cost of 'The Ringing World':—

Personal.—M. Jackson 2s. 6d., H. Sargent 10d., Christchurch (N.Z.) Cathedral Society £1 1s.

Peals.—Bonvilston 3s., Croft 3s., Downham Market 10s., Chester 4s., Carlton-juxta-Snaith 3s.

Quarter peals.—Carlisle 2s., Piddlehinton 1s., Little Cheney 1s., Britford 1s. 6d., Paul 2s., Terrington St. John 2s. 6d., Grantham 2s., Bramley 4s., Boston 2s. 6d., Barford St. Martin 3s., Tibshelf 2s. 6d., Hemingford Abbots 2s. 6d., St. Giles-in-the-Fields 2s. 6d., Seaton 3s., Luton 2s. 6d., Staunton 2s., St. Briavels 2s.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCS.—On May 17th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major, with tenor covering: V. Forshaw 1, Miss E. Pearson 2, Miss N. Roberts 3, C. H. Ford (first 'inside') 4, J. Bagnall 5, J. E. Burles 6, W. Wall 7, N. M. Newby (cond.) 8, T. Metcalfe 9.

HARPOLE, NORTHANTS.—On May 7th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: A. E. Watson 1, Miss J. Watson 2, D. Gibbins 3, W. Burt 4, H. Haynes (cond.) 5. First quarter for 2 and 3.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Mr. S. E. Armstrong the New Master

THE sixty-seventh annual general meeting of the Sussex County Association was held in Brighton on May 10th, when more than 100 members enjoyed ringing at St. Nicholas' and St. Peter's. The two rings of ten were kept fully occupied throughout the afternoon and evening.

The service took place at St. Nicholas', the old Parish Church of Brighton, where, as the Vicar recalled in his address, notable figures such as the Duke of Wellington and Dr. Johnson had attended regularly to worship. The church, although by no means the oldest in Sussex, has had a long and distinguished history, and is still full of life and vigour.

The business meeting took place after tea in Union Institute Hall, and was presided over by the Master, Mr. G. W. Cecil. After the reading of the minutes, Miss F. Wyman presented to the Association a beautiful peal book in memory of Mr. Oliver Sippetts. The volume, leather bound and lettered in gold leaf, contains a memorial plate to Mr. Sippetts following the form of a peal board. The book was received by the Association with very great appreciation, and will serve for a large number of years as the manuscript peal record.

THE MASTER'S REPORT

The report for 1951, signed by the Master and general secretary, stated:—

In the early part of the year the Association suffered a heavy loss by the death of Mr. O. Sippetts, which occurred during his term of office as hon. treasurer. Although having been in poor health for some months, his death was nevertheless a severe shock for all members, and it removed one who had rendered priceless service to the Association both in his pioneer work with the ringing of Spliced Surprise methods and as an officer of long and outstanding service. The record Mr. Sippetts left behind would make an historic mark on the Exercise as a whole, as well as in the county of Sussex.

There had been some reduction in the number of peals rung during the year, but it was a matter of opinion as to whether this was an indication of decline. The main object of the Association was the maintenance of Sunday service ringing, the regularity of which did not command the publicity it deserved. Peal ringing, however valuable in itself, was mainly practised for pleasure, and did not require the attendance and duty demanded by service ringing throughout the year. 'We would not wish to discourage peal ringing in any way, but it is on those ringers who go to their towers Sunday after Sunday, and perhaps suffer discouragement through the unpunctuality or irregularity of others, that stability and progress depend.'

The hon. treasurer explained the policy of leaving as much of the Association's balance as possible with the divisions, removing by levy to the Central Fund only the minimum to cover working expenses. In consequence, all the divisional balance sheets showed a gratifying increase.

The peal secretary reported the ringing of 67 peals during the year, a decrease which was mentioned in the Master's report.

The hon. treasurer announced the levies on the divisions as follows: Northern, £9 4s. 10d.; Southern, £11 9s. 5d.; Eastern, £15 7s. 5d.; Western, £15 17s. 4d. These were accepted as satisfactory.

Three new members were elected, being Miss Valerie Mepham, of Aldrington, and Messrs. S. Brook and A. Turner, of Barcombe. In addition, the ratification of the election of Messrs. R. Rich, E. R. Warner and D. Riley was carried out.

Mr. F. Cruttenden and Mr. E. Treagus were elected life members of the Association for their services as divisional officials. Mr. Cruttenden has served the Southern Division as a committee member for many years, and Mr. Treagus is the present secretary of the Western Division.

In the election of officers, the Bishop of Chichester was re-elected president and the vice-presidents re-elected en bloc.

A NEW MASTER

Mr. G. W. Cecil reminded the meeting that he had given notice that he would not be able to offer himself for the office of Master again owing to his departure from the county.

The general secretary, Mr. S. E. Armstrong, was nominated for the vacant office and elected as the new Master. A number of members spoke in appreciation of his work during 16 years as general secretary, and, in reply, Mr. Armstrong thanked the members for the honour they had paid him, and assured them of his best efforts in the new office.

The hon. treasurer, Mr. R. G. Blackman, was re-elected and, by ballot, Mr. B. W. White, secretary of the Southern Division, was elected general secretary.

The peal secretary, Mr. J. Dearlove, was re-elected, as were the auditors, Messrs. R. Overy and A. W. Bond, and the trustees of funds.

It was decided that the small balance remaining in hand from the Keith Hart Memorial Fund should be given to the bellrope fund at St. Peter's, Brighton, where Mr. Hart had been leader for close on forty years. Mr. W. C. Hart expressed, on behalf of the relatives, their appreciation of the memorial and the thoughts which had inspired it.

Suggestions for the 70th anniversary meeting were discussed, and it was decided to pass the matter over to the divisional meetings, who were to report back the opinion of the members. The treasurer warned the meeting of the financial implications if the anniversary were not self-supporting.

The final business was a discussion on the coincidence of a meeting of the College Youths held in the county on that day. Letters were read from the leader of the Rotherfield ringers and the secretary of the Ancient Society of College Youths. The general secretary was instructed to write to the Society expressing their thanks for the efforts made to postpone the Rotherfield meeting, which, although unsuccessful, were nevertheless appreciated. S. E. A.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Hunts District

In the pleasant market town of St. Neots, in the 15th century Church of St. Mary the Virgin, the Hunts District held their meeting on May 17th. At 3 p.m. the ringers were welcomed to the church by the parish clerk, Mr. S. W. Hawksford, and soon very good use was made of the fine ring of bells.

The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. L. Galley, R.D.); Mr. M. Cousins was at the organ and the District Ringing Master (Mr. F. Warrington) read the lesson.

The Vicar presided at the business meeting. About 60 ringers were present during the day, including friends from Bedford, Chelmsford, Hitchin and Peterborough districts. Among the methods practised were Bristol, Cambridge, London, Superlative and Yorkshire Surprise Major, with Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples.

F. W.

IRISH ASSOCIATION

Keen Competition for Murphy Cup

THE competition for the Murphy Cup was held at St. George's Church, Dublin, on May 10th, when the finalists of the three district competitions held on St. Patrick's Day and Easter Monday met to decide the destination of the premier trophy.

Mt. St. Alphonsus', Limerick (Southern), who had beaten the holders, St. Mary's Cathedral, Limerick, into second place in the initial round, took the bells first. They settled down to a steady rhythm, but unfortunately had 'cartwheel' leads. Otherwise, apart from occasional clashes in changing, their ringing was perfect. Such good ringing probably demoralised Drogheda (Eastern), who rang second. Their ringing was much too slow and leads too open. They really did not settle down to a steady rhythm. Their changing was good. St. Thomas', Belfast (Northern) leads were perfect, but they spoilt the ringing by gaps and a sluggish tenor. The judges awarded the cup to the Limerick team with 27 faults; the Belfast team was second with 29 faults and Drogheda third with 43 faults. The judges, Mrs. S. E. Darmon, Messrs. J. T. Dunwoody and C. W. Galbraith, commented on the exceptionally high standard of ringing, which was an improvement on previous years. Miss Jean Stewart acted as Ringing Master.

The Executive Council met in St. George's Parochial Hall after the competition, and before transacting business stood as a mark of respect to those members who had departed this life, viz., Dr. J. C. E. Simpson, Messrs. A. J. Corrigan, James George and T. Laver.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mr. William Pratt (Holywood); vice-presidents, Rev. J. Barry, Mr. Samuel J. Evans and Mr. J. Ernest Harris; Master, Mr. Robert S. F. Murphy (Dublin); general secretary, Mr. Fred E. Dukes, 26, William Street, Drogheda; librarian, Mr. R. S. F. Murphy; Council, Messrs. J. T. Dunwoody, F. G. Burrowes, C. W. Galbraith, J. Baldwin, B. Brislane, J. MacManus, J. Fennell, Mrs. S. E. Darmon and Miss E. Young; auditors, Messrs. W. Graham and W. Bovenizer; editor, 'Irish Bell News,' Mr. F. E. Dukes; Editorial Committee, Mrs. F. E. Dukes, Miss J. Stewart and Mr. G. Bingham.

A letter of good wishes to the 'Irish Bell News' from the Maidstone District of the Kent C.A.C.R. was read, and the general secretary was instructed to reciprocate them.

The annual report gave the strength of the Association as: Resident 299, life 12, honorary 6, N.R.L.M. 97, total 414. The number of resident members was the highest yet reached in the history of the Association.

The Association's badge was designed during the year and had been well received by most members. Practically the entire stock was sold out. Mr. John T. Dunwoody kindly acted as badge secretary.

During the year the bells of St. Peter's, Drogheda, were overhauled by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., who were congratulated on completing a fine job. Inspections of bells were carried out on 15 towers. In nine cases action was taken and in seven of these effect was given to the Association's recommendation.

Peal ringing maintained a high standard. In all 24 peals were rung—16 on tower bells and eight 'in hand.' In all 32 ringers took part, 12 scoring their first peals.

Messrs. W. Young and W. Rogan were elected life members.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The recently-augmented ring of eight at Pakefield was visited by 40 members of the East Norfolk Branch on May 3rd, who were well pleased with the splice of Messrs. John Taylor and Co. and also the 'go' of the bells.

The Rector (the Rev. B. P. W. Strather Hunt) conducted the service and afterwards took the chair at the business meeting, which followed tea. He was supported by the Rev. A. St. J. Heard (president), Mr. B. N. Goale (branch chairman), Mr. J. G. W. Harwood (branch secretary), Mr. N. Golden (Ringing Master), and Mr. H. W. Barrett (Branch Ringing Master). Votes of thanks included a special one to Mr. P. Kindred and the ladies who had arranged an excellent tea. If possible the next meeting will be held at Ditchingham on June 21st.

METHOD 'DISTENSION'?

Dear Sir,—The writer of the recent two instalments on 'Method Extension' has gone to some trouble, but the effort is rather abortive. It has offered, unfortunately, little that is novel either in substance or in form of presentation. Its author will not, I hope, be discouraged by this criticism, intended as constructive and helpful, as follows:—

Of the several branches of ringing, that of Method Structure (of which Method Extension is, of course, only one aspect) is the one that most needs 'putting its house in order.' Studies of the subject in later years have achieved some results towards this end, but little or no official pronouncement thereon has hitherto been made.

Much of what Mr. Mottershead has reiterated (and, indeed, many other relevant matters) may be more adequately treated, in fact must be so treated for any comprehensive and logical deduction, under what are now recognised as fundamental heads, including:—

(a) Identification of the Constant and Expanding Sectors of the method's Grid.
(b) Appreciation of the conjoint effects of Pivots—both position and bell—and at both Link and Junction of the Division unit of the method.
(c) Identification of the true Basic Stage of the method. (Specific test.)

Of the last-named it is surprising enough to find that only within the past two years even, has its importance been fully realised. Much of the controversy (one might say method 'distension'!) over such subjects as stage-variation of the London method (in which the Royal is now recognisable as the basic stage) would probably never have arisen, had this truth been appreciated.

Some of the main underlying principles of this absorbingly interesting subject have been summarised in a 'Memorandum of Technology of Method Structure,' a copy of which has been lodged with the Librarian of the Central Council, and could, no doubt, be borrowed on application. Inter alia, the investigations recognise therein three classes of extension:—

A. The 'NATURAL.' In this there is geometrical similarity of the basic grid-pattern; maintenance of the method's Position Cyclic; basic coursing order; and—an obviously related blue line in a full-range plain course.
B. The 'PROXIMATE.' This is obtainable, where an extension of class 'A' form does not arise naturally, by the employment of an 'inherent' place or places in only the *expanding* sectors of the grid-pattern. The blue line is relatively maintained.
C. The 'MODIFIED,' employing shifted pivot positions, or at least additional places, often in the *constant* sectors of the grid-pattern. The result is a displacement of section-sequence of the blue line, with lack of 'cyclics.' In fact the method, to the ringer, seems unrelated to the basic form. The ringing of such forms *under the parent name* is to be deposed.

The following, extracted from a supplement in preparation for the Memorandum, may be of some interest to those whose attention to method structure takes them as far as participating in ringing methods on the higher stages. Patient investigation has enabled the compilation of a table of stage variations of methods *of all categories*, including those listed in the Corrigan Publications ('C.P.' in the table), and those more recently evolved by the use of Grid Analysis ('G.A.' in the table), showing the class of the extension and which is the basic stage. The following selected extract from the table includes only Surprise methods and shows where published extensions are positively identifiable as of class 'C'; also, in some methods, where preferred forms ('A' or 'B') are obtainable:—

Method	Basic stage & source.		Stage Variations. (Particular.)		
Beaconsfield	Major	CP 22	Royal	CP 524	C exten.
Bolton	Major	CP 36	Royal	CP 527	C exten.
,,			Maximus	CP 815	C exten.
Bosmere	Major	CP 38	Royal	CP 528	C exten.
Bristol (Craven's)	Royal	CP 503	Maximus	CP 816	Shifted L-pivot
Cornwall	Major	CP 79	Royal	CP 536	C exten.
,,			Maximus	G.A.	A exten.
Daventry	Royal	CP 537	Major	CP 90	C contr.
,,	(Or 'C' ext. of Maj.)		Maximus	G.A.	A exten.
Helmingham	Royal	G.A.	Major	CP 154	A contr.
,,			Maximus	G.A.	B exten.
,,			Royal	CP 543	Unrelated
Howden	Major	CP 168	Royal	CP 544	C exten.
Lancashire	Major	CP 189	Royal	CP 547	B exten.
,,			Maximus	CP 830	C exten.
Lavenham	Major	CP 192	Royal	CP 549	C exten.
,,			Maximus	CP 831	C exten.
Lindoff's '35'	Maximus	CP 834	Royal	CP 556	C contr.
,, '112'	Royal	CP 563	Maximus	CP 839	C exten.
London	Royal	G.A.	Minor	(ancient)	A contr.
,,	(Vide the 'Memorandum')		Major	,,	A contr.
,,			Maximus	G.A.	A exten.
,,			(The CP Royals and Max.'s are only B and C extens. of the ancient Major given as CP 207.)		
,,					
Newcastle	Royal	G.A.	Major	CP 234	A contr.
,,			Maximus	CP 569	C exten.
,,			Maximus	G.A.	A exten.
Oakham	Maximus	G.A.	Royal	CP 570	A contr.
Orwell	Royal	G.A.	Major	CP 238	A contr.
,,			(Royal CP 571 is 'C' of 238)		
Painswick	Major	CP 241	Royal	CP 515	A exten.
,,			Maximus	G.A.	A exten.
Peterborough	Major	CP 246	Royal	CP 572	C exten.
,,			Maximus	CP 847	C exten.
Rutland	Royal	G.A.	Minor	G.A.	A contr.
,,			Major	CP 272	A contr.
,,			Maximus	G.A.	A exten.
,,	Note.—Regarding CP 272 as the Basic, then 'Cambridge above the Treble' is				
,,	a misleading conclusion, for CP 519 is a 'C' Royal and CP 849 a 'C' Maximus.				
Staffordshire	Royal	CP574	Major	CP 295	A contr.
,,			Maximus	CP 853	B exten.
Superlative	Major	CP 304	Royal	G.A. (Memo)	A exten.
,,			Maximus	CP 809	A exten. (855)
Warwickshire	Royal (Tipler)		Major	CP 324	A contr.
,,			Maximus	G.A.	B exten.
Wembley	Major	CP 327	Royal	CP 576	C exten.
,,			Maximus	CP 858	A exten.
Whitbourne	Major	CP 330	Royal	CP 579	C exten.
,,			Maximus	CP 859	C exten.

It is emphasised that the foregoing is only an extract and that further information has been derived; for example, sundry 'B' extensions are not given, and there are, of course, 'A' extensions of many other methods.

Yours very truly,

A. YORK-BRAMBLE.

OUTINGS

ST. MARGARET'S, LEICESTER

Rochester and Canterbury were visited by St. Margaret's, Leicester, for their annual outing on May 10th, with a brief stop on the outward journey at Dunstable Priory. Through the rope of the treble having been threaded through outside the pulley wheel, one who thought he could ring anything with a wheel on it had a surprise.

The visit to Canterbury coincided with that of the King of Denmark to dedicate a war memorial, and the company felt greatly honoured to be permitted to ring. Methods rung included Grandsire and Stedman Cinques and Cambridge Surprise Maximus, in which 'Bill' Bottrill joined.

NORTON AND BALDOCK

The combined bands of Norton and Baldock, with friends from South Bedfordshire, held their annual outing on May 17th. Lincolnshire was the objective and ringing took place at Crowland Abbey, Spalding, Pinchbeck, Boston, Sutterton and Surfleet. At Boston the party listened to a Leeds band tapping off a touch of Royal, and afterwards five from each band rang three leads of Treble Ten.

A delay of 50 minutes arose from running out of petrol 10 miles from home.

BOLTON BRANCH

A company of over 100 ringers, wives and friends participated in the Bolton Branch of the Lancashire Association's outing to Loughborough on May 17th. The route was via Buxton, Matlock and Derby, 50 miles of the finest scenery in England at this time of the year.

The party was met by Mr. J. P. Fidler and escorted around the foundry by Messrs. P. L. Taylor, Colin Harrison and J. P. Fidler. Permission was given to use the foundry ring of ten.

Later the party was entertained with music from the 47 bell carillon in the War Memorial Campanile, and the ringers enjoyed the fine ring of ten in the Parish Church.

En route handbells, tune and change ringing, solo and community singing added to the pleasures of the day.

DEVON GUILD

A number of Devon Guild members and their friends held a very successful half-day outing on May 17th, when four moorland parishes were visited. Weather conditions were most ideal, and the arrangements were ably made by Mr. E. M. Atkins, of Teignmouth. Towers visited were Ilsington (6); the 'Cathedral of the Moor,' Widecombe; Lustleigh (6), and Bovey Tracey (8).

The outing, including cream tea, was specially arranged for some visiting ringers, and the event proved most enjoyable. A. L. B.

OBITUARY

MR. CONOR O'BRIEN

Mr. A. H. Pulling writes recalling when Mr. Conor O'Brien was a member of the band of S. Nicolas', Guildford, and was then a very keen peal ringer. He rang with him a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major at Hersham on Sept. 26th, 1903; Stedman Caters at S. Nicolas', Guildford, on Jan. 28th, 1904 (Mr. Pulling is now the only survivor of this peal); Double Norwich at Shere on July 2nd, 1904; and Bob Major at Chobham on Feb. 4th, 1905.

Mr. Conor O'Brien, when living at Guildford, cycled to Brighton, spent the afternoon on the beach learning London Surprise Major, and rang his first peal and first blow in the method the same evening.

MAJOR LEWIS JOHN ROPER

The death occurred on May 15th of Major Lewis John Roper, R.A.O.C., retired, at the age of 70. He had not enjoyed good health for some time, but the end came as somewhat of a surprise as he had voted in the Town Council elections on the previous Thursday.

Before his illness Major Roper was a keen ringer at the Cheltenham Parish Church, and it was always a pleasure to ring with him as he had a most pleasing personality. He was a native of Bury St. Edmunds, where it is believed he learned, as a boy, how to handle a bell. He saw service in many parts of the world before ill-health forced his retirement in 1939 after 35 years' service. While serving in France in the 1914-18 war he was awarded the Military Medal. Major Roper was an enthusiastic gardener, as the beauty of his garden could testify; he was also a keen worker in the Conservative cause and was well known as a Civil Defence lecturer.

The interment service was held in the Parish Church on May 19th, and touches of Grandsire Caters were rung, the bells being half-muffled for the occasion.

MR. T. F. KING

Mr. Thomas F. King, a well-known Bath ringer, passed away suddenly on May 15th at the age of 74 years. He had been in poor health for about a year, yet maintained an active interest in ringing until recent months. For 55 years he was a ringer at Twerton Parish Church, ringing his first peal there in 1898, and eventually becoming tower master. He rang altogether just over 200 peals, his last peal being Grandsire Caters at Trowbridge in February of this year. Mr. King had been a member of the Abbey band for over 50 years, being the only member to take part in the two peals of Caters rung there.

The funeral service took place on May 19th at Twerton. Attending the service were many ringers, representing most of the Bath towers, and from other Somerset towers and the Salisbury Diocesan Guild towers of Trowbridge, Bradford-on-Avon and Holt. The floral tributes included wreaths from the Bath Abbey band, the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association and from the Trowbridge ringers. As the cortege left the church, half-muffled touches of Triples and Major and the 'whole pull and stand' were rung.

In the evening a quarter peal of Grandsire Caters was rung half-muffled at the Abbey by W. J. Prescott 1, R. J. Cousins 2, Mrs. D. Evans 3, H. D. Taylor 4, G. J. Hawkins 5, E. Naylor 6, J. Hallett 7, M. Helps 8, R. O. Fry (cond.) 9, K. Medway 10.

MR. WILLIAM KEEBLE
AN APPRECIATION

Although rather late in the day, I wish to pay my small tribute to the memory of William Keeble. I had hoped that an abler pen than mine would have done justice to the memory of a great ringer.

I have no idea where his personal record of peals is, but if available it would speak for itself. He was undoubtedly a genius as a conductor and a very large number have to thank him for conducting their first peal, especially Surprise.

He was, of course, associated with the late brothers Pye, who after much practice succeeded in ringing the first peal of London Surprise double-handed on handbells. Another outstanding performance of Mr. Keeble's was the then record, 14,000 odd of London Surprise at King's Norton. L. W. WIFFEN.

Braintree, Essex.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
North Berks Branch at Appleton

The annual meeting of the North Berks Branch took place at Appleton on May 17th. Ringing on the celebrated ten bells began about 2.30 p.m. and included touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters.

At the short service, conducted by the Rev. H. C. Joyce (Vicar), assisted by the Rev. C. E. Wigg (Master of the Guild), it was a great pleasure to have a full choir to lead the singing and to give an anthem.

The business meeting followed tea (which included some Appleton lardy cake), and the branch was very pleased to welcome the Master of the Guild (the Rev. C. E. Wigg), the Deputy Master (Mr. F. Sharpe), the librarian (Miss M. R. Cross), and the Revs. G. E. Bussell (Ardington), N. E. Hope (March Baldon) and J. V. Pixell and more than 100 members and visitors.

In the absence of the chairman owing to ill-health, the Rev. G. E. Bussell (vice-chairman) presided. The hon. secretary and treasurer (Mr. A. E. Lock) in his report said that most towers in the district were progressing, especially in Drayton where there was a competent change ringing band for the first time in the memory of the bells. He presented the balance sheet, which showed a credit balance of £46. Seventeen ringing and one honorary member were nominated.

A grant of 10 guineas was made towards the cost of rehanging the Radley bells and one of 5 guineas towards the work being carried out on the bells at Chilton, where it was subsequently decided to hold the autumn meeting in September. The sum of £10 was voted from the funds for the Canon Coleridge Memorial, which is to take the form of a tablet in the cloisters at Christ Church, Oxford, and certain work on the existing bells.

The towers of Cumnor, Sunningwell, Marcham and Drayton were open for ringing in the evening.

QUARTER PEALS

DANBURY, ESSEX.—On May 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss A. Royston (first quarter) 1, J. West 2, Miss M. Shadrack 3, I. Saunders 4, J. E. G. Roast 5, P. J. Came (first as cond.) 6. Rung in memoriam William Spokes.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On May 11th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: D. M. Salisbury 1, J. Carrott 2, A. H. Worboys 3, A. J. Salisbury 4, C. E. Wright 5, G. Penfold 6, T. East 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8

LONDON.—At the Church of St. Giles, on May 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. H. Harvey (first quarter Triples) 1, Miss J. M. Midgley 2, Miss J. H. Friswell 3, M. Sinden (cond.) 4, R. K. C. Wilkings 5, G. A. Parsons 6, F. G. Shorter 7, C. F. Neal 8. Rung for the visit of the Archdeacon of London.

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MEETINGS

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Meeting at Ickleton, Saturday, May 31st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 795

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Quarterly meeting, May 31st, St. Mary's, Eastbourne. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—P. H. Rollison. 815

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting, Cheriton, Saturday, May 31st. Bells (6) 2. Service 4. Tea 4.45 in Bricklayer's Arms.—J. A. C. King. 754

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Walpole St Andrew, Whit Monday, June 2nd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Tea provided (numbers, please).—J. E. Fox, Walpole Highway. 796

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Annual meeting, Chelmsford, Whit Monday, June 2nd. Service in the Cathedral 11 a.m., preacher the Very Reverend G. E. Gordon, M.A., Provost of Chelmsford Cathedral. Meeting to follow in the Chapter House. Lunch at the Cathedral Hall 1.30 p.m., members 3s., non-resident members and non-members 4s. Tea will be served as a running buffet in the Cathedral Hall from 4.30 p.m. until 6 p.m. at 1s. 6d. per head. Bells available: Cathedral (13) 9.30 a.m to 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. The following bells are available from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.: Great Baddow (8), Boreham (8), Great Waltham (8), Galleywood (8), Writtle (8), Widford (8), Broomfield (6), Danbury (6), Springfield (6), Sandon (6), Little Baddow (5).—Robert C. Heazel, Hon. Sec. 764

WIVELSFIELD RINGERS are organising a Dance on Whit Monday, June 2nd, in the Church Room, Wivelsfield, 8 p.m.—12 m.n. Tickets 2s. All are welcome. In aid of tuning and reconditioning handbells, and annual outing. 828

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, June 7th, 3 p.m. Ringing afterwards St. Stephen's, Clapham Park.—A. B. Peck. 802

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—Meeting at Cople on June 7th. Bells at 3. Service 4.30. Tea, in Church Room, 5. Special method: Trinity Sunday Treble Bob Minor.—Michael Stephens. 732

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch.—East Budleigh, June 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to B. Pidgeon, East Budleigh. 808

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—West Hartlepool (St. Oswald's). Saturday, June 7th, 2.30. Names for tea, by June 5th, to Mr. F. Robson, 13, Grainger Street, West Hartlepool. 811

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, June 7th, Wingerworth (5). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. E. Blythe, 58, Church Street South, Derby Road, Birdholme, Chesterfield. 835

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting, Chippenham (6), Saturday, June 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Miss M. Grain, Dis. Sec. 834

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Meeting at Foxearth (8), Saturday, June 7th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea, please, to H. A. Pratt, 6, Council Houses, Black Notley, Braintree. 798

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. Division.—Crusader meeting, June 7th, High Ongar (6), 3 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. Impossible to make arrangements for tea. Cafes at Chipping Ongar, short walk or bus. To High Ongar by bus from Brentwood.—F. V. G. 781

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Tirley, June 7th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, by June 3rd, to J. Beech, Hon. Sec., 6, Abbey Terrace, Tewkesbury. Tel. 2308.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Brislington (6), June 7th. 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Notify, before June 4th, A. Bennett, 5, Lancaster Street, Bristol 5. 821

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chertsey District.—Meeting at Oatlands Park (8 bells) on Saturday, June 7th. Notification for tea, by Wednesday, June 4th, to Miss Joan Smith, 5, Pantiles Road, Oatlands Park, Weybridge.—W. Simmonds, Hon. Sec. 824

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Aldenham (8), Saturday, June 7th, 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names to R. G. Bell, 131, Hamper Mill Lane, Watford. Tel. Watford 7936. 840

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Quex Park, Saturday, June 7th, 2.30 p.m. Tour of museum during afternoon. Tea 2s. per head; names, with cash, please, to Mr. J. A. Russell, 40a, Station Road, Birchington, Kent, not later than June 4th. This is definite: no names no tea. Entrance is by the Farm Road, and **not** in front of the Mansion.—B. J. Luck. 794

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Quarterly meeting, Lydd, June 7th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 787

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District. — By-meeting at Cowden (6), June 7th, at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by June 4th to R. A. Whitehead, 19, Deakin Leas, Tonbridge. 804

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Annual meeting at St. Peter's, Milton-next-Gravesend, June 7th. Ringing 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, by June 4th, to Mrs. Mitchell, 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend. Everybody welcome. 792

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Whalley on Saturday, June 7th. Ringing at 2.30 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 844

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster, Furness and Lake District Branches. — Joint practice meeting at Silverdale on Saturday, June 7th. Bells (6) 2.30—8.30. Tea 4.30. Names for tea, by 4th, to W. Bolton, Kirkmead, Cove Road, Silverdale.—R. F. Eccles, Branch Sec. 836

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Eccleston, Saturday, June 7th. Refreshments provided. Please send names by May 31st, that is, immediately, to Mr. A. Rigbye, Tannersmith Lane, Mawdesley, Ormskirk. Bus 113 from Preston, 2 p.m. and hourly, 113 from Wigan, 1.15 p.m. and hourly, 327 from Chorley, 1.56 p.m. and hourly, also 367 at 2.26 p.m.—L. Walmsley. 813

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at St. Paul's, Cross Stone, Todmorden, June 7th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided. All welcome.—F. Pritchard. 810

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—First meeting at Swithland (6), June 7th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 in Village Hall. Thurcaston (8) 6.30. Buses leave St. Margaret's, Platform 4, 2.15, 2.35, 3, 3.15. Names for tea, by June 4th.—F. Bindley, 31, Mill Lane, Thurcaston.. 814

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Marshfield, June 7th. Bells 2.30. Service at 4. Tea and business to follow.—F. J. Hannington, 32, Surrey Street, Canton, Cardiff. 784

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting at Newport Pagnell, Saturday, June 7th. Bells 2.30. Service 3.30. Names for tea, please, by June 2nd. —R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 789

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at Easthampstead on Saturday, June 7th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea afterwards. Notify for tea, by June 2nd, to B. C. Castle, The Briars Westfield Road, Winnersh, Wokingham. 830

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting at Welford (8), Saturday, June 7th. Names for tea, before June 3rd, please, to Mr. P. Gardner, Top House, Welford.—E. Orland, Hon. Sec. 825

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Practice meeting, Damerham (6), June 7th. Bells 2.30. Tea for those who notify me by June 3rd.—Miss Eloie, 81, Hamilton Road, Salisbury. 780

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting, Market Lavington, June 7th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service and tea. Names for tea.—F. Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 820

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting at Hope on Saturday, June 7th, at 3 p.m. Fare 2s. 6d., L.M.S., at 1.5 and 2.20. Names for tea (2s. per head), by June 4th, certain, to J. E. Turley, 356, Main Road, Sheffield 9. 842

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern. — Quarterly meeting, Fairwarp (8), Saturday, June 7th, 3 p.m. Tea for those who notify, by Wednesday, June 4th, G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 839

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Meeting, Thirsk (8), June 7th. Service 4. Tea 4.45 at the Farm House Cafe. Names, by June 5th, to Mr. J. Stott, 13, Kirkgate, Thirsk.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Dis. Sec. 841

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—Annual meeting, Bridlington Priory Church, June 7th. Bells (8) available 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Service 3 o'clock; preacher, Ven. C. O. Ellison (Archdeacon of Leeds and president, Yorkshire Association). Tea in Priory Institute. Names, by June 5th, to Mr. J. A. Parker, Higher Waterworks, Mill Lane, Bridlington. 50th anniversary of dedication of bells. —H. S. Morley, 28, Church Hill, Selby. 801

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Frome Branch. — Corporate Communion at Chilcompton, Sunday, June 8th. Bells 7 a.m. Service 8 a.m. Names for breakfast essential, not later than Wednesday, June 4th, to E. Chivers, Wingles, Chilcompton, Bath. 817

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch. —Meeting, Milton Abbey, Thursday, June 12th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5. Meeting follows. Names, by June 9th, to Mr. Bolt, Ravensbourne, Milton Abbas, Blandford.—Hayne, Abbotsbury. 819

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Ilchester Deanery Branch. — Meeting, Stoke-under-Ham, June 14th. Service 4.30. Please notify early for tea. —F. Farrant, Martock. 827

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Nuneaton District. — Meeting at Bulkington, near Nuneaton, Saturday, June 14th. Bells (8) 3. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to me not later than June 11th.—J. J. Hinde, Nuneaton District Secretary. 832

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Annual outing, Saturday, June 14th. to West Suffolk, six towers. A few seats available. For further details write to H. S. Peacock 8, Roscrea Terrace, St. John's Street, Huntingdon, Hunts. 823

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. —South Eastern Division. — Meeting, Burleigh (6), Saturday, June 14th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. Everett, 24, The Chase, Boreham. 829

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Tring (8), Saturday, June 14th, 3 p.m. Names for tea, by June 11th, to Mr. D. Cartwright, 56, Longfield Road, Tring.—P. A. Martin, Dis. Sec. 831

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Leek, Saturday, June 14th, not the 7th as previously arranged. Names for tea to Mr. E. Sharratt, 13, Lowther Place, Leek, Staffs.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 818

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD—. Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Pattishall on Saturday, June 14th. Names for tea, by June 7th, to W. Yates, Welsh Lane, Boycott, Buckingham. 809

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meeting, Newnham and Badby, Saturday, June 14th. Service, meeting and tea (5.30) at Badby. Names for tea to me not later than Saturday, June 7th.—F. W. Hancock, Willoughby, near Rugby. 826

ST. DAVID'S GUILD.—Annual meeting at St. David's, Saturday, June 14th. Bells (8) 2. Service 4. Tea and business meeting to follow. Names for tea to C. H. Hawkins, 2, Embankment Road, New Dock, Llanelly, Carms. 822

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts District.—Crawford Cup contest and meeting at Ordsall (6), Saturday, June 14th, 3 p.m. No tea arrangements possible: please bring own. Buses every 15 minutes to Retford, if required. —H. Denman. 843

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Halesworth District.—Meeting at Southwold, Saturday, June 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names, by June 11th, to Mr. R. S. Payne, 21, Hotson Road, Southwold. 833

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at Freckenham, June 14th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—D. M. Reeve. 837

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — North-Western District.—Meeting fixed for June 26th at Esher cancelled. Date for next meeting July 19th. Place announced when notice due.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec. 797

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Preliminary Notice: Quarterly meeting, June 28th, Honiton Clyst. Will all those requiring transport from the Bath-Bristol district please notify, by June 14th, Mrs. Parfrey, 28, Corston, near Bath. Details on application. 838

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MINOR AND THE YOUNG CONDUCTOR

CONDUCTORS of Minor seldom seem to reach the limelight to the extent of their foster-brothers on higher numbers. This is not surprising, seeing that they would probably be the first to admit that the mental effort involved in conducting a Minor peal is much simpler than that of conducting on higher numbers. Nevertheless, many conductors of note are themselves quite frequently 'mentioned in despatches' under the five and six-bell peal columns in 'The Ringing World,' showing at least that they consider Minor ringing and conducting a subject worthy of their attention. It is also well known that many excellent ringers and conductors first won their spurs in a six-bell tower.

To the young or inexperienced conductor who has not yet realised that conducting means more than calling bobs in the right place comes the revelation sooner or later that the job also includes the obligation to correct trips so far as is possible and to see that the ringing does not travel far with two bells occupying each other's positions.

To many conductors of modest Minor mental transposition of lead-ends and course-ends seems to involve the greatest difficulty, while ringing by following course bells is, possibly, neither as widely practised nor as widely understood as in ringing on higher numbers. Therefore the following suggestions on methods using the standard calling may prove useful, at least as a starting point, to the youthful Minor conductor.

Let us first consider the methods on the treble bob system using the standard calling. Once this has been thoroughly understood it is a comparatively simple matter to extend the principles to plain methods.

The 720's of Minor with regular lead-ends fall into two groups: those with 6ths place and those with 2nds place made when the treble is leading full. Use the tenor as observation, and in the former call 'In, Out, In,' and in the latter, 'Wrong, Right, Wrong.' Repeat twice. Notice that the 5th is brought 'home' at each part-end and so repeats the same work in each part. The work he does at each bob should be memorised.

Dealing first with the methods called 'In, Out, In,' we notice that the 5th is dodging 'down' at the first two bobs and subsequently makes the last one in each part. The bell working with him at the first two bobs is unaffected by the third, so that it will be then coming away from the front as the tenor goes in. This bell, which we will call the 'part-bell,' is of course different in each part and is the 3rd, 2nd and 4th in the first, second and third parts respectively.

Consider next the remaining two bells. It will be seen that they are both affected by the third bob working behind together, and that they make the first and second bobs in turn. The one that is not making the bob is unaffected by it, and is moving either 'out' or 'in' as the tenor moves 'in' or 'out.' A good way to memorise all this is to remember that, ignoring the 5th, which always makes the third bob in each part, the bells make the bobs in the following order: 2-4, 4-3 and 3-2. The bell which is not in these pairs must be the 'part-bell' working with the 5th.

With a little practice and this knowledge the conductor will be able to observe whether each bell is in the correct position at each bob throughout the 720, and as things often go wrong at this juncture it is an asset to be able to correct a trip with confidence by asserting: 'So and so make the bob—so and so dodge behind with so and so, etc.'

The student can easily make out for himself a scheme whereby the bells can be pin-pointed at the bobs when the tenor is called 'Wrong, Right, Wrong' in the second class of methods when seconds are made with the treble leading full. Two hints: the 5th makes the first bob in each part and the 'paired' bells are 2-3, 3-4 and 4-2.

It is, of course, impossible to go further into the subject in an article of this length, but it is hoped that what few grains of wisdom have been scattered, although common knowledge to many, will be acceptable to a few.

H. C.

TEN BELL PEALS

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On Tues., May 20, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

*MAY LOMAS	*Treble*	DAVID VINCENT	6
†NEIL D. LOMAS	2	JOHN WORTH	7
ALAN A. POTTS	3	HARRY FARRER	8
†BASIL JONES	4	HEDLEY WOOD	9
†ANNE WORTH	5	WILFRED STEVENSON	*Tenor*

Composed by B. JEALOUS. Conducted by ALAN A. POTTS.
* First ten bell peal. † First peal of Grandsire Caters. First peal of Caters as conductor.
Rung for the Installation of Councillor Ivan Stanway as Mayor of Macclesfield, which took place the same day.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 24, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 30½ in C sharp.

FRED HAYES	*Treble*	GILBERT R. GOODSHIP	6
RALPH COLES	2	ARTHUR CLUTTON	7
WILLIAM BUTLER	3	*WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	8
MRS. SYLVIA WILKINSON	4	EDWARD R. COLES	9
WILLIAM WELLING	5	REGINALD G. HUNT	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by FRED HAYES.
* 125th peal. Empire Day peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

LONGTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 26, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

*WILLIAM J. CARTER	*Treble*	JOHN BEARDMORE	5
FREDK. E. WILSHAW	2	*HARRY CARTER	6
JUNE M. HENSHAW	3	G. ARNOLD MOORE	7
*ANNE SHERRATT	4	CHARLES H. PAGE	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by FREDK. E. WILSHAW.
* First peal of Bob Major. First in the method as conductor.

ALBURGH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 17, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5136 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 96 lb. in G.

HENRY TOOKE	*Treble*	*RALPH SITCH	5
*CHARLES E. G. BANHAM	2	*JOHN S. BARNES	6
REV. A. G. G. THURLOW	3	GEORGE SAYER	7
STANLEY W. COPLING	4	NOLAN GOLDEN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal in the method.

GAINSBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 17, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Haywood's Transposition. Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS	*Treble*	CHARLES BAKER	5
JACK L. MILLHOUSE	2	CHARLES E. BROWN	6
LESLIE A. LUNN	3	JOHN A. FREEMAN	7
JOHN FREEMAN	4	JOHN WALDEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.
Rung in honour of the Ordination of Philip Michael Freeman, which took place at this church on March 23rd, 1952.

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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 17, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

JAMES A. MILNER	*Treble*	JAMES FERNLEY	5
NEIL D. LOMAS	2	PETER LAFLIN	6
ANNE WORTH	3	ALAN A. POTTS	7
*BASIL JONES	4	JOHN WORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
* First peal in the method away from treble. A 21st birthday compliment to Basil Jones.

WITNEY, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Sat., May 17, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5088 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

JOHN B. GUY	*Treble*	†O. MICHAEL SLANEY	5
SHIRLEY V. RYMER	2	*FRANK P. WRIGHT	6
*RUTH M. K. HOW	3	*PETER BORDER	7
*SUSAN M. BROWN	4	RODNEY B. MEADOWS	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by RODNEY B. MEADOWS.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Surprise. First peal in the method as conductor.

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., May 18, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation). Tenor 19½ cwt.

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KEVIN S. HOHL	3	WALTER H. DOBBIE	7
ERNEST J. LADD	4	*RICHARD LUCKHURST	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER H. DOBBIE.
* First peal. First peal since rehanging of the bells.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., May 20, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE ROYAL FOUNDATION CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-CASTRO,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN R. SMITH	*Treble*	PETER J. STANIFORTH	5
MRS. J. R. SMITH	2	JOHN B. BENNETT	6
MRS. H. J. POOLE	3	TERENCE A. THORNBER	7
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	4	HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
Rung for the festival of St. Dunstan, patron saint of bellringers. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

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Ilkeston Variation. Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb.

Cecil John Baker	*Treble*	David J. Marshall	5
Samuel Pinder	2	Girling Rigby	6
Clement Glenn	3	Albert Thompson	7
Edward C. Gobey	4	Edward F. Gobey	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Edward F. Gobey.
Rung in honour of the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the eight bells.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., May 23, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5152 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

Peter J. Staniforth	*Treble*	Alfred Ballard	5
Harold J. Poole	2	Michael E. Brown	6
*John B. Bennett	3	Terence A. Thornber	7
Frank K. Measures	4	John A. L. Thompson	*Tenor*

Composed by Fredk. H. Dexter. Conducted by Harold J. Poole.
* First peal in the method. Specially arranged for Terry Thornber, home on leave from H.M. Forces in Germany.

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At the Church of St. Lawrence,
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

W. Allman	*Treble*	†Fred Jackson	5
*Alan Dugdale	2	William Allman	6
Harold Worrall	3	John E. Bibby	7
Charles Ward	4	Cecil Raddon	*Tenor*

Composed by H Rostron. Conducted by John E. Bibby.
* First peal 'inside.' † First peal in the method.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., May 23, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
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Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb. in A.

George A. Fleming	*Treble*	Ronald W. Steward	5
Patricia M. Clarke	2	George Waterman	6
Garnham A. Blaxcell	3	George W. Pipe	7
Robert E. Lester	4	Urban W. Wildney	*Tenor*

Composed by Wm. G. J. Brown. Conducted by Urban W. Wildney.
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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
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At the Deanery Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5152 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18¾ cwt. in E.

Ronald Boykett	*Treble*	Stanley Bones	5
*Shirley Baringer	2	*Alfred Little	6
*Peter Wood	3	George Saunders	7
*Jack Brett	4	Ronald Suckling	*Tenor*

Composed by John Reeve. Conducted by Ronald Suckling.
* First peal of Treble Bob Major.

BROADCLYST, DEVONSHIRE.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., May 24, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

Stafford H. Green	*Treble*	Henry G. Keeley	5
Elizabeth Brown	2	Brian Pidgeon	6
Arthur H. Reed	3	Norman Mallett	7
Roger Keeley	4	G. Stedman Morris	*Tenor*

Conducted by Norman Mallett.
First peal as conductor. Rung on Empire Day. A wedding compliment to V. Betty Mallett and Robert Eveleigh.

BURWASH, SUSSEX.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 24, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. Bartholomew,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Original. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*Jill Haffenden	*Treble*	S. Geoffrey Waters	5
Reginald E. Lambert	2	Robert T. Lambert	6
†Betty M. Vidler	3	Thomas E. Sone	7
Fredk. J. Lambert, jun.	4	William Gorringe	*Tenor*

Conducted by Thomas E. Sone.
* First peal of Triples. † First peal 'inside' and first peal of Triples. A wedding compliment to James Webb and Gwendoline Goldsmith, who were married at the above church this day.

CLARE, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., May 24, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 28 cwt.

Charles W. Beecroft	*Treble*	Ernest E. Grimes	5
Leslie C. Wightman	2	Walter W. Miller	6
Frank Ruffles	3	Albert E. Whiting	7
Walter Ruffles	4	Leslie G. Brett	*Tenor*

Conducted by Leslie G. Brett.

CONGLETON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 24, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 12 methods, being 960 London, 960 Rutland, and 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Cray, Eastcote, Lincolnshire, New Gloucester, Pudsey, Superlative, Wembley and Yorkshire, with 139 changes of method. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

James A. Milner	*Treble*	C. Kenneth Lewis	5
*Neil D. Lomas	2	John Worth	6
Fred Dunkerley	3	Peter Laflin	7
Wilfred Stevenson	4	Alan A. Potts	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. Pitman (Reversed). Conducted by C. K. Lewis.
* First peal of Spliced. Rung for the 46th anniversary (May 26th) of Mr. Laflin's first peal.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 24, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5024 EALING SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb. in F sharp.

Maxwell F. Oakshett	*Treble*	*Robert Collins	5
Barbara A. Mitchell	2	Reginald L. Sills	6
Arthur S. Richards	3	Philip A. Corby	7
*Doris E. Colgate	4	Richard E. Price	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.
* 100th peal together. First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

ESCRICK, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 24, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Helen,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb.

*Patricia M. Reeves	*Treble*	Charles Barker	5
Sedman H. Steel	2	John G. Hobson	6
D. Margaret Hawley	3	Barry Holland	7
†Edward Hudson	4	Harold Walker	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. Burton. Conducted by Harold Walker.
* First peal. † First peal of Bob Major away from treble. Rung on Empire Day and as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss P. M. Reeves, first lady member of the York Minster Society.

GREAT BENTLEY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 24, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 7¼ cwt.

Edward E. Davey	*Treble*	George A. Andrews	5
*Kenneth Mitchell	2	*George N. Orman	6
*Roy Duesbury	3	Urban W. Wildney	7
Alan R. Andrews	4	Walter A. Southgate	*Tenor*

Composed by W. J. G. Brown. Conducted by Urban W. Wildney.
* First peal in the method. Mr. Edward E. Davey has 'circled' this tower.

HARPENDEN, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 24, 1952, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

*FREDERICK C. JACKLIN	*Treble*	ARTHUR DAY	5
CHARLES F. SAYER	2	BERTRAM C. JOHNSON	6
THOMAS J. SOUTHAM	3	WILLIAM J. SOUTHAM	7
HAROLD V. FROST	4	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by GEORGE W. DEBENHAM.
* First peal of Major. First peal in the method by all the band. First peal in the method on tower bells by the Association.

RINGWOOD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 24, 1952, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18½ cwt.

HERBERT A. MITCHELL	*Treble*	JAMES E. DANIELS	5
JOAN M. GRAY	2	JACK MUSSELL	6
JOHN HARTLESS	3	LESLIE A. PAGE	7
HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS	4	RONALD N. MARLOW	*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by RONALD N. MARLOW.

STANDISH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 24, 1952, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,
A PEAL OF 5184 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

IAN JONES	*Treble*	ALBERT GREENHALGH	5
CECIL RADDON	2	HAROLD WORRALL	6
HARRY PARKER	3	HARRY W. HOWARD	7
*KENNETH EDWARDS	4	JOHN ASHCROFT	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN ASHCROFT.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. A compliment to Mr. Parker, father of the 3rd ringer, on his 84th birthday.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., May 24, 1952, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

*WILLIAM J. BUTTON	*Treble*	HARRY D. LISTER	5
GEORGE W. PIPE	2	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL	6
†LLEWELLYN ALLUM	3	MAX P. PAGE	7
ROBERT E. LESTER	4	RONALD W. STEWARD	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.
* 150th peal and has also 'circled' tower. † First peal in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., May 27, 1952, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 6¼ cwt.

HAROLD MARCON	*Treble*	LESLIE W. STEVENS	5
ERNEST MORRIS	2	*SAMUEL W. CHAPMAN	6
PAUL LEA TAYLOR	3	†JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	7
WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN.	4	ROLAND BENISTON	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.
* First peal 'inside' in method. † 75th peal.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD SOCIETY.
On Tues., May 27, 1952, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

SUSAN M. BROWN	*Treble*	†FRANK P. WRIGHT	5
WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS	2	PHILIP WALKER	6
FRANCIS S. BEAUMONT	3	CHARLES COLES	7
*M. ELIZABETH ROE	4	†PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by H. EARLE BULWER. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First peal in the method. † 25th peal together. First peal in the method as conductor.
Rung for the induction of the new Rector, Rev. Basil C. Gough, M.A.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 28, 1952, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 19½ cwt.

ANDREW J. SALISBURY	*Treble*	FRANK V. GANT	5
ERNEST W. FURBANK	2	CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON	6
HENRY T. WILSON	3	HARRY TURNER	7
DAVID W. BEARD	4	JOHN H. CRAMPION	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK V. GANT.
First peal of Surprise as conductor. An 80th birthday compliment to Mr. F. Freestone, towerkeeper at St. Andrew's and a life member of the Essex Association.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

MUCH DEWCHURCH, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., May 1, 1952, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 10 six-scores each of Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob, and 22 of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt. in A flat.

*CLIVE A. J. WHITE	*Treble*	REGINALD T. JONES	4
L. EVANS	2	FREDERICK R. HARRIS	5
DOROTHY HUGHES	3	REGINALD BULLOCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD T. JONES.
* First peal.

CHEADLE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 10, 1952, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different 720's. Tenor 13 cwt.

ANNE SHERRATT	*Treble*	G. ARNOLD MOORE	4
*ARTHUR GAUNT	2	CHARLES H. PAGE	5
*GRAHAM MARSH	3	FREDK. E. WILSHAW	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDK. E. WILSHAW.
* First peal of Bob Minor.

LONGDON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Fri., May 16, 1952, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being six extents each of St. Simon's, April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt.

WALTER J. COPE	*Treble*	FRANCIS A. SEDGWICK	3
CLIVE M. SMITH	2	PETER BERESFORD	4
DENNIS BERESFORD	*Tenor*		

Conducted by DENNIS BERESFORD.
First peal in six methods by all the band. The first peal on the bells, cast 1727.

QUEENBOROUGH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 17, 1952, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being an extent each of:—Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

HILDEGARD I. G. BIRD	*Treble*	MICHAEL FULLER	4
A. PATRICK CANNON	2	RALPH BIRD	5
BARBARA A. MITCHELL	3	*S. GEOFFREY WATERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.
* 75th peal. Quickest peal on the bells. A wedding compliment to Mr. H. Michael Howard and Miss Rosamond C. Phillips.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 21, 1952, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob, two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

ROY STEVENS	*Treble*	SIDNEY STEVENS	4
SIDNEY KING	2	HARRY KING	5
NORMAN KING	3	WILLIAM WEDLOCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM WEDLOCK.
First peal in three methods by all except the conductor. Rung for Roy Stevens' 21st birthday.

SWEPSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Wed., May 21, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven 720's called differently. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

GEORGE W. RIDGWAY	*Treble*	JOSEPH W. COTTON	4
ERNEST MORRIS	2	PERCIVAL W. GRICE	5
WILLIAM F. WOODWARD	3	ROLAND BENISTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

First peal on the bells since augmentation from 4 to 6. The 131st tower in this Diocese in which the conductor has rung full peals.

WHAPLODE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., May 21, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Ipswich Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb.

GEORGE R. G. BUTLER	*Treble*	ERNEST BRITTAIN	4
JOHN E. ALLEN	2	FRED BRIGHTMAN	5
FREDA OLDERSHAW	3	FRANK TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK TAYLOR.

All the band are members of the Civil Defence Corps.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., May 22, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr.

MICHAEL DYER	*Treble*	FRANK WARRINGTON	4
*MARGOT R. THOMPSON	2	JOHN W. C. BLYTHE	5
JOHN R. G. SPICER	3	HAROLD S. PEACOCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First peal. A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Lack, of Great Staughton.

LIMPSFIELD CHART, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
(Southern Branch.)
On Fri., May 23, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

JAMES W. KNIGHT	*Treble*	GEORGE W. TOOTH	4
WILFRED L. TIDY	2	JOHN O. WELLER	5
RALPH BIRD	3	LEONARD A. TIDY	*Tenor*

Conducted by LEONARD A. TIDY.

Rung to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the installation of the bells, which were rung for the first time on May 23rd, 1902.

BILLINGBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 24, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Single Court, and two each of Single Oxford and Plain Bob.
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in A.

CECIL W. MATHEWS	*Treble*	RONALD RUSSELL	4
THOMAS F. CARFORD	2	BERNARD H. DALTON	5
PERCY D. BALDOCK	3	*JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* 100th peal for the Guild. A birthday compliment to Her Majesty Queen Mary. Also to Mr. Percy D. Baldock.

HILLSBOROUGH. CO. DOWN, N. IRELAND.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
(Northern District.)
On Sat., May 24, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MALACHI,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 15 cwt.

*JACK CAMPBELL	*Treble*	JAMES LEWIS	4
MISS JEAN STEWART	2	FRED E. DUKES	5
*HARRY CHASTY	3	JOHN T. DUNWOODY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN T. DUNWOODY.

* First peal of Treble Bob. First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Minor for all the band and in Ireland. Birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd. Rung in honour of visit to Northern Ireland of T.R.H. Duke and Duchess of Gloucester.



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STOKE-UNDER-HAM, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 24, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 240 April Day, 2,400 Plain Bob and 2,400 Grandsire (17 callings in all). Tenor 17 cwt. 15 lb.

*SYLVIA BISHOP	*Treble*	FREDERICK WELCH	4
*BRIAN GRINTER	2	JACK W. DREW	5
MRS. E. S. POWELL	3	†HUBERT PESTER	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK W. DREW.

* First peal in three methods. † First peal. Rung as a 70th birthday compliment to the Rev. Douglas Ballard, Vicar of Stoke-under-Ham.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., May 27, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of College Exercise, Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

HARRY J. WRIGHT	*Treble*	†JOHN H. SITCH	4
HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	2	††DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	5
*CHARLES HARRINGTON	3	FRANK V. GANT	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK V. GANT.

* First peal of Minor. † 25th peal together. ‡ First peal in seven methods. A 76th birthday compliment to A. Bradley, life member of the Essex Association.

TITCHFIELD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 31, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

BLANCHE M. BALL	*Treble*	PATRICK PAGE	4
*†S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT	2	FREDERICK W. BURNETT	5
†JOHN W. MEADE	3	JOHN H. HUNT	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.

* First peal of Treble Bob 'inside.' † First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS

CARDIFF.
LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May. 24, 1952, *in* 1 *Hour and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT 17, WELLFIELD PLACE, ROATH PARK,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 12 in F.

*MRS. A. R. PRICE	1—2	DILLYS HULBERT	3—4
A. RYAN PRICE	5—6		

Conducted by A. RYAN PRICE.

* First peal of Minor. First peal 'in hand' by all the band. First peal on the bells. First peal 'in hand' for the Association by a resident band.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sun., May 25, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 16 in B.

FRANK C. PRICE	1—2	WILFRID F. MORETON	5—6
JOHN R. MAYNE	3—4	J. MARTIN THORLEY	7—8
GEORGE E. FEARN	9—10		

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

RISLEY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 28, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT 85, DERBY ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

DENIS R. CARLISLE	1—2	JACK BAILEY	5—6
CLEMENT GLENN	3—4	*RODNEY HARRISON	7—8

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First peal on handbells.

ANSTEY, LEICS.—On May 25th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: A. Disney 1, R. D. Wilson 2, Miss J. M. Simpson (first quarter in method 'inside') 3, G. H. Arguile 4, D. S. Harris 5, W. A. Lacey 6, J. B. Bennett 7, R. F. Elkington (cond.) 8. Rung for the birthday of Geoff Spencer, a ringer at this church.

BARWELL, LEICS.—On May 11th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: J. Hill 1, Miss B. Colver 2, A. A. Lucas 3, J. L. Hough 4, A. H. Hough 5, C. R. Belton (cond.) 6, T. K. Deacon 7, G. P. Garner 8. A farewell to the Rev. S. C. Kipling on leaving the parish. Also on May 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples from Holt's original: J. Hill 1, A. H. Hough (cond.) 2, Miss B. Colver 3, J. L. Hough 4, C. R. Belton 5, T. K. Deacon 6, G. P. Garner 7, A. A. Lucas 8. A welcome to the new Rector (the Rev. P. Cryer).

BRADFORD PEVERELL, DORSET.—On May 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Doris Walden (13) 1, N. B. Davis (14) 2, C. H. Smart 3, F. C. Davis 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5. First quarter without a cover bell for 1 and 4. Rung as a token of esteem to H.M. Queen Mary on her 85th birthday.

BURES, SUFFOLK.—On May 22nd, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: S. T. Hume 1, D. L. Mills (first quarter as cond., aged 12) 2, Mrs. L. Mills 3, E. Leggett 4, C. Bower 5, Joan Pell (first quarter 'inside') 6, L. D. Mills 7, E. C. Hynard 8. Rung for Ascension Day, and a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. Bower.

COPT OAK, LEICS.—On May 16th, 1,440 Spliced Minor in 19 methods: Joan Cooper 1, S. A. Martin 2, C. W. Hall 3, R. Beniston (cond.) 4, J. W. Bowley 5, J. A. Underwood 6. First quarter by a lady ringer at this tower.

COSGROVE, NORTHANTS.—On May 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of St. Simon's, Plain Bob, 360 of Stedman and 420 of Grandsire): W. Yates (cond.) 1, Miss D. Spokes (first in 4 methods) 2, J. Higgins 3, E. R. Lambert 4, G. W. Holland 5, Miss M. Coleman 6.

CULHAM, OXON.—On May 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Wright (first quarter, aged 71) 1, W. Webb 2, C. Batley 3, J. Greenwood 4, R. Broad (cond.) 5, B. Davis (first quarter) 6.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Jill Roberts (first quarter Doubles) 1, J. Jones 2, Mrs. J. Seymour 3, Mrs. Wiggins 4, J. Seymour (cond.) 5, F. Hughes 6. For Ascension Day.

QUARTER PEALS

DUNSTER, SOMERSET.—On May 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. R. Tudball 1, Miss M. Burdge 2, A. Jones (first quarter) 3, H. Arscott 4, G. Maidment 5, I. Farmer (cond.) 6, H. W. Lloyd 7, J. Haydon 8.

FAVERSHAM, KENT.—On May 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Jemmett 1, H. Manuel 2, Miss E. S. Wyles 3, P. R. Jemmett 4, F. Pack 5, W. S. Palin (cond.) 6, E. Eades 7, N. Tumber 8.

FINCHLEY, LONDON.—At St. Mary's, on Ascension Day, a date touch of 1,952 Plain Bob Major: A. H. Richardson (totally blind, longest length) 1, A. Warren 2, F. Goodall 3, F. A. Barker 4, E. Pryor 5, W. Prockson 6, L. E. Tubb 7, F. C. W. Knight (comp. and cond.) 8.

FRAMPTON, DORSET.—On May 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Cheeseman 1, R. Clothier 2, H. J. Gladwyn 3, E. T. P. Field (cond) 4, J. Coombes 5, H. J. Ford 6. The first quarter on the bells since before the war and possibly the first of all.

FULHAM, LONDON.—On May 11th, 1,269 Stedman Caters: Mrs. C. Watts 1, J. Chilcott (cond.) 2, J. W. Stephenson 3, J. Phillips 4, K. W. Mackintosh 5, I. B. Sansom 6, M. V. Chilcott 7, H. M. Page 8, R. F. Deal 9, H. Belcher 10.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—On May 24th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: G. Green 1, H. Mansfield 2, H. T. Wilson 3, P. Claydon 4, H. W. Smith 5, J. Jennings 6, L. W. Wiffen (cond.) 7, Dr. Spencer Phillips 8. Rung as a compliment to Mr. George Green on the occasion of his 80th birthday.

HEREFORD.—At the Cathedral, on May 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. Jarrett 1, W. H. Symonds 2, F. R. Harris 3, A. W. Davis 4, M. P. Moreton 5, A. T. Wingate 6, W. F. Morton (cond.) 7, L. L. Quartermain 8.

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.—On May 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. O. Blackwell 1, O. Payne 2, E. E. Whitmore 3, W. Wilby (cond.) 4, G. Underwood 5, A. J. Wilson 6, G. D. Deighton 7, R. Whiting 8.

LITTON CHENEY, DORSET.—On May 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. B. Davis 1, J. Coombes 2, H. J. Gladwyn 3, R. Clothier 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5, B. Cheeseman 6. A tribute of respect to the Ven. E. S. Daniell (Vicar of Litton Cheney), who was buried the previous day.

OVER, CAMBS.—On May 25th, 1,272 Cambridge Surprise Minor: K. Norman 1, A. Clements 2, E. J. Parish 3, W. Ransom 4, F. Warrington (cond.) 5, G. E. Crisp 6, A. Payne 8 covering.

PARRAMATTA, NORTH SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA.—On May 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Mundy 1, G. Williamson 2, J. Boutland 3, A. R. Botting (cond.) 4, K. Stacey 5, L. Curian 6.

READING, BERKS.—On May 25th, at St. Laurence's, 1,261 Stedman Caters: Mrs. P. Lewington 1, Mrs. D. Catterall 2, C. Lewington (first quarter, aged 15) 3, A. D. Cullum 4, Miss P. Hart 5, T. Lanagan 6, E. Humfrey (cond.) 7, A. Wiggins 8, R. W. Rex 9, V. Cherrill 10. Rung for the conductor's 82nd birthday.

ROCHDALE, LANCS.—On May 26th, at All Saints', Hamer, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Leach 1, Beatrice Wood 2, Marjorie Leach 3, K. Abbott 4, Alwyn Taylor 5, J. Taylor (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to Queen Mary.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On May 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. F. Perry 1, Mrs. J. C. Northan 2, Miss S. Booth 3, H. Corney 4, N. Philips 5, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 6. Rung for Rogation Sunday.

TAXAL, DERBYS.—On May 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. Dawson 1, D. Rowbotham 2, F. Wild 3, G. Shaw 4, S. Depledge 5, G. Ashmore 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. G. Cook, wife of one of the local ringers.

WEST HAM, LONDON.—On May 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. A. Hales 1, T. H. Taffender 2, C. R. Smith 3, A. C. Chaplin 4, C. A. Hughes 5, C. W. Ottley 6, J. Bullock (cond.) 7, P. Devenish 8.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On May 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. G. Burton (first quarter) 1, G. E. Green 2, W. Yates 3, A. H. Hinton 4, Miss K. M. Cowley 5, T. E. Roberts 6, G. W. Holland (cond.) 7, G. Cooper 8.

WILLINGHAM, CAMBS.—On Empire Day, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: G. E. Crisp 1, F. Elsom (first quarter) 2, H. W. Pratt 3, O. Norman 4, E. J. Parish 5, W. Papworth 6. Conducted by F. Warrington, whose birthday was on this day.

WOLVERCOTE, OXON.—On April 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss V. Godwin (first quarter) 1, W. Godwin 2, M. Bushnell (first quarter 'inside') 3, K. White 4, D. Woodley (cond.) 5, Miss R. Chamberlain 6. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSN.

Gifts For Former Chairman

A fountain pen, a book token and an address containing the names of 87 subscribers were handed to Mr. W. L. Duffield, former chairman of the South Norfolk Branch, at a meeting of the branch at Redenhall on May 17th.

Over fifty ringers were present when the presentation was made by the president, the Rev. A. St. J. Heard, after the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow had spoken of Mr. Duffield's qualities as a churchman, ringer and chairman. Tributes to Mr. Duffield were also paid by Mr. Nolan Golden, the Association Ringing Master, and Mr. A. G. Harrison, branch secretary. The Rev. F. E. Vokes presided. Also present were the Branch Ringing Master (Mr. E. Whiting) and Messrs. C. E. G. Banham, H. Moss, F. C. Roper and C. F. W. Phillippo, members of the committee.

Canon Pickering (Rector) conducted the service in Redenhall Parish Church in the afternoon.

BARNSLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The May meeting was held at Monk Bretton, when the following towers were represented: Barnsley, Badworth, Bolsterstone, Cawthorne, Crofton, Darfield, Felkirk, Horbury, Silkstone, Shelley and the local company.

The Vicar (the Rev. W. J. Jubb) presided at the business meeting, and three new ringing members were elected—L. Myers, I. Scargill and Miss J. Williams, all of Monk Bretton. The shield contest will be held at Penistone on June 14th, and the next monthly meeting will be at Royston on July 12th.

The best thanks to the Vicar and to the local company brought the meeting to a close and further ringing followed.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

The weather could not have been better for the Society's spring meeting at the pretty village of Hanbury, Staffs, on May 17th. Hanbury is situated on high ground, and from the top of the tower of St. Werburgh's extensive views are obtained away to the Cheshire Plain in the north-west, and the richly wooded Needwood Forest country and the distant spires of Lichfield Cathedral to the south.

An unusual feature of Hanbury Church is that a door leads direct from the ringing chamber on to the flat roof of the nave, and from which vantage point ringers were able to sit on the parapet and admire the views while awaiting their turn to ring. The bells, a handy ring of eight, were put to good use during the afternoon and evening under the direction of the Master, Mr. G. Oliver. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. R. R. Osborn, who also gave a most interesting address. Tea was served in the pleasant Memorial Hall, and the attendance of 51 was highly satisfactory, especially as Hanbury is not easy of access. Thanks were extended to the Rev. R. R. Osborn and his organist by the clerical secretary, the Rev. C. H. Barker.

The next meeting of the Society will be the 'annual' at Lichfield on June 21st.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.

Fourteen towers were represented at the Northern District meeting held at Barkway on May 24th in glorious sunshine. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. followed by a short service, conducted by the Vicar, Canon H. F. Webb-Bowen. Tea was provided by Mrs. Gulham at the Three Horseshoes, at which 24 members partook. At the business meeting the Vicar was elected to the chair, and he was also elected an honorary member. The June meeting will be at St. Ippolyts and Gt. Wymondley on 28th. Methods ranged up to Yorkshire Surprise.

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Presentation to Mr. W. C. Shute

The North Dorset Branch held a special meeting at Childe Okeford on May 24th for the purpose of recognising the long and valuable service for over 25 years rendered to the branch and change ringing generally by Mr. W. C. Shute, of Ferndown.

The Archdeacon of Dorset came to preach, and at the meeting afterwards presented Mr. Shute with a gold watch suitably inscribed and a cheque for £7 10s. Many letters from subscribers bore testimony to his fine record, especially in giving instruction to young ringers.

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At the annual meeting of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers at Lincoln on Tuesday Mr. E. A. Barnett was elected secretary and treasurer of the Council by 76 votes to 52.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Trinity Sunday will be the 50th anniversary of the Rev. F. Llewellyn Edwards' ordination by the late Bishop Chavasse at Liverpool. We feel certain that his friends on the Central Council and in the Salisbury Diocesan Guild will think of him on that day. He invites all friends within reach of Kington Magna to assist him in celebrating this personal jubilee by coming to the Choral Communion at 11.5 and giving him the support of their prayers.

The Universities Association are holding their week this year at Nottingham from August 15th to 23rd.

In these days when recruiting for the Civil Defence Corps is slow in some areas, it is interesting to read of a peal by members of the Corps at Whaplode, Lincs.

We welcome back to the peal columns Mr. Stafford H. Green, of Sampford Peverell, Devon, who, having had a serious illness recently, had not anticipated any further peal ringing.

A badge of office of one horse brass with ribbons attached was provided for Mr. Barker, who acted as bus steward for the outing of the Wisbech Branch into Northamptonshire on May 21st.

The bells of Halifax Parish Church have been recast with a tenor 26 cwt. An imposing picture of hoisting the new tenor appeared in the 'Halifax Courier and Guardian.' The bells will be first rung again on the occasion of the church's patronal festival on June 26th.

On June 24th, 1952, a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major is to be attempted at St. John-the-Divine's, Leicester, to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the opening of the back eight. The celebrations will continue on Saturday, June 28th, in the form of an open day, when all ringers will be welcome.

Macclesfield had a special reason for ringing a peal for their new Mayor. He is Councillor Ivan Stanway, who was a regular service ringer at Christ Church, Macclesfield, from 1918 until the ban on ringing in 1939. When the ban was lifted he again joined the band until the remainder of the company returned from service with H.M. Forces. With a full company he reluctantly retired from the belfry because of the increased demand of public duties. For a time he was secretary of the Macclesfield Branch.

Congratulations to Mr. T. Wright, of Culham, near Abingdon, who at the age of 71 has rung his first quarter peal.

Mossley, Lancs, ringers were entertained by the new Mayor, Cclr. James Boardman, after ringing a quarter peal in his honour.

Will the ringer from Tunbridge Wells who was at Eling on May 17th send his name and address to the local secretary, who has a communication for him.

For the 50th anniversary of the opening of the present octave at Henley, Suffolk, the Rector arranged for the metal frame to be repainted and a new set of ropes to be provided. The first peal on the bells was 5,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major on May 17th, 1902, which was composed and conducted by the late Mr. James Motts. The anniversary peal was on May 23rd.

Mr. Frank Blondell's 82nd birthday was honoured by 1,259 Grandsire Caters at All Saints' Church, Kingston-on-Thames, on May 24th. The band was T. H. Francis 1, Jean Freer 2, Mrs. C. J. Mathews 3, Mrs. T. H. Francis 4, Miss M. Jackson 5, R. J. Sharpe 6, F. E. Hawthorne (cond.) 7, A. R. Ling 8, F. J. Mathews 9, A. House 10. This was the first quarter of Grandsire Caters by the ringers of 2, 4, 5, 8 and 9.

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A BETTER PRESS FOR RINGERS

Literature, Press and Broadcasting Committee's Review

THE following report of the Literature, Press and Broadcasting Committee was presented to the Central Council meeting at Lincoln last Tuesday:—

During the past twelve months two events have especially drawn the attention of the Press to the subject of church bells. One was the installation of the heaviest ring of bells in the kingdom at Liverpool Cathedral. The other was the lamented death of our beloved King. It was natural that in the reports of the national mourning and of His Majesty's burial frequent references were made to muffled bells paying solemn tribute to his memory. The continental Press likewise made mention of the 'mournful carillon' heard from the belfry of Westminster Abbey.

Many articles or paragraphs dealing with bells and the art of ringing have appeared in newspapers and magazines. Those published in the Midlands have included reports of lectures



THE REV. F. LLEWELLYN EDWARDS, convener of the Literature, Press and Broadcasting Committee, who celebrates the 50th anniversary of his ordination next Sunday. For 37 years he was hon. general secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

given by members of St. Martin's Guild and an interview with Mr. Ernest Morris, photographed above the tenor bell of St. Margaret's, Leicester, as well as instructive contributions from his fertile pen. Featured in a Southern journal is Mr. L. W. Andrews, 92 years of age and believed to be the oldest bell-ringer in Hampshire. Under the heading, 'These Happy Bell-ringers,' the 'Aberdare Leader' gives a detailed description of Christmas ringing at Aberdare, with a picture of the band in the belfry. Readers of the 'Daily Mirror' were enabled last July to see the familiar personality of Ruggles conversing with Mr. R. White, of Appleton, who was represented as explaining, among other things, how a single is made in Stedman Caters! The new 20 ton bell of Vienna has naturally figured in the daily Press.

The trade pamphlet, 'Kodak Bulletin,' published a most illuminating article on 'Ring the Changes' by Mr. R. G. Bell, of Watford, with an illustration of the author teaching his son to ring. Under the title, 'New Year harmony across the Sea,' the 'Children's Newspaper' of 5th January gave an illustrated account of young handbell ringers in Boston, U.S.A. The admirably produced 'Shropshire Magazine' continues to interest its readers in the bells of the county. Useful articles on the care and use of bells have appeared in diocesan publications. Mr. W. A. Osborn has contributed to the 'Bath and Wells Gazette' advice on the 'Care of Ancient Bells.' The Irish Press has continued to give prominence to news of bells and ringing.

LITERARY ENTERPRISE

The Exercise itself is showing marked enterprise in literary activity. In Kent, 'The Belfry' maintains its high standard, and besides furnishing news and practical instruction for ringers it publishes illustrated notes on churches and bells of the Maidstone District. Recent numbers have included verses written by the Rector of Snodland and dedicated to his ringers, and contributions from the president of the Central Council and Mr. A. York-Bramble. 'Ringing Towers,' of New South Wales, is now in its sixth year of publication and replete with interesting information. Its account of the competition and dinner at Sydney gives a delightful impression of cordial relations between the Anglican and Roman communities in the sphere of ringing. The death is recorded of Mr. R. H. McDonald, a former captain of the Sydney Cathedral ringers, at the age of 95. Useful hints are given on handbell ringing, and the Universities Association is reported to have rung the first peal in Australia of Bob Major 'in hand.' A new publication in this class is the 'Irish Bell News,' ably edited by Mr. F. E. Dukes, which records the rededication of Drogheda bells by the Archbishop of Armagh, and gives a most interesting account of a lady ringer's visit to America, where she was asked at a moment's notice to address the congregation on a Sunday morning and rose to the occasion with a talk on Irish church bells.

BROADCASTING

With regard to broadcasting, the bells of many churches have been broadcast before Sunday services, with varying standards of ringing. The admirable series of broadcasts from towers in the West was continued last summer and included a visit to Poole, where the principal speaker was Mr. A. Macdonald. The first broadcast from Liverpool Cathedral, on the occasion of a visit from our present Queen, was of historic interest, but for obvious reasons did not do justice to the bells.

The full grandeur of their tone was heard on Christmas morning, when all the ringing broadcast, from Stedman Cinques at Birmingham to set changes at North Tawton, was of a commendably high quality. We are glad to be able to give a similar report, with one unfortunate exception, of the broadcast on Easter Day. Letters received from different parts of the country furnished evidence that the slower pace adopted at Birmingham for this purpose enabled listeners to hear all the twelve bells quite distinctly. Ringing at a number of Irish churches has been recorded and broadcasts of bells have figured prominently in the 'Ulster Mirror' programme. Mr. J. T. Dunwoody has broadcast a talk on bell-ringing with handbell illustrations. In the Children's Hour of the B.B.C. school bands of handbell ringers have been introduced from time to time. The young band at Liverpool Cathedral have also broadcast a handbell performance.

Bell-ringing has again had a part in television. Notably successful transmissions of sight and sound came from Leeds Parish Church and Wickersley School, to the advantage of the Exercise.

(Signed) F. LLEWELLYN EDWARDS.
A. PADDON SMITH.
ALBERT WALKER.

The Biographies Committee

The report of this committee, signed by Messrs. A. C. Hazelden, W. H. Viggers and E. A. Barnett, stated:—

The work of this committee has gone steadily forward; in fact, there is no 'close season.' To obtain even occasional details of Council members long since departed often requires searching many years of ringing papers, while current 'Ringing Worlds' have to be studied carefully for information regarding present members who have not co-operated by giving us the particulars asked for.

In accordance with the Council's decision at Chester, we have proceeded with the album for the safe keeping of records, and the completed cover containing a selection of biographies written up as specimens is on view. Our present hope is that a member of the Council who has the necessary time and skill will come forward and offer to continue with the writing up of the sheets. The task would not be onerous—perhaps 12 to 18 sheets annually once the accumulated arrears have been cleared. In 1950 eight and in 1951 nine deaths occurred of former members of the Council.

Once again we have to express our thanks to those ringers who have helped us. Although they are too numerous to mention individually, we must refer to a generous offer by Mr. L. Stilwell to undertake research work. He has, in fact, completed for us the records of the late Messrs. W. T. Cockerill and C. F. Winney, and this alone involved a critical examination of ringing periodicals over a period of some sixty years. We offer our thanks for an exceptional effort.

Analysis of our index of past and present members of the Council reveals that 518 were elected between 1891 and 1950. Of these, 155 are deceased, and their biographies record completed to the Council's requirements; a further 113 are known to be deceased, but their records often lack only one item, such as birthday, first peal date or, in 23 cases, a photograph. Many dates of birth, etc., could be ascertained by research at Somerset House, if the Council is prepared to sanction the expenditure of 3s. 6d. in each instance. Of a further 104 men who, at various times, have been members we know nothing; they appear in our books as names only. Some of them will be reading this report, and we appeal to them again to give us the few particulars we need.

The names of the 23 deceased members for whose records we require a photograph ONLY are given below, in the hope that members will help us to complete them:—

G. P. Burton, died Sept. 21st, 1948: W. Bibby, June 3rd, 1941: Rev. H. Courtney, January, 1929: J. Dillon, Feb. 9th, 1936: H. A. Heywood, July 20th, 1943: J. P. Hyett, June 23rd, 1944: W. H. Hollier, Dec. 29th, 1937: B. Keeble, April 14th, 1932: F. Knights, Nov. 27th, 1928: W. J. Nevard, Aug. 29th, 1942: D. J. Nichols, May 24th, 1929: F. G. Newman, Sept. 25th, 1933: G. T. Potter, March 2nd, 1934: E. E. Richards, Nov. 18th, 1935: E. F. Strange, April 14th, 1929: W. E. Wilson, Feb. 11th, 1943: S. Wood, April 16th, 1932: W. Walmsley, Feb. 14th, 1933: R. T. Woodley, Nov. 15th, 1943: J. Basden, Dec. 14th, 1911: S. J. Hector, Feb. 15th, 1952: T. H. Beams, Aug. 25th, 1930: W. Baron, July 19th, 1904.

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CLERICAL RINGING WEEK

Experiences in Suffolk

FOR the third successive year the Guild of Clerical Ringers has visited a Cathedral City —1950 Chester, 1951 Wells and now, 1952, Bury St. Edmunds. Headquarters were at the Angel Hotel, where the familiar features of Mr. Pickwick, a former distinguished guest, are on every plate. The ringing party consisted of Canon C. C. Cox (Lyme Regis), Prebendary E. V. Cox (Ottery St. Mary), Canon B. F. Sheppard (Somersham, Hunts), Canon R. F. Wilkinson (W. Bridgford), and the Revs. J. H. P. Andrews (Chittlehampton), K. C. Davis (Hawley), F. Ll. Edwards (Kington Magna), M. C. C. Melville (London), R. H. Palmer (Cogenhoe), I. J. Richards (Crumlin), A. S. Roberts (Carbis Bay), D. P. Roberts (Marston, Staffs), J. G. M. Scott (Exeter), R. D. St. John Smith (Crawshawbooth), W. H. R. Trewhella (St. Crantock), H. F. Warren (Weston-super-Mare) and E. S. Wood (Cheshunt). The Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow (Norwich) met the party for two days and the Rev. T. P. Hearn (Cirencester) for one day. Mrs. A. S. Roberts and Mrs. Andrews accompanied the party.

Seventeen assembled at St. Mary's, Bury, on Monday evening, April 21st, one having driven 353 miles from Newquay that day. The fine eight were rung to Grandsire, Stedman and Cambridge.

AN OPEN RINGING CHAMBER

Tuesday morning began with the Guild's corporate Communion in the Cathedral Canon Cox being the celebrant, and at 9.30 the party set off for Cotton, where they met with the first surprise of the tour, a ringing chamber open on its western side to the elements. The visitors much admired the hardihood of the local band but gravely remarked that this sort of thing would never do in Cornwall. It being a cold morning, your scribe kept his hat on. Here Yorkshire was attempted, and it was not the fault either of this new eight or of the airy ringing chamber that it did not succeed.

The next tower was Stowmarket, where Mr. Cecil Pipe met the band, and Master R. Pipe, aged just twelve called a touch of Stedman Triples. Here Yorkshire was achieved, and lunch followed in the Church Hall, the party being very kindly waited upon by local ringers. Two six-bell towers, Finborough Magna, a fine example of Victorian Gothic, and Monks Eleigh, one of the many churches faced with costly repairs, were visited in the afternoon, and the party proceeded to world-famous Lavenham, where tea was ready. The bells, unhappily, were not, and Preston bells were rung instead. Evensong was said after ringing.

After dinner the Norman tower of St. James', March, which in 1914 became the Cathedral Church of the new diocese of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich, was open, and the visitors were warmly welcomed by members of the local band. The splendid ten were rung to Stedman, Grandsire and Kent. Towards the end of the last touch a rope, which had been visibly fraying below the sally, eventually broke, leaving the bell to set itself gently at backstroke a tribute (it was felt) to the steady ringing of the band's senior member.

Wednesday morning was taken up with visits to three glorious churches—Clare, with its lovely sanctuary and many objects of interest, a capacious ringers' jug amongst them: Cavendish and Long Melford, the most glorious of all. At Clare one of the party met an inhabitant who reckoned that all ringers should have a rope round their necks, but soon had him tamed. The Vicar generously provided refreshment for the party. After ringing at Long Melford lunch was taken in the old almshouses next the church. The afternoon was spent in Sudbury, the town with three rings of eight each better than the last—St. Peter's, St. Gregory's and All Saints'. St. Gregory's had two surprises, an outstandingly beautiful font cover of the time of Henry VI, and the head of Archbishop Simon of Sudbury, barbarously beheaded in Wat Tyler's rebellion in 1381. For six days the head remained on London Bridge, and was sent back to the church which he loved when the Government regained control. Evensong was said at All Saints' at the conclusion of ringing, the organist kindly coming to provide music for canticles and hymn and to play a stirring voluntary at the close.

After dinner the Guild held its annual meeting. Canon C. C. Cox was re-elected president, and Prebendary E. V. Cox secretary, with very genuine expressions of appreciation for their devoted work. Thanks were expressed to Mr. Cecil Pipe and Mr. Stedman Symonds for their help, and to incumbents and local ringers for their unfailing kindness. West Cornwall was chosen as the place for next year's meeting. The secretary reported 53 members and healthy finances.

DIGNITY AND IMPUDENCE

On the Thursday, after ringing at Horringer, a beautifully-kept small church, where the Archdeacon of Sudbury met the members, the party moved on to Newmarket, the town inhabited by ten thousand persons and one thousand horses, ringing first at All Saints' and then on the beautiful six at St. Mary's. At both the clergy met the party and at the latter the Rector, the Rev. M. C. Russell, rang with them and afterwards provided coffee with lunch in the Church Hall. The dignitaries of the Guild —a prebendary of Exeter, honorary canons of Southwell, Salisbury and Ely, and the precentors of Norwich and All Saints', Margaret Street—rang a touch of Cambridge, the band being called by one of its members 'dignity and impudence' and by another 'two minor canons and four big guns.' Thereafter the programme was advanced by half an hour to allow time for ringing at Lavenham in the evening.

The party would gladly have stayed longer on the ten at Mildenhall, and in the modern Peace Tower at Elvedon, where the Rector most kindly entertained them all to tea. To have rung muffled would have fitted the mood of the parish for Elvedon had but recently felt the impact of foot-and-mouth disease, one of the best Guernsey herds in the country, 163 in number, having been slaughtered ten days previously. At St. Peter's, Thetford, the bells were muffled, but only to prevent nuisance to neighbours. After ringing here the party returned to an early dinner to learn that further trouble had been encountered in the rehanging at Lavenham, and that there would be no chance after all of ringing in this noted tower.

A very depleted band, at first seven, and then only six, concluded the 'week' on the Friday morning, St. Mark's Day, visiting the six-bell towers of Fornham St. Martin, Great Barton and Ixworth, and the five-bell tower at Fakenham. To ring well-struck Doubles on the splendid five in the Norman tower of this church gave as much pleasure to some of the band as any other ringing of the week.

This annual and unusual ringing meeting includes country and city, canons and curates. Age this year varied from 78 to 26. Ability also varies greatly. Some are in constant practice, others have little opportunity throughout the year and look forward to this week to give their annual course, say, of Cambridge Minor, or an attempt at Stedman Triples. From time to time attempts, notably of London or Superlative, failed, but the four standard methods and Cambridge, Yorkshire Double Norwich and Oxford were rung, and often rung well. The standard of ringing of the Guild is much higher than in the years just before the war. No peals were attempted, because it seemed when the programme was drawn up that numbers would be insufficient. For some members it is the only holiday of the year, and it is much to be hoped that rising costs of travel and accommodation will not further affect the attendance.

550 YEARS OF KNOWLE BELLS

In 1396 Canon Walter Cooke, an influential ecclesiastic with friends at Court and in Rome, founded the chapel at Knowle, where he was born. Six years later a Scottish bishop came to consecrate the building, and Sunday, Feb. 24th, 1952, marked the very day of the 550th anniversary of this event.

Walter Cooke was a great benefactor to Knowle, for in 1412 he founded the Guild which became famous throughout England, and in 1417 founded a college of ten priests. In 1423 the good canon died and was buried in the church which he had founded.

To-day the church is noted for its outstanding beauty. Its most precious possession is a delicately carved rood screen of the 15th century—the finest in Warwickshire and thought by many to be the finest in the country. However, it has been badly mutilated by modern 'restorers.' There is much old woodwork in this Arden church, including an ancient hourglass, eleven misericordes, and two very old dug-out chests, to mention but a few.

In 1396 the Pope issued a Bull which contained the first reference to the new chapel. It also mentions—and this is of interest to ringers—that the chapel must sustain a 'Chirchyarde Belferey or bellehouse and belles.' At that time there were but two bells, for in Walter Cooke's will he directed 'to two servants of the same church tolling the bells 6d. between them' at his funeral.

Mediæval records relating to the bells are lacking at Knowle, and it is not until the Chapel Wardens' Accounts begin in 1672 that the bells are again mentioned. The first entry with regard to the subject is found in this year when 2s. 6d. was given to the ringers (three at that time) on November 5th. After that, entries are numerous, mostly in the form of repairs to stays, gudgeons and wheels. There are the accounts for all the recastings of the bells, and in 1681 we see that 3s. was paid for ale 'when the bells weare in mending.' The bells were being recast, so perhaps the ale helped to console them for the dreadful silence!

The present ring of eight is housed in the topmost storey of the well-proportioned tower 500ft. above sea level. Inscriptions and weights are:—

Tenor.—10 cwt. 7 lb. In Nomine Dominii 1837 Victoria R.I. 1897. D.D. James Wakefield.

7th.—7 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. 1687, Bagley. 1897, Barwell. 1931, Taylor.

6th.—5 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. Made by Matthew Bagley, 1687. Recast by James Barwell, 1897. At the cast of the parishioners of Knowle. Fear God.

5th.—5 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. Recast 1897. The gift of B. Maria Christopherson. God save the Queen.

4th.—4 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. Te Deum Laudamus. 1837 Victoria R.I. 1897. D.D. Thomas Savage, M.D.

3rd.—4 cwt. 1 qr. In Nomine Domini. 1837 Victoria R.I. 1897. D.D. T. Hubertus Bower Et Fam.

2nd.—3 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. In memory of my father and mother. A. E. Williams, Churchwarden (obverse) Taylor, 1931.

Treble.—3 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. 1914, They died for us, 1918; (obverse) Taylor, 1931.

The curfew is rung annually from November 5th to December 24th on the tenor bell for five minutes, and the clock hours are also struck on this bell.

It is perhaps an honour indeed for the Knowle ringers that the village has taken, from the earliest days, two bells as its coat of arms. (Azure, two church bells or in fesse.) No doubt ringing has played an important part in the history of Knowle, and the ringers are not going to forget that behind them they have 550 years of ringing to their credit.

ANTHONY A. UPTON.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CRANBORNE PEAL

Dear Sir,—As conductor of the peal of Stedman Triples rung at Cranborne, Dorset, on Sunday, February 24th, 1952, I think that, in fairness to the rest of the band and myself, Mr. West should state the exact reasons for the Salisbury Diocesan Guild not being willing to accept it as being rung by them.

The facts of the matter are these: Eight of us spent a week-end in the West Country, and I was asked to call a peal at Cranborne on Sunday on the way back, being assured that permission had been obtained for the attempt to be made. This seemed to be confirmed when we were met at the church by one of the local band (we naturally assumed he was the captain !) who told us that everything was in order for us to go ahead. As it is our custom (as a matter of courtesy) to ring peals for the Association covering the area we are visiting when possible, those who were not members of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild were duly proposed and seconded before the peal commenced, and when we arrived home the fees were sent on to the appropriate authority in the usual way, for the elections to be ratified at the next Guild meeting. After the peal was finished, we came down from the tower to find about half a dozen irate Cranborne ringers, who said they knew nothing of the proposed attempt. Since that time various garbled versions of the peal (jealousy-inspired. I suspect !) have been in circulation until it has made me heartily fed-up with the whole business.

It seems to me, therefore, that Mr. West has, in attempting to appease the Cranborne ringers and any other interested parties, tried to find some reason for the peal not being accepted by the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, and after nearly three months has come up with this trumped-up charge of a breach of the membership rule. Whether Mr. West's statement is the official ruling passed by a Guild annual meeting, or whether it is his own private opinion, so put as to appear to be official, I do not know, but it would be of interest to me to find out, as if it is the latter it is one of those dictatorial attitudes adopted by some guild officials which should be ruthlessly stamped out.

At any rate, sir, subject to the rest of the band agreeing, I intend to re-submit the peal to 'The Ringing World' as being rung for the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.—Yours faithfully, JOHN H. HUNT.

Fareham, Hants.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the letter in this week's 'Ringing World' from the secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, I, as one of the band who rang a peal of Stedman Triples at Cranborne, Dorset, would like to ask Mr. West for further details as to why this peal is not recognised by his Guild.

The current report of the Guild does not contain a copy of the rules, so I am unable to verify the working of the rule in question, but all non-members of the Guild (of whom, I believe, there were three or four) were provisionally elected members prior to the attempt in the usual way. I have always understood that it is considered courteous to record a peal for the Guild or Association in whose area the tower is situated, and that belfry elections prior to peal attempts are quite in order. Is this not the case with the Salisbury Guild?

I am afraid that I am led to the conclusion that this non-recognition is the climax of much entirely unnecessary and uncalled-for bad feeling which has arisen around this peal in some quarters, but perhaps Mr. West will give further details of his objections. Bickering and bad feeling of this kind over peal attempts, all too frequently caused by jealousy, is not conducive

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HODSONS OF ST. MARY CRAY

Dear Sir,—Mr. I. Emery's letter in your issue of May 23rd interested me very much as a former churchwarden of St. Mary Cray. The Rev. R. F. Galer, M.A., a former Vicar, now in retirement, was a keen antiquarian and collector of old lore regarding the village, and I had it on his authority that Hodson's foundry stood on the site of the present Vicarage at the end of Blacksmith's Lane. This land formed part of the manor known as The Mount, which was owned by the Wotton family in the early part of the 17th century.

John and Christopher Hodson had a bell foundry in Whitechapel and started the Cray foundry in the second half of the 17th century. Many of their bells bear the name of their foreman, William Hull. The 4th, 5th and tenor bells of St. Mary Cray are dated A.D. 1655, having the inscription, 'John Hodson made me.'

It is recorded in the journal of John Masters, who resided at the nearby Kevington Manor: 'April 8th, A.D. 1656, given towards the casting of ye new bells at St. Mary Cray, £1.'—Yours faithfully, C. W. HANCOCK.

Tonbridge, Kent.

THE RINGER'S HUSBAND ?

Dear Sir,—Funny how interested in 'The Ringing World' the wife has become since May 2nd, something 26 years and nearly 250 peals has failed to create ! A few more Madeline Crofts and some of our old bachelor ringers might be talked into marriage and so share in this 'taxed entertainment'—grade 1.? Unmarried lady ringers may also 'take heart' and this is no 'gipsy's warning,' for:—

I know a ringer named Ted,
Who delights in making his bed.
At washin' and darnin' he's full of larnin'
And knows how a man should be fed.
To those who are easily led,
Try and alter his ways and so tread,
For at 'splicing' he's good, though unwed,
Cos he's never bin married—so it's said !
If ever he did see red, he too must have quickly fled,
For with no missus to pay he goes ringing ALL day,
And never seems to lose his head.
(Did Kate think he'd be far better dead?)

D.'C.'V. Also CHESHIRE.

P.S.—Should you fancy your chance as match-maker, beware of this small but great record breaker.

A PEAL QUESTIONED

Dear Sir,—Proud as we are in Worcestershire of the almost complete absence of this type of thing, I am sorry to note the letter from Mr. P. C. Richards on the peal at Wollaston. Without prejudice to the rights or wrongs of his assertions, may I remind him of Rule 12—a rule which I had hoped never to have to quote—and to assure him that his reflections can be dealt with at the proper time and place.—Yours faithfully,

J. D. JOHNSON, Gen. Sec.,
Worcestershire Association.

Sedgeberrow.

[NOTE.—Rule 12 reads: 'That no member shall forward any communication to the public Press reflecting upon any company in union with the Association or any member thereof without the sanction of the secretary.'—ED.]

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to a fraternal spirit among ringers, and I do not write with any feelings of ill-will, but to protest against what I feel to be a quite unjustifiable action on the part of the secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Yours sincerely,

Winchester, Hants. PETER N. BOND.

DEDICATIONS

ECCLESFIELD, YORKSHIRE

The 14th century church at Ecclesfield was filled to capacity on the evening of Ascension Day, when the bells of this ancient church were rededicated. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. R. J. Hayes), who was assisted by the Rev. R. Page and the Rev. C. Whitfield.

The dedication was performed by the Archdeacon of Sheffield, the Ven. D. E. W. Harrison. Rounds were rung by the local company during the service, and afterwards touches in a variety of methods by eight members of the Sheffield District Society.

Damaged by the death-watch beetle, the old wooden frame has been replaced by a new steel structure.

The old bells, an anti-clockwise ring of eight, have been cleaned, retuned and hung in modern fittings, now running clockwise. The tenor, always reputed to be a bell of a little over 18 cwt., is now a good bell of 14 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston can be complimented on a good job of work and especially the fall of the ropes, which is a perfect circle. The firm was represented by Mr. A. Patrick Cannon, who also assisted in the ringing. A. F.

STRETHAM, Nr. ELY

The Parish Church of St. James, Stretham, was filled with parishioners, visitors and ringers on the evening of April 29th for the dedication of the new treble by the Lord Bishop of Ely (the Rt. Rev. H. E. Wynn).

The original five bells have been hung with the treble in an iron frame by Messrs. Taylors, of Loughborough. The fifth bell was recast.

The Rev. J. E. Cowgill (Rector of Stretham 1945–1951) conducted evensong. After the second lesson in evensong the Bishop moved in procession to the tower, where Mr. O. P. Drever, who gave the new bell in memory of his father, presented the treble rope to the Bishop. After the dedication the Bishop passed the rope to the churchwardens, charging them to see that the bells were set apart from 'all profane and unhallowed uses.' As the procession returned to the chancel rounds were rung by Miss M. Grain 1, I. M. Waters 2, J. P. Fidler 3, J. W. Pickett 4, H. Gibbons 5, R. H. Brooker 6.

After the service a variety of methods were rung on what is now a very fine ring of six bells.

FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World' of June 7th, 1912

BRISTOL.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.
On Tuesday, May 21st, 1912, in 3 hours and 5 minutes.
At the Church of St. Stephen-the-Martyr.
A Peal of Bristol Surprise Major, 5,088 changes.
Tenor 21 cwt.

Jesse B. Tyler	Treble	William Knight	5
Henry Brownjohn	2	Geo. Condick jun.	6
Richard Clark	3	John A. Burford	7
Henry Pring	4	Wm. A. Cave	Tenor

Composed by C. H. Hattersley.
Conducted by William A. Cave.
[This was the first peal of Bristol in Bristol.]

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.
On Saturday, June 1st, 1912, in 7 hours and 3 minutes.
In the Ringing Chamber of Holy Trinity Church.
A Peal of Stedman Caters, 14,031 changes.

Arth. F. Shepherd	1–2	William Shepherd	5–6
Alfred H. Pulling	3–4	James Hunt	7–8
		Frank Blondell	9–10

Composed by G. Lindoff.
Conducted by A. H. Pulling.
[This was, at the time, the longest peal rung on handbells. The same band later accomplished one of 19,738 changes.]

BELLS IN ENGLISH LIFE

By ERNEST MORRIS

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In the belfry of Witchampton, Dorset, is preserved a large pitcher of yellow earthenware, roughly glazed inside and about six inches down the outside. It is inscribed: 'Witchampton Bellfrey.' It was bought by the ringers themselves and made of Verwood Pottery about the year 1800. At Christmas and on special occasions it was carried round to the farmers and others who might give, to be filled with beer or cider. Its capacity is six gallons and originally it had a pouring handle and two carrying handles, and when one of the latter was broken off, a piece of rope was tied round the neck for carrying. T. F. Thistleton-Dyer in his 'Church Lore Gleanings' (1891) says that Swansea ringers' jug had the following couplet:

'Come fill me with liquor sweet,
For that is good when friends do meet;
When I am full then, drink about,
I ne'er will fail till all is out.'

Kendal, Westmorland, had a ringers' jug, but this is either lost or broken. A view of it is to be seen on the sign of the Ring o' Bells. It had an inscription similar to that quoted above at Hadleigh. The inn sign shows the tower with ten ringers in shirt sleeves ringing the bells, several of which can be seen in the open louvres above. The jug appears on the floor of the ringers' room, with a glass or tankard beside it. A similar picture to this is that at Norwich where a quaint water-colour by Ninham shows the St. Peter Mancroft ringers in their chamber at their ropes, and the pitcher is placed on the floor in the midst of the circle. It is dated about 18th century. This pitcher originally had three handles, but now has one only. Its capacity is 35 pints, and it was presented to the parish of St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, in 1749 by John Dersley, a wealthy potter, who was Sheriff in 1759, Mayor in 1764 and who died the following year. It has been twice lost, but is now preserved in the church.

Stowmarket, Suffolk, ringers' pitcher is also preserved in the belfry. It has two handles and two lips, and is enclosed in wicker work. It holds 4½ gallons and is of stone pottery, and at the back where the wicker has broken away is the date 1780 and letters 'R.P.' In the Colchester and Essex Museum is a ringers' jug from Braintree. It bears the names of ringers and the date 1685. It has two handles and is ornamented with imprints of flowers. At Hornchurch, Essex, is preserved two pitchers and a note on their history says:—

'These pitchers were originally made for the use of the bellringers, and on certain occasions were filled with ale brewed at Hornchurch Hall for their refreshment. In the belfry was formerly a set of rules as follows:

If you ring with spur or hat
Three pints of beer you pay for that;
If you Swear or give the Lye,
A pot you pay immediately;
If a bell you overthrow,
A pint you pay before you go. T.S. 1798.'

The smaller of these pitchers is dated 1731 and bears the ringers' names, as does the larger one. This is dated 1815 and made of very dark burnt amber-coloured earthenware. At Witney, Oxon, is a ringers' jug of unknown date, capable of holding 16 quarts, of which the neck takes one! Having been broken it was repaired over a century ago by a tinker, who neatly placed three bands of iron round it and inserted eight brass rivets. A number of others might be quoted at Bungay, Tamworth and elsewhere. Perhaps the most unique one, however, is in possession of Cirencester ringers. It is described as a 'loving-cup' and was presented to the ringers in 1785. It is silver-mounted on double rams' horns, with a silver plate inscribed with a bell and the couplet:—

'Intactum sileo percute dulce cano,' meaning—

'Untouched I am a silent thing,
But strike me and I sweetly ring.'

This was a favourite inscription often found on ancient bells. This loving-cup, together with a chair which has a bell carved on its back, was given to Cirencester ringers by Mr. Blackwell, of Ampney Park nearby. Dorchester, Dorset, ringers have a flagon in pewter which has been handsomely restored and is now preserved in the Museum there. Its capacity is 1¼ gallons (1 pint each for 10 ringers) and is thus inscribed:—

'Feby
1676
The Guift of
Edward Lefter
wch is to remain for
ye ufe of ye ringers
of Dorchester for ever
(beneath the mantling) St. Peter.'

A similar pewter pot is preserved at Salisbury, Wilts, St. Paul's, previously called Fisherton Anger, and is inscribed:—

'The Pot of Fisherton Anger church.
George Heeley and John Marchant. Churchwardens 1660.'

It holds more than a gallon. Of leather jacks owned by ringers of old time, perhaps the best known is that at Lincoln and was presented to the ringers there in 1782. Its capacity is 11 quarts and it is adorned with the city arms on one side and a bell on the other. A similar leather jack dated 1786 belongs to Crowle, Worcs.: and a very interesting one is at Stafford. This bears the names of the ringers and was made in 1750. It holds 27 pints. Besides the pitchers already noticed in Suffolk there are others at Clare (with two handles and holding 17 quarts dated 1729) and one at Garboldisham, Norfolk, dated 1703. This holds 16 quarts and is inscribed:—

'Come jolly boys and drink your fills.
Let me not empty long remain
But if all out fill me again.'

Then follow the names of ringers and 'Joseph Hammond made me.' More modern jugs and pitchers are at Macclesfield where there are no less than three jugs and two pots, the former recording peals rung on these famous bells, and Church Lawton where they have a jug and six cups. The jug bears the names of the ringers and holds 11 quarts, while each cup holds a pint. Other instances of similar jugs are at Hyde, Cheshire; Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffs; Barnsley, Yorks; and elsewhere.

A WARMLEY (BRISTOL) WEDDING

MR. A. D. MARSH—MISS M. H. POWELL

The St. Barnabas' Guild of Ringers rang a wedding peal at Warmley Parish Church on May 17th, when two of their members were married. They were Mr. Anthony David Marsh, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Marsh, of Brislington, Bristol, and Miss Moreen Hazell Powell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Powell, of Warmley. The Vicar (Preb. C. W. Francis) officiated, and Mr. H. James was at the organ.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a beige costume with green accessories and carried an ivory prayer book. Matron of honour was Mrs. R. Powell, and the best man was Mr. Paul Marsh. Following a reception at the bride's home, the bridal pair left for Port Isaac for their honeymoon.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Marsh learned to ring at Warmley and are regular Sunday ringers. Mrs. Marsh gained her certificate at St. John's, Bristol. Mr. Marsh is chief server at Warmley and Mrs. Marsh is a Sunday School teacher.

The wedding presents included a chiming clock by the members of the church. C. J. T.

OUTINGS

ROMFORD, ESSEX

Augmented by friends, the ringers of St. Edward's, Romford, held their first outing for many years on May 17th, which was a tour of Essex and Suffolk.

Ringing took place at Potter Street, Harlow, Bishop's Stortford, Great Bardfield, Clare, Lavenham, Sudbury (All Saints' and St. Gregory's) and Halstead. The warm welcome at each tower and good companionship combined to make the tour a great success.

OUT IN LEICESTERSHIRE

On May 17th, twenty-two members of the Leicester Diocesan Guild travelled by various means to King's Norton in the afternoon. After greasing and oiling the bells, these rough going eight were raised and several Triples and Major methods attempted. After tea on the village green, Thurnby and Humberstone were visited. After making one more call! the party travelled homewards, everyone agreeing that it had been a grand day.

WISBECH BRANCH

Fifty-six members and friends of the Wisbech Branch of the Ely Diocesan Association held an enjoyable day's ringing in Northampton and district on May 21st.

Ringing took place at Thrapston, Kettering, Northampton (St. Sepulchre's, St. Giles', All Saints' and St. Peter's), Wellingborough and Higham Ferrers. The more musical members of the party formed themselves into a choir under Mr. Barker for the homeward journey. Spliced Plain and Little Bob Royal were rung at Kettering.

5,040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by HOWLETT

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2356478	—		5
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MR. H. HOWARD'S 200 PEALS

Mr. H. Howard, of Davenham, Northwich, has rung 200 peals. His list is appended:—

Doubles, one to four methods 7 (conducted 2).

Minor, one to eight methods 89 (35): Kent Treble Bob Minor 5 (4); Oxford Treble Bob Minor 2 (1); Double Oxford Minor 1; Surprise Minor, one to four methods 7 (4).

Grandsire Triples 7; Stedman Triples 1.

Bob Major 24 (8); Kent Treble Bob Major 24 (1); Oxford Treble Bob Major 4 (1); Little Bob Major 11 (6); Oxford and Kent Major Spliced 1; Bristol Surprise Major 1; Yorkshire Surprise Major 2; Cambridge Surprise Major 7; Double Norwich Major 1.

Bob Royal 2; Kent Treble Bob Royal 2; Little Bob Royal 1; Grandsire Caters 1.

Total 200 (conducted 62).

THE RINGERS' PARADISE

An Easter Tour in Devon: Churches Worth Seeing

AMONG tours linked with the annual rally of the Devonshire Guild at Combe Martin on Easter Monday was one arranged with his usual efficiency by Mr. Wilf Panter—young and enthusiastic—for Sowton, Pinhoe, Exeter, Topsham and a few outlying ringers. It began at Kingsnympton (6 bells, tenor 15 cwt.), where the church has a copper covered spire, a porch with 41 bosses, and at the entrance part of a Celtic cross. The north wall is, probably, part of a former Saxon church dating back one thousand years. The chancel ceiling has a large golden cross in a sky of clouds and stars. A 15th century screen has no loft, but the tracery, fan vaulting and cornice carving (four rows) are exceedingly good. A tablet records a succession of John Furses, covering two centuries, belonging to the parish. The 'father' of the company, a ripe octogenarian, Mr. A. W. Searle, who has nearly 400 Devon towers to his credit, noted in the visitors' book that he rang at Kingsnympton 50 years ago.

North Molton (6, 22 cwt.) was the next stop. The place had in the past profitable mines—mostly silver, but with some gold and copper—but little or nothing is now done with them. The spacious church has screens with much fine carving and a font that is probably unique in Devon. The stem of this font has eight panels, on which are figures of a bishop with staff, St. Anthony with pig, St. Mark with lion, St. Sidwell with scythe and book, and St. Urith of Chittlehampton, who is shown carrying her decapitated head and as having another head in the normal position.

SOME ROMANCE

The road to Combe Martin brought acquaintance with Devon's truly rural roads, along which the coach just managed to scrape its way. Combe Martin (8, 10 cwt.) was at one time better known than North Molton for silver mining, but is now notable for horticultural productions and a street about two miles long. Service, lunch and meeting being over, the tour was continued to Berrynarbor (6, 12 cwt.). The travelling historian explained that the curious name was a compound of Berry and Narbor, by which families the manor was formerly held. John Jewel, who became Bishop of Salisbury and was the author of 'An apology for the English Church,' was born here in 1522.

A little romance associated with the place was recalled. It related to Sir Reginald Wolseley, the tenth baronet of his line. He was working in the United States when he succeeded to the baronetcy. His father, an Irish doctor, was cousin to the 9th baronet. Sir Reginald had been in the States and Canada a long time and, as all his friends were there, he gave little heed to the baronetcy. But a Devon lady who had nursed his mother promised the latter, when dying, that she would seek Sir Reginald. She found him and he came back with the lady as his wife. They lived at Berrynarbor. About three years later Sir Reginald died, and a year or so afterwards his wife was buried beside him.

A RARE EFFIGY

The next move was to West Down (6, 10 cwt.), where the Norman font was found during restoration work in 1874, and where there is also a rare specimen of a wooden effigy, dating from the 14th century, and still retaining a good deal of original colouring. The effigy is supposed to be that of Sir John Wyatt, Justice of the Common Pleas.

Mortehoe (6, 9 cwt.) for tea 'was the next objective, and on the way there were fine views of marine and cliff scenery. The church was originally cruciform, but has been much altered. The Tracey family was long associated with the parish, and the member of it who had a share in the murder of Thomas à Becket in Canterbury Cathedral is supposed to have later settled here as a recluse. A tomb in the south transept is that of Sir William Tracey, a 14th century priest.

CHURCHYARD GARDEN

The final call was at Georgeham (8, 14 cwt.), which has a beautiful churchyard, full of daffodils, narcissi, primroses and polyantha, with rose bushes on the graves to provide a wealth of blooms later in the year. It astonished visitors who saw the place for the first time. The church itself was to a large extent rebuilt during the 19th century. Then was found a stone carving of the Crucifixion. It may have been part of a reredos and has been placed in the north wall of the chancel. The eastern wall has fine paintings of St. Francis, St. George, the Virgin Mary and the Archangel Gabriel. At a distance the figures seem to be in relief, but they are flush with the wall surface. The artist was Margaret Kemp Welch, who attained considerable eminence and was sometime resident in the parish.

RINGING AWARDS

At all churches the bells were in good order, but the rings most appreciated were at North Molton, Combe Martin and Georgeham. The methods used were mainly Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Triples, which enabled the tenors to be kept behind as big drums, a procedure that appeals very strongly to Devon country dwellers. There were also some Bob Doubles. At several churches there were displays of certificates awarded to local teams for skill in raising and lowering bells and excellence of striking in call changes. One church had a shield, obtained for special success, being on a wall. Everywhere there were welcomes and good wishes. The visitors were grateful for them and expressed admiration for the Easter decorations, in which many thousands of spring flowers were used with charming effect, especially at Combe Martin. If only the weather had been fine instead of wet until the afternoon was well advanced, the day would have been one to be remembered. P. S.

RINGING RHYMES

No. 11 — GRANDSIRE

Like Plain Bob, Grandsire's hunt-controlled,
But 'twin-hunt.' So it must be told
These methods both are built the same,
With 'Place and dodgings aft.' Each name
Shows whether ODD or EVEN bells
The method fits; and also tells
Where the place is made. On even rings,
Dodging in pairs to 'seconds' brings
Us back. On odds (Grandsire)—we find
The dodging pairs (count from behind!)
Bring us to 'thirds,' the place to make.
But now, especial notice take:

Between this 'thirds' and 'lead' is found
A second hunt-bell, working round
With Treble, 'till a call makes clear—
Exchange of 'second hunt' is near.

The 'work-cycle,' as in Plain Bob,
Becomes an equally clear-cut job.
But the dodging pairs are upwards moved
One place. Plain Bob's three/four is proved
As Grandsire's four/five. And so on
'Till ten/eleven, in Cinques, is won.

The Grandsire 'cyclics' now please learn.
BELL and POSITION you'll discern
Same as in Plain Bob, less the bell
That's in the hunt. Note it as well!

The Calls in Grandsire take effect
At Treble's first lead-blow. Correct
Will be the Bob, if 3rds is made,
With dodging aft. This 3rds is stayed
For two more blows at Single calls,
While 2nds over Treble falls. A. Y–B.

SOME LITTLE KNOWN CORNISH TOWERS

A Happy Easter Monday

On Easter Monday, six of the young Kenwyn (Truro) ringers met three from West Cornwall, including Miss E. Symons (president of the Truro Guild), at St. Samson (or Golant) on the west bank of the River Fowey to begin a day searching out new towers and bells in that area. The Kenwyn contingent had already got the bells going and this brought Mr. Thomas, of Emmanuel, Plymouth, to the tower to ring his first changes on the bells, although he had often rung there, for St. Samson is his birthplace. This little tower has five bells, tenor 4¼ cwt., in excellent going order, as Taylors rehung them in 1938.

The next tower, St. Veep, could be seen across the river on the east bank, but it was a journey of twelve miles to get to it. St. Veep bells are famous, being a complete ring of six cast in 1770 by John Pennington and Co., but of recent years completely rehung in a new frame by Taylors. When this was done the Advisory Committee would not allow any retuning, and the bells are said to be a maiden peal. They are pleasing to ring, and sound well both inside and outside the tower.

This must be an area in which the Penningtons had little or no competition in the 1770's, for we went on to Lanteglos-by-Fowey, knowing there was a ringing match in progress, for we chose a spot looking across a field to the church to settle to our picnic lunch, and to have a lesson in rising and falling if nothing more. It was well done and we heard several bands perform. Lanteglos bells were a complete Pennington ring of 1774 until 1909, when Taylors restored them and recast the treble. This is one of the Barron Bell Trust's most generous gifts. Until 1937 there were three old bells in this tower. One of these is preserved in the church. The Trust gave the back six and paid for almost everything except the two trebles, which were provided by the parish. They are a delightful modern eight, tenor 12½ cwt., and we could not resist knocking off a quarter of Grandsire Triples here amongst other things.

Next came Pelynt, until 1913 a ring of four, again some Penningtons of 1773, but Taylors added a treble and tenor (13½ cwt. in F), and these bells are one of Cornwall's heavier and mixed sixes. At this tower we received a surprise visit from Canon G. W. S. Harmer and one of his ringers from Bodmin.

Lanreath six are a complete ring of Pennington, 1773, and were rehung by Mears in 1913. They were much lighter, tenor about 8½ cwt. The Rector welcomed us and said he had just returned from the ringing match and that his ringers were still there.

As darkness drew near we arrived at Lanlivery, where much restoration is necessary. Scaffolding was keeping the roof up, much of which was gone, but we received a welcome from several local ringers, who had even lighted hurricane lanterns and placed them on the floor so we could evade the pond in the church. The bells, like the church, need repair, and must be the toughest proposition in Cornwall. The writer recalled he had rung a peal here 24 years previously with Mr. Alan Pink. We tackled the bells and rang a surprisingly good touch of Grandsire Triples, which gave joy to those who welcomed us. The fifth and tenor were cast in 1639 by Roger Purdue, and are from the original five. Three trebles were added in 1890 by Mears and Stainbank. We could not stay to do all we were expected to do here, especially when the locals produced a very fine set of twelve handbells, so we had to lower the bells and say good-bye to them and to each other. Maybe that when a new Vicar is appointed to Lanlivery and the church has a new roof, the bells will receive the attention they need. Our thanks are due to Mr. Alan Carveth for arranging this day out. A. S. R.

OBITUARY

MR. ARTHUR ROBERTS

The death occurred on May 14th, following a long and painful illness, patiently borne, of Mr. Arthur Roberts, of Llandegai, Caerns. Mr. Roberts had been ringing at Llandegai from boyhood. He was a keen and regular service ringer and was very interested in the art of change ringing, but there was little scope for this locally and advancement was slow. Whatever ringing was done on this old Rudhall six was well done and always good to listen to, although the present condition of the bells is far from good. Mr. Roberts was a great friend of Mr. W. Wolstencroft, who used to visit this neighbourhood annually for many years. He leaves a widow and daughter to mourn his loss. The church has lost a good friend and worker. The interment was at Llandegai. Floral tributes were beautiful and numerous, including one from Lady Janet Douglas Pennent. Mr. Roberts was foreman in charge of Port Penrhyn on the Menai Straits.

A. J. H.

In an appreciation W. D. M. writes:—Grounded in the faith of the Church, Mr. Arthur Roberts was a most devoted worshipper, communicant and church worker as long as health permitted, very often an initiator of sacrificial church work, a great believer in direct giving. He took great delight in the art of campanology, was a faithful bell-ringer, believed it to be a most healthful and devout exercise for a church boy and did his best to influence in this direction. He was also a great believer in inter-parochial fellowship of bell-ringers. As long as health permitted he was also a faithful member of the Parochial Church Council, always ready to help. He was a very good friend to all, especially where there was need. The sympathies of the whole parish go out to Mrs. Roberts and the whole family.

'Whene'er the sweet church bell
Peals over hill and dell,
May Jesus Christ be praised.
O hark to what it sings,
As joyously it rings,
May Jesus Christ be praised.'

MR. ARTHUR MARTIN

Mr. Arthur Martin passed peacefully away at St. Mark's Hospital, Maidenhead, after a long illness, aged 68 years.

Mr. Martin (a younger brother of George) was a ringer at All Saints', Boyne Hill, Maidenhead, for 40 years. He reluctantly had to give up the ringing he loved in 1937 owing to ill-health. He rang 75 peals, his first being in 1901 and his last in 1937. These included a non-conducted peal of Stedman and many Surprise methods. His proudest achievement was in taking part in a peal of London, at Boyne Hill in 1930, rung by a local band, conducted by his brother George.

Mr. Martin was a postman in the Maidenhead district for 46 years, and on retirement in 1943 on account of ill-health he was awarded the Imperial Service Medal in recognition of his loyal service. He was an accomplished musician and an enthusiastic handbell ringer. In the 1914–1918 war he served in the Royal Warwickshire Regiment.

Mr. Martin was buried on May 19th after a service in All Saints', conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Eric Perkins) and attended by relatives, friends and ringers at All Saints'. The bells were rung half-muffled before the service, and in the evening a half-muffled quarter peal of Stedman Triples was rung by Mrs. D. Poole 1, J. Fowler 2, T. Goodchild 3, E. E. Gosling 4, W. Judd 5, D. Poole 6, J. Young (cond.) 7, H. Baldwin 8. E. E. G.

MR. WILLIAM KEEBLE

Mr. G. Dawson writes:— I first remember the late Mr. William Keeble when I joined the Leytonstone Society in 1899. He was employed in Stratford works, G.E.R., and after ringing a good many Surprise Minor methods he became acquainted with the brothers Pye, with whom he did great things. I think I am right in saying he and the three Pyes were the first to ring Cambridge, Superlative and London Surprise double-handed on handbells. He was in the then record peal of London, 14,114, at King's Norton, and many other notable peals about that period.

He afterwards went to Bacup, where he was a valuable asset to the Surprise band there. After a few years there he returned to his native place, Feering, Essex, where he rang many peals for the Essex Association and other societies. For many years he had been an inmate of Severals Hospital, Colchester, where he passed away after years of suffering. I cannot tell you how many peals he had rung, but it must be many hundreds. He was a very clever conductor, and I have heard the late W. Pye say he would give him best at conducting on eight bells.

QUARTER PEALS

DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Barbara Chown 1, June Hill 2, S. Osborne 3, W. Kilsby 4, S. Ruddlesden 5, M. Chown (first quarter in the method as cond.) 6. First in method for 1 and 2. Rung for Evensong on Ascension Day.

EASTON MAUDIT, NORTHANTS.—On May 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. Line 1, J. J. Partridge (cond.) 2, A. E. Partridge 3, E. Smart 4, H. Wooding 5. Rung half-muffled for the dedication of the new lych gates presented as a memorial to former church members.

FARNWORTH, NR. BOLTON, LANCS.—On May 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: O. Davies 1, N. Tompkins 2, Marjorie Brown (first quarter 'inside') 3, J. Thornley 4, R. Johnson 5, A. Lomas 6, P. Crook, sen. (cond.) 7, H. Prescott 8. Rung for the anniversary service.

GOODNESTONE, KENT.—On May 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. George 1, C. George 2, E. J. Walker (cond.) 3, H. Tourle 4, G. F. Gray 5, H. Stringer 6. Also on May 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. J. Martin 1, G. F. Gray 2, J. Chittenden 3, E. J. Walker 4, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 5, H. Stringer 6. First of Bob Doubles for all except 6.

GREAT NESS, SALOP.—On May 14th, 1 260 Minor (being 720 Kent and 540 Plain Bob): E. Willcox 1, W. A. Farmer (cond.) 2, C. A. Barron 3, F. Beddow 4, F. H. Bennett 5, C. Golding (first quarter Minor) 6.

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD.—On May 21st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: P. Harrison (first quarter on 8) 1, Miss E. Bate 2, J. J. L. Gilbert 3, F. Cardwell 4, B. Purslow 5, J. H. Brothwell 6, J. E. Turley 7, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 8.

KINGSBURY, WARWICKS.—On May 15th, 1,440 Grandsire Doubles: E. J. Basford 1, D. K. Lane 2, B. R. Cummings 3, W. G. Lane 4, G. H. Lane (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. J. C. Harris.

MARSDEN, YORKS.—On May 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mary Addy (first quarter) 1, D. B. Cater 2, F. D. Livesey 3, H. Clegg 4, S. A. Jaine (cond.) 5, J. S. Whitehead 6. Rung for the christening of Lynne Miller Jaine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Jaine. Miss Addy and D. B. Cater were the god-parents.

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MEETINGS

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ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting, Chippenham (6), Saturday, June 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Miss M. Grain, Dis. Sec. 834

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Meeting at Foxearth (8), Saturday, June 7th. 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea, please, to H. A. Pratt, 6, Council Houses, Black Notley, Braintree. 798

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. Division.—Crusader meeting, June 7th, High Ongar (6), 3 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. Impossible to make arrangements for tea. Cafes at Chipping Ongar, short walk or bus. To High Ongar by bus from Brentwood.—F. V. G. 781

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chertsey District.—Meeting at Oatlands Park (8 bells) on Saturday, June 7th.—W. Simmonds, Hon. Sec. 824

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Aldenham (8), Saturday, June 7th, 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names to R. G Bell, 131, Hamper Mill Lane, Watford. Tel. Watford 7936. 840

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Quex Park, Saturday, June 7th, 2.30 p.m. Tour of museum during afternoon. Tea 2s. per head. Entrance is by the Farm Road, and **not** in front of the Mansion.—B. J. Luck. 794

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Quarterly meeting, Lydd, June 7th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 787

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District. — By-meeting at Cowden (6), June 7th, at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. 804

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LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Monday, June 9th, 7.15, general practice, St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge. Everyone welcome.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 807

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch. —Meeting, Milton Abbey, Thursday, June 12th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5. Meeting follows. Names, by June 9th, to Mr. Bolt, Ravensbourne, Milton Abbas, Blandford.—Hayne, Abbotsbury. 819

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BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District. — A meeting will be held at Maulden on Saturday, June 14th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—L. H. Bywaters, Hon. Sec. 864

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Malton and Norton, June 14th. St. Leonard's, Malton, from 2.30 p.m. Service, St. Michael's, 4.30. Meeting in St. Leonard's Church Hall. St. Peter's, Norton, after meeting until 9. Tea, Talbot Hotel. Names to Mr. H. Long, 6, Burke Road, Malton. 873

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—Meeting at Frodsham, June 14th. If requiring tea please advise Mr. J. E. Bibby, Frodsham, by the 12th.—J. E. Ashcroft, Hon. Sec. 870

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Wistaston, June 14th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea MUST be received by June 11th.—W. Kerr, 26, Davenham Crescent, Crewe. 876

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Half-yearly meeting, Chester-le-Street, Saturday, June 14th (Gateshead not available that day). Bells 2.30. Committee meeting 3.15. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—D. A. Bayles, Hon. Gen. Sec. 860

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Lamberhurst (6), June 14th. Tea on Court Lodge lawn. Names to W. Morland, Court Lodge, Lamberhurst.—C. A. Bassett. 848

EXETER CATHEDRAL BELLS (1902–1952). — Golden jubilee commemoration meeting, Saturday, June 14th. Special evensong, Cathedral, 3 p.m. Tea 4.15, Holy Trinity Church Hall. Bells after tea to 8 p.m. Other Exeter towers 7.30–9 p.m. applied for. Names by June 9th to F. Wreford, 24, Normandy Road, Exeter. 816

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. —South Eastern Division. — Meeting, Purleigh (6), Saturday, June 14th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. Everett, 24, The Chase, Boreham. 829

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting at Bentley (6) on Saturday, June 14th, from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notifications to C. W. Denyer, 115, West Street, Farnham, by previous Wednesday. —G. S. Joyce, Dis. Sec. 853

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Tring (8). Saturday, June 14th, 3 p.m. Names for tea, by June 11th. to Mr. D. Cartwright, 56, Longfield Road, Tring.—P. A. Martin, Dis. Sec. 831

LADIES' GUILD. — North-West District.—Annual meeting at St. George's, Hyde, Cheshire, June 14th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea must be received by Tuesday, 10th, by the Secretary.—Miss Frances M. Laflin, 25, Hallam Street, Heaviley, Stockport. 865

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.— Liverpool Branch.—Meeting on June 14th at St. Thomas', St. Helens (8). Bells 2.45. Service 5. Tea 5.30. —J. M. Preston, Branch Sec. 862

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Castle Donington, June 14th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 in Cafe. Names to Mr. K. Brown, 33, Eastway, C.D., Derby, by June 11th.—C. Hall. 846

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION & LONDON GUILD. — Meeting at Barnet on Saturday, June 14th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—T. J. Lock, Sec. 851

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Central Bucks Branch. — Annual branch meeting at Winslow, June 14th. Bells 2.45. Service 4. Tea 4.45.—F. Gibbard, Horn Street, Winslow, Bucks. 875

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD—. Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Pattishall on Saturday, June 14th. Names for tea, by June 7th, to W. Yates, Welsh Lane, Boycott, Buckingham. 809

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch. — Summer meeting at Zeals, Wilts, on June 14th. Visitors welcome. Write Rev. W. Uphill, Stour Provost Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset. 845

SALISBURY GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Corfe Mullen, June 14th. Ringing from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea for those who notify I. Davis, 109, Wimborne Road, Poole, by June 11th. Lytchett Matravers in evening. 869

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Next meeting Oswestry, June 14th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, to Hon. Sec. before June 10th.—G. C. Bagley, Hon. Sec., 34, Wharfage, Ironbridge. 868

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Halesworth District.—Meeting at Southwold, Saturday, June 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names, by June 11th, to Mr. R. S. Payne, 21, Hotson Road, Southwold. 833

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at Freckenham, June 14th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—D. M. Reeve. 837

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Practice meeting, June 14th, Slinfold (3–4.30), Rudgwick (6–8). Tea, Slinfold, 4.30. Names, please, by 10th to C. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis. 854

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting at Kingsclere (6), Saturday, June 14th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John, Basingstoke. 872

THURNBY, LEICS. — Monday, June 16th, 7.30 p.m. Dedication of new treble bell. A cordial invitation to all ringers and friends. 857

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meeting at Albury for Saturday, June 21st, **cancelled.** —R. Kenward, Hon. Sec. 863

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD (Gainsborough District) and LADIES' GUILD. — Joint meeting at Willingham, Saturday, June 21st. Ringing afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify Geo. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough, Tel. 2623, by Tuesday previous.—Geo. L. A. Lunn and Mrs. A. Richardson, Hon. Secs. 877

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Meeting of East Norfolk Branch, Saturday, June 21st, at Ditchingham (6). Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Bells at Bungay (8) available after tea. Names or numbers for tea to H. W. Barrett, Ferndale, Bungay Road, Loddon, Norfolk, by Wednesday, June 18th. No notification no teas.—J. Harwood, Sec. 847

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Annual meeting, Lichfield, June 21st. Bells, Cathedral (10) 2.30–3.15 and 6–6.45, St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6) from 2.30 onwards. Service at St. Mary's 3.30. Tea 4.15 in St. Mary's Schoolroom, followed by annual meeting. Names for tea not later than Tuesday, June 17th.—Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourn. 861

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting, Bray, June 21st. Bells 3.30. Names for tea, please, Mrs. C. J. Matthews, Hon. Sec., 177, Engadine Street, S.W.18. 852

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch. — Meeting, Arley, Saturday, June 21st, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Coach from Bell Street (Bell Hotel), Stourbridge, 2.15 p.m. Names by Thursday, 19th, please.—Bernard C. Ashford. Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 866

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Quarterly meeting at Mirfield, Saturday, June 21st. Bells (10) 2 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify Mr. A. Robinson, 17, Sackville Street, Ravensthorpe, Dewsbury, by Tuesday, June 17th.—A. E. Marsh, Hon. Dis. Sec. 855

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ST. MARY'S, SEND, NEAR WOKING, SURREY.—Ringers' rally and service, Sunday, June 22nd. All ringers and friends welcomed. Bells (6) from 4.30 to service 6.30 p.m. Bring own refreshments. Cups of tea obtainable.—S. M. Strudwick, Tower Sec. 871

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION. — Annual meeting and prize contest at Saddleworth, July 5th. Entrance fee, 10s. per company, to secretary by June 21st, please. For teas and practice notify Mr. J. Hulme, 116, High Street, Uppermill, Oldham, Lancs, by June 28th. — A. Farrand, 12, Greenhill Cottages, Roughtown, Mossley, Manchester, Lancs. 874

QUARTER PEALS

MOSSLEY, LANCS.—On May 23rd, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: R. Taylor (cond.) 1, H. Jackson 2, E. Garside 3, H. Pickles 4, J. Clayton 5, R. Walker 6, J. Radcliffe 7, J. Burgess 8. Rung in honour of the new Mayor (Councillor James Boardman).

NASH, MON.—On May 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. J. F. James (first quarter) 1, J. L. Fitzgerald 2, Miss D. Atwell 3, B. J. Parry 4, D. G. Clarke (cond.) 5, Miss M. J. Davies (first quarter) 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to Queen Mary.

NYNEHEAD, SOMERSET.—On May 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. W. Moore 1, F. W. Slocombe 2, G. A. Uglow (first 'inside') 3, D. M. Bellamy 4, D. T. North (cond.) 5, A. E. Hawkins 6.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Peter's, on May 18th, 1,260 St. Clement's Bob Royal: H. G. Mason 1, W. J. Southam 2, Miss A. M. Bailey 3, C. F. Sayer 4, R. W. Darvill 5, B. C. Johnson 6, F. J. Spicer 7, H. V. Frost 8, G. W. Debenham 9, T. J. Southam (cond.) 10. First in method by 3, 4, 5 and 7. First in method as conductor. Also on May 21st, 1,260 Crayford College Bob Royal: H. G. Mason 1, Miss A. M. Bailey 2, C. F. Sayer 3, H. V. Frost 4, R. W. Darvill 5, B. C. Johnson 6, F. J. Spicer 7, W. J. Southam 8, G. W. Debenham 9, T. J. Southam (cond.) 10. First in the method by all.

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END OF A CHAPTER

THE grandeur of the Cathedral high on the great hill, the narrow cobbled ways leading down to the busy streets below, the trains clattering over crossings right in the city's shopping thoroughfare, these were the distinctive impressions of Lincoln itself.

Quite naturally too, it seemed, the focal point for the Central Council was the Cathedral: the bells being rung on four successive days; its superb beauty being vividly illuminated by the words of the Dean as guide; its Choir where we joined in Corporate Communion; and its historic Chapter House where, like Kings and Parliaments of old, we deliberated.

Early in proceedings came the election of a successor to Mr. G. W. Fletcher, who, as secretary, has for 21 years governed the affairs of the Council. The two contestants needed no introduction and the ballot papers were quickly marked and collected. Soon we knew that Mr. E. A. Barnett had been chosen, and so had ended another chapter in the Council's annals.

Impressions of the Lincoln meeting are thus merged with recollections of the Council's work since the end of the war. We recall the courageous acquisition of 'The Ringing World' as its official journal, and the task of placing it on a sound financial footing, aggravated latterly by the inflationary tendencies in our national economy. We observe with some satisfaction that the Council has been putting its own house in order. There were the rules which had to be overhauled, a task completed in 1950. Then came the revision of its Decisions, to which all affiliated guilds and associations are pledged to abide, and the revised form was approved in 1951 at Chester.

But new Decisions have also to be made, and in recent years attention has centred on the works of the Methods Committee. Among its assignments have been the determination of the special requirements of Doubles methods (its recommendations have just been accepted) and the analysis of the underlying principles of method extension. That the Council has been reluctant to make definite decisions about extension perhaps points to the need for a full presentation of the problem by the committee which would enable many more members of the Council to form their own judgment. It also shows that the Council is alive to the basic importance of method construction, and that it is prepared to make new Decisions about it however difficult it may be.

The Council has now come to a review of its own budget and must face up to the task of ensuring an income commensurate with its work. The only source of income is from the affiliated guilds and associations, who pay five shillings for each representative, a figure which has remained static from the early days. In 1951 this brought in £37, hardly sufficient to prepare for the annual meeting, and the loss on the year of £46 is not a true measure of deficit, for members engaged in the work of the Council often charge no expenses. The obvious course is to increase the affiliation fee, and in giving notice of this at Lincoln the Standing Committee will enable the Council to enter the new chapter of its career free of financial embarrassment.

And so thoughts revert once more to the very happy days at Lincoln, and to the warmth of the hospitality received from the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, from the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral, from the Bishop of the Diocese, and from the Mayor and Corporation of the city. There was a sense of natural dignity about it all, and a feeling that we as a Council were being accepted for what we aspire to be.

E. S. J. H.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., June 2, 1952, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Treble*	WALTER TOMLINSON	7
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	JOHN WALDEN	8
CHARLES MCGUINESS	3	WALTER ALLMAN	9
FREDERICK W. STOKES	4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	10
C. KENNETH LEWIS	5	JOHN WORTH	11
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	6	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

TEN BELL PEALS

BOSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 31, 1952, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in E flat.

PETER N. BOND	*Treble*	LESLIE H. PASK	6
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	GEORGE E. SYMONDS	7
GEOFFREY J. LEWIS	3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	8
C. KENNETH LEWIS	4	JOHN WORTH	9
WALTER ALLMAN	5	CECIL W. PIPE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

CHELTENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 31, 1952, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 22 cwt.

JOHN THOMAS	*Treble*	PATRICK HARRIS	6
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	2	PETER BAKER	7
FREDERICK G. NURDEN	3	LESLIE BARRY	8
MRS. J. THOMAS	4	EDWIN T. NEWBURY	9
RALPH HARRIS	5	THOMAS BOREHAM	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.
Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to Mrs. P. Baker, wife of the 7th ringer.

LANCASTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 31, 1952, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE R.C. CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5029 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 25 cwt.

E. ROGER MARTIN	*Treble*	*JAMES BLACKBURN	6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	2	ERNEST J. GOWER	7
G. ALEC DIMMOCK	3	ARTHUR HATCH	8
THOMAS BARKER	4	VICTOR J. WOOD	9
CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE	5	JOHN CHARNOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by E. ROGER MARTIN.
* First peal on ten. First in the method on the bells. A birthday compliment to Mr. Herbert Rainford, of the local band.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 2, 1952, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. WOOLOS,
A PEAL OF 5001 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

JACQUELINE S. EVANS	*Treble*	†DAVID J. KING	6
REGINALD G. HOOPER	2	CHARLES GREEDY	7
DONALD G. CLIFT	3	LESLIE BARRY	8
*ERIC SUTTON	4	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM	9
JACK R. WORRALL	5	DAVID S. VOSS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by GEORGE W. DEBENHAM.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal of Stedman.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

PAKEFIELD, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., May 15, 1952, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS AND ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 88 lb. in G.

MRS. EDITH K. FLETCHER	*Treble*	*DOUGLAS MITCHELL	5
EDWIN R. GOATE	2	PETER KINDRED	6
J. G. WILLIAM HARWOOD	3	ALBERT E. COLEMAN	7
JOHN W. G. KINDRED	4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.
* First peal (aged 14). First peal on bells following restoration and augmentation to eight.

BIRSTWITH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 17, 1952, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt. in G.

HOWARD SCOTT	*Treble*	WILLIAM H. JACKSON	5
GIBSON JACKSON	2	J. FREDERICK MILNER	6
DAVID G. JACKSON	3	J. EDWARD CAWSER	7
F. BERNARD DITCHER	4	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.
First peal of Surprise on the bells.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 17, 1952, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

*GLENYS R. BODYCOTE	*Treble*	EDWARD J. CLEMENTS	5
*MARY A. CARPENTER	2	B. STEDMAN PAYNE	6
†HAROLD KILBY	3	ERNEST W. RAWSON	7
ERNEST F. PAYNE	4	JOHN J. MORRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN J. MORRIS.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Kent Major. First peal Kent Major as conductor.

MARTOCK, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., May 23, 1952, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 25 cwt.

FREDERICK A. STRICKLAND	*Treble*	ALBERT S. ATYEO	5
EDMUND C. ATYEO	2	ALBERT W. DYER	6
WALTER H. POOLE	3	WILLIAM E. TURNER	7
RAYMOND P. SELWAY	4	GODFREY H. PIKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.
Rung as a welcome to the recently inducted Vicar, Rev. L. E. Walsh. Also a 70th birthday peal for F. A. Strickland, ringer of the treble.

COTTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., May 24, 1952, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5184 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr.

*T. W. LOCKWOOD	*Treble*	L. FORSTER	5
B. CHILVERS	2	H. MOSS	6
F. STERRY	3	C. WOODCOCK	7
A. E. COOK	4	S. ARBON	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by B. CHILVERS.
* First peal of Treble Bob Major. First peal of Major as conductor. First peal on the bells since augmentation. Birthday compliment to F. Sterry and L. Forster.

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FYLINGDALES, NORTH YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 24, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in G.

DOUGLAS ELWICK	*Treble*	BERT SUTTON	5
*JOSEPH ALEXANDER	2	SYDNEY R. ELWICK	6
†MARY WING	3	HARRY SHORT	7
HAROLD SPENCER	4	†THOMAS N. TINDALE	*Tenor*

Composed by BRUERTON. Conducted by BERT SUTTON.
* First peal in method 'inside.' † First peal. Rung for Empire Day. Also a farewell peal for Miss M. Wing on her leaving Scarborough for Greasley (Notts).

HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., May 29, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's Variation. Tenor 11 cwt.

ARTHUR MADDOCK	*Treble*	THOMAS W. HESKETH	5
*A. RONALD POCKLINGTON	2	JOHN ROBINSON	6
THOMAS ROBINSON	3	JOHN ROBERTS	7
GEORGE H. HESKETH	4	EDGAR WHITE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN ROBERTS.
* First peal in the method. First peal as conductor. An 18th birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Thurs., May 29, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 24 cwt. 18 lb.

*MONICA WALKER	*Treble*	ERNEST STITCH	5
*JANE COTTERILL	2	†DEREK TRANTER	6
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	3	WILLIAM DAVIES	7
MAURICE G. TURNER	4	HOWARD HOWELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM DAVIES.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Triples in the method.

BITTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., May 30, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Bruerton's Twelve-part. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.

*KENNETH F. MEDWAY	*Treble*	‡RICHARD J. BOWDEN	5
ROGER O. FRY	2	REGINALD G. HOOPER	6
ERIC SUTTON	3	JACK R. WORRALL	7
†FRANK D. MACK	4	WILFRED F. WEBB	*Tenor*

Conducted by RICHARD J. BOWDEN.
* 25th peal. † First peal of Grandsire Triples 'inside.' ‡ First peal of Grandsire Triples and first peal as conductor. Rung half-muffled for Mrs. M. A. Jones, interred at Bitton on the same day.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., May 30, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

PAUL L. TAYLOR	*Treble*	HUBERT E. ASHLEY	5
MICHAEL E. BROWN	2	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON	6
ALFRED BALLARD	3	FRED E. DUKES	7
JOHN B. BENNETT	4	HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

BREWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., May 31, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND CHAD,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

FREDK. E. WILSHAW	*Treble*	ERIC E. SPEAKE	5
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	2	JOHN PINFOLD	6
*RICHARD J. WARRILOW	3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	7
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.
* First peal of London.

CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 31, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Treble*	GEOFFREY J. LEWIS	5
HARRY MILES	2	JOHN WALDEN	6
CHARLES MCGUINESS	3	WILFRID F. MORETON	7
PETER N. BOND	4	*FREDERICK E. COLLINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* 300th peal.

CHATHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 31, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt.

VICTOR A. JARRETT	*Treble*	ALBERT E. BEANEY	5
GEORGE KENWARD	2	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT	6
WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS	3	JAMES BENNETT	7
PERCY J. SPICE	4	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. BARKER. Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th. The ringer of the 7th, a former member of the Chatham band, has 'circled' the tower.

CREDITON, DEVONSHIRE.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., May 31, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 27¼ cwt. in D.

G. STEDMAN MORRIS	*Treble*	ROGER KEELEY	5
M. ELIZABETH BROWN	2	JOHN L. S. GLANVILL	6
HENRY G. KEELEY	3	FREDERICK WREFORD	7
NORMAN MALLETT	4	REV. JOHN G. M. SCOTT	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.
Rung for the Festival of Whitsun.

DERBY.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 31, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHRDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 19 cwt. 1 lb.

*JOHN B. STENNIT	*Treble*	FRANCIS R. LOWE	5
KATHLEEN I. TIVEY	2	ALBERT E. THOMPSON	6
MARK J. BARKER	3	HAROLD TAYLOR	7
†JOSEPH A. CONSTANT	4	DENIS R. CARLISLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENIS R. CARLISLE.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal. Rung for the Festival of Whitsuntide. A birthday compliment to Mr. Harold Taylor.

MOUNTSORREL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 31, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Bruerton's. Tenor 8 cwt. 27 lb.

*GLENYS BODYCOTE	*Treble*	B. STEDMAN PAYNE	5
MARY A. CARPENTER	2	*ROYSTON WILMORE	6
*F. KEVON THOMPSON	3	ERNEST F. PAYNE	7
ERNEST MORRIS	4	*ROGER SOARS	*Tenor*

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.
* First peal of Triples. First peal of Triples as conductor. A birthday compliment to Mr. F. A. J. Carpenter, of Cossington.

NORTHOWRAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 31, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Ilkeston Variation. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

*JOE GREENWOOD	*Treble*	*CYRIL F. SUTCLIFFE	5
ARTHUR ROGERS	2	FRANK LINFOOT	6
*ALBERT E. HANCOCK	3	W. GEORGE TURNER	7
*GORDON TURNER	4	JOHN PEARSON	*Tenor*

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by JOHN PEARSON.
* First peal in the variation. Rung on the 39th anniversary of the dedication of the church. Also a wedding compliment to Mr. Paul Birkett and Miss Lily Mitchell, married this day at Queensbury.

PRESTWICH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 31, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

Frank Reynolds	*Treble*	Jack Clegg	5
A. Edward Reeves	2	Charles Clegg	6
Rev. P. T. Robbins	3	Rev. R. D. St. John Smith	7
Peter E. Parry	4	Roger Leigh	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith.

REPTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., May 31, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Wystan,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Washbrook's Variation of Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 17¾ cwt in E.

Mrs. S. H. Jones	*Treble*	Barnabas G. Key	5
Walter P. Whitehead	2	*Philip Whitaker	6
Walter G. Soar	3	Joseph Wm. Cotton	7
Sidney H. Jones	4	Wm. Frank Stenson	*Tenor*

Conducted by Joseph Wm. Cotton.
* First peal of Triples. Wm. Frank Stenson has now rung Stedman from Doubles to Cinques. Patronal peal.

ROLLESTON-ON-DOVE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., May 31, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

Albert E. Greening	*Treble*	Joseph Wm. Cotton	5
Walter P. Whitehead	2	William F. Woodward	6
*Audrey S. Noble	3	Sidney H. Jones	7
†Mrs. S. H. Jones	4	Walter G. Soar	*Tenor*

Conducted by Sidney H. Jones.
* First peal 'inside.' † 25th peal.

SPELDHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 31, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in G.

Bernard V. Collison	*Treble*	Geoffrey W. Ashdown	5
Hilda Oakshett	2	William A. Kitchenside	6
Ernest J. Ladd	3	Maxwell F. Oakshett	7
Arthur F. Lewry	4	Reginald L. Sills	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Reginald L. Sills.

SUTTERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 31, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 16 cwt.

Frank Taylor	*Treble*	†Thomas H. Charlton	5
John P. Morriss	2	Cyril Wander	6
William B. Dawson	3	John G. Ames	7
*Freda Oldershaw	4	Albert H. Bennett	*Tenor*

Conducted by Cyril Wander.
* First peal of Triples. † First peal of Triples away from the tenor. Rung to welcome the Central Council to Lincolnshire.

WEM, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 31, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

*Frederick G. Beddow	*Treble*	John W. Best	5
John W. Griffiths	2	Dennis H. B. Millward	6
Ralph G. Edwards	3	Brian Harris	7
*Clifford A. Barron	4	G. Ronald Edwards	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. Pitstow (C.C.C. 88). Conducted by Brian Harris.
* First peal in the method.

WOOLTON, LIVERPOOL.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 31, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Groves' Variation. Tenor 20 cwt.

*Hilda M. Price	*Treble*	Roger B. Morris	5
†Andrew J. H. Scott	2	‡Raymond L. Humphriss	6
*H. Arthur Williams	3	Ernest L. Humphriss	7
‡H. Stewart Bailey	4	*Clifford Atherton	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ernest L. Humphriss.
* First peal. † First peal on eight bells. ‡ First peal of Triples. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss H. M. Price.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

TUXFORD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 17, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5040 NORWICH SURPRISE MINOR
Being two 2,160's and one 720. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

*William Brett	*Treble*	†Harold Denman	4
†‡§Margaret A. Swann	2	†W. Robert Parker	5
Ernest Preston	3	†‡Geoffrey R. Parker	*Tenor*

Conducted by Geoffrey R. Parker.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal in the method. ‡ 50th peal together. § 75th peal. A birthday compliment to Mr. William Brett.

CRANHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., May 22, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James the Great,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different 720's. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in A flat.

Doris H. Sheppard	*Treble*	Trevor Pritchard	4
*William Richings	2	Thomas Price	5
Alfred Lynall	3	Leslie Barry	*Tenor*

Conducted by Leslie Barry.
* 50th peal.

BLITHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Wed., May 28, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Leonard,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 42 different extents, comprising 4 of Plain Bob, 3 each of April Day and Reverse St. Bartholomew, 10 of Grandsire and 22 of St. Dunstan's. Tenor 8 cwt.

Alva G. Harding	*Treble*	John A. Townsend	4
Cecil A. Brass	2	John R. Joyner	5
John H. Joyner	3	E. Harold Norman	*Tenor*

Conducted by John H. Joyner.
First peal on the bells since the recent restoration. First peal in 5 methods by all except the conductor.

GRAPPENHALL, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., May 28, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Wilfrid,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb.

Noah Smith	*Treble*	Ralph Taylor	4
Clifford Shaw	2	Harold Worrall	5
James Peters	3	John Ashcroft	*Tenor*

Conducted by John Ashcroft.
A birthday compliment to Noah Smith (75), John E. Ashcroft (75) and Jack Breeze, all of Grappenhall.

BARNBY-IN-THE-WILLOWS, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., May 29, 1952. *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents, ten different callings. Tenor 6¼ cwt.

*Janet Judson	*Treble*	Frederick G. Hooper	4
*Sheila M. Harper	2	Clarence F. Briggs	5
Beryl N. White	3	Harold Stephenson	*Tenor*

Conducted by Fredk. G. Hooper.
* First peal. First peal of Grandsire on the bells.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. A. J. Hooper, mother of the conductor.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., May 30, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

Charles Abrahams	*Treble*	Kenneth Hartley	4
J. Brian Smith	2	Norman Smith	5
William Langhorne	3	Roger Leigh	*Tenor*

Conducted by Roger Leigh.
A birthday compliment to the ringers of the 2nd and 3rd.

CLIVE, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 31, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 25 cwt. 9 lb. in D.

*Colin B. Golding	*Treble*	Edward V. Rodenhurst	4
William Davies	2	Maurice G. Turner	5
Ernest Stitch	3	†Howard Howell	*Tenor*

Conducted by Maurice G. Turner.
* First peal of Minor. † 100th tower for a peal.

COSSINGTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 31, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents of April Day, 12 of Plain Bob and 24 of Grandsire. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

MARY A. CARPENTER .. ..*Treble*	ROGER SOARS 3
ERNEST F. PAYNE 2	F. KEVON THOMPSON .. 4
B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. ..*Tenor*	

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

A silver wedding compliment to Mr. Norman Rowlett.

COTTENHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 31, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents, 62 singles, 69 bobs. Tenor 16 cwt.

FRANK WARRINGTON ..*Treble*	FRANK W. LACK 4
*GEORGE A. WALKER .. 2	P. JOHN WILKIN 5
*L. VICTOR CHAMBERLAIN .. 3	†FRED C. GIFFORD .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First peal. † First peal on working bell. The conductor has now conducted the 'circle' in this tower to a peal.

GLASTON, RUTLAND.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 31, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, ten different callings and each bell taking its turn in the hunt as treble. Tenor 7 cwt.

CECIL MATTHEWS .. ..*Treble*	RONALD RUSSELL 3
PERCY D. BALDOCK 2	ROBERT H. KNIGHT 4
JOHN H. BLUFF .. .. ..*Tenor*	

Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.

GREAT YELDHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 31, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 7 cwt. in A.

HENRY PRATT .. .. ..*Treble*	RONALD SUCKLING 4
*JUNE STARLING 2	EDWIN BUCK 5
RONALD BOYKETT 3	STANLEY BUCK .. .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.

* First peal.

HOLBROOK, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., May 31, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of seven extents: 1, College Single; 2, Double Oxford and Single Oxford; 3, Double Bob and Plain Bob; 4, Double Court; 5, Single Court; 6, Hereward Bob; 7, St. Clement's. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

RONALD W. STEWARD ..*Treble*	GEORGE N. ORMAN 4
KENNETH MITCHELL 2	CHARLES A. ANDREWS .. 5
ROY A. DUESBURY 3	ALAN R. ANDREWS .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

First peal in nine methods for the Guild.

MAIDWELL, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 31, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of four six-scores each of St. Martin, St. Simon, Reverse St. Bartholomew, five six-scores each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps Pleasure, Old, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire.
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. in G sharp.

IVOR J. DICKIN .. ..*Treble*	*ERIC NOBLES 4
ERNEST G. ORLAND 2	†BERNARD E. FROST .. 5
KENNETH D. PERKINS .. 3	CHARLES W. DIXON ..*Tenor*

Conducted by ERIC NOBLES.

* First peal of Doubles in nine methods. † First peal of Doubles 'inside.'

Rung as an 89th birthday compliment to Mrs. Mary Dixon, of Long Clawson, Melton Mowbray, mother of the tenor ringer.



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NAILSEA, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 31, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Single Court, Double Court, Double Bob, Hereward Bob, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in G.

*CLIFFORD KORTRIGHT	*Treble*	VICTOR SAVAGE	4
RONALD G. BECK	2	LEONARD DERRICK	5
EDWARD J. CHIVERS	3	GEORGE W. MASSEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE W. MASSEY.
* First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor.

STRETTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 31, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

HAROLD WORRALL	*Treble*	GORDON HALLS	4
HARRY PARKER	2	HARRY W. HOWARD	5
A. RONALD POCKLINGTON	3	JOHN ASHCROFT	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN ASHCROFT.

SUTTON-ON-THE-HILL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 31, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

*WALTER SHAW	*Treble*	*WALTER STEEN	4
†JACK BAILEY	2	*BEN BARKER	5
*‡JACK W. GLEW	3	‡WM. LANCASTER	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK BAILEY.
* First peal in five methods. † 200th peal. ‡ 30th peal together. 75th peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the daughter of the tenor ringer (Mrs. J. Twigg). Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

WARKTON, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 31, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being eight six-scores each of New Doubles, St. Simon's, Chase and Plain Bob, and ten six-scores of Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

*PAMELA J. E. LUMBERS	*Treble*	BERTRAM F. LUMBERS	3
LEONARD G. TOSELAND	2	JOHN SHATFORD	4
BURLEY P. MORRIS	*Tenor*		

Conducted by BURLEY P. MORRIS.
* First peal.

WELLINGORE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 31, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one 720 each of London, York and Durham, and two 720's each of Wells and Cambridge. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

CHARLES BROWN	*Treble*	*CHARLES A. BASSETT	4
MARGARET A. SWANN	2	GEOFFREY R. PARKER	5
W. ROBERT PARKER	3	LOUIS W. WILLDERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY R. PARKER.
* First peal in 5 Surprise methods. A birthday compliment to Mr. W. Robert Parker.

WINTERTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., June 1, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

GEOFFREY E. LARNER	*Treble*	RONALD G. LARNER	4
GEORGE R. POWLES	2	JOHN S. POWLES	5
DENNIS W. GREEN	3	ROBERT E. WOODHOUSE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT E. WOODHOUSE.
First peal as conductor. A birthday compliment to the treble ringer. Believed to be the first peal on the bells by a local Sunday service band for over 60 years.

MELDRETH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 2, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

*SHEILA M. BOOTH	*Treble*	LEONARD W. BULLOCK	4
JAMES BULLOCK	2	JOHN W. WARD	5
†PETER V. HARRUP	3	JOHN G. GIPSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN G. GIPSON.
* First peal in the method. † First peal on an 'inside' bell. First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Frederick Dench, of Saffron Walden.

RIPPINGALE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., June 2, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's in seventeen methods: (1) Carlisle; (2) Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Stamford and Rossendale; (3 London and Wells; (4) Durham, York, Surfleet and Beverley; (5) Norfolk and Primrose; (6) Berwick and Hexham; (7) Cambridge and Ipswich.
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

ALBERT E. SCOTT	*Treble*	CECIL WADE	4
JAMES W. HAW	2	LOUIS WILLDERS	5
HORACE M. DAY	3	WILLIAM H. OLDMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by HORACE M. DAY.
First peal in 17 Surprise methods by all except the conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS

COVENTRY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., May 28, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT 68, NEWFIELD ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

H. ERNEST SIBLEY	1—2	FRANK E. PERVIN	5—6
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	3—4	*HUBERT E. ASHLEY	7—8
†NEVILLE HAILLE	9—10		

Composed by H. W. HALEY. Conducted by FRANK E. PERVIN.
* First peal of Stedman on an 'inside' pair. † First peal of Stedman.

WOODDITTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Wed., May 28, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours, and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT SUNNY VIEW, WOODDITTON ROAD, NEWMRRKET,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

J. REGINALD HEATH	1—2	JOHN A. ACRES	5—6
ALBERT E. AUSTIN	3—4	PETER C. WRIGHT	7—8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.
Witness: T. VARNEY.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., June 1, 1952, *in* 1 *Hour and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT ST. MARGARET'S SCHOOL,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor size 13 in E.

ERNEST MORRIS	1—2	JOHN J. MORRIS	3—4
		*ALAN CATTELL	5—6

Conducted by JOHN J. MORRIS.
* First peal of Kent Minor. A birthday compliment to Mrs. Morris, mother of the conductor. Ernest Morris has now rung peals of Minor, Major, Royal and Maximus on both tower bells and handbells.

ST. MELLONS, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 2, 1952, *in* 1 *Hour and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT CHARLWOOD, BRIDGE ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

ERIC SUTTON	1—2	REGINALD G. HOOPER	3—4
		JACK R. WORRALL	5—6

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.
Believed to be the first handbell peal of Minor in the county.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 4, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor size 17 in A.

*ERIC SUTTON	1—2	*JACK R. WORRALL	5—6
ALBERT M. TYLER	3—4	*REGINALD G. HOOPER	7—8

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples 'in hand.'

ARELEY KINGS, WORCS.—On May 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Elcox 1, K. W. Smith (first quarter 'inside') 2, W. Turner 3, R. Rowley 4, G. Bowen (cond.) 5, J. Hicks 6.

BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On May 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Mills 1, D. J. Laker 2, E. H. Knapp 3, R. Squire 4, J. H. G. Gardner 5, A. C. V. Gasson 6, A. E. Laker (cond.) 7, K. Trinick (first quarter) 8. Also 1,260 Plain Bob Major: E. Laker (first quarter) 1, R. Squire 2, E. H. Knapp 3, A. C. V. Gasson 4, J. H. G. Gardner 5, D. J. Laker 6, F. Hicks 7, A. E. Laker (cond.) 8. Rung for the induction of the Rev. D. Tyrie to the parish of Balcombe.

BOURNE, LINCS.—On May 29th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: N. Whitney (first of Surprise) 1, Miss E. M. Taylor (first quarter) 2, A. E. Scott 3, C. Wade 4, F. W. French 5, J. W Haw (first of Surprise as cond.) 6. Also on June 2nd, 1,440 Spliced Surprise Minor (720 London, Wells, Cunecastre and 720 Cambridge, Ipswich, Primrose, Norfolk, Hull and Bourne): Miss E. M. Taylor 1, F. W. French 2, C. Wade (cond.) 3, J. A. Underwood 4, J. W. Haw 5, A. E. Scott 6.

BRISTOL.—At St. John's-on-the-Wall, on June 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Meriel L. Moir (first quarter of Minor) 1, Mary I. Kennelly 2, A. P. Cave 3, L. C. I. Watson 4, F. D. Mack 5, J. R. Worrall (cond.) 6. Rung by members of the University of Bristol Society to celebrate the engagement of Miss Barbara J. Nix-James, a member of the Society, to the Rev. George A. Gosset, curate of St. Luke's, Parkstone.

CHARLTON-HORETHORNE, SOMERSET. — On May 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. A. Higgins 1, K. Laver (first quarter 'inside') 2, F. L. Andrews 3, W. J. Tiley 4, H. P. Sparks (cond.) 5, R. P. Rawlings (first quarter) 6.

EALING, LONDON.—At St. Mary's, on June 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. J. Eldred 1, A. H. Fulwell 2, J. Birt 3, P. Clark 4 A. Harding 5, W. J. Ellis (cond.) 6, M. Stacey 7, R. D. Candy 8. A farewell to J. Birt, who is leaving the district to get married.

FOVANT, WILTS.—On May 24th, 1,260 Doubles (360 Stedman, 240 Plain Bob, 660 Grandsire): H. Roper 1, C. Oakley 2, C. Haines 3, C. Holly 4, A. Haines (cond.) 5. A compliment to the treble ringer on his wedding anninversary.

QUARTER PEALS

FULHAM, LONDON.—On May 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. B. Sansom 1, J. Stephenson 2, A. J. Phillips 3, B. Lunn 4, M. V. Chilcott 5, J. Phillips (cond.) 6, R. F. Deal 7, H. M. Page 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Leslie Oakley (choirman) and Arthur Harding (sidesman) of this church.

HARRIETSHAM, KENT.—On June 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Miss R. Lurcock 1, Miss F. Burbridge 2, Miss M. Tapley 3, M. Couchman 4, A. Waddington (cond.) 5, R. Trendall 6. J. Crump 7, K. Dawe 8. Rung to celebrate the recasting of the third bell, rededicated this day. First quarter peal by all except ringers of 3, 4 and 5. All members of the local band except the conductor, who taught and encouraged the band. Probably the first local quarter peal since the days when James Basham and his celebrated band rang these bells in the 18th century.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints', on June 1st, 1,440 St. Clement's Minor: M. J. Dyer 1, H. S. Peacock 2, J. R. G. Spicer 3, W. Ransome 4, A. Clements 5, S. Gilbert (cond.) 6. First in method for treble and fourth.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS.—On May 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. H. Conquest 1, W. R. Morris 2, H. B. Whitney 3, R. Piron 4, F. J. Plummer 5, J. E. Arnold (cond.) 6, E. J. Conquest 7, V. Conquest 8. Rung for Confirmation service.

LUTTON, LINCS.—On May 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. G. R. G. Butler 1, Miss P. M. Campling 2, Miss P. A. Temple 3, Miss M. Barwell 4, G. R. G. Butler (cond.) 5. First quarter by 2, 3 and 4. Rung in honour of H.M. Queen Mary's 85th birthday.

OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON.—On May 30th, 1,328 Grandsire Triples: A. Down 1, V. Pyne 2, C. Turner 3, J. Arbury 4, E. Marks 5, W. Burrows 6, Colin Turner (cond.) 7, R. Wood 8. A compliment to J. Arbury on 25 years as sexton and verger.

PITMINSTER, SOMERSET.—On May 24th, 1,260 Doubles (being 240 Stedman, 240 April Day, 240 Bob, 540 Grandsire): Miss B. Rowsell 1, B. J. Burston 2, W. R. Shire 3, G. Salter 4, H. Churchill (cond.) 5, P. Holway 6. Rung for Empire Day. First in four methods by all.

RUGELEY, STAFFS.—On May 29th, 1,260 Doubles (being 60 Stedman and 240 each of Plain Bob, April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Grandsire and St. Dunstan's): B. J. Townsend 1, C. A. Brass 2, J. H. Joyner (cond.) 3, A. G. Harding 4, J. R. Joyner 5, E. H. Norman 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. F. R. Speechley, a devoted member of the church and a good friend to the ringers.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On June 1st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: W. F Butler 1, J. M. Ellwood 2, D. H. Pearce 3, B Taylor 4, W. Birmingham 5, A. J. Glass 6, A. D. Rivers (first quarter in the method 'inside') 7, F. Scott (first quarter as cond.) 8. For the Whitsun Festival.

RIPPINGALE, LINCS.—On May 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: N. Whitney 1, Mrs. M. Adams 2, Mrs. V. Williamson 3, J. Haw 4, B. Boyfield 5, J. H. Musson (cond.) 6. First quarter for 2, 3 and 5. A birthday compliment to Neville Whitney.

STRETFORD, LANCS.—On May 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Collier 1, H. Birchall 2, Miss M. Llewellyn (first quarter) 3, H. W. Wootton 4, W. Birchall 5, H. Chapman 6, W. J. Moss (cond.) 7. First quarter in method for 2, 4, 5 and 6. Rung in honour of Queen Mary's 85th birthday.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church, on May 18th, a quarter peal of Plain Bob Royal: D. Goodridge 1, Miss H. J. Hollaway 2, Miss M. J. Skinner 3, C. J. Gardner 4, G. Townsend 5, Miss M. E. Richards (cond.) 6, W. Sidwell 7, H. Bishop 8, R. Townsend 9, W. W. Daniell 10. Rung in honour of the birth of the seventh ringer's son.

TAMWORTH, STAFFS.—On May 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. Attaway (first quarter) 1, G. Towns 2, W. Rackham 3, N. Pratt 4, C. Pratt 5, G. Peers, sen., 6, G. Peers, jun. (cond.) 7. S. Dunkley 8. An 84th birthday greeting to Mr. Silas Dunkley.

YEOVIL, SOMERSET.—On May 25th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: R. J. Fox (first quarter Caters) 1, P. Sparkes 2, W. H. Poole 3, T. E. Marks 4, H. Gaylard 5, F. Priddle 6, A. C. Jeanes 7, D. V. Gare 8, T. J. Setter (cond.) 9. F. Smith 10. Rung for the visit of the Bishop of the diocese.

YETMINSTER, DORSET.—On May 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Partridge 1, J. Chant 2, Mrs. Godley 3, C. Vowles 4, R. Field (cond.) 5, J. Ellis 6. A birthday compliment to Miss M. Symes and R. Field.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

We regret to hear of the passing of Mr. Fred Stokes, the well-known member of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. He had attended on Whit Tuesday the tea given to members of the Central Council by the Mayor and Corporation of Lincoln and then appeared in good health. His death took place suddenly the following morning. A memoir will appear in our next issue.

A moral from Lincoln to big tenor ringers: Besides raisins, never eat pork before a peal.

The peal at Cossington, Leics. on May 31st, is the first on the bells for 24 years. The previous one was rung by the five brothers Payne, of Syston, in 1928.

In the silent peal of Stedman rung at Gainsborough were Messrs. C. Glenn and A. H. Pulling. It was 40 years within five days that they rang their last peal together.

Mr. H. M. Day, who called the peal of 17 Surprise methods at Rippingale, is 70 years of age. He asks if he is the oldest ringer to call 17 Surprise methods to a peal.

The handbell peal rung on Derby Day at Woodditton. Cambs. was hoped to have marked the occasion of the namesake of the method chosen, 'Bob Major,' winning the blue riband of the turf as this horse was trained at Newmarket. The actual winner, 'Tulyar,' was, however, a Newmarket horse.

Hopes of a 10,080 Minor peal in 14 different 720's at Holbrook, Suffolk, on May 31st, were dashed owing to a late start through a wedding and a breakdown at the end of the third 720. A peal in nine plain methods was rung instead. The first attempt for this 10,080 Minor peal was planned for March 29th but had to be cancelled owing to heavy gales and snowstorms.

Congratulations to Mrs. 'Sid' Jones, of Repton, on her two peals in a day on May 31st. After the second peal, Stedman Triples, at the 600-years-old church of St. Wystan, Repton, Mrs. Jones acted as the ringer's perfect wife to the band. She would not take her own tea until everyone was served. The band wish to add their thanks to their congratulations to their charming hostess.

Forty-six compositions are given in the 1951 report of the Yorkshire Association.

The band who rang the peal at Crediton, Devon, on Whit Monday, inquire when the last peal of Major was rung on these bells.

The ringer of the fourth bell in the peal of Plain Bob Minor at Carlton-juxta-Snaith on May 10th was Mr. Henry R. Parkinson and not as published. The error is regretted.

Halifax Parish Church bells will be dedicated on Saturday, June 28th, at 7 p.m. The official weight of the tenor is 28 cwt. and not 26 cwt. as previously stated, Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., inform us.

Any National Service man stationed at Woolwich will be most welcome at St. Mary Magdalene's, Woolwich, on Sundays at 10.15 a.m. The church is situated behind the Odeon Cinema.

Louth tenor proved a handful to a much-publicised tenor ringer during the Central Council meeting at Lincoln. The peal was lost within a few leads from home after ringing for over three hours.

The great interest taken by the ringers at Heanor, and their warm welcome to the visiting peal band on Whit Monday was much appreciated. The band attempted a second peal at Alfreton which was lost. Afterwards they were kindly entertained by Mr. Hopson.

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CENTRAL COUNCIL VISIT LINCOLN AFTER 30 YEARS

SPECIAL COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION ON SECRETARYSHIP NOT ACCEPTED — COUNCIL'S FINANCES UNSATISFACTORY: PROBLEM OF ADDITIONAL REVENUE — ROLL OF HONOUR COMPLETED: MR. F. CULLUM'S GENEROUS GIFT — 26 PEALS DELETED FROM ANALYSIS REPORT

AFTER an absence of 30 years, the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers held their annual meeting at Lincoln on Whit Tuesday. It was one of the happiest of Council meetings. The Lincoln Diocesan Guild as hosts were unsparing in their efforts to make the assembly a big success, and they received full co-operation from the Bishop and Dean and also the civic authorities, the Council being the guests at tea on Tuesday of the Mayor and Corporation. Proceedings on the Tuesday started with a celebration of the Holy Communion in the Cathedral at 8 a.m., and the Council meeting was held in the historic Chapter House.

Of the business before the Council, the most important was appointment of a new secretary in place of Mr. G. W. Fletcher, who has held the office with distinction for 21 years. Mr. E. A. Barnett, of Crayford, was elected his successor. The President (Mr. E. A. Lewis) voiced the appreciation of the Council of Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher's long and faithful service.

The Methods Committee had a disappointing day. Their report on Method Extension was referred back. Mr. H. Miles was able to report the completion of the Ringers' Roll of Honour, and appreciation was expressed of the honorary work of Mr. F. Cullum in writing the roll.

Concern was expressed by Mr. G. W. Fletcher at the finances of the Council. The inadequacy of affiliation fees to meet the ordinary expenses of the Council was commented on, and this is to form the subject matter of a notice of motion to be presented at the next conference at Bournemouth.

BISHOP'S WELCOME.

After prayers by the Dean, the Lord Bishop of Lincoln, in welcoming the Council, said he believed he was right in saying that it was in 1922 when the Council were last at Lincoln. He accepted that they were all born then, but a considerable amount of water had flowed since.

He hoped they were enjoying their stay there. Among the delegates he noticed his old friend Dan Cooper and representatives from the old Parish Church of Croydon—one of the famous towers of the country. He met some of them a few years back at a service at St. Margaret's, Westminster, and he remembered the good dinner afterwards.

He expected by now they had rung in every tower in Lincolnshire. A bell ringer's idea of fun was to cover as vast amount of territory as he could and to ring in as many towers as possible for about 10 minutes.

'You are doing a wonderful job of work and in it you are carrying on one of the ancient crafts and at the same time proclaiming to the world the Christian call to worship.'

He hoped they would obtain a thrill in holding their meeting at the Chapter House, one of the most historic buildings in the country. In that very hall the Parliaments of England used to be held in the days of Edward I. If they turned back the carpet they would find a wooden plug and from that hole the Royal Standard of England was flown. The King occupied his seat and the ornamental lions that formed the arms of the chair had been thumped by Plantagenet monarchs.

The Council rose as the Lord Bishop, accompanied by the Dean, left the Chapter House.

Mr. E. H. Lewis (president) took the chair, supported by the hon. secretary and treasurer (Mr. G. W. Fletcher) and the hon. librarian (Mr. W. H. J. Hooton).

ATTENDANCE ROLL

Ancient Society of College Youths.—Mr. J. F. Smallwood.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—Mr. S. G. Coles, Mr. J. T. Dyke, Miss N. G. Williams.

Bedfordshire Association.—Mr. H. Harding, Mr. A. C. Sinfield.

Cambridge University Guild. — Mr. E. M. Atkins, Mr. S. E. Darmon.



The impressive majesty of Lincoln Cathedral. A consciousness of its grandeur and great spiritual witness brought the thoughts of those attending the Central Council above mundane things. The Dean personally conducted the visitors around the Cathedral on Whit Monday.

Chester Diocesan Guild.—Mr. J. W. Clarke, Rev. J. Kingdon, Mr. D. Smith, Mr. J. Worth.

Coventry Diocesan Guild. — Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Mr. F. W. Perrens.

Derbyshire Association. — Mr. D. Carlisle, Mr. A. Mould.

Devon Guild.—Mr. A. L. Bennett, Mr. E. W. Biffin, Mr. J. E. Lilley.

Dudley and District Guild. — Mr. F. Colclough.

Durham and Newcastle Association.—Mr. F. Ainsley, Mr. W. N. Park.

East Grinstead and District Guild.—Mr. C. A. Bassett.

Ely Diocesan Guild.—Mr. F. W. Lack, Mr. E. H. Mastin.

Essex Association. — Mr. H. J. Mansfield, Miss H. G. Snowden.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association. —Miss D. M. Drew, Mr. W. B. Kynaston, Mr. F. Skidmore.

Guildford Diocesan Guild. — Mr. G. L. Grover, Mr. A. C. Hazelden, Mr. A. H. Pulling.

Hereford Diocesan Guild.—Mr. G. J. Lewis, Mr. W. F. Moreton.

Hertford County Association.—Mr. W. Ayre, Mr. R. G. Bell.

Irish Association.—Mr. F. E. Dukes, Mr. J. T. Dunwoody.

Kent County Association.—Mr. T. E. Sone, Mr. J. Willis.

Ladies' Guild.—Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, Mrs. A. Richardson, Mrs. P. J. Staniforth.

Lancashire Association.—Mr. P. Dunkerley, Mr. J. Ridyard, Mr. C. Sharples, Mr. L. J. Williams.

Leicester Diocesan Guild.—Mr. A. Ballard, Mr. H. J. Poole, Mr. A. E. Rowley, Mr. E. C. Turner.

Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Mr. J. Bray, Mr. G. E. Feirn, Mr. J. Freeman, Mr. J. A. Freeman.

Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association.—Mr. T. M. Roderick.

London County Association.—Mr. H. W. Rogers, Mrs. H. W. Rogers, Mr. W. G. Wilson.

Middlesex County Association.—Mr. T. J. Lock, Mr. C. W. Roberts, Mr. E. C. S. Turner.

Midland Counties Guild.—Mr. J. W. Cotton, Mr. B. G. Key.

National Police Guild.—Mr. T. R. Butler.

North Staffordshire Association. —Mr. R. S. Anderson.

Norwich Diocesan Association.—Mr. W. C. Duffield, Mr. F. N. Golden, Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow.

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Mr. A. D. Barker, Mrs. A. D. Barker, Mr. F. D. Boreham, Mr. A. E. Lock.

Oxford University Society.—Mr. R. B. Meadows.

Peterborough Diocesan Guild.—Mr. G. W. Jeffs, Mr. B. P. Morris, Mr. R. C. Noon, Mr. W. Rose.

St. David's Diocesan Guild.—Mr. A. Hoare.

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham. —Mr. F. E. Haynes.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, Mr. C. Harding, Mr. W. C. West.

Sheffield and District Association. —Mr. N. Chaddock.

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.—Mr. P. N. Bond, Mr. G. H. Cross, Mr. T. H. Francis, Mr. F. E. Hawthorne.

Southwell Diocesan Guild. — Mr. J. W. Raithby.

Stafford Archdeaconry Society. — Mr. H. Knight, Mr. C. Wallater.

Suffolk Guild.—Mr. C. W. Pipe, Mr. C. J. Sedgley, Mr. G. E. Symonds.

Surrey Association.—Mr. A. P. Cannon, Mr. F. E. Collins, Mr. D. D. Cooper.

Sussex County Association.—Mr. F. Bennett, Mr. R. G. Blackman, Mr. L. Stilwell.

Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild.—Mr. G. Lewis.

Truro Diocesan Guild.—Mr. H. Miles.

Universities Association.—Miss M. R. Cross.

Winchester and Portsmouth Guild.—Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, Mr. C. H. Kippin, Mr. G. Pullinger, Mr. F. W. Rogers.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—Mr. B. C. Ashford, Mr. W. B. Cartwright.

Yorkshire Association.—Mr. W. E. Critchley, Mr. P. J. Johnson, Mr. L. W. G. Morris, Mr. S. F. Palmer.

Life members.—Messrs. E. H. Lewis, G. W. Fletcher, W. H. J. Hooton, E. A. Young.

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CENTRAL COUNCIL — Cont.

Honorary members.—Messrs. E. A. Barnett, J. P. Fidler, F. I. Hairs, Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Messrs. A. A. Hughes, C. K. Lewis, Mrs. C. C. Marshall, Messrs. G. R. Newton, F. Sharpe, E. C. Shepherd, P. L. Taylor, W. H. Viggers.

SUMMARY

	Associations	Members present
Wholly represented ..	.. 28	71
Partially represented	.. 21	43
Not represented ..	.. 5	..
	54	114
Life Members ..	..	5
Hon. Members ..	..	12
		131

The Secretary reported that the membership of the Council now numbered 54, compared with 53 last year. The Sheffield and District Society was elected a non-territorial society at the last meeting.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

These were received from the Rev. and Mrs. A. S. Roberts, the Rev. W. H. R. Trewhella, Ald. A. Paddon Smith, Messrs. B. D. Price, J. W. Jones, G. H. Spice, F. B. Lufkin, G. E. Debenham, F. Precey, G. L. Hewitt, H. J. Sanger, A. Walker, G. W. Cecil, A. J. Hughes, P. A. Corby, T. H. Taffender, F. W. Goodfellow, T. G. Myers, J. J. Webb, F. H. Dallaway, E. G. Fenn, W. Osborn, C. W. Woolley, K. Beardsall, P. Baker, A. B. Peck and D. Hughes.

TELEGRAM TO THE QUEEN

Upon the proposition of the chairman, the Council decided to send the following telegram to the Queen: 'The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers at annual meeting at the Chapter House at Lincoln assembled desire to convey to your Majesty their expression of their loyal devotion and pray that your Majesty may be preserved for many years to preside over this Realm and Empire. (Signed) E. H. Lewis, president.'

The following telegram in gracious acknowledgment was received: Bell Ringers, Chapter House, Lincoln: The Queen sincerely thanks the members of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers assembled at their annual meeting for their kind and loyal message which Her Majesty much appreciates.—Private Secretary.

The Secretary reported that upon the death of the late King, on behalf of the Council he sent a telegram expressing the members' sympathy to the Queen.

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS

The following new members were introduced: Messrs. J. E. Lilley (Devonshire Guild), J. P. Fidler (hon. member), E. Shepherd (hon. member), J. Raithby (Southwell), P. L. Taylor (hon. member), W. G. Wilson (London Counties), Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher (hon. member).

ELECTION OF HON. SECRETARY

The Secretary announced that there were two nominations for the post of hon. secretary and treasurer to the Council, viz., the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, proposed by Mr. E. H. Lewis and seconded by Mr. W. H. J. Hooton on behalf of the Selection Committee and supported by 24 members of the Standing Committee; Mr. E. A. Barnett, proposed by Mr. F. J. Smallwood and seconded by Mr. F. E. Haynes.

Messrs. Charles W. Roberts and Mr. F. Ainsley were appointed tellers. The ballot resulted:—

Mr. E. A. Barnett .. .. 76 votes
Rev. K. W. H. Felstead .. 52 votes

Mr. E. A. Barnett, in thanking the Council for his election, said he was well aware that the job of secretary was no sinecure and to follow the present secretary would be doubly difficult. Nevertheless, he assured the Council that he would do his utmost in their interest, and with their goodwill and the help of his wife and other members of his family he was sure he could carry the job off. It was with regret that he must sever his connection with the Methods Committee, with whom he had had the pleasure of working for the last four or five years. The success of the committee was in no small way due to the excellent way Mr. Felstead ran the committee.

ELECTION OF HONORARY MEMBERS

Mr. W. Rowe was re-elected an honorary member on the proposition of Mr. F. W. Perrens, seconded by Mr. F. Hairs.

The Council decided on the recommendation of the Standing Committee that the four vacancies for honorary members should be kept open.

LIFE MEMBERS

The President proposed the election of Mrs. E. K. Fletcher as a life member. Mr. A. A. Hughes seconded and the resolution was carried amid applause.

Mr. Wilfred G. Wilson, in proposing Miss M. E. Snowdon as life member, mentioned her great work in carrying on the publications started by her brother.

Mr. E. A. Barnett seconded and the resolution was carried.

LOSS BY DEATH

The Council stood as the following members who had died were remembered: Mr. J. Swindley, Chester Guild, 1939–1947; Mr. T. W. Taffender, London County, 1939–1951; Mr. T. Laver, Guild of Devonshire Ringers, 1933–1939; Mr. T. Groombridge, Kent County, 1909–1938, hon. member 1939–51; Mr. S. J. Hector, Salisbury Guild, 1934–36; Dr. J. C. E. Simpson.

The President also reported the death of Miss Nora Johnston, sister of Mr. Cyril Johnston.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Mr. F. W. Perrens moved and Mr. F. I. Hairs seconded that the minutes of the last meeting as circulated be approved.—Agreed.

Arising from the minutes, the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow said it seemed to him that the Festival of Britain Sub-Committee had not really shown sufficient imagination, drive and diplomacy in the way they had dealt with the Festival project. He wished to refer to three items. There was no ringing at the Festival Church; no printed blurb to bring the idea of ringing before the man in the street, and no film or film strip had been proceeded with. He had two reasons for bringing these matters forward. One was that one of the advantages of living in a democracy was that they had the fun of being critical without being constructive, and the other was that he had the privilege of speaking in a Chapter House because theirs at Norwich fell down in 1708.

The Secretary said the Festival of Britain Committee was a sub-committee of the Standing Committee and an opportunity would be given later. He would like to remind Mr. Thurlow when a proposal was made involving work the job was generally given to the proposer (laughter).

REPORT OF HON. LIBRARIAN

New publications appearing on the list include the Card of Instructions, Model Rules, a second edition of the Handbell book and 'Village Bells.' The two latter books are much in demand, and it would be advisable to reprint 'Village Bells' in the course of the next twelve months. The stock of Stedman and Grandsire sheets will soon be exhausted and might be reprinted. The opinion of the Council on renewal of the stock of Double Norwich and Cambridge Court sheets, and on the addition of a sheet of some other popular method, would be valuable. The Collection of Major Methods is in the press.

The accounts show a complete year under the increased postal rates and expenses are heavy. Thanks are due to those who have been thoughtful enough to include a contribution towards postage, especially when ordering single copies of publications.

Several books have been lent during the year, including the whole issue of 'Bell News' and 'Ringing World' to 1939. Mr. Dove very kindly made himself responsible for the conveyance of these books by road.

The thanks of the Council are due for the following presentations: 'Rings of Bells in Plymouth,' F. Stuart Worth, by the author; 'Memorandum of Technology of Method Structure,' MS. typed, A. York-Bramble, by the author; 'Church Bells of Oxfordshire,' Vol. III., F. Sharpe, by the author.

A copy of 'Among the Bells' and one of Walters' Church Bells of England' have been sent on permanent loan to the Irish Association of Change Ringers.

Mr. Hooton said the following books had been received since the report had been prepared: Two parts of 'Church Bells of Worcestershire,' by A. A. Hughes; 'Beginner's Grandsire,' by Mr. F. Warrington; 'Cheshire Bells' (two parts), J. W. Clarke. During the year two parts of 'Church Bells of Oxfordshire' had been published and one part of 'The Bells of Buckinghamshire.'

The accounts showed that 1,522 copies of various publications were sold during the year, the total receipts being £81 17s. 7d.

Moving the adoption of the report, Mr. Hooton said he wanted to make one plea There were scattered about the country books which were the property of the Central Council. Some years ago when the librarianship changed he found there was no record of copies sent out on sale or return. He had put two letters in 'The Ringing World' on the subject. No books had been sent out on sale or return for 20 years. He asked secretaries to return the copies.

Mr. F. I. Hairs seconded the adoption of the report.

Mr. F. W. Rogers said he had several books mentioned by Mr. Hooton in his possession and during the year he had been trying to get the copies outstanding from different towers.

Mr. Hooton announced that the new collection of Plain Major Methods was published that week and was now on sale at 3s.

Mr. P. J. Johnson said some years ago the librarian used to send out books in bulk to the associations. He thought it would be a good thing if they could sell books in this way.

Mr. E. C. S. Turner supported Mr. Johnson. Commending the new book of Plain Major Methods, he said many of the methods were far more difficult to ring than Surprise methods.

The report was adopted.

THE BALANCE SHEET

The Council's balance sheet on the liabilities side showed creditors £316 18s. 2d., payments in advance £817 3s. 2d., general funds balance £1,880 8s. 3d. On the assets side were: Goodwill and blocks, 'Ringing World,' £200, library £10, stock of publications £223 2s. 4d., stock of stationery 12s., copyright and blocks, 'Village Bells,' £5, debtors £632 1s. 7d., cash in bank and in hand £1,943 13s. 8d.

Income and expenditure account. General funds: To insurance, library, 8s. 9d., expenses Biography Committee less Shepherd bequest £9 6s. 5d., expenses of other committees £2, stationery and printing £15 9s., telephone £7 3s. 4d., postage £3 8s. 8d., wreaths £7 4s., expenses Chester meeting £4 4s. 6d., binding 'Ringing World' £1 0s. 6d., 'Village Bells' copyright and blocks written off £5. Losses: 'Ringing World,' £15 19s. 8d., publications £12 1s. 5d.

Income was: Affiliation fees £37, subscription life member 5s. Excess of expenditure over income was £46 1s. 3d. The balance carried forward to 1952 was £1,880 8s. 3d.

'THE RINGING WORLD'

The accounts for 'The Ringing World' showed a loss of £15 19s. 8d. On the expenditure side: Printing and blocks £2,902 13s., editorial office rent £6 10s., editor's fees and expenses £258, clerical assistance £118 12s. 4d., postage £10 16s. 11d., stationery and sundry £1 5s. 7d., despatch of copies £112 1s., postage and wrappers £408 14s. 9d. Accounts department: Clerical assistance £52, postage and telephone £26 12s. 8d., stationery and sundry £27 1s. 6d.

On the income side: Rolls Publishing Co. £1,753 0s. 5d., postal subscribers and donations £1,508 6s. 1d., advertisements £249 5s., notices and peal fees, etc. £372 1s. 11d., sale of College Youths book less royalties £3 14s. 8d., general fund advertisements £22.

The publications account showed sales £81 17s. 7d., stock December 31st, 1951, £223 2s. 4d., excess of expenditure over income £12 1s. 5d.

Mr. G. W. Fletcher, in presenting the accounts, said they were somewhat a dismal story. Regarding the publications account they were selling their books too cheaply, and as they printed new books they must considerably increase the price. For 25 years they had been selling a book which cost 2s. 4½d. for 2s. 6d., and an envelope to-day cost 1d. In regard to 'The Ringing World,' they had 1,500 postal subscribers and some of the subscriptions were accompanied with donations. He would like them seriously to consider whether the time had not been reached when they should increase the selling cost of 'The Ringing World.' Uncertain income by the way of donations would not get them anywhere.

On the general fund of the Council, Mr. Fletcher questioned the adequacy of the affiliation fee of 5s. per association. The time had come when it should be increased to a reasonable figure. It was not right that members of 'The Ringing World' Committee should travel to Birmingham and London for meetings at their own expense. He had been asked by the Standing Committee to give notice of an increase in the affiliation fees. He moved the adoption of the accounts, 'The Ringing World' accounts being subject to audit.

Mr. A. A. Hughes seconded and the accounts were adopted.

CARTER RINGING MACHINE

The report of the trustees (Mr. A. A. Hughes and Mr. A. Walker) stated that repairs had now been completed. The machine had been demonstrated on tower bells and on its own set of handbells and was in excellent running order. It could now be returned to the Science and Art Museum.

Mr. Hughes moved the adoption of the report.

The Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow asked where the machine would go.

Mr. Hughes: As the judge said, 'it will go to the place whence it came' (laughter).

Mr. F. W. Rogers: May we ask what arrangements are made for ringers and others to view the machine when it goes to the place whence it came?

Mr. Hughes: No arrangements have yet been made.

The report was adopted.

STANDING COMMITTEE

The Hon. Secretary: The formal report of the Standing Committee is that they have considered the agenda and have made recommendations that will be placed before the Council.

He moved the adoption.—Agreed.

HANDBOOK

The Hon. Secretary said the preparation of a handbook was left at Chester to a small committee with Dr. Hatcher to complete. They hoped the handbook would be available this time next year.

Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher said the aim was that the handbook would provide a source of information on all matters appertaining to the Council. He understood that all conveners of committees were putting their expert advice at his disposal and as a result several sections were already completed.

It was decided to leave the handbook in the hands of Dr. Hatcher and Mr. Fletcher to act as a small committee.

ROLL OF HONOUR

The report of Mr. H. Miles stated:—

At the Central Council meeting at Chester in 1951 two estimates for writing and binding the Roll were submitted. As both estimates were high, Mr. J. W. Clarke was appointed to act with me in an endeavour to get much lower estimates from other sources.

After some time had elapsed, Mr. Clarke submitted a scheme under which the Roll would be written and bound by students at Chester College at a much lower figure than those of the original estimates.

In the meantime, however, I had interviewed personally a London ringer who is in the trade and who generously offered to write the names without payment, so that the total cost would be that of the materials and binding only.

These two proposals were submitted to the Standing Committee for their opinion, with the result that the work was entrusted to the London ringer, and it is now progressing so satisfactorily that there is every prospect of the completion of the Roll by the time the Council meets at Whitsuntide. If this turns out to be the case, it is hoped to have the Roll on view at Lincoln.

Perhaps I may be allowed to add that in my opinion the London ringer deserves the Council's warmest thanks for his unselfish work on the Roll of Honour.

Mr. H. Miles said the writing of the Roll had been done voluntarily by a ringer, Mr. F. Cullum, which was a very generous piece of work. On behalf of the Council he extended to Mr. Cullum their warmest thanks for an excellent job. The second Roll had been made in the same way as the first, but the style of writing was different.

The suggestion was that the Roll, instead of being deposited in the library of St. Paul's where applications had to be made to inspect it, should be placed in a glass case in the long gallery. The Roll would be open, and the proposal was that the College Youths who rang there Sunday by Sunday should be asked to turn over the pages. The case would cost money. If there was any member present who would make a voluntary gift of that case it would be very welcome.

Mr. R. S. Anderson seconded and said it added a great deal to the sentimental value of the Roll that a ringer had undertaken the job and had done so voluntarily.

Mr. E. Alex Young said it was an excellent piece of writing and the Roll was something they would always be proud of in years to come.

Mr. J. W. Clarke also congratulated Mr. Cullum on his lettering.

The Hon. Secretary proposed that the very grateful thanks of the Council be extended to Mr. Cullum and Mr. Miles for their excellent work. The actual cost of the Roll was £26 and they had received an anonymous donation of £6. He proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Cullum and Mr. Miles.

Mr. F. I. Hairs seconded.

The report was adopted.

FESTIVAL OF BRITAIN REPORT

The report of the sub-committee, signed by Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher and Mr. G. H. Spice, stated: Since the adoption of its main report at the 1951 Council meeting at Chester, the Festival Sub-Committee has been active in only two respects:—

(1) Following the apparent misunderstandings in connection with ringing at the Festival Church of St. John, Waterloo Road, more negotiations took place which led to the arrangements published in 'The Ringing World' of July 20th, 1951.

(2) Further enquiries were made into the possibilities of making a film about ringing, but unfortunately no means of direct sponsorship was found.

In asking that the Festival Sub-Committee should now, like the South Bank itself, be broken up, its members wish to place on record their appreciation and thanks for the encouragement received from ringers all over the country, who by their response helped to make the Festival of Britain the success it undoubtedly was.

Dr. Hatcher, in presenting the report, said in regard to films their proposal was to explore all possibilities of making a film, which was very different from a film strip. There was no comparison in cost between the two.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards said no reference was made in the report to handbell ringing.

Mr. Harold W. Rogers said the Rural Dean of Battersea approached the local association of ringers to arrange for handbell ringing, and the London Counties Association was then approached and made the necessary arrangements.

The report was adopted.

PEALS COLLECTION COMMITTEE

The report of the committee stated: We have given further consideration to the projected collection of Royal and Maximus compositions mentioned in our 1951 report and have come to the conclusion that, owing to the simplicity of composition in Royal and Maximus (14 and 10 courses respectively being required out of a possible 60), a collection of these compositions is not needed. We therefore propose to abandon the project.

We suggest that the committee be now disbanded since its continuance serves no useful purpose, and that it be re-formed if and when circumstances call for such a committee.

Mr. E. A. Barnett moved the adoption of the report and said the committee proposed their own liquidation.

Mr. Walter Ayre seconded.

The Hon. Secretary: At the Standing Committee it was proposed that the report be adopted with the deletion of the last paragraph.

It was agreed that the report be adopted with the exception of the last paragraph.

PEALS ANALYSIS COMMITTEE

The report of the committee stated: The year 1951 was a prolific peal ringing year, producing a grand total of 2,957 peals—2,661 on tower bells and 296 on handbells—beating the high total achieved in 1949.

A large number of peals was rung to mark the Festival of Britain, and very successful ringing tours added to the normal peal ringing.

The Leicester Diocesan Guild headed the list with 189 peals on tower bells and 62 on handbells, followed by the Kent County Association with 180 on tower bells and three on handbells.

Outstanding performances deserving the congratulations of the Exercise are as follows: 15,480 Cambridge Surprise Royal, Lancashire Association: 25 Spliced Surprise Major methods, Oxford Diocesan Guild: 10,368 London Surprise Major, Midland Counties Guild: Spliced Surprise Maximus (6 methods), Leicester Diocesan Guild: 126 Minor methods in nine 720's, Leicester Diocesan Guild: 105 Minor methods in seven 720's, Leicester Diocesan Guild. On handbells: 12 Spliced Surprise Major methods, Hertford County Association: Kent Treble Bob Fourteen, Leicester Diocesan Guild: 42, 46 and 50 Spliced Plain Major methods, Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

The above totals include peals which do not comply with the Decisions of the Council, and we ask for a ruling as to their inclusion. These are:—

Coventry Diocesan Guild: 2 peals of Doubles 'in hand,' 5,200 and 5,660 changes.

Essex Association: 1 Minor in 6 methods containing Woodbine Treble Bob.

Hereford Guild: 1 Minor in 5 methods, containing Reverse Canterbury.

Kent County: 1 Spliced Major containing Canterbury Pleasure; 2 Minor in 5 methods, containing Reverse Canterbury; 3 Minor in 4 methods containing Reverse Canterbury.

Lancashire Association: 1 Minor 7 methods, containing Woodbine; 1 Minor in 5 methods, containing Woodbine.

Leicester Diocesan Guild: 1 Minor in 3 methods, containing Reverse Canterbury.

Midland Counties Guild: 1 Minor in 4 methods, containing Reverse Canterbury.

Oxford Diocesan Guild: 1 Minor in 18 methods, containing Reverse Canterbury; 2 Minor in 17 methods, ditto: 1 Minor in 16 methods, ditto: 1 Minor in 14 methods, ditto;

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1; Minor in 9 methods, ditto; 3 Minor in 8 methods, ditto; 3 Minor in 7 methods, ditto; 1 Minor in 5 methods, ditto; 1 Minor in 3 methods, ditto.

St. Martin's Guild: 1 Doubles in 4 methods, 5,089 changes.

Sussex County Association: 1 Minor in 4 methods, containing Reverse Canterbury.

Truro Diocesan Guild: 1 Minor in 4 methods, containing Reverse Canterbury.

In all reports of peals where more than ONE method is rung we ask correspondents to state how many methods were actually rung, and to check their reports before posting, as that would save time and trouble when records are being compiled.

Presenting the report, Mr. Walter Ayre said there was another peal for non-inclusion, one containing Canterbury Pleasure from the Kent County Association.

Mr. H. Miles seconded.

Mr. Harold Poole: Can we have this clear? Do the proposer and seconder want these peals excluded?

Mr. Ayre: We want a ruling whether we abide by the Decisions of the Council.

Mr. Miles suggested that discussion should be left until after the Oxford Diocesan Guild's resolution had been carried.

Mr. Anderson expressed the view that the Peals Analysis Committee should abide by the Decisions of the Council.

Mr. E. A. Barnett: There is the fact that the method, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, although it does not comply with the Council's Decisions, is contained in the Council's Minor and Doubles Collection. It is rather hard to delete these peals when the figures are given in a publication.

Mr. N. Golden said there was confusion as to what was meant by Canterbury Pleasure and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure. Some people know the method under one title and some under the other.

The Hon. Secretary said the Standing Committee recommended that the Peals Analysis Committee be instructed to delete these 26 peals and make a note that the figures are not included as they did not comply with the Decisions of the Council.

The report of the committee was then adopted.

Mr. H. Miles said there was a peal of Kent Treble 14. He did not like the name. He suggested the title Maximissimus or Excellior.

Mr. C. Roberts said some years ago he took part in a peal of 14. Mr. J. A. Trollope suggested the title of the peal as Plain Bob 14.

Mr. C. K. Lewis supported Mr. Roberts.

Mr. John Worth: Was the peal a true extension?

The report was adopted.

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Call changes were rung at the Watch Tower, Morpeth, for the Queen's birthday, on June 5th. The ringers were Paul Winter (11), T. H. D. Horn, J. Murphy, A. Davidson, T. Oram, A. Pegg, P. White, N. Wright and B. Dalby.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PEAL AT CRANBORNE

Dear Sir,—In answer to Mr. Hunt's request for the exact reason why the Salisbury Diocesan Guild will not accept the peal of Triples rang at Cranborne on Sunday, February 24th, 1952, I reply with that part of Rule 5, which reads: 'A life member elected in the tower before starting for a peal must have paid his subscription, and his election be confirmed at the next Branch meeting, before the peal can be recorded.'

There is no question about the proposition or the seconding, but Mr. Hunt tries to imply that the subscriptions were dispatched at once when, in fact, seven weeks had elapsed when they were received by the hon. secretary of the Salisbury Branch. Cranborne is well in the Wimborne Branch, and they should be sent to the hon. secretary of that Branch. When this matter was brought forward for confirmation at the Guild annual meeting at Bridport it was decided that this lapse of time was unreasonable; it was, however, carried that the memberships be endorsed from the date the subscriptions were received.

The statements by Mr. Hunt that I wish to appease the Cranborne ringers and other interested parties is farcical, and that any member of the Guild is jealous of a peal of Stedman is more than childish, and the abusive insinuation that I am sheltering behind my official position for dictatorial purposes I heartily resent and consider it insulting. I have done no more than that which I have been instructed to do by the Salisbury Guild.

Mr. Peter Bond also asks for more details but, like Mr. Hunt, he blames the hon. secretary of the Guild, and I have already answered those queries. Both gentlemen try to make me look a rascal but they will have to get very busy if they want to keep the band of ringers who rang the peal of Stedman, upon the pedestal, when they read the letter I have received from the Vicar of Cranborne, and whose permission I have to publish.

In the last paragraph Mr. Hunt states he will submit the peal to 'The Ringing World' as being rung for the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild. I might suggest that after he has read the Vicar's letter he will ring it for the 'Modern Society of Pirate Ringers.'—Yours truly,

W. C. WEST.

Melksham, Wilts.

The letter of the Rev. W. F. Bond, Vicar of Cranborne, dated April 2nd 1952, to Mr. West, states:—

I am very glad to have an opportunity of expressing my indignation at the way the ringers from Chichester and Portsmouth secured the use of our tower on February 24th last. What happened was this:—

I was rung up on the Tuesday previously by a man (of whose name I cannot now be sure) who asked permission for a party of ringers from Chichester and Portsmouth Cathedrals to try our bells on the following Sunday afternoon. Chichester happens to be the Cathedral at which I was ordained, and after some little chat, in which I pointed out that they could not start until 3.15, owing to my Sunday School, I gave permission. There was no suggestion of a **peal**; seeing it was Sunday afternoon and that they would certainly have cut into our ringers' time, it is unthinkable that I should have given permission for this. When they turned up on Sunday afternoon I said I hoped they would be finished by four or soon after, whereupon I was told they wanted to ring a peal and had come for that purpose.

I protested strongly, but they said they had seen our captain (this wasn't true, but can be explained) who was quite prepared for a peal to be rung. I had to rush away to another service in my other church, so I reluctantly gave way. They occupied the tower till 6.15 or later.

Had I known that such teams of 'pirate' ringers roamed about I should, of course, never have given permission in the first place, but I have never experienced such before, and I feel I ought to make as public as possible to Diocesan Guilds, and other incumbents, the fact that this kind of thing can happen.

CLERGY AND RINGERS

Dear Sir,—In a recent letter I had occasion to refer to the lack of interest by clergy in bells and their ringers.

On Whit Monday I had the privilege of joining the Chester ringers on their annual trip. We visited four towers, viz., Machynlleth, Llanbadarn Fawr (Aberystwyth), Llanidloes and Newport.

At each tower we were met by the Vicar and his ringers, given a very warm welcome and they stayed throughout the ringing and then bid us farewell. At Llanidloes the Vicar put on his cassock and surplice and asked us to kneel for prayers before commencing to ring, and at Newport the Vicar very ably rang the fourth to 240 Grandsire Doubles.

We were all very impressed by the very warm and sincere welcome which we received at all towers.—Yours fraternally,

DENNIS W. B. MILLWARD.

Buckley, near Chester.

A DISAPPOINTED REPRESENTATIVE

Dear Sir,—I have rung some peals which I remember with pleasure, others, like the meeting at Lincoln, are best forgotten, and the fact that so little business was done must make some members wonder if their journey was in vain.

As the number of ringers affected by method extension are such a small minority I say let them ring what they like and call it what they like and let the Central Council concern itself with the object of promotion of change ringing and win the support of thousands of ringers to whom Central Council might well be the name of another method as far as they are concerned.

After listening to the arguments on method extension I didn't know whether I was coming or going and contend that this is no subject for a full Council. E. H. MASTIN.

Downham Market.

OBITUARY

MAJOR L. J. ROPER

It is with regret the ringers in Northern Ireland, and in particular the band at Carrickfergus, learn of the death of Major L. J. Roper, brother of the late Sid Roper, of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

Prior to the last war Major Roper was for some time stationed at Carrickfergus. It was due to his influence that the band made great progress in change ringing. His personality made him a very popular ringer in the Northern District, and he was a great leader for his band, kindly and strict at practice and for service ringing.

Another who has helped by his energy and skill to establish change ringing in Ireland is now laid to rest.

MR. WILLIAM KEEBLE

As both Mr. Wiffen and Mr. Dawson have said, Mr. William Keeble was master of any Surprise method, but in London he was supreme. It may not be generally known, but he could repeat every change in London and during our Suffolk tour offered to call a peal and afterwards he would repeat every change of the peal. My impression is that the Royal Cumberlands had his peal book presented to them by the late Mr. Fussell, or it may have been lent for one meeting, but it certainly was on view at St. Martin's. I believe his total was over 800. A. H. PULLING.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Mr. S. F. Palmer Resigns Hon. Treasurership

THE annual general meeting of the Association was held at Bradford on May 3rd, attended by a large gathering representative of all the districts. The fine ring of 10 bells at the Cathedral was going early and made very good use of during the afternoon and evening.

The Provost of Bradford, the Very Rev. J. G. Tiarks, welcomed the Association at a brief service in the Cathedral, but unfortunately he was unable to remain to the excellent tea afterwards served at the Talbot Hotel.

At the business meeting in the Parish Hall the chair was taken by the president, the Ven. C. O. Ellison, Archdeacon of Leeds, supported by the general secretary (Mr. L. W. G. Morris), the retiring hon. treasurer (Mr. S. F. Palmer) and the hon. peal secretary (Mr. W. E. Critchley).

Apologies for absence were read from Messrs. P. Birkett, F. Dale, E. Short, H. Chant and W. Ambler.

A unanimous vote of thanks to the Provost of Bradford and Cathedral wardens was accorded on the motion of Mr. P. J. Johnson, seconded by Mr. H. Lofthouse, and a similar vote of thanks to the local company was accorded on the motion of Mr. W. Barton, seconded by Mr. S. H. Steel.

Both Mr. A. Ashton and the general secretary acknowledged the vote of thanks, saying that the usual co-operation that existed among the local company made it a simple matter to complete arrangements.

THE REPORT

The president presented the report of the committee, which stated that fewer peals had been rung than in the previous year, but they could take a certain amount of pride that the variety of methods rung had been well maintained. For the first time in the history of the Association a peal of Spliced Surprise Major in four methods had been rung by a county resident band at Drighlington. Even more noteworthy, a peal of Spliced Surprise Major in six methods had been rung at Heptonstall, in which all the bells did all the work in all the methods. This had only been accomplished twice before in the history of the Exercise, and was conducted by the late Dr. J. C. E. Simpson. His death on February 7th, 1952, was a great loss to the Association and the Exercise at large. They also mourned the death at the age of 91 of a former general secretary in the person of Mr. J. W. T. Holgate, of Bramley.

The year began with a membership of 1,575 and concluded with 1,592. The Snowdon Dinner had been revived and they were most grateful to Mr. H. Walker and other members of the Minster band for the time and trouble they devoted towards making the evening the success it was.

Mr. W. Ambler had been obliged to retire owing to ill-health from his office as hon. secretary of the Western District, and Mr. Alexander Marsh had been elected in his place. The report congratulated Mr. H. S. Morley, hon. secretary, Eastern District, on his recovery from a recent operation.

The peal secretary's report stated that 110 tower and 5 'in hand' peals had been rung and 25 members had rung their first peal. Three members had called a peal for the first time and the 115 peals had been shared by 41 conductors. The pendulum had swung back to the simpler methods as far as peal numbers were concerned. Thirteen tower-bell peals of Treble Bob Major had been rung, compared with five in 1950. The number of peals of Grandsire Triples was almost double last year's total, in which 19 members scored their first peal in the method, which was an average of almost two in each peal.

The higher methods had not been neglected, however; there had been seven peals of Spliced Surprise Major and peals in 14 different Surprise methods. These included the following new to the Association: Yorkshire Surprise Maximus and Brereton, Berkshire, Cornwall, Derby, New Gloucester and Rotherham Surprise Major, the last named being rung for the first time. The complete range of peals on all numbers from Doubles to Maximus had again been rung, for the third year in succession.

The top peal scorer in 1951 was Mr. Norman Chaddock with 28, Mr. John F. Turley and Mr. W. Eric Critchley tied for second place with 25. Mr. Sam Longbottom had now rung 100 peals for the Association and Mr. Daniel Smith had passed his first century of peals as conductor. At Carlton a peal of Minor was rung by six members of the Chorley family of Thorne.

The balance sheet showed that a loss of £49 5s. 9d. incurred during 1950 had been converted to a gain in 1951 of £8 5s. 2d. This had been entirely due to the increase in the annual and other subscriptions.

NEW HON. TREASURER

The next business was the election of a new hon. treasurer. The retiring hon. treasurer, Mr. S. F. Palmer, had tendered his resignation to the committee as he felt that although still physically fit, with advancing years he could not foresee what might happen during a further three-year term of office, and he would much prefer to hand over now while he could still be available with advice or help to his successor.

The President paid tribute to the long years of service Mr. Palmer had so unstintingly rendered to the Association, and hoped that he would be spared many more years to come among them. Similar tributes were paid by Messrs. P. J. Johnson, E. Hudson and W. Barton.

In acknowledgment, Mr. Palmer thanked the speakers for their kind references, and said that although it was a wrench, he was sure he was right in the decision he had taken. He wished to thank the president, principal officers and the district secretaries, whose ever-ready co-operation had been a tremendous help. He still had the interests of the Association very much at heart, and looked forward to coming among the members as often as possible.

The President said that only one nomination for the post had been received, and that the committee were unanimous in recommending that Mr. Gordon Benfield, of Pudsey, be elected to the office. Mr. P. J. Johnson moved and Mr. S. Steel seconded that the committee's nominee be elected, and Mr. Benfield was unanimously elected the new hon. treasurer.

In acknowledging his election, Mr. Benfield thanked the members for their confidence unanimously shown in him, and in a humorous speech said that he was glad to have Mr. Palmer to consult. In point of fact Mr. Palmer would probably still be treasurer for the first twelve months, and possibly the larger part of the next twelve months. He had, however, Mr. Palmer's splendid records and example before him and would endeavour to carry on the duties of the office in the same meticulous manner as Mr. Palmer had done for so many years past.

Mr. W. E. Critchley was unanimously re-elected hon. peal secretary on the motion of Mr. L. W. G. Morris, seconded by Mr. T. W. Strangeway.

It was unanimously decided to hold the next general meeting at Beverley on September 20th if the necessary arrangements could be made. The president reminded the meeting that the Snowdon Dinner was being arranged at York on October 25th, and the committee hoped that members would reserve the date in order to ensure its success.

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The following new members were elected on the motion of Mr. P. J. Johnson, seconded by Mr. J. Ambler: G. F. Bryant and R. Moulds, of All Souls', Haley Hill, Halifax; J. R. Jenkinson, of Bradford; G. Hawkes, of Leeds; A. E. Hartley, of Thorner; G. Appleyard, of Otley; P. Dawson, of Calverley; and A. Ainsworth, of Newcastle, as out-county.

This concluded the business meeting, and further ringing followed at the Cathedral until 9 p.m., bringing to a close a successful and enjoyable meeting.

ST. MARY'S, STAFFORD

Completion of £25,000 Project

The bells of St. Mary's, Stafford, have frequently been heard these past two weeks as a preliminary to ringing for both Church or State. 1,260 Grandsire Triples was rung on May 14th, giving Mrs. E. Malin, a visiting ringer from Penkridge, an opportunity to ring her first quarter peal. The ringers were Mrs. E. Malin 1, R. J. Warrilow (cond.) 2, J. Warrilow 3, E. Malin 4, C. Hone 5, A. E. Garbett 6, Rev. D. P. Roberts 7, K. Mowforth 8.

During the past five years extensive work of restoration has been in progress on St. Mary's Church, some £25,000 having been raised and expended. Apart from minor details, the work is completed, and on Saturday, May 17th, a service of rededication was held, conducted by the Lord Bishop of Lichfield, at which the Mayor attended in state. Preceding the service a touch of Grandsire Caters was rung.

The morning and evening services on May 18th were held as services of thanksgiving, the Bishop of Shrewsbury preaching for morning and the Bishop of Stafford for evening. For each of these services 1,260 Grandsire Triples was rung. The ringers for morning were A. B. Garbett 1, F. R. Wiggin 2, J. Warrilow 3, F. Eley 4, R. J. Warrilow (cond.) 5, A. E. Garbett 6, C. Hone 7, H. Bayley 8.

Had we held the belief of our forebears of the Middle Ages that the ringing of church bells dispersed thunderstorms, this would have been shattered, for the quarter peal rung for evening service was to the accompaniment of a violent storm. This gave C. Hone, a young and promising ringer from Thakeham, Sussex, now domiciled in Stafford and who was calling his first quarter of Triples, a fine opportunity to use his stentorian voice. His calls were heard above the crash of thunder and were made with the confidence and precision of a veteran. The ringers taking part were A. B. Garbett 1, J. Warrilow 2, P. Fisher 3, F. Eley 4, R. J. Warrilow 5, A. E. Garbett 6, C. Hone (cond.) 7, H. Bayley 8.

Ringing for State took place on Tuesday, May 20th, when shortly after noon, to quote from a local paper, as the bells of the nearby Parish Church of St. Mary pealed out, Ald. C. E. Fowke was elected Mayor of Stafford for the second year. On the evening of Ascension Day a combined service is held by the Anglican Churches in St. Mary's, the preacher this year being the Dean of York. For this service a quarter peal of Stedman Triples was attempted, and after good ringing was lost in the closing stage. A. E. G.

SOUTH CADBURY, DEVON

South Cadbury ringers and friends had their annual outing on May 28th. Touches of Grandsire and Bob Minor were rung at Winterbourne (Gloucester), Much Marcle (Hereford) and St. Werburgh's Bristol. Mr. W. Tiley had much pleasure in meeting, after 32 years, the Rev. C. L. Money-Kyrle, a former Vicar and his employer at that time, at Much Marcle, now in his 84th year. The ringers desire to express their thanks to the incumbents for the use of their bells. W. J. T.

FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World' of June 14th, 1912

PEALS OF MINOR

All ringers among whom there is a desire to raise still further the standard of change ringing from the scientific standpoint must appreciate the efforts of the Rev. H. Law James to secure that in future peals of Minor should consist only of true 720's. The Central Council have, for the time being at any rate, declined to insist upon this provision, but we believe the time will come when the Council will lay down a rule on the lines of the resolution and refuse to recognise peals on six bells unless they are rung with the least repetition possible. . . .

One of the difficulties, however, with which the general body of Minor ringers is confronted is that at present they have no means of knowing which methods can be spliced together, or how the splicing may be effected. It is true Mr. James has published one 5,040 in 14 methods got by seven true 720's, but before the practice of ringing in this way can become general, the Exercise must have a wider knowledge of the means by which it is accomplished. If we may throw out a hint to Mr. James, therefore, it is this, that . . . . he should publish the list of methods which can be spliced, showing how and where they can be pieced together. . . . Mr. James told the Council that it is possible to include no less than 31 methods in seven true 720's, and he rightly remarked that whoever rings a peal of Minor thus composed would have something to talk about. . . .

[Splicing was indeed in its infancy, and a number of years were to elapse before much advance was made on the 31 methods. The labours of Mr. A. G. Driver, and later of Mr. C. K. Lewis, raised the number to more than a hundred.]

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD

Winchester District

In spite of late alterations in the meeting place, between 40 and 50 members and visitors attended the Winchester District meeting at Tichborne on May 31st.

The church at Tichborne contains six bells (tenor 10 cwt.) and is ideally situated on high ground with very few houses near. The bells were soon heard tapping out a variety of methods up to Cambridge.

A five-minute service of prayers was held in the church, led by the district chairman, the Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth, after which members adjourned to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Butcher, who only half an hour earlier had given permission for the business meeting to be conducted there.

The chairman gave a special welcome to the visitors, who included Mr. F. W. Rogers (general secretary of the Guild) and ringers from Windsor, Reading, Bournemouth, Southampton and Dorset.

The secretary explained the reason for the sudden change in plans for the meeting. The previous Thursday he had received a note from the Rev. A. P. Skene, Rector of Cheriton, who regretted that the bells of Cheriton would not be available owing to a funeral on that day.

Mrs. K. Phillips, of St. Maurice's, Winchester, and Masters P. Long and D. Humber, of Ropley, were elected ringing members.

It was decided that the practice meetings for August and September should be held at Cheriton and Longstock respectively. After tea ringers had the choice of two towers—Tichborne and New Alresford.

SPILSBY, LINCS.—On June 4th, 1,440 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Bailey (first quarter) 1, J. R. Kettering-ham (first as cond.) 2, C. H. Wright 3, E. Badley 4, R. Barratt 5.

WOBURN, BEDS.—On May 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. Harris 1, R. Piron (first of Stedman) 2, H. Harding 3, R. Sharp 4, D. Knox 5, A. Sinfield 6, L. H. Bywaters (cond.) 7, M. Hooton 8.

DEDICATION

CALSTOCK, CORNWALL

Some ten miles north of Plymouth, on the banks of the River Tamar, lies the pretty village of Calstock. It is typically Cornish, being built on the side of a hill, with a steep main street. The church is situated right on top of this hill, in an isolated position, at the end of a country lane.

However, in spite of a stormy afternoon, on Saturday, May 31st, most of the inhabitants of the village and some 50 ringers attended the dedication of the bells, which have just been restored by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd.

The dedication ceremony was performed by the Right Rev. John Wellington, Assistant Bishop of Truro, assisted by the Vicar, the Rev. H. de Labat, and in the course of his address the Bishop remarked that he found in most parts of Cornwall all the bells in a tower were rung for service.

After the service everyone adjourned to the Village Memorial Hall, where a very nice tea had been prepared by the ladies of the parish.

The bells are a complete ring of six by John Pennington, of Lezant and Stoke Climsland, Cornwall, and the tenor weighs 9¼ cwt. They have been tuned and rehung with ball bearings in a new iron frame, together with new fittings.

The bellfounders were represented by Mr. A. Patrick Cannon and he was congratulated, on behalf of his firm, for a really excellent job. Among those ringers present were the Rev. Dr. H. Brown, Vicar of St. Paul's, Truro, the Rev. E. M. Thomas, Vicar of Menheniot, and bands from Callington, Botus Fleming, Lamerton, Linkenhorn, Menheniot and Northill, who rang rounds and call changes.

Also present was a grand old gentleman from St. Dominic's, aged 87, and who actually attended and rang at the previous rehanging of the bells 66 years ago, in 1886!

It was at this church on September 7th, 1864, that the first change-ringing was ever performed in Cornwall, being three six-scores of Grandsire Doubles, and on Midsummer Day, 1866, 720 Grandsire Minor was conducted by William Banister, rung under the auspices of the Society of Calstock Changeringers, which was founded by Mr. H. R. Trelawney. This is recorded in the ringing chamber, and, in addition, there is an old painting of the ringers in 1773.

SOWTON RINGERS' WEDDING

Mr. W. C. Panter — Miss P. I. Willmington

Members of the Sowton and Pinhoe band of ringers, Mr. Wilfred Charles Panter, only son of Mr. C. S. and the late Mrs. Panter, of 412, Purhoe Road, Exeter, and Miss Phyllis Irene Willmington, of Venn's Farm, Sowton, were married on Whit Monday at the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, Sowton, Devon.

The Rev. H. Spencer (Rector) officiated, assisted by the Rev. F. A. J. Matthews (Vicar of Pinhoe). Mr. John Woolcott (cousin of the bridegroom) was the organist

Given away by her father, the bride wore a gown of white lace with a sweetheart neckline, which had panels of lace and net over a full taffeta skirt. Her headdress of orange blossom was worn with an embroidered veil. She carried a horseshoe-shaped bouquet of pink roses and white heather.

Miss Rita Wells was the bridesmaid, Mr. George Whiteside best man and Messrs H. Willmington and L. Holley ushers. On leaving the church the bride was presented with three silver horseshoes.

The reception was held at the Parish Hall, Sowton, and the honeymoon was spent touring France, the bride travelling in a powder blue costume with grey accessories.

Among the numerous presents were a barometer and a biscuit barrel from Sowton and Pinhoe ringers, who were among those entertained by the bride's parents. The wedding cake was decorated with bells.

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MARRIAGE

PANTER — WILLMINGTON. — On Whit Monday, at St. Michael and All Angels' Church, Sowton, Wilfred Charles, only son of Mr. C. S. Panter and the late Mrs. G. Panter, of Exeter, and Phyllis Irene, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Willmington, of Sowton. 898

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION. —South Eastern Division. — Meeting, Purleigh (6), Saturday, June 14th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. Everett, 24, The Chase, Boreham. 829

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LADIES' GUILD. — North-West District.—Annual meeting at St. George's, Hyde, Cheshire, June 14th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. —Frances M. Laflin, Sec. 865

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SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Next meeting Oswestry, June 14th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—G. C. Bagley, Hon. Sec. 868

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COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Coventry and Rugby District.—Meeting at Church Lawford Saturday, June 21st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, please, by June 19th, to J. L. Garner-Hayward, 8, Orchard Crescent, Coventry. 882

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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD (Gainsborough District) and LADIES' GUILD. — Joint meeting at Willingham, Saturday, June 21st. Ringing afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify Geo. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough, Tel. 2623, by Tuesday previous.—Geo. L. A. Lunn and Mrs. A. Richardson, Hon. Secs. 877

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Christ Church, Southgate, Saturday, June 21st. Ringing, 3.15 till 4.45. Tea locally. Business and further ringing follow. — Boyack. Wanstead 1575. 896

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Meeting of East Norfolk Branch, Saturday, June 21st, at Ditchingham (6). Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Bells at Bungay (8) available after tea. Names or numbers for tea to H. W. Barrett, Ferndale, Bungay Road, Loddon, Norfolk, by Wednesday, June 18th. No notification no teas.—J. Harwood, Sec. 847

SALISBURY GUILD. — Calne Branch. — Meeting, Broad Hinton (6), June 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea, by Tuesday, to Canon White, Vicarage, Broad Hinton, Swindon. 891

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Monthly meeting, Eastrington, Saturday, June 21st. Bells (6) 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (moderate charge) to all who notify, on or before June 19th, Mr. A. H. Hawcroft, Eastrington, Goole.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 885

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Annual meeting, Lichfield, June 21st. Bells, Cathedral (10) 2.30–3.15 and 6–6.45, St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6) from 2.30 onwards. Service at St. Mary's 3.30. Tea 4.15 in St. Mary's Schoolroom, followed by annual meeting. Names for tea not later than Tuesday, June 17th.—Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourn. 861

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SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Leigh, June 21st. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Names for tea, by June 18th, to C. J. Champion, 1, Rectory Lane, Buckland, Betchworth. 890

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting Henfield (8), Saturday, June 21st. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names, by Thursday, June 19th, please.—B. W. White, 14, South View, Henfield. 893

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch. — Meeting, Arley, Saturday, June 21st, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Coach from Bell Street (Bell Hotel), Stourbridge, 2.15 p.m. Names by Thursday, 19th, please.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 866

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ST. MARY'S, SEND, NEAR WOKING, SURREY.—Ringers' rally and service, Sunday, June 22nd. All ringers and friends welcomed. Bells (6) from 4.30 to service 6.30 p.m. Bring own refreshments. Cups of tea obtainable.—S. M. Strudwick, Tower Sec. 871

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Quarterly meeting, June 28th, at St. Bartholomew's, Penn. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Numbers for tea, Tuesday, June 24th, latest, to F. Colclough, Acting Secretary, Hall Park Street, Bilston. 908

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD & WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Combined meeting, Newbury and Basingstoke Branches, Bucklebury (8), June 28th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Names for tea, by June 25th, to Miss S. Davis, Bucklebury Village, Reading.

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HALIFAX ASSOCIATION. — Annual meeting and prize contest at Saddleworth, July 5th. Entrance fee, 10s. per company, to secretary by June 21st, please. For teas and practice notify Mr. J. Hulme, 116, High Street, Uppermill, Oldham, Lancs, by June 28th. — A. Farrand, 12, Greenhill Cottages, Roughtown, Mossley, Manchester, Lancs. 874

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual Festival, Oxford, Saturday, July 12th. Service Cathedral, 11 a.m. (preacher: Ven. Thorndike Shaw). Meeting, Chapter House, 12 noon. Luncheon, Dining Hall, 1.30 p.m. Tickets 6s. Applications to general secretary, please, by July 6th. Ringing at Cathedral, Merton, Magdalen and New Colleges, St. Thomas', St. Giles', St. Aldgate's, St. Cross, St. Mary Magdalen's, Carfax, All Saints' and St. Ebbe's. Choristers please get in touch with F. Sharpe, Derwen, Launton, Bicester, Oxon.—W. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., Wayford, London Road, Basingstoke, Hants. 901

QUARTER PEALS

BATH, SOMERSET.—At the Abbey, on May 25th, 1,275 Stedman Caters: Mrs. D. Evans 1, W. J. Prescott 2, E. J. Fry 3, M. Helps 4, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 5, W. H. Hurford 6, J. Hallett 7, E. Naylor 8, R. O. Fry 9, H. Merrett and A. Read 10. Rung for the inaugural service for the Bath Assembly Festival of Arts.

COPT OAK, LEICS.—On June 1st, 1,230 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss J. Cooper 1, C. W. Hall (cond.) 2, Miss J. Knight 3, L. Stockwell 4, R. Goodman 5, Miss R. Stockwell 6. First by Sunday service band and by 3, 4 and 6.

EAST PECKHAM, KENT.—On May 28th, 1,260 Doubles (being 120 each of St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury and April Day and 420 Grandsire): T. Saunders 1, B. V. Collison 2, W. R. Manser 3, L. Honess 4, E. J. Ladd (cond.) 5, B. W. Pankhurst 6. First quarter in 8 methods by all the band.

HESTON, MIDDLX.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. V. Chilcott 1, B. A. Rose 2, P. Bettridge 3, J. E. Chilcott 4, J. B. Sansom 5, W. J. Winter 6, W. A. Lewis (cond.) 7, C. A. Newnes 8.

IXWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On May 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Sharp 1, L. Sharp 2, K. Brown 3, B. Hammond (first quarter) 4, E. Bishop 5, H. King (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to Miss Sheila Rogers, also a ringer. First quarter by a local band since 1938.

KEMPSTON, BEDS.—On June 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. J. Blair (first quarter) 1, J. M. Stevens (cond.) 2, Mary Stevens 3, Pamela A. Martin 4, J. Crawley (first Triples) 5, D. J. Gay 6, R. W. Stevens 7, J. Seager 8.

PURLEIGH, ESSEX.—On May 24th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Minor: I. Saunders 1, Miss J. Warren 2, Miss M. Shadrack 3, J. West 4, P. J. Came 5, J. E. G. Roast (cond.) 6.

SEATON, DEVON.—On May 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: K. Clarke 1, R. Woodley 2, Betty Smith 3, G. C. Turner 4, J. Asbury 5, E. J. Dowe 6, B. Pidgeon (cond.) 7, H. Mallett 8.

TRULL, SOMERSET.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Sylvia Vine (first quarter) 1, Beryl Churchill (first 'inside') 2, B. Vine (first as cond.) 3, F. G. Sparks 4, H. Churchill 5, R. G. Perry 6.

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ANOTHER IMPRESSION OF LINCOLN

'AND all the bells of merry Lincolne without men's hands were rung,' as 'tis said happened at the burial of St. Hugh of Lincoln, whose shrine is still one of the greatest glories of the Minster. Fortunately this anticipation of modern mechanical methods was not in evidence there at Whitsun, when all or most of the bells of merry Lincoln and Lincolnshire were rung, but were rung by the hands of young and old, men and women, boys and girls, hands large and sinewy, hands horny or charming, gathered from the length and breadth of England, and Ireland too, for the Central Council. Lincolnshire stone provides perfect material for towers and spires of many types. The majesty of the Minster towers, the incredibly soaring grace of Boston stump, broach spires like Ewerby, pinnacled spires like Heckington (one of the most glorious early 14th century churches in the world), Grantham, Louth, Newark (Notts), Tattershall and many others, each a palace in which God might reign as King in the hearts of His people, each a place in which the humblest can find nobility.

With hearts lifted up by a week-end in such territory, members were ready for the great day—Whit Tuesday. It began with Holy Communion as is now the custom of the Council—and in what surroundings! The Angel Choir of Lincoln Minster, perhaps the most lovely specimen of the most lovely period of Gothic in the Christian world (don't start a correspondence about this!), the eastern transepts with their divine 'Early English' windows, the noble black oak choir stalls, the shrine of St. Hugh just behind the high altar, all forming a composition as near to the eternal city of God as men can make.

And then to the Chapter House. How one's surroundings affect one's thoughts! And how could anyone make a speech with any motive but sincerity, dignity and peace in such a place? Would that Parliament might have its manners always lifted up the height to which this House must have lifted them in the days of Edward I. The great stone central pillar with its marble pilasters and the vault above like a vast tree-trunk branching out. All the history of England in the storied windows around. The charming speech of welcome by the Bishop of Lincoln, who at once lifted our minds up to the dignity of our surroundings, and who reminded us of how the lions on which his hands rested were once thumped by wrathful Plantagenet kings presiding over Parliament.

We found no time to read the history of England in the windows, for the agenda (the report of which it is no part of the purpose of a leading article to anticipate) proved of interest worthily befitting the surroundings. By far the most moving and indeed historic portion of (the word 'item' seems too diminutive) the agenda was the retirement of George and Kathleen Fletcher from the position which they have held so long and so magnificently on the Council. What a joy it is to know that this retirement has absolutely nothing to do with events usually associated with retirement, age, health and so forth, but is simply because George finds the demands which his service to his fellow-men make on his time are such that he must take this step. Each of us will have personal and delightful memories of the words and deeds of George and Kathleen—mine include George's power to make financial affairs appear crystal clear and Kathleen's joy in punctuality. How good to know that the secretaryship now passes to hands so well loved throughout the Exercise, so competent and so keen. Men come and go, Chapter Houses like Lincoln and the Minster to which it is joined tell of the power which even mortal men have to grasp immortality.

There are many other matters of interest on the agenda. What is and what is not recognisable in Minor ringing, what is and what is not London; these and related subjects provide magnificent opportunity, magnificently grasped, for various charming personalities to charm their audience with more or less effect. Shut your eyes and Lincoln Chapter House gives place in rapid succession to Leicester Magistrates' Court, Leeds Council Chamber, some Oxfordshire debating society — the unmathematically minded, if any such were there, might almost feel with eyes shut that they were in Milton's Hell ('Paradise Lost'), where for 'Others more mild, retreated in a silent valley,' eternal discussion on perplexing subjects was the order of proceedings.

But no! We open our eyes (please, I wasn't asleep) and we are still in Lincoln Chapter House. One could have wished that we had been arranged sitting all around the walls each speaking towards the pillar, the arrangement intended by the builders, and which should make each speaker equally audible to all. However, the arrangement adopted made all England seem close-knit together—not close enough, alas, for us to accept the most kind and generous invitation of Newcastle for next year—but if they are rather too distant in situation, they are indeed close in our hearts, and we look forward to visiting them another year. The joys of Bournemouth will be happily anticipated,

as will the ringing for the Coronation—by the way, what are we doing to instruct the general public in connection with this, the greatest event in England's national and Christian life?

And so our stay draws to a close, and we leave Lincoln full of gratitude to so many people — the Mayor and Mayoress for their hospitality, John Freeman and others for their great kindness in arranging the ringing, the Bishop, the Dean, the President, George and Kathleen and, most of all, the God and Father of us all Who leads us to be friends, Who lifts up our hearts in buildings and in harmony, and Who challenges us to help build His Kingdom on earth.

GILBERT THURLOW.

TEN BELL PEALS

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., June 2, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,
A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 24 cwt.

*J. CATHERINE BROWN	*Treble*	*PETER E. PARRY	6
*STEPHEN W. J. PENNY	2	*A. NEVILLE BROWN	7
*M. JILLIAN BRIERLEY	3	WILFRED L. ROBINSON	8
*PHILIP P. CARTER	4	DEREK OGDEN	9
*BARRY CORBISHLEY	5	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.
* First peal on ten bells. First peal on ten as conductor.
Rung as a farewell to Alan Ward, of Manchester, who recently joined H.M. Forces. Average age of the band is 19¼ years.

YEOVIL, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 2, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 40 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in C.

*JACK MUSSELL	*Treble*	HENRY G. KEELEY	6
JEAN M. HARRIS	2	*DAVID R. REED	7
†ROGER KEELEY	3	FRANK L. HARRIS	8
*HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS	4	THOMAS J. SETTER	9
WILLIAM C. SHUTE	5	RONALD N. MARLOW	*Tenor*

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.
* First peal of Royal. † First peal on ten bells. First peal of Royal as conductor.

BRISTOL
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 11, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,
A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

*†ROBERT J. STOKES	*Treble*	*†GEOFFREY BEYNON	6
B. ENID LLOYD ROBERTS	2	†FRANK D. MACK	7
REGINALD G. HOOPER	3	*†LANCE C. I. WATSON	8
JACK R. WORRALL	4	IVOR H. TRUEMAN	9
ALBERT M. TYLER	5	FRANCIS C. MOGFORD	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.
* First peal on ten bells. † First peal in the method. First peal of Stedman Caters as conductor.
Rung as a farewell to members of the University of Bristol Society who are going down this year.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

WHITTLESEY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., May 16, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

G. OLDFIELD	*Treble*	JOSE TURNER	5
HERBERT GOAKES	2	DAVID PETERS	6
W. H. OLDFIELD	3	FRANCIS H. NEWMAN	7
W. SMITH	4	*NEVILLE BEEBE	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by FRANCIS H. NEWMAN.
* First peal. Rung for the 70th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. E. Hilton and the birth of their great-grandson; also 30th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. H. Goakes.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., May 28, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5120 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6½ cwt.

HAROLD J. POOLE	*Treble*	ERNEST W. RAWSON	5
J. FREDERICK. MILNER	2	JOHN R. SMITH	6
PAUL L. TAYLOR	3	*T. EDWARD HARROLD	7
MRS. H. J. POOLE	4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by HERRICK B. BOWLEY.
* First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to Frederick H. Dexter.

ALBURGH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 31, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE	*Treble*	STANLEY W. COPLING	5
CHARLES W. LOOME	2	ERNEST WHITING	6
GEORGE W. HOWLETT	3	WILLIAM J. FLATT	7
*CHARLES R. CATCHPOLE	4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Tenor*

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.
* First peal in the method.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 31, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

*BETTY M. VIDLER	*Treble*	KILBY R. HOLTOM	5
M. ANGELA CARTER	2	ALEXANDER WADDINGTON	6
*AUDREY M. BAILEY	3	ROBERT COLLINS	7
DORIS E. COLGATE	4	†MALCOLM S. CLOKE	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. KNIGHTS (K.C.A. 4,130).
Conducted by MALCOLM S. CLOKE.
* First peal in the method. † 25th peal for the Association.

SOUTHWELL, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 31, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT THE MINSTER CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 28¾ cwt.

GEORGE E. FOSTER	*Treble*	J. FREDERICK MILNER	5
WILFRID F. MORETON	2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	6
CHARLES McGUINESS	3	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	7
THOMAS H. FRANCIS	4	WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
The first peal in the method on the bells.

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WALESBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., June 1, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, being 2,240 London, 1,728 Bristol and 576 each of Cambridge and Superlative, with 116 changes of method.
Tenor 12 cwt, 14 lb. in F sharp.

MRS. C. K. LEWIS	*Treble*	JOHN WORTH	5
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	6
C. KENNETH LEWIS	3	WALTER ALLMAN	7
CHARLES MCGUINESS	4	CECIL W. PIPE	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

ASHFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 2, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	*Treble*	MARK W. MARSHALL	5
WILFRED W. RING	2	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	6
RONALD J. SHARP	3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	7
*ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	4	HARRY PARKES	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER (C.C.C. 12).
Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.
* First peal of London. First peal of London on the bells.

DORCHESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., June 2, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Taylor's Six-part. Tenor 15¼ cwt.

*A. WILLIAM ABSOLOM	*Treble*	MICHAEL BISHOP	5
*FREDERICK S. SMITH	2	ROBERT B. BLOND	6
JAMES GODMAN	3	FRANK ABSOLOM	7
JAMES P. BLOND	4	JACK BERRY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT B. BLOND.
* First peal.

GAINSBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., June 2, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Sir A. P. Heywood's Variation. Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

ALFRED H. PULLING	*Treble*	CLEMENT GLENN	5
FRANK W. PERRENS	2	FRANK E. HAYNES	6
THOMAS R. BUTLER	3	JOHN FREEMAN	7
ERNEST C. S. TURNER	4	WALTER AYRE	*Tenor*

Umpire: EDWIN A. BARNETT.
Rung silent.

GORLESTON-ON-SEA, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 2, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

GEORGE W. HOWLETT	*Treble*	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	5
JOHN G. W. HARWOOD	2	MAURICE J. LING	6
ERNEST WHITING	3	L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE	7
STANLEY W. COPLING	4	CHARLES W. LOOME	*Tenor*

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

HEANOR, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 2, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15¼ cwt.

*T. W. HOPSON	*Treble*	ALBERT E. THOMPSON	5
HAROLD TAYLOR	2	FRANCIS R. LOWE	6
JACK BAILEY	3	FREDK. E. WILSHAW	7
†MARK J. BARKER	4	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	*Tenor*

Composed by F. WM. GROCOTT. Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
* First peal on eight. † First peal of Bristol. First in the method on the bells.

HECKINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., June 2, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5056 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Composer's Twelve-part No. 9 in the method. Tenor 19 cwt. in E flat.

HORACE J. MANSFIELD	*Treble*	NOLAN GOLDEN	5
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	2	ERNEST V. MASTIN	6
FRED E. DUKES	3	NORMAN V. HARDING	7
REV. A. G. G. THURLOW	4	BERT GOGLE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
Composition contains extent of 4, 5, 6 in 5-6 and all the 7568s; the second and third never above 4ths at a course-end.

PRESTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 3, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 24 cwt.

E. ROGER MARTIN	*Treble*	JAMES BLACKBURN	5
G. ALEC DIMMOCK	2	*LAURENCE WALMSLEY	6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	3	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE	7
ARTHUR HATCH	4	ERNEST J. GOWER	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST J. GOWER.
* First peal in the method. First peal of Surprise as conductor.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., June 5, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Consisting of 3,200 London, 320 Bristol, and 800 each of Cambridge and Superlative, with 110 changes of method. Tenor 10 cwt. 10 lb. in A.

ANTHONY AGER	*Treble*	TERRY R. HAMPTON	5
J. MARTIN THORLEY	2	JOHN PINFOLD	6
HENRY H. FEARN	3	JOHN R. MAYNE	7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
First peal of Spliced as conductor. The composition is now rung for the first time.

DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., June 5, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Carter's Odd-Bob (2nd Version). Tenor 30¼ cwt.

*EDGAR C. STACEY	*Treble*	EDWARD DALINGWATER	5
MRS. E. WALL	2	JAMES MCCLUSKEY	6
RAYMOND C. WESTNEY	3	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	7
*DENIS A. CHAPMAN	4	PERCY J. DAWE	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
* First peal in the method. Rung by the local company. In honour of the birthday of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., June 6, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

PETER E. PARRY	*Treble*	BRIAN HARRIS	5
JEAN C. BROWN	2	JACK CLEGG	6
PHILIP P. CARTER	3	DEREK OGDEN	7
NEVILLE A. BROWN	4	R. GORDON CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.
First peal in the method for all but the 6th ringer. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

DORCHESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., June 6, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15¼ cwt.

*FRANK ABSOLOM	*Treble*	JAMES P. BLOND	5
*JAMES GODMAN	2	JOHN SEYMOUR	6
ERNEST G. GARRARD	3	JACK BERRY	7
MICHAEL BISHOP	4	ROBERT B. BLOND	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by ROBERT B. BLOND.
* First peal of Major.

ASPENDEN, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 7, 1952, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5392 TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Granta Variation. Tenor 9¾ cwt.

ROY V. WEBB	*Treble*	FRANK C. CROFT	5
EDWIN G. BUCK	2	WALTER D. POOLEY	6
HORACE WERRETT	3	JACK S. DEAR	7
JOHN CHURCH	4	R. THOMAS NEWMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES.
Conducted by R. THOMAS NEWMAN.

First of Granta Variation by all the band, and rung for the 75th anniversary of the creation of the St. Albans Diocese.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 7, 1952, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Pitstow's Transposition. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

FRANCIS R. LOWE	*Treble*	CLEMENT GLENN	5
MRS. J. E. TURLEY	2	DENIS R. CARLISLE	6
WILLIAM J. THYNG	3	HAROLD TAYLOR	7
SIDNEY F. PALMER	4	*CYRIL WRIGHT	*Tenor*

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
* Completion of tower 'circle.'

FENHAM, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(SS. James and Basil Guild.)
On Sat., June 7, 1952, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. JAMES AND BASIL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 14 cwt. 10 lb. in F.

*THOMAS SEWELL	*Treble*	THOMAS W. CROWE	5
J. ALAN AINSWORTH	2	KENNETH ARTHUR	6
ERIC N. HARRISON	3	JACK ROACH	7
†JOHN HEDLEY	4	‡JOHN HEAL	*Tenor*

Conducted by KENNETH ARTHUR.
* First peal on a working bell. † First peal of Grandsire. ‡ First peal.

Rung in connection with the celebrations for the 21st anniversary of the consecration of this church.

HINGHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 7, 1952, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5088 CRAYFORD LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16¼ cwt. in E.

GEORGE LAND	*Treble*	JOHN S. BARNES	5
*DAVID HEIGHTON	2	NOLAN GOLDEN	6
CHAS. E. G. BANHAM	3	ARTHUR G. BASON	7
RALPH SITCH	4	GEORGE SAYER	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal of Major. First peal in the method by all, on the bells and for the Association.

SEATON, DEVONSHIRE.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., June 7, 1952, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GREGORY,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

*FREDERICK WREFORD	*Treble*	NORMAN MALLETT	5
E. MAURICE ATKINS	2	ROGER KEELEY	6
HENRY G. KEELEY	3	HARRY PARKES	7
ARTHUR J. SCOTT	4	G. STEDMAN MORRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.
* First Surprise peal. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung in honour of the 50th anniversary of the ordination of the Rev. F. Llewellyn Elwards.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 7, 1952, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

*ALAN PENDLEBURY	*Treble*	JOSEPH THORNLEY	5
*MRS. MARY A. TONGE	2	ALBERT GREENHALGH	6
GEOFFREY PEARSON	3	PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE	7
NORMAN TOMPKINS	4	PETER CROOK, SEN.	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

A wedding compliment to Raymond Scott (a Walkden ringer) and Mary E. Venables, who were married at the above church this day.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., June 7, 1952, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

WILLIAM DAVIES	*Treble*	ERNEST STITCH	5
MONICA WALKER	2	STANLEY PRESTIDGE	6
*DEREK TRANTER	3	J. NORMAN HADLEY	7
ALFRED C. BOXLEY	4	†MAURICE G. TURNER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by J. NORMAN HADLEY.
* First peal in the method. † 150th peal for the Society. First peal as conductor.

OVER, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sun., June 8, 1952, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Pritchard's. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. in F.

C. M. P. JOHNSON (Selw.)	*Treble*	R. D. EDGE (Queens')	5
W. J. RIDGMAN (Queens')	2	F. E. ROBERTS (Selwyn)	6
E. W. TAYLOR (Emman.)	3	A. R. GUY (Jesus)	7
*D. CLEMENTS (Christ's)	4	P. A. F. CHALK (Selwyn)	*Tenor*

Conducted by P. A. F. CHALK.
* First peal of Major.

Rung to mark the ordination this day of M. R. D. Harford and C. G. Woodhead, deacons, and J. B. Rousell, priest, all members of the Guild.

SIX BELL PEALS

KIMBOLTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 24, 1952, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM E. JAINE	*Treble*	CYRIL E. JAINE	4
THOMAS C. JAINE	2	DENIS F. JAINE	5
WILFRED E. BROOKES	3	FREDERICK A. JAINE	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK A. JAINE.

The conductor's 50th peal. Rung as a farewell peal to W. E. Jaine, R.S.M., R.A., who is leaving the country for service overseas.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 31, 1952, in 2 Hours and 55 Minues,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents called differently. Tenor 9 cwt.

DAVID NICHOLLS	*Treble*	RONALD E. BURT	4
FRANK C. W. PHILLIPPO	2	T. CHARLES BROWNE	5
FRANK C. J. ARNOLD	3	FRANK PEARSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK C. W. PHILLIPPO.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss M. Howlett and in honour of her engagement to Mr. F. C. J. Arnold.

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 31, 1952, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one 720 each of Double Court, Court, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Kingston Treble Bob and Sandal Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

GRACE BURCHNALL	*Treble*	HAROLD DENMAN	4
KATHERINE BURCHNALL	2	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE	5
GEORGE CHALLANS	3	HERBERT T. ROOKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

WOLLASTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 31, 1952, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents standard callings. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

REGINALD ROWLEY	*Treble*	WILLIAM C. COOPER	4
*ROBERT LEES	2	ALFRED WM. GLAZZARD	5
ALFRED BOXLEY	3	JOHN HICKS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED WILLIAM GLAZZARD.
* First peal of Doubles. A birthday compliment to ringers of 2, 3 and 4, and also to Mr. John Bass, of Wollaston.

UPCHURCH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 2, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*EMILY P. B. WALKER	*Treble*	‡GEORGE KENWARD	4
FRANCIS J. CHEAL	2	CYRIL S. JARRETT	5
†PETER F. BORER	3	§EDWARD C. BARTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL S. JARRETT.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal of Doubles 'inside.' ‡ 250th peal. § First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. E. C. Barton.

COPT OAK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., June 3, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

*JOAN COOPER	*Treble*	REGINALD T. GOODMAN	4
ROLAND BENISTON	2	†JAMES W. BOWLEY	5
C. WILLIAM HALL	3	†JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN A. UNDERWOOD.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor in the method. First peal of Plain Bob Minor as conductor, who has now 'circled' the tower.

NEMPNETT-THRUBWELL, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Tues., June 3, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being ten different callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

LEONARD DERRICK	*Treble*	†JOHN M. STALLARD	4
ERNEST F. SHEARN	2	GEORGE PRESCOTT	5
*MARJORIE LEGG	3	HERBERT W. KNIGHT	*Tenor*

Conducted by LEONARD DERRICK.

* 25th peal. † First peal of Stedman Doubles. First peal of Stedman on the bells.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 4, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, COLEGATE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

F. CHARLES GOODMAN	*Treble*	*DAVID HEIGHTON	4
*ELIZABETH M. BIBBY	2	†H. WILLIAM BARRETT	5
WILLIAM LOVE	3	ARTHUR G. BASON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR G. BASON.

* First peal in seven methods. † 100th peal for the Norwich Diocesan Association.

OLD CHESTERTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 4, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

JOHN G. GIPSON	*Treble*	*CYRIL A. HURST	4
ERNEST G. HIBBINS	2	*CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON	5
T. REGINALD DENNIS	3	PHILIP A. F. CHALK	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor.

CRANFORD, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., June 5, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr.

PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	*Treble*	HARRY WOODING	4
GEOFFREY E. WATSON	2	ERIC NOBLES	5
RONALD C. NOON	3	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

Rung in honour of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II.'s official birthday, and for the Feast of St. Boniface.



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HANDBELL PEALS

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA.
THE NEW SOUTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., April 20, 1952, *in* 1 *Hour and* 26 *Minutes,*
At 15, First Avenue, Five Dock,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Four different callings. Tenor size 13 in F.
John J. Cummins .. .. 1—2 | *William M. Rowe .. 3—4
*Edmond J. Fowell .. 5—6
Conducted by William M. Rowe.

* Has now rung peals of Plain Bob 'in hand' to Doubles, Minor and Major. First peal as conductor on handbells. First peal of Doubles on handbells for the Association in New South Wales and for the band.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., June 1, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
At the Residence of Mr. J. Freeman, Branston,
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15.
Edwin A. Barnett .. .. 1—2 | Wilfrid H. J. Hooton .. 5—6
John Freeman .. .. 3—4 | Ernest C. S. Turner .. 7—8
Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Ernest C. S. Turner.

CLEATHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., June 4, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
At Cleatham House Farm,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED MAJOR
In twenty-two methods: Pulford, Avalon, Painswick, Kidlington, Double Oxford, Pershore, Hereward, Double Norwich, St. Clement's, Crayford College, Richmond, New London, Double, Reverse, Plain, Gainsborough, Wellington, Little Bob, Ashbourne, Spalding, Chesterfield, and Maidstone. 320 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.
*Edwin A. Barnett .. 1—2 | Jack Bray .. .. 5—6
George E. Feirn .. .. 3—4 | John Freeman .. .. .. 7—8
Arranged and Conducted by George E. Feirn.

* First peal in 22 methods.

LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Wed., June 4, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours,*
At 35, Market Street,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being six extents each of Reverse Canterbury, St. Simon's, April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob.
Tenor size 13 in E.
Peter Beresford .. .. 1—2 | Dennis Beresford .. .. 3—4
*Clive M. Smith .. .. 5—6

* First peal 'in hand' and 25th peal. First peal in seven Doubles methods by all the band.

LONDON, S.E.1.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., June 6, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
At County Hall,
A PEAL OF 5000 SPLICED MAJOR
Being 1,072 Plain Bob, 976 each of Double and Reverse Bob, 732 each of Wellington and Gainsborough, and 512 Little Bob. 371 changes of method. Tenor size 16 in B.
Gillian R. Brittain .. 1—2 | Edwin J. Lindley .. .. 5—6
Richard F. B. Speed .. 3—4 | Thomas J. Lock .. .. 7—8
Adapted from B. Annable. Conducted by Edwin J. Lindley.
First peal in six methods on handbells by all the band.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Mon., June 9, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
In Hertford College,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor size 15 in C.
*M. Elizabeth Roe .. 1—2 | Michael Slaney .. .. 5—6
†Peter Border .. .. 3—4 | †Frank P. Wright .. .. 7—8
Composed by J. J. Parker. Conducted by Frank P. Wright.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal of Triples 'in hand.' First peal 'in hand' as conductor.
Rung by four mathematicians of the University of Oxford as a compliment to Dr. W. L. Ferrar, Bursar of Hertford College, and Chairman of the Examiners, 1952.

John Taylor & Co.
LOUGHBOROUGH
The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On June 8th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Wendy Turnbull 1, Mary Brown 2, B. K. Turnbull 3, E. Trusler 4, H. W. Brown 5, S. W. Brown (cond.) 6. Rung for the first official birthday of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II. by the Sunday service band. First in the method by all.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCS.—On June 6th, at St. Peter's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. W. Stone 1, P. E. Parry 2, D. Ogden 3, Miss P. S. Gatty 4, R. H. Wimpenny 5, A. Ward 6, R. M. Edwards (cond.) 7, J. P. Schoolden (first quarter) 8. Rung for the annual Whit-Walks.

BERE REGIS, DORSET.—On June 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Cheeseman 1, H. J. Sangwyn 2, R. Clothier 3, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 4, J. Coombes 5, F. C. Davis 6. A compliment to the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards (Kington Magna), former general secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild for 37 years, on his completion of 50 years in the Ministry.

BLOOMSBURY, LONDON.—On May 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Hawkins 1, Dr. W. R. Winterton 2, A. W. Coles 3, F. Barker 4, G. Parsons 5, G. Spencer 6, J. Euston 7, H. S. Ball 8. A welcome to H. S. Ball on a visit from Turley, Glos.

BRAMPTON, HUNTS.—On June 1st, 1,260 Doubles (being 240 April Day, 240 St. Simon's, 240 Plain Bob and 540 Grandsire): J. F. W. Allen 1, Miss Lucy Allen 2, Miss Elizabeth Smith 3, E. Whiting 4, R. F. Baker (cond.) 5. First in four methods for 1, 2 and 3.

BROOKFIELD, LONDON.—On June 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. G. Forte 1, A. W. J. Butler (cond.) 2, G. F. Carter 3, J. T. O'Dell 4, R. Newman (first of Doubles) 5, T. Bevan 6. A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Newman.

BUCKINGHAM.—On June 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Spokes 1, F. Townsend 2, H. Jones 3, C. Gough 4, G. W. Holland 5, F. Vickers 6, W. Yates (cond.) 7, W. H. Yates 8. Rung for the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Pettipher. Just recently he relinquished the office of Vicar's warden after 20 years of devoted service.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.—On June 4th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: M. Rudwick (first of Minor) 1, Miss E. Symons 3, G. W. Taysom 3, Mrs. A. S. Roberts 4, R. E. Warner 5, Rev. A. S. Roberts (cond.) 6. First of Minor on the bells.

CASTOR, NORTHANTS.—On June 1st, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: L. Sharpe 1, Miss M. Bell (first quarter) 2, B. Ball 3, F. Sismey 4, D. T. Austin (cond.) 5, J. Coulson 6.

CHICHESTER, HANTS.—On June 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Harley (first on 8) 1, P. R. Blackman (cond.) 2, Joy Gumbrill (first of Triples 'inside') 3, E. Winifred Keys 4, W. G. Challen 5, R. G. Blackman 6, N. J. Smith 7, H. F. Dunford 8. Rung for an Ordination of priests and deacons, and as a token of appreciation of the services to ringing of the Rev. George R. H. Smith, of Chichester Theological College, ordained deacon by the Lord Bishop of Gloucester.

CHIGWELL ROW, ESSEX.—On May 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: F. V. Gant (cond.) 1, Miss S. Booth 2, A. H. Worboys 3, R. W. Stannard 4, S. Penfold 5, T. East 6, L. W. Bullock 7, W. Vale 8. First in method for 2, 3, 6 and 7.

CHURCHSTANTON, SOMERSET.—On June 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Moore 1, R. Shire (cond.) 2, Miss B. Rowsell 3, G. Salter 4, B. Burstow 5, M. Long 6. Rung for the official birthday of Queen Elizabeth.

CLAPHAM COMMON.—On June 8th, at the Redemptorist Church of Our Immaculate Lady of Victories, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Rew 1, Miss M. E. Powell 2, Miss M. Fellows (first quarter) 3, A. J. Phillips 4, P. J. Hutchings (cond.) 5, B. C. Snipe (first quarter) 6. First of Doubles by 2 and 5. Rung as a wedding anniversary compliment to the conductor's parents, and as a birthday compliment to his mother.

FAVERSHAM, KENT.—On June 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Jemmett 1, Miss E. S. Wyles 2, C. Eades 3, W. S. Palin (cond.) 4, F. Pack 5, F. Farnsworth 6, P. R. Jemmett 7, N. Jumber 8. To celebrate the 700th anniversary of the granting by Henry III. of Faversham's Charter.

FENHAM, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.—On June 6th, 1,264 Plain Bob Maior: T. Sewell 1, Miss K. Softley 2, K. Arthur (cond.) 3, J. Hedley 4, T. W. Crowe 5, E. P. Crowdy 6, E. N. Harrison 7, J. Roach 8. Rung immediately prior to the service for dedication by the Bishop of Newcastle of the parish war memorial and new chapel.

FLEET, LINCS.—On June 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Brumble 1, E. S. Seth 2, Mrs. G. R. G. Butlegr 3, R. A. Bennett 4, G. R. G. Butler (cond.) 5, H. Waltham 6. Rung half-muffled as a last tribute to Mr. George R. Truss, a ringer at this church for many years, who was interred same day at Deeping St. James.

GODSHILL, I.O.W.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Doubles (360 April Day, 480 Plain Bob, 420 Grandsire): E. Westmore 1, Miss B. Harris 2, L. Bailey 3, C. Callaway 4, C. Denness (cond.) 5, C. Morris 6.

QUARTER PEALS

GUISELEY, YORKS.—On June 1st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Cooper (first quarter) 1, J. Armitage 2, R. Crowe (first quarter 'inside') 3, H. M. Heaton 4, G. Dixon 5, A. C. Walsh 6, A. Wear 7, W. Dixon (cond.) 8.

HALESOWEN, WORCS.—On June 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. H. Harris 1, B. E. Woodall 2, L. Clissett 3, A. Greenhall 4, H. Shilvock 5, J. H. Cox 6, T. Greenhall (cond.) 7, T. Cockin 8. Rung for the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Harris.

HEENE, SUSSEX.—On June 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Ashdown 1, D. Smith 2, R. P. Wood 3, H. Weaver 4, S. G. White 5, B. W. M. Cowper 6, J. R. Wilson (first quarter on eight bells as cond.) 7, R. Black 8

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—On June 1st, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Major: D. J. Parsons (first quarter of Treble Bob) 1, Mrs. C. Cruttenden 2, F. E. Cruttenden 3, E. Lish 4, F. W. Parsons 5, E. W. Morey 6, E. F. Packham 7, B. W. White (cond.) 8.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. R. J. Poulson 1, J. Hawkins 2, P. Coles (first in method 'inside') 3, F. Day 4, S. Smith 5, S. H. Symonds 6, J. Euston 7, A. W. Coles (cond.) 8.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFS.—On Whit Monday, 1,260 Doubles (being 1 extent each of St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury, April Day and Reverse St. Bartholomew, and 2 extents each of Plain Bob and Original, with 300 of Grandsire): A. Isaacson 1, M. Fairey 2, D. Beresford (cond.) 3, C. M. Smith 4, P. Beresford 5, J. N. Fairey (first quarter) 6. First quarter in seven methods by all the band and on the bells. Rung for the Whitsun Festival.

LYNDHURST, HANTS.—On June 5th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: R. N. Marlow 1, W. Glasspool 2, Miss J. Cox 3, J. Gilbert 4, N. Hayes 5, J. Hartless 6, E. F. Gilbert 7, D. R. Reed (cond.) 8. First quarter of Surprise by 2, 5 and 7. First quarter of Major as conductor.

MARLOW, BUCKS.—On June 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Silvey (first quarter) 1, Mrs. E. D. Poole 2, M. Spracklen 3, J. T. Clay 4, Miss E. Gibson 5, E. D. Poole (cond.) 6, R. E. Dean 7, L. J. Young 8. Rung for Whit Sunday.

MICKLETON, GLOS.—On June 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. H. Niblett (cond.) 1, R. Kibblewhite 2, R. Bowld 3, J. W. Kinchin 4, L. Kinchin 5, F. Powell 6. First quarter for 2, 3 and 4.

MONKEN HADLEY, MIDDLX.—On June 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Pearl 1, T. Pink 2, Sonia L. Evans 3, M. J. Soper 4, R. Fraser 5, C. Ward 6, N. Tomlinson (cond.) 7, W. Langley 8. A compliment to the Rector (the Rev. L. Nicholls, M.A.) on the 20th anniversary of his ordination.

NETTLEHAM, LINCS.—On June 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Jeffery 1, D. Burkit 2, W. S. Hill 3, C. H. Jeffery 4, G. Parker (cond.) 5, S. Care 6. First quarter for 1, 2 and 6. Rung half-muffled for F. W. Stokes, who was buried this day.

NEWARK, NOTTS.—On June 4th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: G. E. Elsey 1, Beryl N. White 2, Wm. Stevenson 3, A. E. Chilton 4, W. Neville Brown 5, C. F. Briggs 6, H. Stevenson 7, F. W. Vernon 8, J. W. Raithby (cond.) 9, W. S. Chandler 10. First quarter in method by 1, 2, 3, 6, 7 and 10. First as conductor.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.—On June 1st, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss M May 1, R. E. Jones 2, Miss E. Brentnall 3, W. Fernley 4, Miss S. Cain 5, Mrs. J. Fernley 6, B. Jones (cond.) 7, J. Fernley 8. First quarter in method for 1 3 and 5. Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. C. Povall, both local ringers.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYS.—On June 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Pamela Smith (first quarter) 1, H. Johnson 2 D. Davis 3, G. Hancock 4, W. Davis (cond.) 5, A. Turner 6. A birthday compliment to Miss Pamela Smith.

NORTON, HERTS.—On June 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: H. Werrett (cond.) 1, Angela Willis (first 'inside' aged 15) 2, R. Webb 3, E. Buck 4, R. Dixon 5, W. Hitch (first quarter) 6, J. Dear 7, T. Werrett 8.

PIDDLEHINTON, DORSET.—On June 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Doris Walden 1, N. B. Davis 2, A. Tyers (first as cond.) 3, F. C. Davis 4, E. T. P. Field 5, B. Cheeseman 6. Rung in honour of the official birthday of H.M. the Queen.

POULTON-LE-FYLDE, LANCS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. S. Barrett 1, Miss D. M. Barrett 2, Miss O. W. Barrett 3, Miss J. K. Barrett 4, W. R. Cowell (cond.) 5, B. H. Hall 6. Rung to celebrate the 77th birthday of Mr. W. Lawrenson, also his golden wedding.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On June 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, with 7, 8 covering: H. F. Perry 1, Miss S. Booth 3, S. D. Clark (first quarter) 4, R. D. Clark (first quarter) 5, H. Corney 6, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 7, A. T. Langstone 8.

RUISLIP, MIDDLX.—On Trinity Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Turk (first quarter) 1, G. M. Kilby (cond.) 2, Elsie Savory 3, P. Thrift 4, A. Hunter 5, W. Bunce, sen., 6, W. Bunce, jun. 7, W. Pitchall 8.

SCARBOROUGH, YORKS.—On June 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. A. Robertshaw 1, Mary Wing 2, F. Terry 3, G. W. Frayne 4, W. H. Barker 5, H. Spencer 6, B. Sutton (cond.) 7, G. Beach 8. A farewell quarter for the ringer of the second on her leaving Scarborough for Greasley (Notts), and to her father, who was the verger at this church.

SELLY OAK, BIRMINGHAM.—On May 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Pinfold 1, Enid Roberts (first quarter of Stedman) 2, Ed. Large 3, Wm. B. Cartwright (cond.) 4, K. Haslam 5, H. W. Haslam 6, N. J. Goodman 7, T. Elliott 8.

SENNEN, CORNWALL.—On June 9th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss E. Symons 1, Rev. A. S. Roberts 2, Mrs. A. S. Roberts 3, E. W. Roast 4, J. West 5, J. E. G. Roast (cond.) 6. First of Minor on the bells.

SHREWSBURY, SALOP.—On May 31st, at St. Chad's, 1,231 Grandsire Cinques: C. Golding 1, G. R. Edwards 2, Miss B. A. Carter 3, C. A. Barron 4, B. Harris 5, J. W. Griffiths (cond.) 6, J. Butler 7, R. G. Edwards 8, J. N. Lindon 10, W. A. Farmer 11, E. Wilcox 12. First by all.

SOUTHAM, WARWICKS.—On June 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss D. Palmer 1, A. J. Hobley 2, Miss M. Middlemiss 3, P. Thorne 4, H. Windsor (cond.) 5, F. Smith 6. First quarter by Sunday service band. Rung at 6 a.m. Whit Sunday.

SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLK.—On June 8th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. Finch 1, Miss M. Thompson 2, W. Kerrison 3, R. Darch 4, J. Thurlow 5, J. Gibson 6, R. Payne 7, J. Blythe (first of Major as cond.) 8. First quarter Major for 1 and 2. Rung for Trinity Sunday.

SOWTON, DEVON.—On June 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. White 1, D. Reeks 2, W. Eveleigh 3, C. Burnett 4, A. Tapley 5, F. Willmington 6, W. Reeks (cond.) 7, J. Dunster 8. First quarter 'inside' for 3 and 4. Also on June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss L. Burnett 1, D. Reeks 2, W. Eveleigh 3, J. Dunster 4, A. Tapley 5, A. G. Betts 6, W. Reeks (cond.) 7, L. Burnett 8.

STOKE ROCHFORD, LINCS.—On June 7th, 1,260 Doubles (being one extent each of Canterbury and April Day, four of Plain Bob and 540 of Grandsire): R. P. Armstrong 1, F. W. Pinchbeck 2, T. W. Charity 3, J. M. Simpson 4, H. R. Woods (cond.) 5. Rung following the wedding of Mavis Newton, daughter of the captain of the local ringers, and Terrence Shelbourne.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—On May 28th, at St. Peter's, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Mrs. R. W. Darvill (first of Royal) 1, C. F. Sayer 2, H. V. Frost 3, Miss A. M. Bailey 4, R. W. Darvill 5, B. C. Johnson 6, F. J. Spicer 7, T. J. Southam (cond.) 8. W. J. Southam 9, G. W. Debenham 10. Rung for Confirmation service.

ST. IVES, HUNTS.—On Whit Sunday, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. P. Stocker 1, F. Warrington (cond.) 2, H. W. Pratt 3, G. Nicholls 4, E. J. Parish 5, F. R. Nicholls 6, L. W. Fisher 7, G. H. Dunnington 8.

ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.—On May 29th, at St. Mary's, 1,584 Plain Bob Major: S. W. Hawksford 1, Miss J. Harding (first quarter Major) 2, F. Warrington (cond.) 3, C. H. Harding 4, R. F. Baker 5, F. W. Lack 6, H. S. Peacock 7, R. H. Brooker 8. Rung as a compliment to Mr. S. W. Hawksford on completion of 65 years' service at this church.

STRETHAM, ELY, CAMBS.—On May 28th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: D. W. Butler (first quarter) 1, Miss M Grain (cond.) 2, H. Sharp 3, H. Collins 4, C. Gimbert 5, R. H. Brooker 6. First quarter of Minor on the bells.

SYDLING ST. NICHOLAS, DORSET.—On June 4th, 480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire Doubles: B. Cheeseman 1, N. B. Davis 2, C. Ford 3, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 4, H. J. Ford 5. First quarter in two methods 'inside' for 3, and first quarter on five for 3 and 5. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Panter, of Exeter, who were married at Sowton, Devon, on Whit Monday.

TARRING, SUSSEX.—On June 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Black 1, P. Cragg 2, R. Worsfold 3, R. P. Wood 4, C. Chappell (first quarter as cond.) 5, F. Jackson 6. First quarter in the method by 2 and 3.

WALSHAM-LE-WILLOWS, SUFFOLK.—On May 29th, 1,260 Minor (720 Oxford Treble Bob and 540 Plain Bob): Joy Cook (first quarter) 1, C. Fordham 2, K. Brown 3, M. Sharpe 4, E. Bishop 5, A. Cook (cond.) 6.

WEST HILL, LONDON.—On June 8th, 1,280 Cambridge Major: J. Stephenson 1, H. Langdon (cond.) 2, Mrs. Watts 3, H. Miles 4, H. Belcher 5, M. Chilcott 6, R. Deal 7, J. Phillips 8.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On June 8th, 1,260 Double Bob Minor: R. Newton 1, Miss P. Lawes 2, Miss M. Newton (first quarter 'inside' in the method) 3, A. J. Lancefield 4, R. J. Carlton (cond.) 5, L. C. Smith 6.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The writer of the Ringers' Roll of Honour, which was so much admired at the Central Council meeting, was Mr. C. Cullen, of Chelsfield Park, Farnborough, Kent, and not Mr. F. Cullen, as erroneously reported in our last issue. We apologise to Mr. C. Cullen. In our next issue we hope to publish an illustration and description of the roll.

Christ Church, Wanstead, has 20 honorary members. Has any tower a better record?

All editorial communications, peals and quarter peals should be sent to the Editor and not to the hon. secretary of the Council.

Mr. J. Frank Smallwood gave a résumé of Central Council proceedings to members of the College Youths at their meeting on June 7th.

'The Parson's Bell' at Bethersden Parish Church, Kent, which dates back to 1661 and has not been used for many years, is to be rung again.

Four Oxford University students rang a handbell peal as a compliment to the chairman of the examiners. And this was before the results were known!

Meeting short for a tower-bell peal attempt at Bradford-on-Avon, five members of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild rang a handbell peal in the baptistry of the church.

The Rev. Douglas Hopkins, Weston Favell Rectory, Northampton, asks for a loan of the picture of Henry Penn, the Peterborough bell founder, or any prints of the Bagley family, in connection with an exhibition of Weston Favell relics to be held on June 29th. Henry Penn died while mounting his horse after attending Huntingdon Assizes in 1729. The tenor bell at Weston Favell bears the inscription, 'Henry Penn made me 1707.' The remaining four of this minor five are all by Henry and Matthew Bagley, 1683.

On Whit Monday, 1951, Mr. Barry Corbishley was involved in a serious accident whilst motor-cycling to Chapel-en-le-Frith, Derbyshire, to participate in a peal of Minor. He is still in the process of recovering, having sustained a broken leg. It gave his friends much pleasure to see him stand up so well to his first peal since the accident, one of Plain Bob Royal at Worsley. With this peal Barry has rung peals of Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus.

Mr. P. A. Corby, one of our foremost conductors, has lost six out of his last seven peal attempts.

Two members of a Sussex touring band (cycling and youth hostelling) this Whitsun had to clean out a chicken run before leaving their hostel. Was it a penance for the handbell ringing the previous night?

By covering to his first of Stedman at Bolsover on June 7th, Cyril Wright, of the local company, completed the 'circle' of the tower. William J. Thyng, the veteran of 79, also rang in the first peal of Stedman on the bells 48 years ago.

The peal at Doncaster on June 5th, in addition to being rung for the Queen's birthday, was also a farewell to the verger of St. George's, who has been there for 25 years and retires at the end of June, and also to mark the 70th birthday of the tenor ringer, Mr. Percy J. Dawe.

By ringing the tenor on May 31st, Mr. F. Pearson has completed the circle of Bunwell, Norfolk, Parish Church. Mr. Frank C. W. Phillippo has called a peal from each bell in the tower. The peal was in honour of the engagement of Mr. F. C. J. Arnold, a popular Bunwell ringer, and Miss M. Howlett, a local Sunday School teacher.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL AT LINCOLN

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EXTENSION OF METHODS STILL ELUSIVE — PRACTICAL RINGERS DEFEAT COMMITTEE — MR. C. W. ROBERTS' ADMIRABLE SUMMING UP

METHODS COMMITTEE REPORT

Apart from the normal way of transacting our business (by post), the Methods Committee was able to meet in London on two occasions during the year. Our work has proceeded on the same subjects as last year. The Plain Major Methods book was finished, the proofs have been corrected and it will be available to the Exercise very shortly. We hope it will be found useful to all ringers. We have investigated Doubles Methods further, and have come to the conclusion that the following departures from the rules laid down for methods on higher numbers of bells are required:—

(a) The working bells need *not* be in the same coursing order at each lead head and end in the Plain Course.

(b) No bell shall strike more than *four* consecutive blows in any one place, such four consecutive blows only to occur when the treble is at the front or at the back.

(c) As far as possible there shall be as many leads in the Plain Course as there are working bells, but this requirement to be relaxed to include single hunt methods which have three leads in the Plain Course.

The first two of these have already been accepted by the Council, and we hope that our recommendation to accept the third will also have its support. We believe these are absolutely necessary if we are to provide sufficient material for 5-bell ringers to ring 42 different 6-scores.

The main part of our work on Extension of Methods has already been circulated to the members of the Council in order that it could be published in 'The Ringing World' and comments invited from the Exercise as a whole. We expect there will be discussion on some points. If our findings are accepted, they will have the following results on methods which have been rung:—

Methods accepted: Albanian (Royal and Maximus), Bedford (Major to Maximus), Belgrave (Major to Maximus), Buckingham (Major and Maximus), Cambridge (Minor to Maximus), New Cambridge (Major to Maximus), Leicestershire (Major to Maximus), Lincolnshire (Major to Maximus), Lindsey (Royal and Maximus), Prittlewell (Royal and Maximus), Pudsey (Major to Maximus), Rochester (Major to Maximus), Solihull (Royal and Maximus), Wigston (Major and Maximus), Wye (Major and Royal), York (Minor to Maximus), Yorkshire (Major to Maximus).

Methods rejected: Aldenham (Royal and Maximus), Bristol (Royal and Maximus), London Royal, Painswick Royal, Rutland (Royal and Maximus), Superlative (Royal and Maximus), Warwickshire Royal, Wembley Royal.

(There may be others we have missed, but in any case we intend to examine all the 'extensions' from the Major which appear in the late Mr. Corrigan's book and to report on them later.)

RENAMING ADVOCATED

We believe that the above results confirm the essential soundness of our investigation. We recommend that methods which do not conform with our findings should be renamed, if possible by the band that first rang them, if not, by the Council in open session. We would, however, exclude Double Norwich from this recommendation, for although the Royal is not the true extension of the Major, we believe the Exercise would wish to retain their names because firstly, the Royal was rung before the Major and secondly, the latter has been and is rung so frequently that it would hardly be possible to change its name now.

Our opinion has been asked about certain methods which do not conform with the Central Council rules, and we have emphasised that, under the present decisions, they must be regarded as irregular, which presumably means that peals rung in those methods cannot be recognised. We have also had a query on the use of 3-lead course Royal methods used in spliced Royal ringing (i.e., those having second lead-heads of 1795038264 and 1860492735), and our opinion is divided on whether they should be allowed. We feel that this matter should be immediately clarified and ask the Council to come to a decision as soon as possible.

THE DEBATE

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead said it was proposed that the report be presented in various stages because at various points there were decisions to be made by the Council on the recommendations. First of all there was the non-controversial subject — the publication of the book on Plain Major Methods, and they hoped it would prove useful to the Exercise. They had included in it the whole of the possible Plain and Little Major Methods which had a Plain Bob coursing order in 7-8 and two not in that category which had been rung.

In Doubles Methods they had produced all the methods possible, and they found it necessary to ask the Council to adopt the third recommendation if they were going to get a sufficient number of different methods to allow a peal to be rung in 42 completely different methods. In the past so many methods had been rung which were really the same method and being different only because they had a different Bob and Single. They had produced 42 entirely different methods. They recommended the usual fourth place bob and not a variety, and the three rules they asked the Council to adopt. The first two had been accepted by the Council at Chester, and they asked the Council that day to accept (c) 'as far as possible there should be as many leads in the Plain Course as there are working bells, but requirement to be relaxed to include Single hunt methods which have three leads in the Plain Course.'

If the Council allowed these three rules and allowed methods like Stedman Doubles there would be roughly between 50 and 60 clearly different methods they could put in a little book. He moved the adoption of Rule 3.

Mr. F. W. Rogers seconded and the rule was accepted.

A 25-YEAR-OLD CONTROVERSY

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead said they now came to a more controversial question, that of extension, which the Methods Committee had thrust upon it a few years ago. They had done their best to tackle a subject which, 25 years ago or a little more when it came before the Council, the latter had shelved the whole issue by passing a resolution that it was not competent to judge.

Members of the Council had some weeks ago a supplementary report on extension. It was hoped that report would be published in "The Ringing World," and, owing to a misunderstanding, it was only put in that week.

In the matter of extension they had considered the pivot bells. One thing had been pointed out to him that their report didn't say that they were only considering mathematical extensions and that it was possible to interpret it as applying to 'fiddled' methods as well. He would point out that they only had mathematical extensions in mind and that they had ruled out any that were not.

After last year's meeting they considered the question more particularly of the practical ringer—the man who, when he rang a method, did not know how it was put together but whether it resembled its parent method. They said that unless that mathematical extension resembled its parent it could not be accepted. In considering the question they took up again the question of pivot bells upon which the sequence of a method depended, and they came to the conclusions they had already received.

In the case of methods rejected he was thinking in particular of Bristol, which was ruled out by pivots. In the case of Bristol Royal they had come to the conclusion that because the pivot sequence was not in accordance with that prescribed, that would give the extension in the same order as the original, it should be rejected. He had there the reasons why other methods were rejected. They might have worked on the wrong principle, but they had to draw the line somewhere, else they would get methods with no resemblance from the practical point of view with the parent method. He moved the adoption of the supplementary report. It meant that if the supplementary report was accepted, then automatically the list in the report would go with it.

Mr. E. K. Lewis, seconding, said, in arriving at these conclusions, the Committee had tried to consider all the people who had written to them, and they had read some lengthy treatises and tried to digest them. Some people had written rather more briefly, but they had also been considered. They had tried to reach their basis not from the point of view of the man with a piece of squared paper, but from that of the man at the end of the rope, who rang the Major and then wanted to ring the Royal of the method.

PRACTICAL RINGERS AND MATHEMATICIANS

Mr. H. A. Poole said he hoped that anything he said would not be taken to reflect discredit on the committee or their efforts to solve method extension. First of all, it seemed to him to be a battle between the practical ringer and the mathematician, and the mathematician had been referred to as the man with a bit of squared paper. They would be in a bad way if they relied on the blue line merchants. He represented the practical ringers, and he wanted to say they did not want the Methods Committee to study them to the exclusion of the mathematician.

The next thing he wanted to point out was what was said in the past—and he referred to the 1950 report. There was much argument—with little attention to views of the ordinary ringer to prove that someone's extension was correct. Was it any use referring this to the ordinary ringer? He suggested that that was not the right and proper approach. They (the committee) said in 1950 they had been unable to reconcile theory and practice. He suggested that it was impossible. In 1950 the Council accepted four rules, deferred No. 5. This was considered in 1951 and is amended to-day.

He felt that the Methods Committee's approach was wrong. They should consider what was possible and not what was desirable. So far as the challenge from the practical ringers to the mathematicians was concerned, if a musical composer wanted to extend a quartet piece of music to a full orchestra he did not consider the opinion or ability of the ordinary violin player or the five finger exercise man at the piano. It was equivalent to putting a left hand

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glove on a right hand, and the way the Methods Committee suggested was to chop off the thumb of the right hand to make it fit.

LINDOFF AND DEXTER QUOTED

In 1937 there was a series of articles published in 'The Ringing World' called 'A New Series for Advanced Ringers,' and this was what was said:—

'In placing the methods before the Exercise. Mr. Lindoff has selected only those that conform to the COMMON SENSE rule that places the method.'

In the issue of April 2nd, 1937, when printing Lindoff's No. 61, the following was stated: 'Below we print another Surprise method which is EQUALLY PERFECT on ten bells and twelve bells as it is on eight.' The present rule, as suggested of limited pivot bells, excludes the extensions of that method.

In 1946, I sent to Frederick H. Dexter an extension of a method, received from a ringer and asked for his comments. He wrote: 'Years back . . . and others worried me stiff with their ideas. They will not realise that the true extension of any method is got by correct construction, which, if carried out properly, and the result gives the proper cycle of lead ends, i.e., what we are pleased to call Bob Major lead ends, irrespective of the order in which the lead ends occur, then that will be a proper extension. Bristol will do for an argument. The trouble with everyone who tries to extend Bristol, first try to get a diagram, next extending lead ends, which, to say the least, is all tripe. Some extensions a nitwit can easily produce the answer, i.e., Cambridge, York, Yorkshire, Pudsey and a host of others. All the extensions admitted are of the type the nitwit can produce. Is this progress?'

Could the Council afford to ignore the advice of these people who had years of experience? In Gabriel Lindoff and Fred Dexter they had practical ringers.

'The next point is the desirable against the possible. If you consider what is desirable and not what is possible, do you think there will be any progress? In many cases it means that you are taking the easiest line of resistance. It means in this case you come along with every good intention, but you have limited the scope to what is of the nitwit type, which means no progress either for construction or ringing. If the Fathers of the Council in olden days had ended on this line it would have prevented any Spliced ringing.'

The gateway to Maximus ringing was by Major and Royal. One did not start working from Maximus, but from eight to ten and then to 12. What the committee were doing with this rule was to limit the extension to the easy blue line method and cut out the difficult one like Bristol. The effect of this rule was that the future of the 12 bell methods was going to be confined to the easy blue line methods.

'The the case of Bristol. Nobody on this Council can suggest that there is not some relationship in the Major, Royal and Maximus. They may not agree that it is perfect, but they cannot deny that it is related. If this rule goes through you will have three different names, and I think it would be utter chaos to give them different names. If you are going to suggest that Double Norwich is not altered we are entitled to say we have rung Bristol Maximus and that should not be altered. There is no consistency in making a rule and at the same time making an exception to it.

PLEA FOR 12 BELL BANDS

'This Council is entitled to the loyal support of all the representatives of the Guilds, if we want that support we must be consistent in our judgment. It is easy to make rules, but a lot of people in front of me will say how easy it is to break them. Don't let us stifle the enthusiasm of the 12 bell bands; it will be wrong to confine their activities to the easy blue line methods. We want simple rules which the average man can understand. If you have read "The Ringing World" this week there are two articles, and if you understand both of them you are a better man than I am' (laughter).

Mr. Poole then moved the following amendment: 'That method extension be controlled by rules accepted by this Council in 1950, and that two or more extensions of the same parent, fully complying with those rules, shall bear the name of the parent and be distinguished by the word "version" prefixed by some further identifying name.'

Mr. A. E. Rowley seconded.

Mr. John Worth: I understand listening to that that we should accept London Royal No. 3 version as well as Bristol Maximus?

Mr. Poole: I am glad of the opportunity of that. You will remember that it was mentioned that they were only dealing with mathematical extension and not methods that had been 'fiddled.' Now you people who know anything about 'fiddles,' know that London is 'fiddled.' The rule has already been accepted, in 1950, which excludes London Surprise Royal. No one has suggested there is a proper extension of London Surprise Royal. What they are doing is to get the nearest. There can be no suggestion that if London goes out, Bristol goes out. Bristol Maximus is the most intricate and the most musical method yet rung on 12 bells and it is the only method affected by this Rule No. 5.

Mr. Leslie Morris: Some years ago they refused to acknowledge London Surprise Major.

Mr. C. J. Sedgley: I see they have Superlative Maximus in this excluded list. An extension was given by Gabriel Lindoff and John Carter. I challenge anyone to produce an alternative. All other methods have alternatives, but there is no alternative to Superlative.

NO EXTENSION OF LONDON TO ROYAL

Mr. E. A. Barnett said it had always been accepted that there was no extension of London to Royal. Mr. Poole quoted from a series of articles by Mr. Gabriel Lindoff in 'The Ringing World,' and he urged them to accept Mr. Lindoff's representations. He would remind the Council that in 1908 a method was rung at Stepney which was called London Surprise Royal, and that method was subsequently renamed Stepney because it was far from a proper extension of London.

Mr. Eric Critchley: I am a tyro in methods. I presume the Methods Committee should be able to produce an extension. For instance, Aldenham Royal has been rejected. Can they produce Aldenham Royal?

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead replied that there were methods which would not extend and give a legitimate lead end, and that was the case with London. Everybody admitted it was a 'fiddle.' There was a theoretical extension, but it only gave a seven lead course. They had ruled Aldenham out because it would not give a true mathematical extension.

Mr. Critchley: Am I right in assuming that there are no mathematical extensions of the methods named?

Mr. Felstead: We have investigated them and have decided that they are not mathematical extensions.

Mr. Critchley: I would like to press my point and say the Methods Committee should try to produce them.

Mr. Felstead said what Mr. Poole had said had not convinced him in the slightest that the committee had erred in any way in the position they had taken up. It seemed to him that Mr. Poole was concerned over names. It must bs Bristol Royal. He could not see why they should not ring those methods under different names. As to the point of Double Norwich they were quite willing to give way. They thought that with such a long history the Council would not stand for it.

Mr. P. J. Johnson said the debate was very involved, and while it might be easy to the figure merchant to the ordinary ringer it was almost Double Dutch. He suggested that they did not take a decision on this matter, because evidently there was a wide divergence of opinion. He suggested that they deferred consideration and it should come up at the next Council. This was seconded.

THE THREE HEADINGS

Mr. C. W. Roberts: The main point seems to be that there are a certain number of methods that will extend very easily by merely a continuation of the blue line. Those we all accept. But there is furthermore another group whose extensions are mathematical but do not follow the blue line contour. You will find in the plain course of these methods that the salient features are preserved. There is furthermore another type of extension which Mr. Harold Poole has called rather humorously 'fiddles.' These are extensions devised where no methodical extension is possible to give the Exercise something by keeping the work of the Major as far as possible, and where it is not possible other extension work has been introduced and every endeavour is to keep it to the original. One of these is London No. 3, but it is not a mathematical extension.

A young friend would like the Methods Committee to get out extensions which are not possible. If it has proved impossible to the genius of the Exercise you cannot expect the poor committee to do it.

I would like to suggest method extension under three headings, i.e., simple extensions that conform to the blue line and those which are passed and accepted. Then there are the mathematical extensions, and one of them is Bristol and another Superlative. They are quite good working extensions, and I think they can be incorporated in some form or another with the parent name and some distinction to show which particular version is rung. In regard to the 'fiddles.' I would say, before we can scrap them—although they appeal to the people who ring them—we should try and get some formulæ which should connect them with the method, although no mathematical extension was possible. In the interest of progress we do not want to throw anything out. What we want to do is to endeavour to get the best out of our ringing.

The amendment was then put and carried by a two to one majority.

Mr. Perrens suggested that Mr. Harold J. Poole be co-opted a member of the Methods Committee, but it was pointed out that the committee had power to co-opt him.

Mr. Felstead said in regard to the query on the use of 3-lead course Royal methods used in spliced ringing that only came before the committee two or three weeks ago, and he was afraid they had not had the time to thrash it out. He had put it in the report in the hope that they might be given a lead.

Mr. Harold Poole moved that it be referred back, and this was agreed to.

Later in the meeting the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead pointed out that Mr. E. A. Barnett, by his appointment as hon. secretary, would not be eligible to serve on the Methods Committee. He asked the Council to appoint Mr. C. H. Kippin as the fifth member and to give the committee power to co-opt others. This was agreed to.

(To be continued)

ST. MARY MAGDALENE'S, HOLLOWAY

An enjoyable day in the Garden of England and among some of Kent's best known rings of bells was spent by members of the St. Mary Magdalene's Society, Holloway, and their friends on June 7th.

At St. George's, Wrotham, Mr. R. Sills was patiently waiting for the party, then came St. Mary's, Ashford, where Mr. C. W. Everett welcomed them. Afterwards came the rather heavy eight of Tenterden, where Mrs. V. Relf met the visitors. The ride after tea through beautiful lanes bordered by hop gardens and orchards to St. Nicholas', Sevenoaks, will long be remembered.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS

73rd ANNUAL MEETING TELLS OF NO FLAGGING DURING 1951 — DR. P. T. SPENCER PHILLIPS' IMPENDING RETIREMENT AS MASTER — RECORD SUM PAID OUT ON BELL RESTORATION

ON Whit Monday, the 73rd annual meeting of the Essex Association was held at Chelmsford. The service in the Cathedral was conducted by the Precentor. the Rev. J. M. James, B.D., the Master of the Association, Dr. P. T. Spencer Phillips, J.P., read the lesson and the address was given by the Provost of Chelmsford, the Very Rev. G. E. Gordon, M.A.

The new form of service prepared for the Association was used for the first time at the service. Judging by the hearty way in which the congregation joined in the singing of the hymns set to old and well-tried tunes, it can be said that the sub-committee have made an excellent job of preparing the form of service. During the service the names of members who had passed on to higher service during 1951 were read, namely: G. A. Black, James George, Tom Groombridge, Maurice F. R. Hibbert, George Ives, W. G. Lewis, Thomas Lincoln, H. G. Miles, Oliver Sippetts, Esmond Smith, Canon J. T. Steele, T. Wilfred Taffender, the Very Rev. C. K. Waller and H. A. Wright. Their loss leaves the Association much poorer and we remember them with affection.

'SEND ME'

The Provost, who gave an inspiring and heartening address, said: We come to church to worship in order that we may go out and serve God in our daily life. Service without worship is a difficult and useless thing. Worship without service is equally fruitless. You need both in the good life. Your bells call yourselves and others to worship here. You come right into God's presence and you are uplifted. You see the meaning of your own life more clearly and you go out to carry that into daily life.

There must always be that coming and going, out of the world into the house of God, and out of the house of God into the world. The call came to Isaiah and he answered, 'Send me,' not send someone else like his neighbour. All he thought was that this is a call to serve God and live for God. The word apostle means someone who is sent. In our Creeds we say the Church is an Apostolic Church. One of the meanings of that is that we are all in a sense apostles. God wants each one of us to play our part in carrying the Gospel of Christ into the world, the very place where we live.

Every time we come to worship there is a challenge at the end contained in the service, 'Do not keep this Peace in the Church, take it out and carry it with you into your daily life wherever you go. As you set out on another year of work for the Church of Christ as change ringers, will you remember this great thing about worship, that we come to be in God's presence to see the vision of God and to say we realise our sinfulness. When we realise our sinfulness we are cleansed, and when you have the vision of God and hear the cry, 'Who will go for us?' will you answer and help others to answer, 'Here am I, send me'?

The collection taken at the service for the Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £3 18s. 7d.

THE BUSINESS MEETING

The Master (Dr. P. T. Spencer Phillips) presided at the annual general meeting, held in the Cathedral Chapter House, supported by the Deputy Master and the officers of the Association. The Master in the name of the Association welcomed the Provost and also extended a hearty welcome to all visitors.

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. H. J. Mansfield (vice-president), H. Turner (auditor), B. Burton (Master of the North-Western Division), F. Lufkin, J. Gould and G. Dawson.

The annual report, prepared by Mr. F. V. Gant (hon. secretary of the South-Western Division) with the co-operation of the other district secretaries, showed that interest in the Association had not flagged during 1951. Ringing membership had increased from 832 to 865 and honorary members from 120 to 163.

The more outstanding meetings of the year had been held at Bures, Harlow Town, Thaxted, Boreham, Galleywood, Dagenham, Epping, Fyfield and Bocking. The report showed that the Association was taking rather more interest than of late in the district meetings. The attendances, especially in the southern districts, showed a marked increase, but there was still room for improvement.

The effects of National Service are still being felt in some towers. Old hands and the fairer sex are keeping the 'ship' going until the young ringers return.

Ringing for divine service had been the aim throughout the year, but it is regretted that some towers still stand silent Sunday by Sunday.

MEMORIAL TO LATE PROVOST

With regret the report recorded the sudden death of the Very Rev. C. K. Waller, M.A., Provost of the Cathedral. His death came as a great shock to the Association. He took a great interest in ringers and was never happier than when in their company, and the many friends he had in the Hornchurch and Wanstead areas will remember him with undying affection in their hearts. On coming to Chelmsford he threw himself wholeheartedly into the onerous duties of Provost of a busy Cathedral. His fondest wish was to see the restoration and improvement of the interior of the Cathedral Church he loved so much. A memorial fund to his memory has been opened. This fund would be used for the beautification of the South Chapel, and the Association was proud of being permitted to associate itself with the fund.

During the year 74 peals were rung, as against 73 in 1950, an increase of one. This is nearer to the pre-war total. If Surprise method peals are any indication of the Association's strength, then this year has been most successful. Peals of special interest were Stedman Cinques at Chelmsford and Saffron Walden; Pudsey Surprise at Harlow Common: Yorkshire Surprise at Hornchurch; and Rutland Surprise at Leytonstone. Mr. F. Lufkin again headed the list of conductors with 16 peals, with Mr. H. Turner next with 11, and Mr. R. Suckling 8.

Four original compositions have been rung—Pudsey Surprise at Harlow Common composed by R. F. B. Speed; Stedman Cinques at Saffron Walden by H. N. Pitstow: and two peals of Bob Major by D. W. Beard.

22 FIRST PEALS

For the recorders, 112 rang their 'first' in the method, an increase of 62; 22 members scored their first peal, an increase of 6; there being four 'firsts' as conductors. An innovation in the report this year has been the inclusion of quarter peals. These were included to give something of the trend of service ringing within the Association. Some 134 quarters have been recorded—there may have been more as the list was prepared from 'The Ringing World.'

The band at Hornchurch has done especially well, with 14 'quarters' in 12 methods and each quarter containing a 'first.' For those bands not quite up to Surprise standards, it does indicate what can be done in the realms of Plain methods.

A noteworthy change in the district officers took place in the South-Western District. Mr. J. Chalk (Wanstead) resigned the Mastership and was succeeded by Mr. J. Crampion.

Mr. G. L. Joyce (Hornchurch) spoke on the report generally. He was pleased to hear that Mr. Shadrack had recovered from his illness and hoped that he would be able to persuade people to do a little more in the way of the library. He mentioned there were several very valuable books in the library and some manuscripts were well worth reading. He proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Gant for all the time and trouble he took in preparing the report. This was carried with acclamation.

Mr. Gant, in reply, said members should inform him of any mistakes or alterations as early as possible, as the draft was more important than the proof. If this was done, the job of preparing the annual report would be made much easier and a far higher degree of accuracy could be ensured.

The hon. treasurer, in presenting the accounts, drew attention to the record sum of £110 paid out of the Bell Restoration Fund to the following towers: St. Peter's, Goldhanger; St. Mary's, West Ham: All Saints', Nazeing; St. Margaret's, Stanford-le-Hope; St. Giles' and All Saints', Orsett; and St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Kelvedon.

The gross income from the districts totalled £106 7s. 7d., and the sum of £41 9s. 9d. had been contributed to the Bell Restoration Fund. Peal fees added a further £12 6s. 2d. net. The balance on the general account at the end of the year stood at £220 18s. 8d., whilst that of the Bell Restoration Fund was £153 19s. 11d.

TARGET OF 1,000 MEMBERS

Mr. J. Crampion, in moving the adoption of the statement of accounts, said that they must not be too complacent about the situation. No Association ever had too much money; more members were required. The target of 1,000 ringing members was not too high for an Association of the size of the Essex Association.

Mr. Chalk (Wanstead), in seconding, mentioned that the honorary members had contributed £22 towards the fund last year. He was not satisfied that they were getting as many honorary members as we might and quoted figures to the meeting to show how the honorary members could be increased and asked that the strongest endeavours should be made in this direction.

The report was adopted. The Provost expressed appreciation of the Association's gift of £5 to the C. K. Waller Memorial Fund and said that the fund now totalled approximately £500.

It was proposed by Mr. F. V. Gant that Mr. J. Chalk, the retiring Master of the South-Western District, should be elected a life vice-president of the Association. Mr. Gant mentioned the yeoman service that Mr. Chalk had given over many years and that he had always been a pillar of strength in the Exercise. This was seconded by Mr. G. Elliott. The motion, on being put to the meeting, was carried with acclamation. Mr. Chalk, in reply, thanked the Association for the great honour accorded to him, and said that it was an honour to the name of Chalk rather than a personal honour.

The election of officers followed: Master, Dr. P. T. Spencer Phillips, J.P.: Deputy Master, the Rev. C. Scott Little, M.A.; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. R. C. Heazel; auditors, Messrs. H. Turner and D. Mayle; trustees, Messrs. G. Green, E. J. Runter and H. W. Shadrack.

The following were elected life members: Messrs. G. W. Faulkner (Barking), E. D. Smith (Leytonstone), F. Souter (Prittlewell), J. Newman (Feering), W. Perry (Prittlewell), E. W. Pettitt (Sible Hedingham) and L. G. Pye (Colchester).

MASTER'S PENDING RETIREMENT

The Master, in thanking the members for their confidence and trust in him, said that this would be the last year in which he would

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DEVON BELFRY ROMANCE. — The wedding of Mr. Wilfred Charles Panter and Miss Phyllis Irene Willmington at St. Michael and All Angels', Sowton, Devon, on Whit Monday was a happy occasion for local ringers. The wedding album contains this picture of their fellow-ringers at Sowton belfry. Left to right: F. Willmington, A. Tapley, H. Willmington, L. Burnett, Bridegroom, Bride, A. G. Betts, W. Reeks, J. Dunster, C. Burnett and D. Reeks. [Photo: The Courtenay Press, Exeter.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Cont.

accept nomination as Master and that he intended retiring at the next annual general meeting. The meeting received this news with much regret. It is interesting to note that in the last 52 years the Association has had only four Masters.

The Deputy Master spoke of the work which had been undertaken during the year and thanked all who had helped him. He said that he and his typewriter together would endeavour to carry on as before.

The hon. secretary and treasurer thanked the members for their continued trust in him and the help given by so many, particularly Mr. Gant in preparing the annual report. He voiced his appreciation of the work the Master and Deputy Master had done. The Deputy Master prepared all the agenda and precis of the meetings and this was of considerable assistance. Mr. Gant and Mr. Joyce were always ready to help him, and the committee—every one of them—were always ready to rally round him.

Mr. F. V. Gant reported that the late Mr. Alfred Brighton's peal book had come into his possession through the offices of Mr. E. D. Smith. He proposed that this should be placed in the Association's library so that it might be available to members. This was accepted with applause, and the secretary was instructed to write letters of thanks to Mr. Brighton's wife and Mr. E. D. Smith.

The Master proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Provost for the use of the bells and giving the address, and also to the Precentor for taking the service. Thanks were also expressed to the organist, Mr. W. Stanley Vann, for his assistance. The members then adjourned to the Cathedral Hall, where an excellent lunch was well served, the Provost being the chief guest.

During the day the following towers were open for ringing: Chelmsford, Great Baddow, Boreham, Galleywood, Widford, Writtle, Broomfield, Danbury, Springfield, Little Waltham, Sandon and Little Baddow.

Thus the Essex Association goes forward into the dawn of the Elizabethan era, financially sound, strong in membership and steadfastly looking towards their goal when every peal of bells in the county will be rung regularly for divine service at least once every Sunday.

K. C. S. W.

THE CRANBORNE PEAL

Dear Sir,—As one of the Cranborne ringers and also churchwarden, I feel I must reply to the letters from Mr. Hunt and Mr. Bond and assure them that we are not jealous of them or doubt their powers as ringers. Mr. Hunt says he feels fed up with the whole business. So did the irritated Cranborne ringers who met them as they trooped out through the church a few minutes before evensong was due to commence; they had been locked out of their own tower. We have to live here and listen to the complaints of the people who live near the church and wish to pass Sunday afternoon in peace. We are trying to raise funds to pay for the new bells from these very people whom the Sunday peal grabbers annoy.

You, Mr. Editor, have no doubt received a letter from our Vicar saying that this team had permission to ring for one hour and no mention was made about a peal attempt to him until a few minutes before they started. It is the way the thing was got about that seems to us to be doing no good to the Exercise. We put our Sunday service ringing before anything, repeat before anything. We like other ringers to share our tower and bells.

We are grateful to the Salisbury Diocesan Guild for all the help they have given us in the past, especially the Wimborne Branch, and we endorse the action taken by the Salisbury Guild in not accepting the peal. We doubt if the Winchester Guild will want it when they understand the way it was obtained.

Our Vicar has been very good and given careful consideration to all requests for peal attempts and ringers on tours to ring here. Now he feels he has had one put over on him and will limit peals to two per year, and can you blame him?

No, I'm sure no one was jealous; we were more hurt than anything, and I as churchwarden felt quite within my rights to tell these people that the bells were not there for their amusement, especially on a Sunday, when I consider all ringers as far as possible should be calling the people to worship in their own towers. For no other purpose than the glory of God are the bells in our towers. — Yours respectfully,

W. DAY.

Cranborne.

LADIES' GUILD

Central District's Concern at Clash of Dates

Milton-next-Gravesend was the tower chosen by the Central District for the annual meeting on June 7th, where a very happy, enjoyable afternoon was spent. About forty members and friends were present, and the pleasant light ring of eight was put to good use with methods ranging from Grandsire Triples to Bristol Surprise. Members of the Guild itself may be said to have covered themselves with glory when the best ringing of the afternoon was voted to be the course of Cambridge rung by an all-ladies band. The service was conducted by the curate, the Rev. K. Stuart, himself a member of the Milton band, whose excellent address was all the more appreciated by the congregation as coming from 'one of themselves' and from one who understands all the difficulties of ringers.

Tea was undoubtedly one of the highlights of the meeting, when one of those repasts for which Milton must assuredly be famous was provided by Mrs. F. M. Mitchell.

A short business meeting followed, the Rev. K. Stuart rising nobly to the occasion and taking the chair. The secretary's report revealed a disappointing year with poor attendances at meetings. This was found to be due to the number of other Association meetings which must of necessity clash with the Ladies' Guild dates, and which resulted in so many members having divided loyalties. It was resolved that secretaries in the London area be approached with a view to co-operation in this matter, as only four meetings of the year are held and they could result once again in revival of some of the old enthusiasm of the Guild.

Mrs. Rawlings was unanimously re-elected president of the district. Owing to pressure of work Miss M. Jackson resigned the office of secretary and her resignation was accepted with great reluctance. Miss A. Bailey was proposed to undertake this office.

The date of the next quarterly meeting was fixed as September 27th, when it was hoped to open towers in the Ealing area.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to Mr. Stuart and all whose hard work had combined to make the afternoon such a success—in particular to Mrs. F. M. Mitchell, one of the founders of the Guild, at whose invitation Milton had been visited, and whose unfailing energy and enthusiasm was of such value to the Guild.

A. M. B.

CHELTENHAM BELLRINGER ORDAINED

On June 8th, Trinity Sunday, Mr. George Robert Henry Smith was ordained a deacon by the Bishop of Gloucester in his Cathedral Church to serve in the parish of St. Stephen's, Gloucester.

Mr. Smith, whose home is at Charlton Kings, near Cheltenham, was an enthusiastic bellringer at the Cheltenham Parish Church until he joined up during the last war. It was during his period of active service in France that he finally decided to seek Holy Orders. After demobilisation he worked for a year in the parish of St. John, Cinderford, as a full-time reader under Canon T. T. Haines, and from there he went to the Theological College, Chichester, to train for the priesthood.

An accomplished organist, he studied under Dr. Melville Cook and Mr. H. Marshall Sowry. As a boy he played at St. Peter's, Cleeve Hill, and later was organist at Great Rissington. During his time in Germany he gave broadcast organ recitals on the British Forces Network from Hamburg. Whilst at Chichester he was organist at the Theological College and often assisted as such in Chichester Cathedral.

The Cheltenham Parish Church bellringers honoured the occasion by ringing the Cathedral bells before the ordination service, by kind permission of the Dean, the Very Rev. H. Costley-White.

SIDELIGHTS ON OUTINGS

ANDOVER, HANTS

St. Mary's, Andover, ringers for their annual outing on Whit Monday were joined by a contingent from Winchester.

Ringing took place at Bishopstoke (a poor choice to start the day), Fareham (some fair ringing with Mr. Linter); Havant (joined by a young lady recently from Bristol, who was an excellent product of St. John's ringing school); Feltham (the long draught caused some acrobatics); Westbourne (best ringing of the day); Catherington (arrived late due to faulty map reading); Wickham.

Andover was reached at 12.30 a.m. The arrangements were in the hands of the tower secretary (Mr. J. A. Hill).

DORSET OUTING TO WILTSHIRE

Eight Dorset ringers from Litton Cheney, Piddlehinton and Sturminster Marshall spent a pleasant although at times wet Whit Monday in Wiltshire.

Ringing took place at Fovant (five, tenor 9 cwt.), long draught and not much room for fat people on the fourth and fifth; Chilmark (six, 14 cwt.), another long draught and ringing from the middle of the church; Wylye (five, 12¼ cwt.), rather noisy despite ground floor ringing; Steeple Langford (five, 9¼ cwt.), bells sadly in need of attention, long draught, no guides, elastic ropes and a general rumble upstairs; Codford St. Peter's (six, 10¼ cwt.), the hour here was far too short; Boyton (five, 6 cwt.), ringing from the porch and with driving rain the ringer of the treble is apt to get wet; Tisbury (six, tenor 16 cwt.), where an extension of the ringing time was possible. Thanks are due to all incumbents and local ringers for providing a happy day. E. T. P. F.

HANBURY, WORCESTER

A very enjoyable day was spent by the Hanbury bell ringers and friends from the towers of Beoley, Dodderhill and Wychbold on June 7th, when they visited the Bristol area. Touches of Grandsire Doubles, Grandsire Triples, Bob Minor and Stedman were rung at Dursley and Almondsbury before lunch, and after spending an hour in Bristol the party went on to Bitton and Mangotsfield for more ringing, coming back to Bristol for tea, and finishing at Wotton-under-Edge on the return journey. After calling for refreshment the party arrived home somewhat tired, but all agreed that it had been a very pleasant day.

It was generally considered that all the bells went well, and thanks are due to the respective towerkeepers for the warm welcome extended.

ST. LAURENCE'S, READING

St. Martin's - in - the - Fields, St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, Southwark Cathedral, Shoreditch, St. Margaret's, Westminster, Putney and Fulham were towers visited on Whit Monday, the occasion of the annual outing of St. Laurence's, Reading, ringers. Their best thanks are due to several well-known friends of the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Royal Society of Cumberland Youths, without whose co-operation and assistance it would have been a very flat day.

Grandsire, Stedman, London and Cambridge were rung on the various numbers, and ringing all day was of a good standard for an outing.

The writer met many old friends, and members of St. Laurence's were very proud that Mr. and Mrs. H. Langdon spent the 'best' part of the day with them.

We only hope our London friends will be able to be with us when we decide one year to include Liverpool in our towers for the day.

W. H.

CHELTENHAM

The Cheltenham Parish Church bell ringers were fortunate enough to select one of the best days for their outing. This was June 7th, the day being clear and bright, and Welsh mountains and valleys were seen at their very best.

Leaving Cheltenham in cars, the first stop was Abergavenny, which was reached at 10 a.m. From there the party proceeded to Blaenavon, where they were welcomed by the genial Rev. R. A. Sluman, who joined in a touch of Stedman Triples. The next stop was Ebbw Vale for lunch and a ring on this exceptionally fine eight in a spotlessly clean ringing chamber. The party then proceeded to Cardiff for tea and a pull on the ten. Fortune favoured the party here as the tenor clapper snapped a day or two previously, but the damage had been made good and the clapper refixed just in time.

The last stop was Marshfield, where the Llandaff and Monmouthshire ringers were holding one of their meetings, and thanks are accorded to them for allowing the party to butt in. It is not absolutely true to say that Marshfield was the last stop because this took place at a very convenient pull-in near Lydney, and this and not the ringing of bells—wives, please note—was the sole reason for some of the party reaching home at midnight and some just after.

WANSTEAD AND WOODFORD

Perfect weather favoured the Wanstead and Woodford ringers and friends on May 24th, when they made a second visit to some of the picturesque parts of Buckinghamshire.

Farnham Royal was the first stopping place, where touches of Grandsire Triples, Bob Major, Kent Major and call changes were rung on a good going eight. A short run brought the party to Burnham. All in turn had a 'go' on this 'musical box.' Congratulations to George Gilbert and his keen colleagues for the great work recently accomplished in this tower!

Penn was reached in good time, the 'sixty odd' doing justice to a grand tea arranged and served by the Misses B. and M. Mathieson (Old Woodfordians) and friends, the Vicar and his wife being present. At the conclusion of the much appreciated meal Mr. J. Chalk thanked the hostesses for all that they had done, Mr. B. Petty (Wanstead) for arranging the outing, and Mr. C. Morss (Woodford) for his untiring efforts with the keen young recruits. Mr. G. Browning (deputy churchwarden, Wanstead) and the Rev. —. Rowlands (curate, Woodford) added their thanks. The Vicar of Penn graciously replied.

Touches of Bob Minor, Grandsire and Bob Doubles and Kent Minor were rung on the interesting six which grace the ancient church. An interesting talk on the outstanding features of the church was given by Mr. J. Mathieson.

The final halt was made at Holy Trinity, Great Marlow, picturesquely situated beside the Thames, near the suspension bridge. Touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Major were rung on a well-going and tuneful eight.

A CHANCE OF A PEAL IN HAMPSHIRE

Dear Sir,—I am arranging a few peals in Hampshire during the week August 9th–16th.

If there are any ringers who will be visiting these parts at that time (or, as far as that goes, any time during August) and would like to stand in a peal or two whilst here I shall be only too glad to fit them in if they will write saying when available and giving an indication of their capabilities.—Yours faithfully,

REGINALD A. REED.

135, Chamberlayne Road, Eastleigh, Hants.

LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The Society's May meeting was held at Guiseley on May 31st. Most ringers will know from the national Press that the cricket 'War of the Roses' was started on Wet Saturday, but this did not affect the attendance, as ringers were present from 14 towers.

The usual business meeting was held under the guidance of the president (Mr. J. W. Benten), and the normal items speedily dealt with. Three new members were elected: Messrs. N. Scrimshaw, of Calverley, G. F. Bryant and J. H. Fielden, of Halifax (All Souls').

A vote of thanks to the Rector, churchwardens and local company was ably dealt with by Mr. J. Gibson and seconded by Mr. L. Drake. Mr. W. Dixon acknowledged the thanks and volunteered to convey them to all concerned. Mr. C. Walsh, supporting, said that he thought the members should know of the efficient team and staff work put into the Guiseley tower in order that the meeting could be held. Within a week the 2nd bell gudgeon had been removed, repaired and refitted by the firm of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. The Society's thanks were accorded them and the item noted in the minutes of the meeting.

The next meeting is due to be held at Idle on June 28th.

MEMORIAL TO MR. C. T. BENTON

A memorial tablet to the late Christian Thomas Benton, the gift of Mr. Fred Linford, was dedicated by the Rev. F. A. R. Chapman, Vicar, in the belfry of St. Luke's Church, Cannock, Staffs, on June 7th.

In a few well-chosen words the Vicar spoke of Mr. Benton's long service at St. Luke's, having been a ringer there for 68 years, many as head ringer. He was a devoted worshipper and worked hard for the church right up to his death on September 11th, 1950, when he was aged 86 years. As a campanologist his main interest was in good ringing for Sunday service. To visiting ringers his welcome was a welcome indeed, and one never parted without a request to call again. Among his own band he was greatly respected. He joined the Stafford Society in 1891 and was made an honorary life member some few years ago.

After the service an attempt was made for a peal of Superlative, which, unfortunately, failed after two and a half hours' excellent ringing. It was arranged in memoriam Tom Benton and as a farewell to the Vicar, who is leaving for St. Chad's, Shrewsbury.

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Twenty-two members of the Leicester Diocesan Guild went to Melbourne, in Derbyshire, on May 31st. Varied methods, ranging from Grandsire Triples to London Major, were rung in the fine old Norman church. After tea in the Vicarage, Breedon-on-the-Hill and Woodhouse Eaves were visited.

OBITUARY

MR. S. WARREN STURGIS

He Kept Change Ringing Alive in the States

We are able this week to supplement our brief report of the death of Mr. S. Warren Sturgis, of Boston, U.S.A., which appeared in our issue of May 23rd, by the following details which indicate his enthusiasm for change ringing.

Mr. Sturgis died just two days short of his 84th birthday at his home, 66, Marlborough Street, Boston, on April 22nd, and memorial services were held at St. Paul's Cathedral, Boston, and were conducted by Bishop Nash, Dean van Etten, and the Rev. John Crocker, of Groton School.

For 44 years Mr. Sturgis taught Latin at Groton School, where he was head of the department. He retired in 1935 to live in Boston, where he was a director of the United Nations Association and the Henry George School of Social Science. He is survived by a sister, a brother and four children.

He kept careful records of all his special activities, and from his bell-ringing notebook the following facts are culled: His interest in the Exercise started in 1901, when a ring of eight bells was given to Groton School, and he volunteered to learn how to handle them and to instruct the students. He studied under the best known of all American ringers, Dr. Arthur Nichols, of Boston, whose daughter, Mrs. Arthur Shurcliff, is herself both a handbell and tower-bell ringer.

Up to his retirement he taught bell-ringing to succeeding generations of boys at Groton School. He organised groups of them each year to visit the other towers in the region where there were rings of bells, namely, at the Old North Church and the Church of the Advent, Boston, at the Perkins Institute in Watertown and the tower in Hingham. When the ring was installed at Kent School, Connecticut, he interested himself in seeing that the students received good instruction and made frequent trips to ring there.

He was a Charter Member of the Boston Guild of Bell-ringers, formed in 1913, and knew intimately the men, many of them from England, who made up this group. Since his retirement he still kept up his great interest in ringing and organised a band to ring on Christmas Eve every year at the Church of the Advent. His personal set of handbells was never idle for any length of time, as it was his great joy to entertain ringers in his home.

He rang his first peal on handbells at the Hoop and Grapes Hotel, London, January 3rd, 1923, other members of the band being Herbert and Thomas Langdon and Challis F. Winney. He rang several peals since that time in England and it was always a regret that he was never able to carry through a successful peal in the United States of America, although many attempts were made. The longest ring was at Groton School, where once over 3,000 changes of Grandsire Triples were accomplished before breaking down.

Besides passing on his knowledge to many of his students, he instructed both his sons, Dr. Somers H. Sturgis and Warren Sturgis, on handbells and in the tower. His daughter, Mrs. George H. Humphreys, also became proficient on handbells, and her two children now ring. He and his sons became members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and through the medium of 'The Ringing World' he kept up with activities of his English ringing friends.

One of the greatest pleasures in his life was to travel in England, and he asked to stand in, on a Sunday, with a band in any neighbourhood where he happened to be. Certainly he loved England, and all his experiences there with the great and good company of ringers.

MR. A. JAMES HARRIS

A former chairman of the Leicester District of the old Midland Counties Association, Mr. A. James Harris, of Leicester, died on May 31st, aged 65.

Mr. Harris learnt to ring early in the century and for many years rang with the late William Willson at the Church of St. John the Divine. Shortly before the war he joined the band at the Cathedral, where he was a regular Sunday service ringer. After the war pressure of business combined with illness at home kept him away from the belfry except for occasional visits. Finally he became ill himself and was for a time a patient at the Leicester Royal Infirmary.

While not a prolific peal ringer, he took a great interest in the work of the Leicester District and in 1936 was elected to represent the Association on the Central Council.

For his war services with the rescue service Mr. Harris was awarded the British Empire Medal. During the blitz in the Highfields district Mr. Harris' squad rescued 20 people, most of whom were casualties. He was chairman for many years of the advisory committee of the painting and decorating trade at the Leicester Technical College. At one time he was the local president of the Master Painters' and Decorators' Association.

MISS NORA JOHNSTON

Miss Nora Johnston, Britain's first and only woman carillon player, died on May 2nd at her home at Edgware after a short illness. She was 65. She was the only Englishwoman ever to have gained the diploma of the Belgian National Carillon College, at Malines, completing the three-year course in a year.

She played at the Jubilee of George V. and the coronation of George VI., using a specially-erected carillon in Hyde Park. She also played celebration music for the wedding of the Queen when she was Princess Elizabeth, the silver wedding of George VI. and Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, and the christening of Prince Charles and Princess Anne.

Miss Johnston, who was a sister of the late Mr. Cyril Johnston, invented and built a portable carillon, weighing 10 cwt.

FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World' of June 21st, 1912

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING

Continuing the discussion on the hon. secretary's motion . . . Mr. W. Snowdon said he fully agreed with what the Rev. H. Law James had said on the question of Bob Major lead-ends. . . . It would indeed be a retrograde step if they carried out what Mr. Davies proposed. Stedman gave them College Bob V., but it had irregular lead-ends. In the 1702 'Campanologia' the lead-ends were put right and it was called Westminster. He had never heard of College V. again, but Westminster was one of the standard methods. . . . That went to show that when a method . . . . took up legitimate lead-ends, it would stand, and would pass muster for all time. . . . He felt that (Mr. Davies) was wrong in this, and he should vote against the motion.

Mr. Dains pointed out that for over 300 years nothing but methods with Bob Major lead-ends had stood, all the rest had been naturally cast aside. . . .

[The Rev. C. D. P. Davies had moved, 'That it is desirable to reconsider some of the conditions laid down for the legitimacy of methods as stated on page 18 of "Rules and Decisions." 1904.' He wished to cancel altogether the rule requiring all methods to have Plain Bob lead-ends, but this was strongly opposed by the Rev. H. Law James, Messrs. J. A. Trollope, J. W. Parker and the above speakers. No vote was taken.—A similar motion was discussed by the Council at Lincoln this year.]

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MAYELL.—On June 11th, 1952, at Brentwood Maternity Home, to Mary and Desmond—a daughter, Susan Anne. 921

MEYER.—On Sunday, May 18th, 1952, to Gwendoline (née Holmes) and Charles Montagu Meyer, of Westminster—a son, Peter Louis Montagu. 922

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MISCELLANEOUS

BURFORD, OXFORD.—Evening mid-week practices until October, 1952, will only be by arrangement. Co-operation of other towers invited.—Apply W. Dixon, The Hill, Burford. 934

YOUNG Manchester standard methods ringer wishes to meet another willing to share expenses touring–camping holiday September. Car owner, keen on scouts, swimming, sun bathing, music, etc. Suggestions welcomed.—Write Box 915, 'Ringing World,' c/o Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford. 915

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BECKENHAM, KENT. — Practice night changed to Monday 8 to 9.30 p.m. Sundays 9.45 to 10.30 a.m. and 5.45 to 6.30 p.m. Visitors welcome.—P. A. Corby, 83, Hurstbourne Road, Forest Hill, S.E.23 (FOR 3683). 951

PEAL CARDS can now be ordered at 5s. a set of 12, post free (minimum charge). Order and remittance must be sent with peal report.

MEETINGS

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Meeting at Burbage (6), Saturday, June 21st, 3 p.m. Cups of tea only.—D. S. Gregory. 905

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District.—Meeting, June 21st. Bells available: Essendon (6) 2.30—4.45; Hatfield (10) 6—8.30. Tea at Essendon at 5 p.m.—W. J. Southam, 14, Walton Street, St. Albans. 899

LAVENHAM SUFFOLK. — Ringing Anniversary, Saturday, June 21st. Bells available 2 p.m, till 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. till 8 p.m. All welcome. Tea shop opposite church.—S. H. Symonds. 884

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Christ Church, Southgate, Saturday, June 21st. Ringing, 3.15 till 4.45. Tea locally. Business and further ringing follow. — Boyack. Wanstead 1575. 896

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting, Bray, June 21st. Bells 3.30. Names for tea, please, Mrs. C. J. Matthews, Hon. Sec., 177, Engadine Street, S.W.18. 852

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Leigh, June 21st Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting Henfield (8), Saturday, June 21st. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5.—B. W. White. 893

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch. — Meeting, Arley, Saturday, June 21st, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Coach from Bell Street (Bell Hotel), Stourbridge, 2.15 p.m.—Bernard C. Ashford. 866

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Southern District. — Annual joint meeting, Wath-on-Dearne, Saturday, June 21st. Bells (8) from 2.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Church House. New reports available.—J. J. L. Gilbert. 909

ST. MARY'S, SEND, NEAR WOKING, SURREY.—Ringers' rally and service, Sunday, June 22nd. All ringers and friends welcomed. Bells (6) from 4.30 to service 6.30 p.m. Bring own refreshments. Cups of tea obtainable.—S. M. Strudwick, Tower Sec. 871

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Axbridge Branch.—Practice meeting, Churchill, Saturday, June 28th, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.—E. J. Avery, Hon. Local Sec. 945

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Summer Festival., June 28th. Woburn bells 2.30. Tea 5. Service 6. Husborne Crawley bells available during the evening. Names for tea, please, to Mr. H. D. Harris, Leighton Street, Woburn, Bletchley. 942

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch. — Meeting at Knutsford, June 28th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea please advise Mr. S. Hough, 12, Hayton Street, Knutsford, by Tuesday, June 24th, without fail.—C. K. Lewis. 948

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch. — Meeting, Capenhurst (6), Saturday, June 28th. Bells 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea provided for those notifying me by 24th at latest.—A. J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 949

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Ilkeston & Derby Districts.—Joint meeting at Breaston, June 28th, 2.30. Tea 1s. 6d. Names, please, to D. R. Carlisle, 85, Derby Road, Risley. 917

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Old Brampton (6), Saturday, June 28th, 3 p.m. Own food for tea. Cups of tea available.—A. B. Cooper. 947

DEVON GUILD. — Berry Pomeroy and Totnes, Saturday, June 28th. Usual arrangements.—Bennett, Cornerways, Buckfastleigh. 927

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Quarterly meeting, June 28th, at St. Bartholomew's, Penn. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Numbers for tea, Tuesday, June 24th, latest, to F. Colclough, Acting Secretary, Hall Park Street, Bilston. 908

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION. — Northern District. — Meeting at the Watch Tower, Morpeth, on Saturday, June 28th. Names for tea by June 26th to A. Pegg, 19, Mitford Road, Morpeth. 937

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Hunts District. — Meeting, Saturday, June 28th, at Spaldwick (6). Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. S. Peacock. 941

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Marshfield, Saturday, June 28th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15. Names for tea by Monday, June 23rd, to W. F. Scudamore, 6, Sandringham Avenue, Downend, Bristol. 925

GUILDFORD and OXFORD GUILDS and MIDDLESEX and SURREY ASSOCIATIONS. —Four Guild Festival, June 28th. Egham (8), Staines, St. Mary's (8) from 3. Staines (both towers) and Old Windsor (8) after tea. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15 **for those who notify,** by Wednesday previous, Mrs. D. E. Knowles, 65, The Avenue, Egham.—W. Simmonds, A. D. Barker, F. W. Goodfellow and R. Lathbury, Branch and District Secs. 906

HALIFAX PARISH CHURCH.—Ringers are invited to attend the rededication of the ring of 13 by the Lord Bishop of Wakefield on Saturday, June 28th, at 7 p.m. Bells recast and rehung by Gillett and Johnston. Tenor 28 cwt.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District. — St. Ippolyts, Saturday, June 28th, 2.30. Tea 5 p.m. 'Great Wymondley afterwards. Special method, Hereward Bob.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 914

LADIES' GUILD. — Western District. — Quarterly meeting at Honiton Clyst, Devon, June 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea essential to Miss E. Lomas, Whimple, Devon. Bells available: Cullompton 11.30–12.30, Heavitree 2.15–3.15, Ilminster 8–9 p.m. Transport available from Bath and Bristol. Details from Mrs. Parfrey, 28, Corston, Bath. 938

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—Meeting at Singleton, Saturday, June 28th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Names for tea to J. H. Foster, 58, East Topping Street, Blackpool, not later than Wednesday, June 25th.—J. H. Foster. 946

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Idle on Saturday, June 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Members carry own food, cups of tea provided. Business meeting to follow tea.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds 12. 918

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Cosby, June 28th (Desford not available). Bells 3. Tea at Blacksmith's Arms 5. Please notify by June 25th Mr. F. Watson, 5, Pochin Street, Croft. 932

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Meeting, Elsham (6), June 28th. Bells 2.30. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30. Names for tea, by June 25th, to Rev. Tindall, Elsham Vicarage, Brigg. 900

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District. — Quarterly meeting at Sleaford (8) June 28th. Service 4.15. Tea 5, for those who notify, by Wednesday previous, Mrs. Wray, 16, Eastgate, Sleaford.—C. Brown, Hon. Sec. 904

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District. — Outing, Saturday, June 28th. Approximate cost 20s. including dinner and tea; 12s. 6d. deposit secures seat. Towers: Leeds, Maidstone, Frindsbury, Lewes, Bolney, Brighton. Write: A. F. Udall, The Archway, St. Luke's Street, Chelsea, S.W.3. 878

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Annual Deddington, Saturday, June 28th. Bells (8) 2.30. Tea. 4. Meeting. Ringing. Evensong 6 (Eve of Patronal Festival). Ringing.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury. 897

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD & WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Combined meeting, Newbury and Basingstoke Branches, Bucklebury (8), June 28th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Names for tea, by June 25th, to Miss S. Davis, Bucklebury Village, Reading.

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY, Est. 1623. —Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 28th. Bells (12) available from 10 a.m. Service 6 p.m. Lunch and tea for those who notify me by 27th.—L. E. Pitstow, 23, Highfields. 881

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Tea 5 p.m. Names **must** be in by Tuesday, June 24th, to S. Harrison, 73, Hopefield Road, Leicester.

:: **All Ringers Cordially Welcome** ::
920

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch.—Collingtree, June 28th. Names for tea MUST reach me by June 24th.—E. Nobles, Hon. Branch Sec., 48, Millway, Duston, Northants. 944

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Thrapston Branch.—Meeting at Lowick, Saturday, June 28th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by Tuesday, please.—G. W. Jeffs, 4, Highfield Road, Thrapston, Kettering. 933

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, Aldbourne, Saturday, June 28th. Names to T. A. Palmer, Baydon Hill, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 929

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. —Practice meeting, Alfriston (6), Saturday, June 28th. Tower open 2.30. Tea arranged—notify by 26th.—P. H. Rollison, 313, Victoria Drive, Eastbourne. 926

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Southampton and Winchester Districts. — Combined meeting, Broughton, June 28th. Ringing 2. Service 3.45. Tea at Butchers Arms, Nether Wallop, 5. Wallop towers open after tea. Names for tea by June 25th to J. King, 29, Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester. 935

MARKSBURY, NEAR BATH. — Corporate Communion, Sunday, June 29th. Bells 7.15 a.m. Service 8 a.m. Names for breakfast essential not later than Wednesday, June 25th, to W. A. Prescott, Timsbury, near Bath. 930

SALISBURY GUILD. — Dorchester Branch. —The new ring of 8 bells at SS. Peter and Paul's, Cattistock, will be dedicated on Sunday, June 29th, at morning service (11 a.m.). Everyone welcome. 924

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Taunton Branch.—Fitzhead, July 5th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea. Important business.—A. H. Reed, Mimosa, George Street, Taunton. 928

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting at Youlgrave (8) on Saturday, July 5th, 3 p.m. Names for tea at the Bull's Head to D. S. Gregory, Orchard House, Hillside, Darley Dale, by July 2nd. 940

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. Division.—Quarterly meeting, Bobbingworth (6), July 5th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., to be followed by tea and business meeting. Presentation. Epping-Ongar bus service to Blake Hall Lane, 10 mins. walk. Names for tea to F. Pavitt, 3, Council Houses, Bobbingworth, Ongar. 936

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — N.E. District. — Meeting at Tendring July 5th. Ringing from 2.30 and after tea. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea to me by July 1st, please.—R. Duesbury, 5, Clacton Road, St. Osyth, Essex.

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — A special meeting will be held at Stow-on-the-Wold on Saturday, July 5th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Will those requiring tea contact Raymond Hicks, Claremont, Stow-on-the-Wold, not later than July 2nd? Moreton-in-Marsh and Bourton-on-the-Water bells available in the evening.—Frank Skidmore, Hon. Secretary. 919

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION. — Annual meeting and prize contest at Saddleworth, July 5th. Entrance fee, 10s. per company, to secretary by June 21st, please. For teas and practice notify Mr. J. Hulme, 116, High Street, Uppermill, Oldham, Lancs. by June 28th. — A. Farrand, 12, Greenhill Cottages, Roughtown, Mossley, Manchester, Lancs. 874

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—The quarterly by-meeting on July 5th cannot be held at Sevenoaks (as originally intended) or Cranbrook (where the bells are out of order). See 'Ringing World' for June 27th for place of alternative meeting if it can be arranged. 952

LADIES' GUILD.—Annual general meeting, London, Saturday, July 5th. Towers available: St. Giles-in-the-Fields, 2.30–3.30; St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, 3.30–5; St. Margaret's, Westminster, 7.30–9. Tea 5 p.m. Service, St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, 6 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. Jackson, 34, Old Devonshire Road, Balham, S.W.12. 923

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NOTICES—Continued

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. — Meeting at Ribchester, July 5th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Meeting in Parish Hall at 6 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 950

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Deeping St. Nicholas, Saturday, July 5th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, before June 28th, to Mr. F. Taylor, Deeping St. Nicholas, Spalding. 912

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — Nottingham District.—Quarterly meeting at Ruddington, Saturday, July 5th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to me by Tuesday, July 1st.—S. P. M. Lewin, 44, Nottingham Road, Hucknall. 943

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —Annual general meeting, Basingstoke, Saturday, July 5th. Meeting 2.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Cottage. Service, St. Michael's, 4.15. Tea ONLY for those who notify Mr. J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John, Basingstoke, by Wednesday, July 2nd. All ringers welcome. Towers available: All Saints' (9), St. Michael's (8), Bramley (8), Oakley (6) and Deane (6), from 11.30 till 1.30 and after tea.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Gen. Sec. 939

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual Festival, Oxford, Saturday, July 12th. Service. Cathedral. 11 a.m. (preacher: Ven. Thorndike Shaw). Meeting, Chapter House, 12 noon. Luncheon. Dining Hall, 1.30 p.m. Tickets 6s. Applications to general secretary, please, by July 6th. Ringing at Cathedral, Merton, Magdalen and New Colleges, St. Thomas', St. Giles', St. Aldgate's, St. Cross, St. Mary Magdalen's, Carfax, All Saints' and St. Ebbe's. Choristers please get in touch with F. Sharpe, Derwen, Launton, Bicester, Oxon.—W. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., Wayford, London Road, Basingstoke, Hants. 901

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A FULL SIZE JOB

MR. E. A. BARNETT, the new secretary of the Central Council, very rightly said after his election that the position is no sinecure. To follow on after that wonderful team, Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher, who have served the Exercise for 21 years with such extraordinary efficiency, will indeed be no light task, and the goodwill and best wishes of the whole ringing fraternity will be extended to the newcomer in carrying out his very onerous duties.

Fortunately, Mr. Barnett is equipped with a ringing background, knowledge and experience which will fit him for his work, and the Exercise would probably like to have some particulars of his achievements to date.

Born on October 15th, 1918, at Bexley Heath, Kent, into a famous ringing family, he learned to ring at Crayford in 1927 and rang his first peal at the same place in 1929. By 1934 he had rung 100 peals, and was and still is the youngest ringer to accomplish this. Before reaching the age of 21 he had rung no less than 355 peals. His present total is 566 peals in 80 methods, combinations of methods or extensions, of which he has conducted 117. He has taken part in 173 peals at Crayford and has rung 145 on handbells.

Before reaching 14 years of age he called a peal of Cambridge, and before he was 15 he called London, both from the third. He was the youngest to ring Spliced Surprise, and in 1947 called Carter's Odd Bob one-part as his 100th as conductor. He also took part in the record length of Double Norwich Major (13,664) on handbells in 1948.

In the field of composition he has also been very active and has produced a number of peals with high qualities: Superlative, with the maximum number of pairs reversed in 5–6 at course ends, a three-part peal of Pudsey having 15 of the 18 4–5–6 course end combinations, and also several compositions of Spliced Surprise.

In the literary field he contributed the history of the Kent County Association to 'The Ringing World' in 1948 and many articles, letters and obituaries. He also collaborated with the late A. J. Corrigan.

On the Central Council he has done useful work, too. First elected as a representative of the Kent County Association in 1945–47, he was afterwards made an honorary member, and served on the Peal Collection, Methods and Biographies Committees.

He is a veritable mine of information and has even supplied information to the New South Wales Association on early ringing in Australia. He traced and wrote up a complete list of peals at Crayford from 1877 onwards—this must have been a colossal task, seeing that over 500 peals have been rung there. Then he analysed the first 6,000 peals by the Kent County Association for tabulation in their reports.

Mr. Barnett is a member of Crayford Parochial Church Council and secretary and treasurer of the Parish Magazine, and is very interested in the sports of cricket and Rugby football. With such a background, it seems certain that, given good health, he will succeed in his new task, for he is a hard worker and will take infinite trouble to perfect anything to which he sets his hand.

He is fortunate in having a most charming wife, Olive, and daughter, Jean. Most of the members and friends of the Central Council will no doubt have seen them and (dare we say) admired them at Lincoln. To Olive will fall a similar task to that of Mrs. Fletcher, who so ably assisted the previous secretary. Like Edith, Olive comes of good ringing stock, being the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Hairs and granddaughter of that grand old veteran of the Exercise, Frank Bennett.

She is an accomplished ringer, both on tower and handbells, and will prove, we have no doubt, an able assistant to her husband. Unfortunately, she has no seat on the Council at present, but probably this difficulty will be overcome next year by electing her an honorary member.

They commence their duties in difficult times, but they may be assured that they have the backing and support of the whole Exercise, and we wish them Godspeed with their work.

J. F. S.

FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World' of June 28th, 1912

TROWBRIDGE BELLS

The renovation of Trowbridge Parish Church bells has just been carried out, the contract having been very satis factorily carried out by Messrs. Llewellin and James, of Bristol. The bells, originally a heavy ring of six, were recast into a peal of eight and rehung by Wells, of Aldbourne, and in 1800, and for over a century, they had pealed out, until at last their condition required attention. . . . The ringing which took place during the [dedication] service was done by W. McCaffrey (captain) 1, H. Butcher 2, C. Raisen 3, A. K. Harrison 4, J. Francis 5, S. Aldom 6, G. Harding (conductor) 7, S. J. Hector 8.

[Trowbridge now possesses Wiltshire's only ring of twelve bells. Mr. G. H. Harding is the present captain of ringers.]

TEN BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., June 7, 1952, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5040 STAFFORDSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

HENRY H. FEARN	*Treble*	TERRY R. HAMPTON	6
FRANK E. PERVIN	2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	3	JOHN R. MAYNE	8
JOHN PINFOLD	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	9
LEONARD TREVOR	5	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
The first peal of Staffordshire Surprise Royal. Method No. 574 in Corrigan's Collection.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., June 12, 1952, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5040 SALTLEY DELIGHT ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	*Treble*	TERRY R. HAMPTON	6
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	2	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
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Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
Believed to be the first peal of Delight Royal.

CROYDON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 14, 1952, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 36 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in C sharp.

WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Treble*	DONALD G. CLIFT	6
ERNEST W. RAZZELL	2	GEORGE H. HUMPHRIES	7
*PAMELA STEERE	3	WILLIAM F. OATWAY	8
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WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS	5	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. KIPPIN. Conducted by DANIEL D. COOPER.
* First peal of Caters. † First peal. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Humphries; also a birthday compliment to their son, who rang the fourth.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.
LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.
On Sat., June 14, 1952, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

ARTHUR B. WIFFEN	*Treble*	THOMAS E. DAVIES	6
R. JOYCE PETT	2	SQUIRE CROFT	7
MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS	3	FRANCIS D. BISHOP	8
*CHARLES T. RICHARDS	4	†VICTOR W. GRIMWADE	9
H. LESLIE PEARSON	5	HAROLD W. ROGERS	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by HAROLD W. ROGERS.
* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal. † First peal in the method. All members of the Isleworth Company, except the ringers of 1 and 9.

APPLETON, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., June 18, 1952, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

WILLIAM WHITE	*Treble*	FRANK WHITE	6
EDWIN DREWITT	2	HENRY C. WHITE	7
GEORGE BISHOP	3	GEORGE HOLIFIELD	8
RICHARD WHITE	4	FRANCIS A. WHITE	9
ALFRED H. WEBB	5	FRED WHITE	*Tenor*

Composed by the late G. HOLIFIELD. Conducted by GEORGE HOLIFIELD.
Rung on the 70th birthday of tenor man, this being the 116th peal rung by him on Appleton tenor; also on 59th birthday of W. Holifield, brother of conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., May 29, 1952, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES W. ROBERTS	*Treble*	ALICK CUTLER	5
MRS. G. DODDS	2	LEONARD H. BOWLER	6
ERNEST H. KILBY	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
GEOFFREY DODDS	4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., June 10, 1952, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 6¼ cwt.

*B. STEDMAN PAYNE	*Treble*	SHIRLEY BURTON	5
*WINIFRED M. BURTON	2	†HAROLD MARCON	6
ERNEST MORRIS	3	LESLIE W. G. STEVENS	7
JOHN P. FIDLER	4	WM. THORNLEY, JUN.	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN.
* First peal of Double Norwich. † 150th peal. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung in honour of the birthday of the Duke of Edinburgh.

CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., June 13, 1952, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Pitstow's Variation. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

JOHN FREEMAN	*Treble*	WALTER TOMLINSON	5
RAYMOND F. SMITH	2	H. LESLIE PASK	6
JACK L. MILLHOUSE	3	JOHN CRAGG	7
JOHN WALDEN	4	CHARLES E. BROWN	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.
Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of Frederick W. Stokes, who learned to ring in this tower.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., June 13, 1952, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
A Variation of J. J. Parker's Four-part. Tenor 15 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT	*Treble*	RALPH BIRD	5
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	2	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	6
JAMES BENNETT	3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	7
PHILIP A. CORBY	4	THOMAS W. BLEWITT	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.
The conductor's 200th peal on the bells and 100th peal of Stedman Triples.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 14, 1952, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE WATERLOO TOWER, QUEX PARK,
A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

CYRIL EADES	*Treble*	ERIC EADES	5
EILEEN S. WYLES	2	JOHN RUSSELL	6
THOMAS H. HOLMES	3	L. E. W. EVEREST	7
PETER R. JEMMETT	4	WILFRID S. PALIN	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDERICK R. WELLER. Conducted by WILFRID S. PALIN.

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SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 11, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans'. Tenor 8 cwt. 48 lb. in G.

*ELIZABETH M. BIBBY	*Treble*	*F. CHARLES GOODMAN	5
†ARTHUR G. BASON	2	*BERT GOGLE	6
†GEORGE SAYER	3	NOLAN GOLDEN	7
*WILLIAM LOVE	4	*THOMAS R. SIMMONS	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal of Stedman Triples. First peal of Stedman Triples as conductor.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 14, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Thurstans' Five-part. Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in E.

GEOFFREY PEARSON	*Treble*	ALFRED LOMAS	5
JOSEPH THORNLEY	2	PETER CROOK, SEN.	6
*ALAN PENDLEBURY	3	JOHN F. WOOD	7
PHILIP P. CARTER	4	HENRY PRESCOTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.

* First peal 'inside.'

BURNHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 14, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

*MRS. H. A. HAWTHORNE	*Treble*	FRANK E. HAWTHORNE	5
GEORGE MARTIN	2	REGINALD W. REX	6
MARY R. JAYCOCK	3	GEORGE GILBERT	7
R. J. EDDEN	4	WILLIAM WELLING	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.

* First peal other than Doubles.

Arranged for Mr. R. J. Edden, of Leamington, and also as a wedding compliment to Miss Edna Hearn, late member of Burnham band, who was married this day.

CLIFFE-AT-HOO, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 14, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5120 UXBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in E flat.

*MARY FULLER	*Treble*	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	5
*DORIS E. COLGATE	2	*†REGINALD L. SILLS	6
*BARBARA A. MITCHELL	3	PHILIP A. CORBY	7
*ROBERT COLLINS	4	RICHARD E. PRICE	*Tenor*

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

* First peal in the method. † 75th peal. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Barnett on their tenth wedding anniversary, and to Mr. Barnett on his appointment as secretary and treasurer of the Central Council.

CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 14, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12½ cwt.

LESLIE EVANS	*Treble*	AUSTIN T. WINGATE	5
*WILFRID F. MORETON	2	FREDERICK R. HARRIS	6
WILLIAM H. SYMONDS	3	F. ERIC ROBERTS	7
†DOROTHY HUGHES	4	*MICHAEL P. MORETON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* 100th peal together. † First peal on eight bells.

EWHURST, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 14, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Pritchard's Four-part. Tenor 11 cwt.

*ROLAND W. MORANT	*Treble*	FREDERICK OLDROYD	5
†WINIFRED A. OLIVER	2	‡GORDON P. T. PETERS	6
ALFRED H. PULLING	3	WILLIAM T. BEESON	7
OLIVER GLANVILLE	4	GEORGE L. GROVER	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

* First peal. † First peal of Major. ‡ First peal in method. Mr. G. L. Grover has now 'circled' this tower.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., June 14, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. in E flat.

ANTHONY AGER	*Treble*	JOHN PINFOLD	5
*JOHN MCDONALD	2	FRANK E. HAYNES	6
HENRY H. FEARN	3	JOHN R. MAYNE	7
†BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE BAKER. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.'

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 14, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 6½ cwt.

*MONICA J. WHITEHEAD (9)	*Treble*	EILEEN M. BURTON	5
ALAN CATTELL	2	TERENCE BOLINGBROKE	6
JOHN E. COOK	3	ERNEST MORRIS	7
JOHN B. BENNETT	4	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD	*Tenor*

Composed by F. E. W. MEADOWS. Conducted by ALAN CATTELL.

* First peal of Major.

THROWLEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 14, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

BETTY M. VIDLER	*Treble*	*GEORGE KENWARD	5
DORIS G. DOBBIE	2	THOMAS E. SONE	6
STANLEY B. DOBBIE	3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT	7
REGINALD E. LAMBERT	4	†S. GEOFFREY WATERS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* First peal in the method. † 50th peal for the above Association.

TUCKINGMILL, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 14, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 10½ cwt.

*JUDY A. CARVETH	*Treble*	HARRY MILES	5
MARION L. LIDGEY	2	A. HUBERT EPLETT	6
JAMES P. BLOND	3	ALAN CARVETH	7
*MARY MATTHEWS	4	C. KEITH BREWER	*Tenor*

Composed by BRUERTON. Conducted by HARRY MILES.

* First peal.

ROCK, WORCESTERSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sun., June 15, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in F.

PERCIVAL C. RICHARDS	*Treble*	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	5
MURIEL REAY	2	ALFRED W. GLAZZARD	6
ANTHONY AGER	3	JOHN R. MAYNE	7
J. MARTIN THORLEY	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., June 16, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Variation. Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

GEORGE E. FEARN	*Treble*	‡MICHAEL G. MORTON	5
*JOHN MCDONALD	2	R. THOMAS NEWMAN	6
†ANTHONY AGER	3	WILFRID F. MORETON	7
BRIAN G. WARWICK	4	‡PETER J. MORTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal of Stedman Triples. ‡ First peal.

WOOD GREEN, WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Mon., June 16, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.

*JAMES B. BICKNELL	*Treble*	ERNEST STITCH	5
*MONICA WALKER	2	DEREK TRANTER	6
†CLIVE M. SMITH	3	MAURICE G. TURNER	7
‡J. NORMAN HADLEY	4	HOWARD HOWELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.

* First peal in the method. † 25th peal for the Society. ‡ 100th peal.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 18, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Six-part, C.C.C. No. 8. Tenor 15¼ cwt.

JEAN D. DUNN ..	..*Treble*	GEORGE H. PAULSON ..	5
DENNIS SCOTT GREGORY	2	*ROBERT E. EDDON	6
*NORMA HOWES	3	*RONALD H. BULLEN ..	7
HERBERT E. TAYLOR ..	4	*JOHN HODGSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE H. PAULSON.
* First peal in method.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 18, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans'. Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

*CEDRIC CURSON	*Treble*	GEORGE SAYER	5
F. CHARLES GOODMAN ..	2	BERT GOGLE	6
WILLIAM LOVE	3	NOLAN GOLDEN	7
ARTHUR G. BASON ..	4	*CHARLES H. MOORE ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal of Stedman Triples. First peal in the method on bells.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

COCKERHAM, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Lancaster Branch.)
On Sat., May 24, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

*ALFRED SMITH	*Treble*	†FRANK POSTLETHWAITE ..	4
†DOROTHY SCHOFIELD ..	2	GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE	5
†ROLAND F. ECCLES ..	3	ALLEN CASSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE.
* First peal. † First peal in the method.

MELDRETH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., June 5, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, 6 callings. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

CYRIL A. HURST	*Treble*	T. REGINALD DENNIS ..	4
JOHN G. GIPSON	2	JAMES W. R. QUINNEY ..	5
WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN ..	3	PETER V. HARRUP	*Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL A. HURST.
First peal of Stedman Doubles by all except the ringer of the 4th. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung on the Queen's birthday.

BARKING, IPSWICH.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., June 6, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of one extent of Double Court, Cambridge, Double Oxford, Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

*ROBERT E. LESTER	*Treble*	GEOFFREY PAGE	4
JOHN E. WISEMAN ..	2	RONALD W. STEWARD ..	5
*MAX P. PAGE	3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by MAX P. PAGE.
* 25th peal together.

GREAT LIVERMERE, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., June 7, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 1,200 each of Reverse Canterbury, St. Simon's and Plain Bob, and 1,440 Grandsire. Tenor 6 cwt.

*WILLIAM F. RICKWOOD ..	*Treble*	WILLIAM STANNARD	3
ARTHUR F. BALLAM ..	2	DOUGLAS O. ROWLAND ..	4
PETER C. WRIGHT			*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER C. WRIGHT.
* First peal of Doubles.

HOAR CROSS, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., June 7, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of: Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and one extent of Plain Bob.
Tenor 28 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in D flat.

MRS. S. H. JONES ..	..*Treble*	PHILIP WHITAKER	4
JOSEPH WM. COTTON ..	2	WALTER G. SOAR	5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ..	3	SIDNEY H. JONES ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER G. SOAR.

MARTIN-BY-TIMBERLAND, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 7, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Single Oxford, St. Clement's and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*SAMUEL JACKSON	*Treble*	AMOS INGALL	4
FRED INGALL	2	PETER MASON	5
BERTIE BEE	3	MOSES BILLINGS ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by MOSES BILLINGS.
* First peal. A birthday compliment to Mrs. N. Bee, wife of ringer of the 3rd.
Rung on the eve of Trinity Sunday at the invitation of the Vicar, the Rev. J. Cooper.

MILLAND, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., June 8, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

JEAN HORTON	*Treble*	JOHN W. MEADE	4
NORMAN J. SMITH	2	ERNEST TREAGUS	5
E. WINIFRED KEYS ..	3	FREDERICK W. BURNETT ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST TREAGUS.
Rung in honour of the ordination of George R. H. Smith in Gloucester Cathedral on the same day.

BIDDENHAM, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 9, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 TRINITY SUNDAY TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being two 2,160's and one 720. Tenor 12¾ cwt. in G.

EVELYN STEEL	*Treble*	DENNIS KNOX	4
MALCOLM G. HOOTON ..	2	BRYAN F. SIMS	5
J. MICHAEL STEPHENS ..	3	ALAN S. SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. MICHAEL STEPHENS.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Association. Rung to mark the ordination of Christopher Godfrey Woodhead, Deacon, at Wakefield Cathedral. Also birthday compliments to Miss E. Steel and J. M. Stephens.

WATFORD, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., June 11, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being twelve 120's of Plain Bob and thirty 120's of Grandsire.
Tenor 14 cwt. (approximately).

*FREDERICK BUSH	*Treble*	ALBERT COOPER	4
†MICHAEL F. AMOS ..	2	MALCOLM J. V. CHOWN ..	5
ERNEST G. ORLAND ..	3	STEPHEN J. SUMMERS ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by MALCOLM J. V. CHOWN.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor.

STRETHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., June 12, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Seven extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*GEORGE A. WALKER ..	*Treble*	CYRIL A. HURST	4
*MARION GRAIN	2	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN ..	5
T. REGINALD DENNIS ..	3	*JAMES W. R. QUINNEY ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.
* First peal of Surprise. First peal on the bells.

FELSHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., June 13, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.
Tenor 16 cwt.

RONALD W. STEWARD	*Treble*	MAX. P. PAGE	4
GEORGE WATERMAN	2	URBAN W. WILDNEY	5
ROBERT E. LESTER	3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

First peal on the bells for the Guild for over 40 years. A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Lester, of Needham Market.

ADWICK-LE-STREET, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 14, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Double Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb. in G sharp.

HOWARD SCOTT	*Treble*	†F. ARTHUR STAVELEY	4
*RAYMOND C. WESTNEY	2	*RONALD J. SANDERSON	5
*DENIS A. CHAPMAN	3	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

* First peal of Minor in seven methods. † First peal of Minor.

ALFORD, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 14, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

DENIS A. FRITH	*Treble*	H. CECIL CAUNT	4
LORNA BRIGGS	2	J. IVOR SMITH	5
JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

BARNBY DUN, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 14, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.
Tenor 10 cwt.

ERNEST J. PADGETT	*Treble*	WILLIAM GRAVES	4
FRANK REED	2	LESLIE M. WOODHEAD	5
*ALLEN JEWIT	3	FREDERICK JACKSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK REED.

* First peal 'inside.' The ringer of the treble has now 'circled' this tower.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 14, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob, three extents of Plain Bob and one extent of St. Clement's.
Tenor 9 cwt.

*BETTY SYRETT	*Treble*	FRANK C. J. ARNOLD	4
KENNETH W. MUTTOCK	2	T. CHARLES BROWNE	5
RONALD E. BURT	3	FRANK C. W. PHILLIPPO	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK C. W. PHILLIPPO.

* First peal.

Arranged for Miss B. Syrett, and also a welcome home to Mr. B. H. Hyatt on leaving H.M. Forces.

DEEPING ST. JAMES, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 14, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's in nine methods, 1 London and Wells, 2 York and Durham, 3 Carlisle, 4 Cambridge, 5 Primrose, 6 Beverley, 7 Ipswich.
Tenor 19¼ cwt.

HORACE M. DAY	*Treble*	ALBERT SCOTT	4
CHARLES WOOD	2	FREDERICK W. FRENCH	5
CECIL WADE	3	W. OLDMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by CECIL WADE



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DERSINGHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 14, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven variations of extents. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*DAVID EMERSON	*Treble*	JOHN COUZENS	4
†STEPHEN K. WHEELER	2	CECIL V. EBBERSON	5
ROBERT ALLCOCK	3	TONY OWEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by CECIL V. EBBERSON.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

FRAMPTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Eastern Branch.)
On Sat., June 14, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

ARTHUR YOUNG	*Treble*	*FRED BISHOP	4
*JOSEPH BAILEY	2	*LESLIE TAYLOR	5
THOMAS CUMMINS	3	ALBERT E. FLATTERS	*Tenor*

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by THOMAS CUMMINS.
* First Surprise peal. First peal as conductor.

GREAT EASTON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 14, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. JOHN AND GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Cambridge Surprise and Kent Treble Bob and one each of Oxford, Double Court and Plain.
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in G.

BERT ELLIOT	*Treble*	RONALD SUCKLING	4
ALFRED LITTLE	2	WALTER SMITH	5
RONALD BOYKETT	3	GEORGE SAUNDERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 14, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being an extent each of: Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

PERCY J. SPICE	*Treble*	*COLIN J. CHAMPION	4
HILDEGARD I. G. BIRD	2	RALPH BIRD	5
LESLIE W. G. SKINNER	3	FRANK E. DARBY	*Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.
* First peal of seven methods 'inside.'

HALSALL, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., June 15, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two 720's of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and one each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

W. CORE	*Treble*	R. KENRICK	4
MISS M. RIDYARD	2	C. ACKERS	5
J. POUNDS	3	A. MAWDSLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. MAWDSLEY.
Rung to celebrate the christening of the son of Mrs. Ellen Parker, a local ringer.

HANDBELL PEALS

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Fri., June 6, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
IN HERTFORD COLLEGE,
A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

*M. ELIZABETH ROE	1—2	†ROBIN G. TURNER	5—6
MICHAEL SLANEY	3—4	*PETER BORDER	7—8

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major 'in hand." † First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major. Rung for H.M. the Queen's official birthday.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 7, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
IN THE BAPTISTRY OF CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 16 in B.

ERIC SUTTON	1—2	JACK R. WORRALL	5—6
ALBERT M. TYLER	3—4	*B. ENID LLOYD ROBERTS	7—8

REGINALD G. HOOPER 9—10
Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.
* First peal of Royal 'in hand.'

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Wed., June 11, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
AT SALTLEY COLLEGE,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 14 in D.

JOHN R. MAYNE	1—2	J. MARTIN THORLEY	5—6
WILFRID F. MORETON	3—4	BRIAN R. SUTTON	7—8

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
First peal in the method 'in hand' by all the band.

LONDON, S.E.1.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., June 12, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT COUNTY HALL,
A PEAL OF 5020 SPLICED ROYAL
Being 1,940 Double, 1,920 Plain and 1,160 Little Bob, 192 changes of method. Tenor size 20 in F.

THOMAS J. LOCK	1—2	EDWIN J. LINDLEY	5—6
EDWIN A. BARNETT	3—4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	7—8

WILFRID G. WILSON 9—10
Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by EDWIN J. LINDLEY.
First handbell peal in three Royal methods by all the band. Rung on the 10th wedding anniversary of the ringer of 3-4.

BATH, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., June 13, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

REGINALD G. HOOPER	1—2	JACK R. WORRALL	5—6
FREDERICK J. SAMPSON	3—4	*ROGER O. FRY	7—8

Composed by H. HOWLETT. Conducted by REGINALD G. HOOPER.
Witness: ALBERT E. BAVERSTOCK.
* First peal of Major 'in hand' and 50th peal for the Association.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(St. Ambrose Guild.)
On Sun., June 15, 1952, *in* 1 *Hour and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT 22, YORK STREET, REDFIELD,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

JACK R. WORRALL	1—2	REGINALD G. HOOPER	5—6
FREDK. J. SAMPSON	3—4	JOHN F. PEDLER	7—8

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by JOHN F. PEDLER.
Fastest peal of Major on the bells. Rung as a farewell to Jack R. Worrall, who is leaving the area. Also as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Albert V. Bennett.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sun., June 15, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF THE NORMAN TOWER OF THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

ARTHUR E. MOORE	1—2	JOHN A. ACRES	5—6
PETER C. WRIGHT	3—4	*W. STANNARD	7—8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS... Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.
* First peal 'in hand.'

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 16, 1952, *in* 1 *Hour and* 33 *Minutes,*
IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor size 13 in E.

REGINALD G. HOOPER	1—2	ALBERT M. TYLER	3—4
		JACK R. WORRALL	5—6

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.
Rung as a farewell to Jack R. Worrall, who is leaving Bristol.

RISLEY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 18, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
AT 85, DERBY ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Original.

ALBERT H. WARD	1—2	JACK BAILEY	5—6
CLEMENT GLENN	3—4	*RODNEY HARRISON	7—8

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
* First peal in the method. A compliment to A. H. Ward, 79 on the same day.

ABERGAVENNY, MON.—On June 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss L. Temlett 1, Miss J. Foster 2, A. Probert 3, Miss A. Parry 4, G. Ward (cond.) 5, M. Roberts 6. First quarter by all. First quarter by an entirely local Sunday service band. Rung on the occasion of the visit of the Bishop of Monmouth for Confirmation service.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On June 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Gordon 1, N. E. Smith (first quarter) 2, Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay (cond.) 3, Miss D. R. Fletcher 4, G. Swift 5, R. Buckland 6, J. Harrison 7, A. Bridges 8.

BENTLEY, YORKS.—On June 8th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): D. Wheat (first as cond.) 1, E. Whetton (first of Doubles) 2, Mrs. E. Wylie 3, Mrs. A. Smythe 4, R. J. Sanderson 5.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS.—On June 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. F. Webb 1, Roger O. Fry 2, Mrs. D. Evans 3, R. G. Hooper 4, G. R. Eyles 5, E. Naylor 6, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 7, H. Merrett 8.

BRAMPTON, HUNTS.—On June 8th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of Reverse Canterbury, St. Bartholomew, April Day, St. Simon's and Plain Bob and 60 of Grandsire): J. W. Allen 1, Miss Lucy Allen 2, Miss Elizabeth Smith 3, E. Whiting 4, R. F. Baker (cond.) 5. First in 6 methods for 1, 2 and 3. Rung as a compliment to Miss Elizabeth Smith on the occasion of her 21st birthday.

CAMBERWELL, LONDON.—At St. George's, on June 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. R. L. Blewer 1, C. E. Beauchamp 2, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 3, Miss A. M. Castle, C. W. Ottley 5, A. F. Udall 6, J. Bullock 7, W. D. Grainger 8. Rung in honour of the birth of a son to the ringer of the treble and his wife, also a son to Mr. and Mrs. Meyer. Both fathers are officers of the London County Association. Also at St. Giles', on June 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. Williams 1, R. Charge 2, Miss M. Jackson 3, W. H. Hewett (cond.) 4, W. A. Theobald 5, F. J. Matthews 6, R. Sanders 7, B. H. Woodley (first quarter) 8.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On May 18th, at the Parish Grandsire Doubles: G. H. Pike (first quarter away from T. P. Hearn 2, F. J. Lewis, sen. (cond.) 3, V. R. Williams 4, H. L. Cooke 5, E. H. Jefferies 6, W. H. Hayward 7, Sergt. L. Dixon, R.A.F., 8. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. T. P. Hearn, who has been appointed to the living of Childswickham.

QUARTER PEALS

GODSHILL, I.O.W.—On June 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Westmore 1, S. Hollis 2, E. Thorne 3, L. Bailey (cond.) 4, C. Denness 5, C. Morris 6. Rung on the conductor's 12th wedding anniversary.

GROTON, MASS., U.S.A.—On June 7th, at the School Chapel, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. H. Perkins 1, J. H. Finley 2, R. H. Baker 3, H. B. Corning 4, W. B. Mosle 5, S. W. Wallace 6, C. Steward (cond.) 7, D. H. Fairzurn 8. First quarter for all ringers.

HARLINGTON, MIDDLX.—On June 14th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: H. Belcher 1, J. Phillips 2, J. B. Sansom 3, T. G. Bannister 4, F. A. Finch 5, T. J. Southam, R. F. Deal 7, H. Langdon (cond.) 8.

HENDON, MIDDLX.—On June 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Scofield, jun., 1, R. G. Bell 2, D. T. C. Smith 3, D. R. Corning 4, E. E. Pratchett (cond.) 5, H. Arnold (first quarter) 6. Rung for the induction of the new Vicar (the Rev. C. E. Welch).

KINGSWESTON, SOMERSET.—On June 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (5 callings): Miss S. Lazenby 1, Miss A. Mathews 2, A. Callow 3, A. Bown 4, F. J. White (cond.) 6. First quarter for 1 and 2.

LONDONDERRY, NORTHERN IRELAND.—On June 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Jean Shields (first quarter) 1, W. Young 2, D. Dunseith 3, Lily Hughes 4, J. Campbell (cond.) 5, A. Fielding 6.

LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL, WILTS.—On June 14th, 1,260 Doubles (being 240 of Stedman, Plain Bob and April Day, 120 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and 420 of Grandsire): Carol Jones 1, Ruth Avery 2, Queenie Cooper 3, R. F. Jones 4, W. A. Avery (cond.) 5, H. Trollope 6. Rung as a silver wedding compliment to the parents of the ringers of 1 and 4, and a birthday compliment to the ringer of 3.

LOCKERLEY, HANTS.—On June 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Greenlaw (first quarter) 1, H. J. Page 2, M. Northway (first quarter as cond.) 3, K. Jacobs 4, C. Herbert 5, W. Bell 6.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On June 15th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: C. W. Powell 1, Canon C. C. Cox 2, H. G. Keeley 3, Mrs. C. W. Powell 4, R. Keeley 5, N. Mallett 6, G. H. Whitemore 7, G. S. Morris (cond.) 8.

MANCHESTER.—At the Cathedral, on June 8th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: H. Hollingworth 1, Miss M. Walshaw 2, F. Barraclough 3, H. Reynolds 4, B. Walshaw 5, A. Ridyard 6, W. Pye 7, G. Pye 8, R. Longden (cond.) 9, A. Sandford (first of Caters) 10. A wedding compliment to Mr. A. Ridyard.

MARLOW, BUCKS.—On June 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Dean 1, Mrs. E. D. Poole 2, Miss E. Gibson 3, Miss S. M. Hazelby (first quarter) 4, E. D. Poole 5, L. J. Young 6, R. E. Dean (cond.) 7, J. T. Clay 8.

MARTINSTOWN, DORSET.—On June 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Cheeseman 1, J. Coombes 2, H. J. Ford 3, A. Tyers (first of Minor) 4, C. Ford 5, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 6. In memory of the parents of the conductor, the Rev. and Mrs. E. S. Field (who died in 1936 and 1946 respectively), on the eve of the 54th anniversary of their wedding.

SUTTON VENY, WILTS.—On June 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Cave 1, T. B. Holloway (cond.) 2, E. C. Marlow 3, Miss P. Macracken 4, T. E. Mallard 5, A. G. Moore 6. A compliment to the ringer of the third, who recently celebrated his 77th birthday.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On June 8th, 1,272 Oxford Treble Bob: C. Dobb 1, Miss J. Smith 2, D. H. Rooke 3, R. T. Flint 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6.

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.—On May 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. W. Slocombe 1, Miss J. Tattersall 2, E. B. Barrington 3, G. Walford 4, D. M. Bellamy 5, C. J. Stevens 6, D. T. North (cond.) 7, A. E. Hawkins 8. Rung for the Confirmation service. Also on June 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. W. Moore 1, G. Walford (cond.) 2, D. Lentell 3, A. J. North 4, L. Alderman 5, G. J. Gammon 6, F. W. Slocombe 7, A. E. Hawkins 8.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFS.—At All Saints, on June 13th, 1,315 Grandsire Triples: K. Clarke 1, R. Ellis 2, Jane Cotterill 3, J. Cooper 4, W. D. Peart 5, J. N. Hadley 6, A. Mills (cond.) 7, W. C. Reynolds 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memoriam Mr. A. E. Cotterill, for many years a churchwarden at All Saints.

WORSLEY, LANCS.—On June 15th, 1,320 Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor: N. Barbara Smedley 1, A. T. Royle 2, G. Pearson 3, A. Pendlebury 4, F. Grundy (cond.) 5, P. H. Derbyshire 6. First quarter of Spliced for 1, 2, 3 and 4. Rung on the back six for the Sunday School sermons.

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With the new half-year commencing with the issue of July 4th, the first of a series of about 36 articles specially designed for beginners will appear. New postal subscriptions (and renewals), 11s. 8d. for six months and 6s. for three months, should be sent forthwith to Mr. J. E. Jeater, 11, Frankswood Avenue, Petts Wood, Kent.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The ring of five at Baughurst, Basingstoke, is to be augmented to six and the dedication ceremony, by the Bishop of Winchester, will take place on July 26th. The five, which were recast in 1775, have also been recast. Metal for the new treble was taken from the Diamond Jubilee school bell of 1897 and increased to two cwt. in weight. This bell is to be named 'The Queen's Bell' and is to mark the accession of Queen Elizabeth II. The contract has been carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co.

The ringer of the tenor in the peal at Great Yeldham on May 31st (see page 373) was Mr. Stanley Bones

Messrs. John Taylor and Co. have dismantled the bells of St. Mary the Great, Cambridge, for rehanging in a cast-iron frame. The bells will be away for probably six months.

We regret to learn that the eleventh bell at Cirencester Parish Church has been cracked and the back bells are, in consequence, out of action until further notice.

Scholars at Groton School, Massachusetts, U.S.A., have in this week's issue a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples. Congratulations! They would be pleased to welcome any visitor to the Boston area while the school is in session.

'Beginners' Grandsire,' a copy of which has been accepted for the library of the Central Council, was written by Mr. A. Waddington, of the St. James Society, Egerton, and not as reported on page 378 in the report of the hon. librarian.

Leeds Parish Church ringers have been invited by the Vicar of Halifax to undertake the ringing of the recast ring of twelve bells during and after the dedication service on June 28th. The Lord Bishop of Wakefield is to dedicate the bells. It is hoped to hold an open 'Ringers' Day' later.

Intended primarily to mark the ordination of Mr. Christopher Woodhead, a Bedford ringer, the peal at Biddenham on June 9th was also a birthday compliment to Miss E. Steel and Mr. J. M. Stephens. Half a century all but one day separated the ages of the two ringers so complimented and both participated in the peal.

From Australia we get an inquiry as to what is the longest length of Doubles yet rung. Are our Australian friends contemplating some ringing ashes?

The late Mr. F. A. Stokes rang in the only peals of Shipway's Superlative Royal at Ewerby. There is on record a peal of Superlative Royal rung about 100 years before at Wakefield.

At the age of 87 years Mr. H. Mead has come out of his shell and rung in his own tower, Turner's Hill, Sussex, his first quarter since 1898. The quarter was called by Mr. I. Butcher who last rang a quarter in 1936.

Mr. William Denyer, of Aldershot, was recently knocked from his cycle by an Army lorry and sustained a broken ankle and cuts and abrasions to his head. He was detained at Aldershot Hospital.

Mr. Dennis Beresford writes correcting the peal of Doubles at Longdon, Staffs, on May 16th (see page 356) stating that there were seven extents rung in the six methods that comprised the peal.

Mr. F. J. Cullum's 200th peal on the bells at St. John-the-Baptist's, Erith, on June 13th, was also his 100th peal of Stedman Triples. His first peal of Stedman Triples was also rung there on July 31st, 1919 and was conducted by the late Mr. Edwin Barnett, sen. Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have instructions to proceed with repairs on this famous old ring, to be completed in time for the restoration thanksgiving service by the Bishop of Rochester.

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MANY APPEALS FOR EXPERT ADVICE — 'RINGING WORLD'S' FIGHT FOR 4d. PUBLICATION — OXFORD GUILD'S MOTION ON IRREGULAR METHODS CARRIED — NEXT COUNCIL MEETING AT BOURNEMOUTH

THE RECORDS COMMITTEE

The committee reported the following new methods rung during the year ended December 31st, 1951:—

TOWER BELLS

Date.	Changes.	Method.	Association.
Jan. 4.	5,088.	Wirral S.M	Middlesex.
Feb. 2.	5,040.	St. Lawrence B.M.	Chester
,, 4.	5,120.	Spliced S.M. (25 methods).	Oxford.
,, 8.	5,040.	Birm. S.R.	St. Martin's.
Mar. 1.	5,152.	Vauxhall S.M.	St. Martin's.
,, 10.	5,088.	St. Giles S.M.	Lincoln.
,, 31.	5,088.	Lyme S.M.	Salisbury.
Apr. 1.	5,152.	Hanbury S.M.	St. Martin's.
,, 14.	5,056.	Rotherham S.M.	Yorkshire.
,, 30.	5,152.	Leamington B.M.	Norwich
July 12.	5,040.	Wye S.R.	Leicester.
,, 28.	5,152.	Burslem S.M.	North Staffs.
Aug. 9.	5,040.	Warwicks S.R.	St. Martin's.
Sept. 8.	5,088.	Springfield S.M.	Hertford.
,, 20.	5,056.	Hereford S.M.	Middlesex.
Oct. 4.	5,088.	Kensington S.M.	Middlesex.
Nov. 1.	5,040.	Harborne S.R.	St. Martin's.
,, 3.	5,056.	Braunstone S.M.	Leicester.
,, 22.	5,152.	Warnham S.M.	St. Martin's.
,, 24.	5,184.	Brinklow S.M.	Middlesex.
Dec. 20.	5,040.	Spliced S.Max. (6 methods).	Leicester.
,, 22.	5,152.	Harleston S.M.	Norwich.
,, 26.	5,088.	Cherwell S.M.	Oxford.

PROGRESSIVE LENGTH

Dec. 15.	15,480.	Cambridge S.R.	Lancashire.

This is the longest length of Royal yet rung in any method.

HANDBELLS

Date.	Changes.	Method.	Association.
Apr. 25.	5,120.	Spliced S.M. (12 methods).	Hertford.
,, 17.	5,040.	Kent T.B. 14	Leicester.
Feb. 6.	5,120.	Spliced Major (42 methods).	Lincoln.
,, 19.	5,004.	Spliced Major (46 methods).	Lincoln.
Mar. 11.	5,088.	Spliced Major (50 methods).	Lincoln.
Nov. 9.	5,220.	Spliced Royal (5 methods).	Oxford.
Dec. 9.	5,104.	Spliced Max. (3 methods).	Winchester & Portsmouth.

Mrs. Fletcher moved the adoption of the report, and this was agreed to.

TOWERS AND BELFRIES

Mr. F. J. Sharpe said they had dealt with 43 cases in the course of the year. Of these, Mr. Osborn had dealt with 15 for the Diocese of Bath and Wells, and he reported great activity in bell restoration in the whole of the West Country. In addition, Mr. Osborn had written articles on bell restoration and preservation for the Bath and Wells Diocesan publication. Mr. Lewis had dealt with one case. He (Mr. Sharpe) had dealt with 27 cases, all of them involving rehanging or recasting of the bells. He had visited 21 towers, and the remaining six were sent to him by various diocesan faculty committees for vetting. In one case he was able to persuade the Vicar and Parochial Church Council in a Welsh parish not to install amplifiers, but to restore and rehang a ring of bells, and in another case they were fortunate enough to persuade the authorities to install a ring instead of a chime. The 27 cases he had dealt with were in 13 counties. He drew no fees and in only one case in seven years had a Parochial Council offered to pay his expenses. They needed some additional members on the Towers and Belfries Committee. Mr. Osborn did the Bath and Wells Diocese, and Mr. Clarke the North of England. He would like to propose that Mr. F. E. Collins be appointed a member of the committee to undertake S.E. England.

The President seconded, and the report was adopted, and Mr. Collins was elected to the committee.

LITERATURE, PRESS AND BROADCASTING

The report of this committee appeared on page 361.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, in moving the adoption of the report, referred to Mr. Sharpe's excellent work on Oxford bells. Articles on ringing and bells had appeared in all parts of the world. He congratulated the editors of local publications such as 'The Belfry' from the Maidstone District, 'The Irish Bells News' and 'Ringing Towers' (Australia).

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead seconded.

The report was adopted and, in submitting it to the meeting, the President congratulated the convener on the 50th anniversary of his ordination, which would take place the following Sunday.

PEAL BOARDS

Mr. J. W. Clarke submitted a verbal report, and said that during the coming year they proposed to make a final drive so that the whole business could be wound up and completed. They hoped to make an appeal through 'The Ringing World' for records of those old peal boards sent in.

Mr. W. Ayre seconded, and the report was adopted.

BIOGRAPHIES COMMITTEE

The report of the Biographies Committee appeared on page 361.

Mr. A. C. Hazelden, in moving its adoption, suggested that the name of Mr. L. Stillwell be added to the committee. Their serious headache was the 100 odd names of persons of whom they knew nothing. They were equally divided between the living and those who were dead.

Mr. W. Viggers seconded, and the report was adopted, with the addition of Mr. Stillwell's name being added to the committee.

'THE RINGING WORLD'

The report of 'The Ringing World' Committee stated:—

When this committee was appointed last year, with powers to act as it thought desirable, particularly regarding the price of the paper, it was generally the impression of the Exercise that the obvious course to be taken would be to increase the price.

After due consideration, your committee decided that this step could not be taken until every possible economy had been made, and all reasonable means exploited to increase the revenue. It was felt that an increase in the price would result in the loss of possibly some hundreds of lukewarm readers, so that the advantage of price increase would be partly cancelled out by a reduction of subscribers, and the Exercise would be worse off by their loss.

We decided to increase the charges for advertising space, which was fixed at a considerably higher level, and at the same time we equalised the charges to all the larger advertisers.

Negotiations on this matter were successful in every case, and the result will be a substantially larger income from this source, the full effect of which has not yet appeared, as the charges could not come into effect until Oct. 1st, 1951.

We found, however, that this was insufficient to cover the weekly loss which was due to the rocketing prices of paper and labour. We felt that if the cost of the preparation of the paper could be spread over a larger number of readers we could close the gap. An appeal was therefore launched for 1,000 more postal subscribers, but the result up to date has been somewhat disappointing, only about 300 being obtained. In this we feel that with a little more support from the Exercise generally the result would have been more satisfactory and the continuance of the price of 4d. per copy assured. We are still reluctant to increase the price until the Exercise has had an opportunity of making the necessary effort to bring in the remaining 700 new postal subscribers.

We have to record our appreciation and thanks to many generous wellwishers who have sent donations to help in the financial difficulty, and also to those who have imposed a levy upon themselves when sending up reports of peals and quarter-peals.

We, as a committee, do not feel it to be within our terms of reference to make such levies compulsory, although it has been forcefully suggested by many that this should be done. Such a step is for the consideration of the Council. We would point out, however, that the imposition of a levy on peals published might discourage some peal ringers from sending in reports, and the Peal Analysis might not, therefore, give a true reflection of the year's achievements.

Providing there are no further increases in labour costs, we are of opinion that the peak of rising costs has now been reached, and there are already indications that paper will tend to become cheaper and more plentiful.

NEED FOR LARGER CIRCULATION

We would again stress the need for a larger circulation, and earnestly appeal to all readers to make an effort to help the committee to obtain more postal subscribers.

Our thanks are tendered to Mr. T. W. White for his helpful gesture in suggesting a lower salary for his services, to Mr. Jeater for his efficient and conscientious service in looking after the accounts; and to those who have sent in literary contributions (some in lighter vein) which have been appreciated by all but a few.

We regret it has not been possible to provide more illustrations owing to the very high cost of printing blocks. We suggest that those who are anxious to have pictures published should help us in these difficult times by defraying the cost of blocks themselves.

Unless the Council instructs us otherwise, we recommend that our decision to keep the price at 4d. for the present should be confirmed, and we trust that the flow of voluntary donations will continue so that we may be able to hold our own.

As it is necessary for your committee to have quick access to information regarding income and expenditure, we recommend that the Council should authorise the election of a 'Ringing World' treasurer. Should this be

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CENTRAL COUNCIL — Cont.

approved, Mr. A. A. Hughes is willing to act in that capacity. To him the committee tender their thanks for all helpfulness and willingness whenever he has been approached for necessary information.

Mr. J. F. Smallwood moved and Mr. F. I. Hairs seconded the adoption of the report.

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead said he mentioned earlier on that a certain article was not published when they thought it should and that it was suitable for publication. The thought occurred to him: had the committee any proper terms of reference and what was the relationship between them and the editor? He would suggest that the committee be responsible for the business side and the editor responsible for all that was to be published.

The report was then adopted.

OXFORD GUILD'S MOTION

Mr. A. E. Lock, on behalf of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, submitted the following resolution:—

'The Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers, as represented by its General Committee, views with apprehension the possibility of the enforcement of the Central Council rule, requiring all methods rung in peals to have Plain Bob lead ends, and requests the Council to preserve the status quo and to re-examine the whole question of irregular methods in the light of present day knowledge and practice.'

He said that those who were not mathematical gymnasts knew very little of splicing except the popular mainbrace variety. In support of the resolution he submitted the following arguments:—

(1) 'Rules and Decisions' were first published in 1904, and they appeared in revised form in 1927. The 1927 edition says on page 27: 'The bells to be in the same coursing order at each lead head and end. This means that all methods must have what are known as Bob Major lead ends.' This rule has never been enforced, and therefore due notice of enforcement should be given, particularly as it would otherwise cause a number of affiliated associations, by their constitutions, to disown a number of peals rung in good faith and for worthy objects.

(2) The Central Council's publication, 'Collection of Doubles and Minor Methods,' contains two such irregular methods, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Reverse College (Plain methods 30 and 31 respectively). How can the Council refuse to accept peals containing these methods when ringers are encouraged to ring them!

(3) The standard of Plain Bob lead ends is purely arbitrary and it excludes many methods well worth ringing. It was set up in 1904, when, for example, nothing was known of method splicing. Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Minor will splice with at least six other plain Minor methods. This is merely one example, but it is sufficient surely to justify the retention of the method and to a reconsideration of the principles involved.

(4) In Doubles Minor and Triples *all* the changes have to be rung. Why then should it be insisted that only Plain Bob lead ends should appear?

(5) It is believed to be a fact that a large number of peal ringers and Association officials are not fully conversant with the Council's rules and decisions. It is admitted that copies of the 1927 edition are quite scarce. Is it fair then for the Council to assume that all ringers have had reasonable access to these rules and decisions? An attempt to enforce them in these conditions of scarcity would be unfair, unpopular and would create a great deal of bad feeling.

(6) Far too little notice is taken of the spiritual side of ringing. All ringing (including peals) should be an act of praise to Almighty God, where the standards demanded of us are (a) truth, (b) perfection in striking, (c) mental skill and application. Would the Central Council be bold enough to say that a peal which included Woodbine Treble Bob, satisfying the conditions (a), (b) and (c) above, was unacceptable to God because one of the methods did not have Plain Bob lead ends?

Concluding, he said he thought the Council should take a fair and generous view, give reasonable notice of enforcement, and at least the rule should not be retrospective.

Mr. A. D. Barker seconded.

Mr. C. H. Kippin suggested that the motion be referred to the Methods Committee.

Mr. C. K. Lewis said he would not prevent anybody ringing anything in a peal. He felt what they were concerned about was whether the peal should appear in the 'The Ringing World' and not what appeared in the Analysis, The argument of splicing had been introduced. He had done as much splicing as anyone. As to the rules not being well known, he thought that Mr. Pink knew them quite well.

Mr. F. E. Sharpe said the thing that hurt the General Committee of the Oxford Guild, and there were 99 per cent. in favour of the motion, was that it was made retrospective. They felt it would be better from today these peals should not be recognised.

Mr. Locke: If they are retrospective they will go back to 1927.

Mr. C. W. Roberts said this matter of irregular lead ends had been a thing worked for in the past, and was generally accepted by all bands and composers.

Miss M. Cross: We are not asking for the future, but about the past.

Mr. Felstead: I would like to see that these peals be not recognised as from last year.

The motion was carried.

NEXT YEAR'S COUNCIL

The Secretary reported that the Council had received an invitation to visit Newcastle next year, and the Standing Committee, by a small majority, decided to recommend Bournemouth.

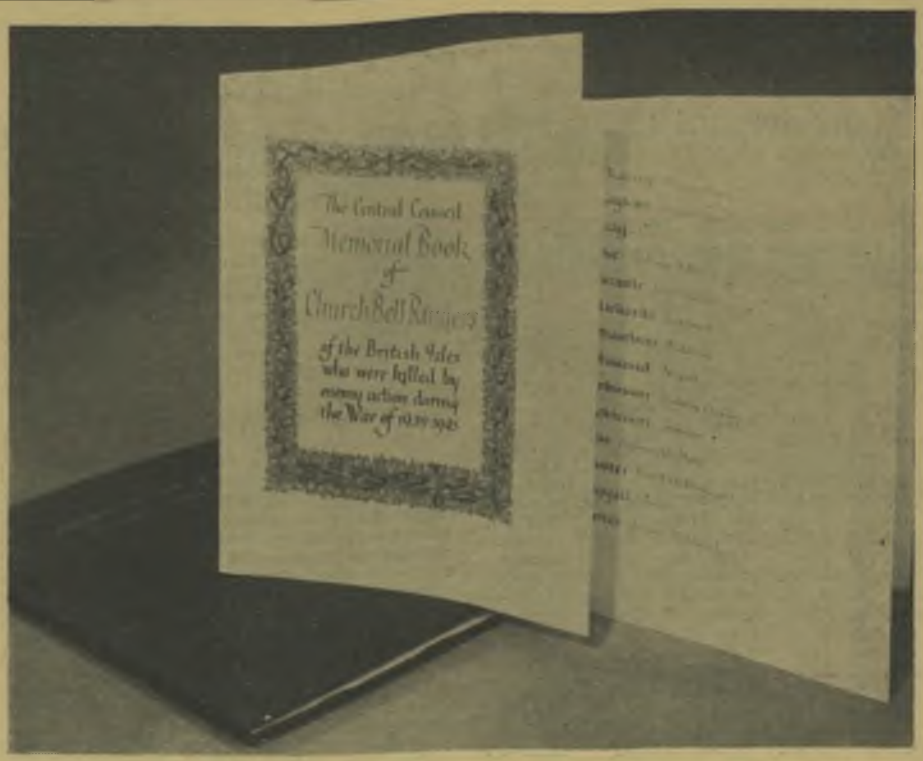
Mr. W. N. Park proposed that the next Council meeting be held at Newcastle. It would be an interval of 40 years since the Council were last there.

Mr. F. W. Perrens proposed and Mr. R. B. Blackman seconded that the next meeting be held at Bournemouth.

By a large majority the Council decided to accept Bournemouth.

Mr. G. Pullinger, on behalf of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, said they would be glad to welcome the Council to Bournemouth, and he was sure the members of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild would co-operate with them and give the Council as good a time as possible.

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RINGERS' ROLL OF HONOUR. — A photograph of the Roll of Honour which was on view at the Central Council meeting at Lincoln. The binding of the Roll, like the earlier one, is carried out in royal blue crushed morocco leather, and the title in block Roman capitals in gilt is: 'Church Bell Ringers' Memorial Book, 1939–45.' The size of each page is 14 inches by 10½ inches. The folios are of hand-made paper, and the names are written on one side only—fourteen names to a page. There are 290 names in the Memorial Book and they appear in alphabetical order, together with the tower and association.

The Rolls for the two wars are now contained in a box covered outside with blue binding cloth and inside with a soft white material. The box is hinged so that it opens out flat and it has the title on the spine. The title page of the last Roll has a coloured decorative laurel border, through which runs a gold pattern surrounding the inscription in burnished gold and black. The second Roll was written without accepting any payment by Mr. C. Cullen, of Chelsfield Park, Farnborough, Kent, and the completion of the names was undertaken at the request of the Council by Mr. H. Miles.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Annual Festival at Bromborough

THE annual festival of the Chester Guild was held at Bromborough on the Wirral peninsula on June 7th and there was a good attendance of members from all parts of the diocese. At 3.30 a service was held in the Parish Church of St. Barnabas conducted by the Rev. W. A. Griffith, who has recently taken over the living. He delivered a thoughtful and thought-provoking sermon, preaching from the text 'Sir, we would see Jesus,' and said that the Greeks who said that were seeking for something which all their civilisation and attainments had failed to give them. In our day the people were seeking for something which they found lacking in the world and were turning to the Church for an answer. We ringers, as members of the Church, should be able to influence them by the effect of our lives and we should see to it that the quality of our witness was of the highest.

After the service an excellent tea was served in the nearby Church Institute and, following tea, the annual general meeting was held at which Mr. J. W. Clarke, Master of the Guild, presided. Reference was made to the sudden deaths of Mr. Joseph Goddard and Dr. James C. E. Simpson and the meeting stood for a few moments in silent tribute to their memory.

The accounts of the Guild, as printed in the report, showed that expenditure had exceeded income by £14 4s. 5d. but the treasurer reported that due to the economical price at which the present report had been printed he thought that next year the Guild would be able to balance its books. The membership of the Guild stood at 34 honorary members and 726 ringing members who had paid their subscription, representing 83 towers.

The annual report showed that in 1951 the Guild rang 172 peals in which 27 members rang their first peal and five conducted their first peal. Twenty-seven per cent. of the ringing members of the Guild had taken part in one or more peals and the number of conductors was 41. The Guild rang the first peal ever rung of St. Lawrence Bob Major and records for the first time peals of Double Norwich Court Bob Caters, Marlborough, and Winchester Bob Major and Claybrooke, Ealing and Hanbury Surprise Minor as well as peals in 12 and 16 Spliced Surprise Major methods and Spliced Surprise Minor in 12 methods. A peal was rung by a band with an average age of 15 years and 5 months whilst at the other end of the scale peals were rung to commemorate 60, 50, 49 and 25 years' service as ringers of older members of the Guild.

During the year the ringers at the Cathedral were presented to H.M. the Queen (then the Princess Elizabeth) on the occasion of her visit to the Cathedral. Ringers' meetings, outings, socials, etc., were all well patronised and in every branch one felt the impact of youth. The report drew attention to the need for the bell hanger in some towers if a band was to be kept there. A feature of the report was the list of towers in the diocese which were not in union with the Guild and which served to remind those who might be inclined to sit back and take their ease that there were still fields to conquer.

A report on the proceedings at the Central Council meeting at Lincoln was presented by Mr. John Worth and arising from his report it was decided to send a donation of four guineas to 'The Ringing World,' but it was pointed out very forcibly that this was merely a palliative; the cure was to campaign for a greater circulation of the paper among the members of the Guild. All branch officials were asked to do what they could to increase circulation by every means in their power.

OBSERVERS AT CENTRAL COUNCIL

A suggestion comes from the Macclesfield branch that the Central Council's representatives, two of whom are elected by the branches in turn, be elected a year before the beginning of the triennial period so that they can, if they so desire, attend the last meeting of the period as 'observers.' This suggestion is designed to overcome the difficulty in following the procedure, etc., which new members of the Council find at their first meeting.

The officers of the Guild were all re-elected and thanked for their services, and Mr. Clarke suitably responded.

The Wirral branch of the Guild received the grateful thanks of the meeting for the excellence of their arrangements and the Rector was thanked for his address and permission to hold the meeting. Appreciation was also expressed of the organist and choir's assistance with the singing in church.

By kind permission of the incumbents and local ringers the bells of Bromborough, Bebington, Port Sunlight (recently rehung) and Eastham churches were available during the afternoon and evening and good use was made of them. For those ringers who had to pass through Chester, Mr. P. Swindley had kindly arranged for them to ring on the Cathedral bells.

It is hoped to hold the 1953 festival at the Cathedral, Chester, and that the Guild will then be able to look back with pride on its achievements in the first year of a new Elizabethan age.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Membership Badge Under Consideration

Between 50 and 60 members spent an enjoyable afternoon at Marshfield on June 7th. Early arrivals were met by the Vicar (the Rev. R. C. L. Jones) who is himself a ringer and who extended a hearty welcome to the visitors to the village.

A feature of the meeting was the large number of young ringers present and among them was eight-years-old Teddy Jones, of Chepstow, who is already acquitting himself very well.

The Vicar in his address appealed to ringers to take a greater part in other branches of Church work where help was sorely needed. A bountiful tea was provided in the Parish Hall.

The business meeting was presided over by the Vicar. The secretary read a letter of apology for absence from Mr. J. W. Jones, who had not been in very good health recently but was now on the road to recovery. It was decided to send him a letter wishing him a speedy restoration to complete health. The secretary also apologised for the unavoidable absence of Mr. T. Roderick and it was therefore decided to leave the Central Council report to the next meeting which will be at Penyfai on July 19th.

Mr. L. W. Jones reported that a public appeal was being launched to get Monmouth bells rehung. Congratulations were extended to the band who had recently rung the first handbell peal by a band resident in the area.

A motion was passed that inquiries be made regarding design and cost of a membership badge, the matter to be brought before the next annual meeting. An invitation to visit Monmouth for the next quarterly meeting was accepted.

After the meeting some of the visitors made their way to Peterstone, Wentloog, where the bells were also available. Ringing during the day included a course of London Surprise Minor.

THE SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION

Annual Meeting at Edinburgh

The 20th annual meeting of the Scottish Association of Change Ringers was held in Edinburgh on May 10th. During the afternoon the bells of St. Cuthbert's Parish Church were available, and in the evening those of St. Mary's Cathedral. Ringing included rounds, the four standard methods and a course of Cambridge.

A short but impressive service was conducted by the Rev. D. Adam W. Burnet, one of the collegiate ministers of St. Cuthbert's, in the St. Cuthbert's Memorial Chapel, and tea followed.

The president (Professor R. O. Street) took the chair at the business meeting which followed, and apologies were intimated from the Ringing Master, Mr. Charles R. Raine, and Mr. John Marshall, a past Master, who had just been admitted to the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary. The Master's report stated that five quarter peals and two peals had been rung in Scotland during 1951—one by a visiting band at Inveraray and the other by residents at St. Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow, under the conductorship of the president.

The secretary reported that both the Right Rev. W. White Anderson, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, 1951-52, and the Most Rev. J. C. H. How, lately Bishop of Glasgow and Primus of the Episcopal Church in Scotlaid, had been pleased to become patrons of the Association. The secretary was instructed to write to the conductor of the octogenarian peal congratulating these ringers on their fine performance, and to Mr. Marshall expressing the hope of all the ringers present that he would soon be better and back among them once again. Fifteen new members were elected to membership of whom ten were non-resident life members. The existing office bearers were reappointed for a further year.

It was agreed to hold the next meetings of the Association at Alloa in October, and at St. Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow, in April, 1953, and a special meeting, possibly in November, was to be arranged in Dundee to encourage both the ringers at St. Paul's Cathedral there and the ringers in the newly-formed St. Andrew's University Society.

Ringers present, numbering over 40, were drawn from all but one of the affiliated towers and included visitors from Cumberland, Co. Durham and Wiltshire.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

For the first time for several years a meeting was held at Quex Park, Birchington, by the Canterbury District of the Kent County Association. The injunction that 'no names, no tea' would be strictly adhered to evidently took effect, as the exact number of people as names were present, sixty-six.

The weather proved fine and the walk from the bus stop was enjoyed by many, though the car owners seemed to have some difficulty in finding the route via the farm road, and were, in consequence, a little late for the conducted tour of the natural history museum, which is attached to the mansion. For this the members had the honour and pleasure of being taken round by Mrs. Powell-Cotton, who accompanied her late husband on many of his hunting trips to Africa, and was thus able to give her listeners a first-hand account of some of the many incidents which occurred.

Tea was taken in pleasant surroundings on the verandah of the museum. Following tea the only business transacted was the election of one new member. The members then moved to the tower and ringing took place until nine o'clock, various methods being practised. The view from the platform of the tower of Thanet and the sea was enjoyed by many. Sixteen towers were represented and the company had the pleasure of welcoming two ringers from Oxhey.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL BELLS

Sir,—I recently applied to the Dean of Liverpool for the use of the Cathedral bells on October 25th, the Open Ringing Day at Liverpool Parish Church. Since so much mystery has surrounded the subject of Liverpool Cathedral bells, it struck me that ringers generally would be interested to know why there will be no ready access to these bells, for some time at any rate. I therefore publish below the reply I received from the Chapter Clerk, and I do this with the full permission of the Dean and Chapter.—Yours sincerely, J. E. SPICE.

30, Glenmore Avenue, Liverpool, 18.

LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL

I am asked to say that the Dean and Chapter have carefully considered your request to ring the Cathedral bells.

This is a matter which the Dean and Chapter were bound to examine at the time when the bells were hung. They do not wish to give cause of offence in the neighbourhood by ringing at unusual and unknown hours. Further, work in the tower has not yet been completed, and the Dean and Chapter have not yet been given sole and full control of it and responsibility for it. You will also, I am sure, appreciate that the Dean and Chapter cannot discriminate between one request and another, except on some general and impersonal principle. They therefore decided that, for the present, the bells should be rung only on the great Christian festivals or on some occasion touching the life and work of the Cathedral in a special way, with a minimum of practice for their own ringers.

For these reasons I am sorry to say that the Dean and Chapter feel unable to vary this rule in response to your request. Later on, when they assume full responsibility for the tower, their rule will be reviewed.

A HAWKLEY PEAL

Dear Sir,—Having read Mr. W. C. West's letter in reply to Mr. J. Hunt's letter in 'The Ringing World,' also the Rev. W. F. Bond's letter to Mr. West concerning the peal at Cranborne, I feel it my duty to say I heartily agree with the Vicar's closing remarks describing the band as 'pirate' ringers.

A few weeks ago the same band obtained permission to ring a peal here at Hawkley under almost identical circumstances. Someone rang our Vicar up in the middle of the week (who he was I never found out) asking for permission to come and ring here on the following Sunday afternoon. No mention was made of a peal. The Vicar gave them permission and then came to ask me, the captain of the tower, if it was all right to come here.

I told him they were obviously coming to attempt a peal, and reminded him of a solemn promise he had made to our district secretary and myself that no one else should come here to attempt a peal until the local band had scored the first peal on the newly augmented eight. The result was this, our Vicar went back on his word to us rather than put this band off, having told them to come at such short notice.

I do not altogether blame our Vicar for this, but it might interest the certain gentleman who gained permission to get the use of the bells that as a result of his conduct all my work in raising a band of ringers for service ringing over a period of five years has come to naught and consequently the bells here are now silent.

I had at first not intended mentioning what happened here, but on seeing that this was not an isolated case, I feel that the Cranborne episode was worthy of support, and would strongly suggest that this sort of conduct be discouraged at all costs in future, as to my mind this in no way complies with the Guild rules, parts 1, 2 and 3 of Rule 1.—Yours sincerely. CHARLES A. POUND.

Hawkley, near Liss.

THE CRANBORNE PEAL

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. West's letter and enclosure from the Rev. W. F. Bond, I am sorry Mr. Bond has such a bad memory that he cannot remember who telephoned him before the Cranborne peal. His memory appears to have also let him down in other directions, for not only is his letter most misleading, but he has made statements which are quite unfounded. He most certainly made no protest before the peal was rung, neither did he appear to be reluctant to give his consent. The other ringers present will confirm this. If he had done so we would have definitely not attempted to ring.

I remember him saying, with evident satisfaction, to one of his local band, whom we assumed to be the captain, 'Well, our chaps won't need to come up to-night; they will be glad of the rest.'—Yours sincerely,

NORMAN J. SMITH.

Chichester.

MR. PETER BOND EXPLAINS

Dear Sir,—I must thank Mr. West for replying to my enquiry as to why the Salisbury Guild declines to accept our peal at Cranborne, and accept his explanation. If such a long interval did, in fact, elapse, and the annual meeting decided that this interval was unreasonable, there is an end to the matter and I hope that our conductor will, as he suggests, record the peal for a neighbouring guild.

But I do wish to protest strongly against Mr. West's assertions that Mr. Hunt and myself have been trying to blacken his character. As I said in my previous letter, I asked only for an explanation of what seemed to me to be dictatorial conduct on his part—on this point I admit my error and offer my apologies. As regards my mention of jealousy, I merely stated that bickerings of this kind, all too frequently caused by jealousy, are not conducive to fraternal feeling, and I had no intention of ascribing feelings of jealousy to either Mr. West or the Salisbury Guild.

With regard to the extraordinary letter which Mr. West received from my namesake, the Vicar of Cranborne, the laws of propriety and of this land prevent me from stating my opinion of it. I will content myself with stating that either the Vicar has an extremely short memory of what actually took place, or is writing with the intention of settling a dispute between one of his ringers and the remainder. The greater part of his statements are completely false, and I, for one, resent most strongly Mr. Bond's statements about 'pirate' ringers.

In common with all ringers of goodwill, I have always tried, as far as lies within my power, to further the conception of our art as a branch of service to the Church and to put Sunday service ringing before everything. I have rung numerous Sunday peals with the support of the various incumbents and local ringers, and without their willing consent I would not dream of starting for a peal.

In conclusion, may I state, as I did in my previous letter, that I am not writing in any spirit of ill-will, but to protest, not now against Mr. West's actions (which I accept as a majority decision of his Guild), but against the false accusations made against the band and the organiser of the peal. I have some sense of honour and of my duty to the Church and the Exercise, and to accuse our band and myself of such behaviour is unjust and most insulting.

In writing this letter, I have no desire to cause any ill-will between the Salisbury Guild and myself, and trust that none will result. I have the honour to count several members of the Guild among my friends and have every respect for the good work which they and the Guild are carrying out.—Yours sincerely,

PETER N. BOND.

King Alfred's College, Winchester.

CRANBORNE AND HAWKLEY PEALS

Dear Sir,—By the time this letter is printed I shall be on my way overseas to take up an appointment, with treasured memories of ringing friends and pleasant Saturday afternoon meetings and, above all, Sunday service ringing. Having just read in 'The Ringing World' of a little argument going on over the peal at Cranborne, Dorset, I don't wonder at the Salisbury Diocesan Guild failing to recognise it or the local ringers being irate if they had to endure such a fiasco of ringing as we had to at Hawkley on Sunday, April 27th, by members of the same band.

I understand that an apparatus had been fitted to the clappers to deaden the noise, which may be all very well on a heavy ring in a crowded area, but on a light ring such as ours it was a terrible discord. Throughout the entire 2 hours 43 minutes all one could hear was a humdrum 7.8.8.7 with a faint tinkle from 3456 while the two new trebles were quite inaudible.

I think in fairness to the good name of the Guild concerned and ringers in general this peal should be withdrawn from the records, as Bob Major does not consist of two sounding, four faint and two silent bells. No one could check the course-ends or tell if it was a true peal or not.

A recent half-muffled quarter of Grandsire Doubles by local ringers with 7.6.8 covering in memory of our late King was much more pleasing music to the ear than this. We in Hawkley never mind our Sunday afternoon nap being disturbed by a well-struck peal as the bells can broadcast the glorious message of the gospel far better than the incumbent, who can only be heard by those who care to enter the door of the church. I hope the next band to attempt a peal here will ring them open to let people hear their full beauty.

I might added that in consequence of this peal the bells are now silent every Sunday, as I am told the Vicar had promised the secretary of the Alton and Petersfield District that they should have the privilege of scoring the first peal on the rehung and augmented ring. This turn of events has got under the skin of the local band, which is such a pity after all the hard work put in by the captain, Mr. C. Pound, in forming and training a new band and also after the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Clive Davies in meeting the cost of the restoration and giving the village a ring to be proud of.

To the local band I would say sink your differences and disappointments in a true Christianlike way and let us hear the bells Sunday by Sunday. You will never have a greater privilege than handling God's sacred property, and remember that your humble call changes are better music than that deaf and dumb 'Bob Major.'

In ending, there is no shred of jealousy behind this letter; experts are always welcome, but do give us real harmony and beware lest your tower-grabbing upsets the local Sunday service bands who are the backbone of the Exercise and seek no other highlight than to do their duty faithfully every Sunday morning and evening.—Yours, etc., T. C. E. SWINTON.

ACCIDENT INSURANCE FOR BELLRINGERS

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LETTERS—Continued

RINGING AT GLASGOW

Dear Sir,—At the annual meeting of the Scottish Association mention was made of the publication during the past year of 'Bells Of All Nations,' in which one and a half pages are devoted to bells in Scotland. At this meeting I was instructed to write to 'The Ringing World' pointing out that local circumstances are not quite in keeping with those set out by the learned author.

One specific thing I should mention is that there has been a ringing society in Glasgow for at least the last 20 years, viz., the St. Mary's Cathedral Society. Mr. Morris states that they ring call changes at Glasgow; I cannot tell whether they are proficient at this side of the Exercise or not, but I do know that they are capable of ringing more than the standard methods, and the fact that they do, in fact, sometimes ring scientific is shown by the mention of their prowess in the quarter peal columns of 'The Ringing World.' — I am, Yours faithfully,

ROGNVALD ST. C. WILSON,
Hon. Secretary,
The Scottish Association.

CHELMORTON BELLS

Dear Sir,—The Church of St. John the Baptist, Chelmorton, stands high in the fold of the Peakland hills and is claimed to have the greatest altitude of any parish church in the country; and a ring of bells in its venerable tower would sound God's praises and call to worship people over a wide and thinly populated area.

But Chelmorton bells cannot be rung, for the oldest one, dated 1601, is cracked and the others need retuning, while the timbers of the frame are decaying and unsound.

A number of parishioners, having already raised £500 in the past two years for necessary repairs to the church fabric, are now appealing for your help in restoring the original ring of four bells and adding two new ones to make a peal of six.

For all this work, however, the large sum of £1,100 is needed. Towards raising this a good start has already been made and the population of 350 are prepared to give time, money and hard work to the project.

Will you help us?

E. H. PAYNE (Vicar of Chelmorton)
on behalf of Church Council and Bell Committee.

Paddington Vicarage, Buxton.

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY

The annual Shield Contest was held at Penistone on June 14th. Six bands entered and ringing commenced about 3 p.m.

The result of the draw with the order of the ringing was:—

	Faults	Penalties	Totals
Barnsley	267	20	287
Friezland	65	0	65
Shelley	121	10	131
Sandal	109	0	109
Cawthorne	68	0	68
Silkstone	104	0	104

Friezland were the winners and hold the Shield for 12 months and each ringer received a set of fruit spoons. Cawthorne received second prize, a chrome sugar basin with spoon to match for each ringer. Mr. H. Chant, Felkirk, was the judge, and Mr. L. A. Williams, Monk Bretton, was marker. Mrs. A. Champion presented the Shield and the prizes to the winners.

The best thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and to the local company and to the ladies for the splendid tea arrangements, also to the judge and marker for their services, brought to a close a happy afternoon and evening.

The next meeting will be at Royston on July 12th.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

THE annual festival and meeting of the Hereford Diocesan Guild was held this year at Coalbrookdale on Whit Monday. The ten bells were going soon after eleven o'clock and during the day more and more ringers assembled from all over the diocese, which covers Herefordshire and half of Shropshire. Visitors, too, from Liverpool, Loughborough, Birmingham, Worcestershire and South Wales swelled the numbers. The neighbouring eights at Broseley and Much Wenlock were also available and parties coming to the festival from a distance (such as the buses from the Ross and Kington districts) stopped at these towers on the way, to ring.

At 3 o'clock the Guild Office was sung at Coalbrookdale at which the Vicar, the Rev. F. W. Hickling, had been invited to preach. The service was followed by tea in the Parish Hall at which there were 112 ringers and friends present and this was followed by the annual general meeting presided over at first by Mr. Leslie Evans, the retiring Master On his election as the new Master of the Guild, Mr. W. H. Lloyd, of Berrington, Shropshire, took the chair. The other officers were elected with some additions to the committee, and the accounts adopted, showing a balance of £76 in the General Fund and £44 in the Bell Restoration Fund.

The report for the year shows that the Guild is progressing satisfactorily. The number of ringing members is now 641, an increase of no less than 59 over the previous year, and during 1951 57 peals were rung as against 32 in 1950.

The committee was able to report that new badges had been ordered and would shortly be available at 2s 6d. each.

The Central Council's ruling on the irregularity of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure was then discussed and the meeting strongly supported its representative, Mr. W. F. Morton, in urging that, in accepting this ruling for the future, it disagreed with the non-acceptance of Minor peals rung in it before the decision was made.

The secretary reported that grants of five guineas each from the Bell Restoration Fund were passed to the following towers: Eardisland, Eardisley, Pembridge and Stanton Lacy.

Mr. A. W. Davis reported that an appeal was being made for £1,000 for the restoration of the Cathedral bells and he hoped that the Guild would do what it could to assist in this appeal. Congratulations were also expressed to the ringers of the 'five peals in one day' and the honour this had brought to the Hereford Diocesan Guild in the Exercise. It was unanimously decided that Ledbury should be the place of the next festival.

The meeting closed with votes of thanks and ringing continued until late in the evening. It was an enjoyable and encouraging festival and the Shropshire members are to be congratulated. E. G. B.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

Northern District at Foxearth

A very successful meeting of the Northern District was held at Foxearth on June 7th. Although this parish is isolated from the rest of the diocese, 64 members and friends were present. At the service the Rector (the Rev. Malcom Pearce) gave an interesting address. An excellent tea was served in the Village Hall, provided by the Rector and his parishioners.

Miss H. G. Snowden, District Master, presided at the business meeting and all stood in silence to the memory of William Keeble, of Feering, a life member of the Association who died on April 4th. Eleven new members were elected.

Miss Snowden gave a report on the proceedings of the Central Council held the previous Tuesday at Lincoln, which she attended.

Further ringing on the church bells was then indulged in as, prior to the service, ringing was suspended owing to a mishap among the bells. Two members kindly carried out the repairs.

NEWS FROM AUSTRALIA

The sixth annual competition ring, first quarterly meeting and dinner of the New South Wales Association were held at St. Clement's, Yass, a country town 200 miles from Sydney, on May 24th.

Ringing commenced at 9 a.m., and at 10 a.m. the Rector, the Rev. H. P. Reynolds, conducted a Communion service, which was attended by all ringers.

The competition took place in the afternoon and was won by St. Mary's Basilica, from St. James', Turramurra. St. Clement's, Yass, put up an excellent performance. The Duncan Shield was awarded to St. James', Turramurra.

At the quarterly meeting Mr. T. W. Goodyer tendered his resignation as treasurer of the Association, sub-editor of 'The Ringing Towers' and member of the Selection Committee of the Association. Mr. E. J. Fowell was elected treasurer of the Association and sub-editor of 'The Ringing Towers,' and Mr. J. Clark to the Selection Committee.

Guest chairman at the dinner was the Rev. H. P. Reynolds, and the guest of honour the Rev. Father Parker-Maloney, who was the representative of Bishop Young, Roman Catholic Bishop of Goulburn.

Those leaving by train were then packed into cars and taken to the station to catch the 11.45 p.m. train back to Sydney. Thirty-two ringers were on the station to bid them farewell, and it will be safe to say that it would be a very rare occasion on which the train leaves Yass Junction with such a crowd of enthusiastic well-wishers. W. M. R.

On June 9th the ringers of Sydney, with representatives from Maitland and Yass, met together at St. Mary Basilica, to honour the first official birthday of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth. Through the courtesy of the captain of the tower, Mr. L. R. A. Curran, an excellent programme of ringing was accomplished: Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, with St. Simon's and Grandsire Doubles, 4, 6, 8 covering for the less advanced. It was a grand night and the time expired all too quickly.

A. R. B.

Bolton Ringers Visit Municipal Buildings

Members of the Bolton Branch of the Lancashire Association paid a visit to the Municipal Buildings of Bolton on Friday, June 6th.

Within comparatively recent years the Town Hall has been largely extended and the party had the opportunity of comparing the beautiful ornamental work their forefathers put into building with the modern work. Of special interest was the clock tower. Here are the usual four bells for the chimes and the hour bell, which is a little over 4 tons. They are all excellent tone. The more energetic climbed up to the clock faces. The Town Hall keeper was guide and he was assisted by the secretary, Mr. Peter Crook, who is very conversant with the buildings.

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OBITUARY

MR. FREDERICK W. STOKES

Former Secretary of Lincoln Guild

An outstanding personality in Lincolnshire ringing, and for more than 20 years hon. secretary of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, Mr. Frederick W. Stokes died at his home at Nettleham, near Lincoln, on June 4th, aged 68.

The news of his passing came as a great shock to the members of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild and particularly to members of the Lincoln district as on Whit Monday Mr. Stokes had taken part in a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus at Surfleet, and on Tuesday had joined the Central Council delegates at tea, when he appeared to be in his usual good health. He was, however, unwell during the night and died suddenly on the Wednesday morning before medical aid arrived.

The funeral took place at Nettleham on June 7th and the service, conducted by the Rev. G. Herrington (Mr. Stokes' son-in-law), was attended by ringers from Lincoln Cathedral, Nettleham, and other towers near Lincoln.

The local band rang with the bells open for a short time before the service and at the conclusion a course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the open grave by J. Walden 1-2, G. E. Feirn 3-4, J. A. Freeman 5-6, J. Freeman 7-8. Later in the day Lincoln Cathedral bells and also the local bells were rung half-muffled as a tribute of affection and respect.

Frederick William Stokes came to Caythorpe at an early age and learned to ring there. His first peal, one of Grandsire Triples, conducted by the Rev. H. Law James, was rung in 1903. From Caythorpe he went to live at Selby, Yorkshire, but after a short time returned to Blankney, near Lincoln.

Having few equals as a method ringer and striker on any number of bells, he was frequently called upon by Mr. Law James to stand in peal attempts, and often cycled many miles to do so.

For many years he was closely associated with the Lincoln Cathedral company of which he was an honorary member. He took part in the first peals of Spliced Surprise Major in 17 and 22 methods ever to be rung and the onl peal of Shipway's Superlative Royal yet rung. In addition he rang in many of the first peals for the Guild, the most notable being Cambridge and Yorkshire Maximus, Stedman and Grandsire Cinques, Yorkshire Royal, London Surprise Major and Spliced Surprise Major in 2, 4, 5, 6, 10 methods.

He was an exceptional teacher of ringing, and was able to pass on to any youngster whom he taught, not only his ability as a bell handler, but his own capable way of striking a bell.

For more than 20 years he was honorary secretary to the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, and while holding this office he stood in the secretaries' peal of Stedman Cinques at Southwark, rung as a token of respect on the death of the late W. T. Cockerill. He was president of the Lincoln District of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild and held this office at the time of his death.

The Lincoln Guild is poorer for his passing but far richer for his example. J. A. F.

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MR. CHARLES FRAY

Mr. Charles Fray, of Eastleigh, Hants, passed away on June 6th at the age of 77.

He was taught to ring at North Stonehaam in 1898, and with the exception of three years, when he lived at Curdridge, was associated with that tower until his death, although in recent years, owing to failing health, he was unable to attend for Sunday service ringing as regularly as he formerly did. Mr. Fray was one of the Surprise Sunday service band that the late Mr. G. Williams built up at North Stoneham between the wars.

A member of the Winchester Guild, latterly the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, since 1899, Mr. Fray served for several years on the Executive Committee and for 17 years was auditor of the Southampton District. He had taken part in 103 peals from Minor to Royal, the majority being rung at North Stoneham.

Mr. Fray was a quiet, unassuming man, who was well liked by all who knew him. He was a faithful member of the Church and put Sunday service ringing first. He set a good example and will be sadly missed.

The funeral service was held at Eastleigh Parish Church. Messrs. R. Brown, W. Tucker, W. G. Rowe and W. Rowe represented the North Stoneham band, and among the many floral tributes was a wreath from North Stoneham and Bishopstoke ringers.

THE REV. A. E. DAVIES

The death took place on June 10th at Malmesbury Hospital of the Rev. A. E. Davies, Vicar of Wanborough, near Swindon. Mr. Davies was keenly interested in bells and he successfully carried out the restoration and augmentation of Wanborough bells, and the writer understands he was instrumental in restoring the bells of Ash, Somerset, where he was Vicar before coming to Wanborough.

Cremation took place at Bristol and a memorial service was held at Wanborough on June 14th conducted by the Bishop of Malmesbury. The bells were rung half-muffled by the local ringers, and the Swindon branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association were represented by Messrs. W. H. Trueman (chairman), W. B. Kynaston (secretary) and W. W. T. Daniell (representative).

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Bicester Deanery Branch

The quarterly meeting of the Bicester Deanery Branch at All Saints', Brill, on June 14th, was blessed with a fine afternoon after the very heavy storms the previous day.

The six bells were rung to rounds for the beginners, Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob Doubles and Plain Bob Minor. The service was conducted by the Vicar of Brill (the Rev. J. H. D. Elkerton) who preached an excellent sermon; the lesson was read by the Deputy Master (Mr. F. Sharpe), and Miss P. Gray (a local ringer) was the organist.

After an excellent tea provided by ladies of the church, the business meeting was held with the branch president (the Rev. C. Cowland Cooper) in the chair, supported by the Deputy Master and the hon. secretary (Mr. C. H. Kinch). A hearty welcome was extended to the Rev. J. H. K. Elkerton who had been in Brill for only three weeks. The next meeting was arranged for Souldern on September 27th. The members were reminded that the annual festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 12th.

The bells of St. Edburgh, Bicester, are to be restored, the work consisting of rehanging the front seven in ball bearings and a complete overhaul of the fittings at an estimated cost of £140. It was decided to make a grant of £5 5s. from the branch funds.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to all who had made the meeting a success.

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The engagement is announced between Frank John, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil J. Matthews, 177, Engadine Street, Southfields, S.W.18, and Marjorie Frances, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Jackson, 34, Old Devonshire Road, Balham, S.W.12. 982

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

SPEED—STOCKDALE.—The wedding between Richard F. B. Speed and Anne B. Stockdale will take place at St. Peter's Church, Berkhamsted, on Saturday, July 5th, at 2.30 p.m. All friends welcome at the church. 965

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

OUTING PARTIES and ringing friends please note:—George Gilbert, c/o Barclay, Lent Green, Burnham, Bucks. For St. Peter's, Burnham. Late 29, Salisbury Avenue, Slough. 954

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MISCELLANEOUS

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Monthly practice at St. Edmund's, Northampton, cancelled until further notice owing to broken clapper.—E. Nobles, Hon. Branch Sec. 957

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MEETINGS

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch. — Meeting at Knutsford, June 28th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15.—C. K. Lewis. 948

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Ilkeston & Derby Districts.—Joint meeting at Breaston, June 28th, 2.30. Tea 1s. 6d. Names, please, to D. R. Carlisle, 85, Derby Road, Risley. 917

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Old Brampton (6), Saturday, June 28th, 3 p.m. Own food for tea. Cups of tea available.—A. B. Cooper. 947

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Hunts District. — Meeting, Saturday, June 28th, at Spaldwick (6). Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. S. Peacock. 941

GUILDFORD and OXFORD GUILDS and MIDDLESEX and SURREY ASSOCIATIONS.—Four Guild Festival, June 28th. Egham (8), Staines, St. Mary's (8) from 3. Staines (both towers) and Old Windsor (8) after tea. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15—W. Simmonds, A. D. Barker, F. W. Goodfellow and R. Lathbury, Branch and District Secs. 906

HALIFAX PARISH CHURCH.—Ringers are invited to attend the rededication of the ring of 13 by the Lord Bishop of Wakefield on Saturday, June 28th, at 7 p.m. Bells recast and rehung by Gillett and Johnston. Tenor 28 cwt.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—St. Ippolyts, Saturday, June 28th, 2.30. Tea 5 p.m. 'Great Wymondley afterwards. Special method, Hereward Bob.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 914

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Annual Deddington, Saturday, June 28th. Bells (8) 2.30. Tea. 4. Meeting. Ringing. Evensong 6 (Eve of Patronal Festival). Ringing.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury. 897

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY, Est. 1623.—Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 28th. Bells (12) available from 10 a.m. Service 6 p.m. Lunch and tea for those who notify me by 27th.—L. E. Pitstow, 23, Highfields. 881

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—The new ring of 8 bells at SS. Peter and Paul's, Cattistock, will be dedicated on Sunday, June 29th, at morning service (11 a.m.). Everyone welcome. 924

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, July 5th, 3 p.m. Ringing afterwards, St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, 4.30 p.m.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 970

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Fitzhead, July 5th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea. Important business.—A. H. Reed, Mimosa, George Street, Taunton. 928

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Meeting, Wrington, July 5th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 966

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Tredington (6), Saturday, July 5th. Names for tea early, please, by July 1st.—Miss H. C. Purkiss, 61, Depper's Bridge, Southam, near Rugby. 956

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting at Youlgrave (8) on Saturday, July 5th, 3 p.m. Names for tea at the Bull's Head to D. S. Gregory, Orchard House, Hillside, Darley Dale, by July 2nd. 940

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Bishopwearmouth, Saturday, July 5th, 2.30. Names for tea, by July 3rd, to Mr. R. Bell, 47, Toward Road, Sunderland. 958

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting, Saturday, July 5th, at Bottisham. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at the Vicarage. Swaffham Prior (6) after tea.—H. L. Martin. 979

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Terrington St. Clement, Saturday, July 5th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, by July 3rd, to Mr. E. Easter, 4, Marshland Street, Terrington St. Clement, King's Lynn. 977

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. Division.—Quarterly meeting, Bobbingworth (6), July 5th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., to be followed by tea and business meeting. Presentation. Epping-Ongar bus service to Blake Hall Lane, 10 mins. walk. Names for tea to F. Pavitt, 3, Council Houses, Bobbingworth, Ongar. 936

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting at Tendring July 5th. Ringing from 2.30 and after tea. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea to me by July 1st, please.—R. Duesbury, 5, Clacton Road, St. Osyth, Essex.

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A special meeting will be held at Stow-on-the-Wold on Saturday, July 5th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Will those requiring tea contact Raymond Hicks, Claremont, Stow-on-the-Wold, not later than July 2nd? Moreton-in-Marsh and Bourton-on-the-Water bells available in the evening.—Frank Skidmore, Hon. Secretary. 919

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch.—Meeting at Tidenham, Saturday, July 5th Bells (6) 2 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Names for tea, by Wednesday, July 2nd, to Mrs. D. Stafford, Staunton, Coleford, Glos. 964

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Meeting. Hardwicke, Glos. (6 bells), July 5th, 3 p.m. Service at 4.45. Tea afterwards. Names for tea, by July 1st, to Mr. S. T. Price, 1. Bridge Cottage, Gloucester Road, Stonehouse, Glos. 962

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Next meeting, Horsell (not Old Woking) on Saturday, July 5th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. if you notify me by Tuesday, July 1st.—W. Simmonds, 33, Burwood Close, Hersham. 986

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, July 5th, Stanmore (8), 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to R. G. Bell, 131, Hampermill Lane, Watford. Tel. Watford 7936. 974

HUDDERSFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting at Marsden (8), Saturday, July 5th. Bells 2.15. Service 4.30. Tea for all at 5 p.m. at moderate charge. Business meeting afterwards and bells until 9 p.m. 959

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Lyminge, Saturday, July 5th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 2s. per head. Those who require tea must inform Mr. A. Webb, The Croft, Lyminge, near Folkestone, not later than Thursday, July 3rd, and enclose cash, please.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 976

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Quarterly meeting, July 5th. This will now take place at Marden (8) instead of Sevenoaks or Cranbrook. Names for tea by July 3rd to R. A. Whitehead, 19, Deakin Leas, Tonbridge. 983

LADIES' GUILD.—Annual general meeting, London, Saturday, July 5th. Towers available: St. Giles-in-the-Fields, 2.30–3.30; St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, 3.30–5; St. Margaret's, Westminster, 7.30–9. Tea 5 p.m. Service, St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, 6 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. Jackson, 34, Old Devonshire Road, Balham, S.W.12. 923

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Ribchester, July 5th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Meeting in Parish Hall at 6 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 950

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Practice meeting on Saturday, July 5th, at Cockerham. Bells (6) available 2.30—7.30. Please bring own food; cups of tea will be provided. All welcome.—R. F. Eccles, Branch Sec. 978

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Aughton, on Saturday, July 5th. Names for tea to Mr. J. Marsh, 27, Knowsley Road, Ormskirk. Branch practice will be held at Ormskirk on Thursday, July 3rd, 7.30 p.m. till 9 p.m.—W. O. Farrimond, Branch Sec. 987

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Gilmorton (8), Saturday, July 5th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, by Wednesday, July 2nd, to G. Broughton, Gilmorton, Rugby. 973

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Extra meeting, Nocton, July 5th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5, for those who notify me by Wednesday previous.—C. Brown, 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln. 980

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A monthly meeting at Chicheley, Saturday, July 5th. Bells (6) at 5 p.m. All welcome.—R. H. Howson. 968

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice at Twyford (8) on Saturday, July 5th, 6 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 972

SALISBURY GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Meeting, Broad Hinton, July 5th. June 21st cancelled. Names for tea to Canon White, Vicarage, Broad Hinton, Swindon, Wilts. 984

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Quarterly meeting, July 5th, at Trowbridge (12) 3 p.m. Service and tea. Names for tea to F. Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 988

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting at Penistone on Saturday, July 5th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Champion, 24, Church Street, Penistone. 981

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Quarterly meeting at Ruddington, Saturday, July 5th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to me by Tuesday, July 1st.—S. P. M. Lewin, 44, Nottingham Road, Hucknall. 943

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting, Knowle, July 5th. Please notify for tea by July 2nd Bells available at 3.30 p.m.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Phone SPR 1025. 955

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Rusper (8), Saturday, July 5th, 3 p.m. Tea for those who notify by Wednesday, July 2nd, G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 985

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Basingstoke, Saturday, July 5th. Meeting 2.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Cottage. Service, St. Michael's, 4.15. Tea ONLY for those who notify Mr. J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John, Basingstoke, by Wednesday, July 2nd. All ringers welcome. Towers available: All Saints' (9), St. Michael's (8), Bramley (8), Oakley (6) and Deane (6), from 11.30 till 1.30 and after tea.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Gen. Sec. 939

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Flamstead (6), Saturday, July 12th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by July 9th, to Mr. E. Smith, 14, Trowley Hill Road, Flamstead, near St. Albans.—P. A Martin, Dis. Sec. 975

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Loughborough District) and MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Joint meeting, Cole Orton, July 12th. Bells (8) 2.30. Tea 5 in Hall. Names, by Tuesday, July 8th, to Mr. A. J. Lord, 55, Gracedieu Road, Whitwick. Tea not guaranteed without.—C. W. Hall and J. W. Cotton, Hon. Secs. 961

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION and MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, July 12th, All Hallows', Twickenham (10) 3—5 p.m. Service and tea **for those who notify** Mr. G. Ingham, 145, Staines Road East, Sunbury-on-Thames, by Wednesday previous. All Saints', Isleworth (10), after tea. Also Church Fete. Isleworth Vicarage, 3 p.m.—H. W. Rogers and F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Secs. 963

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival, Oxford, Saturday, July 12th. Service. Cathedral, 11 a.m. (preacher: Ven. Thorndike Shaw). Meeting, Chapter House, 12 noon. Luncheon, Dining Hall, 1.30 p.m. Tickets 6s. Applications to general secretary, please, by July 6th. Ringing at Cathedral, Merton, Magdalen and New Colleges, St. Thomas', St. Giles', St. Aldgate's, St. Cross, St. Mary Magdalen's, Carfax, All Saints' and St. Ebbe's. Choristers please get in touch with F. Sharpe, Derwen, Launton, Bicester, Oxon.—W. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., Wayford, London Road, Basingstoke, Hants. 901

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Byfield, Saturday, July 12th. Names for tea, by Saturday, July 5th, to Mr. F. Hutt, Knowle Cottage, Byfield, Rugby.—F. W. Hancock. 967

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SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts District.—Meeting at Harworth (6), Saturday, July 12th. Names for tea, by 8th, to Mr. A. Lister, The Glen, Harworth, Doncaster.—H. Denman. 971

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting at Knighton on Saturday, July 12th. Service at 3 p.m., meeting to follow. Numbers for tea at earliest.—D. G. Williams, 8, Capel Buildings, Clydach, Swansea. 969

ITCHINGFIELD AND THAKEHAM

Ringers of Itchingfield and Thakeham joined forces on Whit Monday for an outing into Kent, with friends from Washington and Amberley.

At Hammerwood, with a delightful five, a recording was made of 120 Grandsire. Cowden's swaying wooden tower was too unsteady for some members, but good use was made of the bells despite difficulty in keeping the tenor up.

After a sandwich lunch, the steep ladder to the ringing room at Leigh was successfully negotiated and a pleasant 45 minutes passed all too quickly. Then came Chiddingstone's fine-toned eight and Hever's 'not very musical' six.

Tea was served at Edenbridge before visiting this easy-going eight, which proved to be the highlight of the day. Entertainment from 'Uncle Ted and his songsters' enlivened the homeward journey.

STOKE MANDEVILLE, BUCKS.—On June 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. White (first quarter) 1, W. Lee 2, Gwen Morris 3, H. Jones 4, B. Collis (first as cond.) 5, B. Sandford (first quarter) 6.

TURNERS HILL, SUSSEX.—On June 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ann Denman 1, J. Wilde 2, I. Butcher (first as cond.) 3, C. Bonnett 4, H. Mead (aged 87) 5, J. Walker 6. First quarter 1, 2 and 6. Believed to be first quarter peal by entirely local band.

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THE NEW PLAIN MAJOR METHODS COLLECTION

SINCE the ringing of new Surprise methods became popular among expert ringers the Plain and Treble Bob methods have been somewhat neglected. Most ringers, and especially those younger ones who were unable to obtain a copy of the earlier work, will, therefore, welcome the second edition of the Collection of Plain Major Methods. The book contains in its 60 pages a wealth of useful information, including compositions suitable for nearly 400 methods.

Two hundred of these methods are ingeniously compressed into a table of formulæ, the work of the late A. G. Driver, which looks very complicated at first, but is accompanied by so clear and lucid an explanation that most ringers will find it easy to use the table after a few minutes' study. Another very useful feature of the book is the table of first performances, which is complete up to the beginning of the year.

Few will disagree with the decision to omit the Caters methods, although the reason given for doing this, that none of the methods given in the first edition except Double Norwich has been rung since 1926, recalls a peal of St. Clement's Caters a few years ago which the band said was a very musical, interesting and enjoyable method to ring. The selection of peal compositions for the Major methods, containing as it does at least one musical composition which is easy to call for every method in the book, should prove very valuable to would-be conductors who do not wish to embark on composition themselves.

Although it is easy to criticise other people's work, it does seem a pity that the list of first performances does not give separate details of the first handbell and tower-bell peals in the various methods and that the table on pages 34–39 does not include all the methods with the bells behind in their natural coursing order instead of only those not given elsewhere. Space, however, while paper remains so expensive, is an urgent consideration and the book in its present form is so very useful and such excellent value for three shillings that any criticism seems out of place.

The committee has done a most excellent job and it is to be hoped that they will be rewarded by a revival of interest in some of the less usual Plain Major methods which are interesting to ring and should not be beyond the capabilities of many local bands in different parts of the country.

E. L. L.

THE RINGERS' OUTING

EVEN to the uninitiated it is obvious that some of the bus loads which disembark in the market square are the local Conservatives on their summer outing, others the regulars of the 'Pig and Whistle' on the spree, whilst a few present no difficulty and proclaim by their uniform that the passengers have come to challenge our protagonists on the bowling green. Such parties, and many which the amateur could not diagnose, do, one feels sure, present no difficulty to those connoisseurs, those almost professional judges of outings, who sit somnolently on the benches which surround our market places and city squares. But surely a ringers' outing must puzzle even these knowing ones—such a mixture of types—the young, the old, the decorous, the indecorous, those who visit the 'Brown Cow,' those who look in at the museum, those who concentrate on the ice-cream, and those who just sit in the bus studying little books—all bound together by some common bond in a gay camaraderie.

Surely it is this mixture of characters that gives a very special flavour to a ringers' outing. There are many other ingredients, perhaps not peculiar to a ringers' outing, but at least indispensable to it. The half-past six start, which finally becomes seven o'clock, because Bill, who was late last year, and the year before, so those of long memory aver, and about whom a firm line, it is said, must be taken next year, is late again. There is always one section which is never late, the young bloods, who have banked on the back seat and who are hoping that it runs the width of the bus and will hold five or, with a squeeze, six. This all day is the storm centre, the scene of practical jokes where new recruits to the belfry are put through their paces to discover whether they are good 'back-of-the-bus' types. The handbell enthusiasts are anxious that there should be side seats over the wheels so that they can ring facing each other, with greater ease. The elder statesmen and their wives occupy the seats towards the front and right at the fore is the secretary who, like an anxious navigator, consults with the driver in an attempt to recapture that lost half-hour.

Then there is the ringing on strange bells and the anxiety not to let the home tower down through too much clipping, or the failure to handle a long draught well. By tea time everyone has really captured the spirit of the day's outing and is ready for the evening ring at an isolated village, where some will also snatch a drink whilst others wait anxiously in a queue for fish and chips. Finally comes the long ride home, the sing-song, the good nights, as one by one the passengers are dropped off near their homes.

The ringers' outing is over for another year. M. M. C.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Thurs., June 19, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 26¼ cwt. in D.

HOWARD HOWELL	*Treble*	*STANLEY PRESTIDGE	7
J. NORMAN HADLEY	2	ARTHUR T. DUTTON	8
EDGAR T. SMITH	3	WALTER R. HUGHES	9
GEORGE W. HUGHES	4	ERNEST STITCH	10
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	5	SAMUEL BIRCH	11
*WILLIAM DAVIES	6	MAURICE G. TURNER	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.
* First peal on twelve bells. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Howell for their 10th wedding anniversary.

TEN BELL PEALS

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 14, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in D.

SAM SCATTERGOOD	*Treble*	ALBERT E. THOMPSON	6
KATHLEEN I. TIVEY	2	FRANCIS R. LOWE	7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	3	MARK J. BARKER	8
JACK BAILEY	4	DENIS R. CARLISLE	9
PHILIP H. WHITAKER	5	HAROLD TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Composed by F. W. GROCOTT. Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal by all except the conductor.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., June 23, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5184 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

JOHN J. MORRIS	*Treble*	‡E. CHARLES TURNER	6
*ERNEST MORRIS	2	‡WILLIAM A. WOOD	7
WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN.	3	†ROLAND BENISTON	8
ALAN CATTELL	4	§W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	9
†JOHN E. UNDERWOOD	5	†FREDERICK WATSON	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by ALAN CATTELL.
* 149th peal of Caters. † First peal on ten bells. ‡ First peal of Grandsire Caters. § 150th peal. First peal of Grandsire Caters as conductor. Rung for the occasion of the christening of Charles, baby grandson of E. Charles Turner.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

KINGSWINFORD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 7, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

JOHN LLOYD	*Treble*	NORMAN G. GOODMAN	5
GEORGE E. LARGE	2	*HAROLD V. COOPER	6
SIDNEY T. HOLT	3	CYRIL TANSELL	7
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	4	THOMAS W. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Composed by JOSEPH PIGOTT. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.
* First peal of Bristol.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., June 13, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6½ cwt.

PAUL L. TAYLOR	*Treble*	MICHAEL E. BROWN	5
JOHN HILL	2	PETER J. STANIFORTH	6
J. FREDERICK MILNER	3	*NORMAN V. HARDING	7
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	4	HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal of London Surprise Major.

BURNLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 14, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 8 lb.

JAMES A. MILNER	*Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS	5
BASIL JONES	2	WILFRED STEVENSON	6
FRED DUNKERLEY	3	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	7
ALAN A. POTTS	4	JOHN WORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (63). Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. K. Lawson.

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.
THE ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.
On Sun., June 15, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (6th observation). Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb.

*NORMAN J. E. WILLIAMS	*Treble*	*BARBARA J. BEESON	5
JOAN GRAY	2	†VALERIE WILLARD	6
*BRENDA L. SHEPPARD	3	PHILIP M. J. GRAY	7
*JOHN J. F. ROPER	4	*CYRIL R. WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Conducted by PHILIP M. J. GRAY.
* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Triples. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung on the light eight.
This is the first peal on the bells since 1934 and the first peal by a local band since 1925.

DARESBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., June 18, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

JOHN E. BIBBY	*Treble*	CECIL RADDON	5
*A. RONALD POCKLINGTON	2	JOHN ASHCROFT	6
HENRY PARKER	3	HAROLD WORRALL	7
*GORDON HALL	4	HARRY W. HOWARD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.
* First peal of Surprise.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., June 18, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6½ cwt.

HAROLD J. POOLE	*Treble*	MRS. H. J. POOLE	5
JOHN B. BENNETT	2	ERNEST W. RAWSON	6
ALFRED BALLARD	3	JOHN HILL	7
HERRICK B. BOWLEY	4	DAVID C. VINCENT	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., June 20, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

RICHARD E. MANTON	*Treble*	PETER J. STANIFORTH	5
JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	2	J. FREDERICK MILNER	6
JOHN R. SMITH	3	JOHN B. BENNETT	7
ROLAND BENISTON	4	HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
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On Fri., June 20, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in G.

*JOHN CRAWLEY	*Treble*	A. RONALD GROVES	5
JEAN M. HARRIS	2	FRANK L. HARRIS	6
PETER J. CAME	3	JOE E. G. ROAST	7
ARTHUR H. EDWARDS	4	WILLIAM GLOVER	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.
* First peal of Triples on a 'working bell.' First peal of Bob Triples for all except the conductor.

BATLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 21, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt. in G.

HOWARD SCOTT	*Treble*	J. FREDERICK MILNER	5
DAVID G. JACKSON	2	ALFRED SMITH	6
WILLIAM H. JACKSON	3	GIBSON JACKSON	7
J. EDWARD CAWSER	4	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.
First peal in the method on the bells.

BICKER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 21, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8½ cwt.

WILLIAM B. DAWSON	*Treble*	SYDNEY JESSOP	5
ALBERT H. BENNETT	2	WILLIAM E. CLARK	6
ROBERT HOWARD	3	CYRIL WANDER	7
FRANK DEWEY	4	JACK PETCH	*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by CYRIL WANDER.

BISPHAM, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 21, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 10 cwt. 7 lb.

JOSEPH THORNLEY	*Treble*	ROLAND F. EALES	5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	2	FRANK POSTLETHWAITE	6
JOHN WOODS	3	*SIDNEY JEFFERY	7
JOHN HILL	4	JOHN H. FOSTER	*Tenor*

Composed by the REV. C. D. P. DAVIES (five-part).
Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.
* First peal of Triples. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. J. W. Todd, on holiday from Malaya.

MARSHFIELD, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 21, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

*DAVID J. KING	*Treble*	THOMAS YEOMAN	5
†YVONNE PORTER	2	‡DAVID S. VOSS	6
JACQUELINE S. EVANS	3	JACK R. WORRALL	7
FREDERICK J. BAILEY	4	†JOHN J. SIMS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.
* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First peal of Stedman. ‡ First peal of Stedman 'inside.' A birthday compliment to David S. Voss.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 21, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16¼ cwt. in F.

DORIS E. COLEGATE	*Treble*	ALICK CUTLER	5
FREDERICK J. CULLUM	2	LEONARD H. BOWLER	6
GEORGE J. BUTCHER	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
*ROBERT COLLINS	4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

ST. IVES, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 21, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 4 lb.

*WILLIAM O. NOBLE	*Treble*	*TREVOR A. BEVIS	5
†JOAN HARDING	2	FRANK W. LACK	6
FRANK WARRINGTON	3	†P. JOHN WILKIN	7
E. JACK PARISH	4	R. FRANK BAKER	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.
* First peal. † First peal of Major. Rung in the octave of the Feast of the Sacred Heart.

ST. LEONARDS, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 21, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (2nd observation). Tenor 20 cwt. in F.

FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN.	*Treble*	ARTHUR F. LEWRY	5
*ERNEST J. LADD	2	CHARLES A. BASSETT	6
ALBERT RELFE	3	FRANK H. HICKS	7
SIDNEY H. V. BAILEY	4	*WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.
* 50th peal together.

THAXTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 21, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST, OUR LADY AND ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

DAVID KINGSTON	*Treble*	JOSEPH C. JENNINGS	5
MRS. R. F. DEAL	2	HARRY TURNER	6
FRANK V. GANT	3	CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON	7
FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN	4	JOHN H. CRAMPION	*Tenor*

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOHN H. CRAMPION.
Rung in honour of the marriage of Miss Cecilia Rosemary Putterill and Vernon John Curtis, and also Miss Sylvia Noel Putterill and Desmond Butterworth Heath, which had taken place a few hours earlier at the above church. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Jack Putterill, Vicar of Thaxted, and father of the brides.

PENDLETON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., June 22, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Five-part. Tenor 18 cwt. 10 lb. in E.

NORMAN TOMPKINS	*Treble*	WILLIAM LANGHORNE	5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	2	ALFRED LOMAS	6
ALAN PENDLEBURY	3	JOSEPH THORNLEY	7
RAYMOND JOHNSON	4	HENRY PRESCOTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.
Rung for the anniversary of this Church and as a farewell to the Vicar, Rev. R. W. Jellie, who is leaving for another Lancashire parish.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., June 26, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb. in G.

ANDREW J. SALISBURY	*Treble*	FRANK V. GANT	5
FREDERICK HARTMAN	2	STANLEY CLARK	6
DAVID W. BEARD	3	CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON	7
WILLIAM A. ALEY	4	JOHN H. CRAMPION	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN H. CRAMPION.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., June 26, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19¼ cwt.

HERBERT GATES	*Treble*	LESLIE S. BAINES	5
WALTER AYRE	2	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD	6
MRS. G. DODDS	3	TERENCE G. MORTON	7
PAMELA A. MARTIN	4	DEREK E. LATCHFORD	*Tenor*

Composed by WALTER AYRE. Conducted by DEREK E. LATCHFORD.
First peal as conductor. A birthday compliment to the wife of the ringer of the treble and a 21st birthday compliment to the conductor. First peal on the bells since rehanging.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

KIDSGROVE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 14, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 4 lb.

JOSEPH HANCOCK	*Treble*	CHARLES H. PAGE	4
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	2	RICHARD J. WARRILOW	5
ARTHUR WINDSOR	3	*JOHN BEARDMORE	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK E. WILSHAW.

*25th peal. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Hancock.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Mon., June 16, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in G.

ERNEST F. SHEARN	*Treble*	GEORGE PRESCOTT	4
HERBERT W. KNIGHT	2	THOMAS W. LEWIS	5
MARJORIE LEGG	3	LEONARD DERRICK	*Tenor*

Conducted by LEONARD DERRICK.

First peal of Minor as conductor.

In memoriam William Frederick Webb, ringer, interred at Compton Martin the same day.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Wed., June 18, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Double Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob. Tenor 7¼ cwt. (approx.) in B flat.

*ANTHONY AGER	*Treble*	BRIAN R. SUTTON	4
BRIAN G. WARWICK	2	*GEORGE E. FEARN	5
J. MARTIN THORLEY	3	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal in seven methods.

ORLINGBURY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., June 19, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of four six-scores each of Stedman, St. Martin, St. Simon, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps Pleasure, Kennington, April Day, and Plain Bob, and six six-scores of Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. in F.

*PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	*Treble*	RONALD C. NOON	3
*BRYAN S. COPE	2	*HARRY WOODING	4
		*ERIC NOBLES	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERIC NOBLES.

* First peal of Doubles in ten methods. First peal on the bells since 1930. Rung for the Feast of the Translation of St. Edward, King and Martyr.

ALDERTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Northampton Branch.)
On Sat., June 21, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of two six-scores each of Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas, St. Giles, St. Martin, St. Leonard, St. Peter, St. Simon, Eynsham, Cassington, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps Pleasure, Fortune, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Cliffords Pleasure, Southrepps Pleasure, St. Columb, Plain Bob, Kennington, Old Doubles, April Day, and Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.

ALAN C. COZENS	*Treble*	KENNETH D. PERKINS	3
IVOR J. DICKIN	2	BERNARD E. FROST	4
		ERIC NOBLES	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERIC NOBLES.

25th peal of Doubles as conductor. First peal of Doubles in 21 methods by all the band and for the Peterborough Diocesan Guild.

COSBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 21, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. WOOD	4
PETER J. THOMAS	2	E. CHARLES TURNER	5
HAROLD KILBY	3	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON.

First peal in three methods as conductor. Specially arranged and rung for the occasion of the wedding of Miss Mary Eleanor Sime, daughter of the Vicar of this parish, to the Rev. Roy Harris, curate-in-charge of the Parish Church of St. John-the-Baptist, Chipping Barnet, Hertfordshire.

KINGSBURY, WARWICKSHIRE.
NON-ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 21, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 20 extents Plain Bob (four callings), ten different extents of Grandsire, and three 240's each of Morris's and Pitman's arrangement. Tenor 20 cwt. in E flat.

*BERNARD R. CUMMINGS	*Treble*	DONALD L. HOOPER	3
WILLIAM C. RHODES	2	†WALTER G. LANE	4
		GORDON H. LANE	*Tenor*

Conducted by GORDON H. LANE.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' Rung as a farewell to the Rev. E. F. S. Wilmot, M.A.

NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 21, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12¼ cwt. (rung on the front six).

GORDON HALLS	*Treble*	RALPH TAYLOR	4
JOHN MAWDESLEY, SEN.	2	KENNETH EDWARDS	5
HAROLD WORRALL	3	JOHN ASHCROFT	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN ASHCROFT.

RUGELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., June 21, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. in G.

*BRYAN E. CARSON	*Treble*	MICHAEL W. FAIREY	3
DAVID W. BARR	2	JOHN R. JOYNER	4
		CLIVE M. SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by CLIVE M. SMITH.

* First peal away from the tenor. First peal of Plain Bob Doubles by all the band and on the bells. The average age of the band is 16¼ years.

UPCHURCH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 21, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Seven 720's called differently. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

CHARLES E. J. NORRIS	*Treble*	VICTOR A. JARRETT	4
TREVOR A. CROSS	2	CYRIL S. JARRETT	5
FRANCIS J. CHEAL	3	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

First peal of Surprise Minor by all the band.

HARRIETSHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 24, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Ten different callings. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in F sharp.

*L. KENNETH DAWE	*Treble*	ALEXANDER WADDINGTON	4
*FREDA M. BURBRIDGE	2	*MARK H. COUCHMAN	5
*MARY TAPLEY	3	JAMES R. CRUMP	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALEXANDER WADDINGTON

* First peal. Rung for the Patronal Festival. All members of the local band except the conductor.

DARLINGTON.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., June 26, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven complete 720's, viz., Surfleet, Beverley, York, Durham, Wells, Cambridge and London. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in B flat.

RICHARD BUSBY	*Treble*	ROLAND PARK	4
FREDERICK W. COOKE ..	2	THOMAS COOKE..	5
DORIS M. KILLINGLEY ..	3	W. NORMAN PARK	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.
Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Roland Park.

HANDBELL PEALS

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 14, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
AT TRENTWOOD,
A PEAL OF 5016 SPLICED MAJOR

In 31 methods: Chesterfield, Maidstone, Ashbourne, Spalding, Richmond, New London, Double, Reverse, Plain, Gainsborough, Wellington, Little Bob, Crayford Little Court, Bastow Little Court, Kent Little Court, Little Oxford, Victoria. Colville, Romsey, Cheltenham, Leamington, Pulford, Avalon, Painswick, Kidlington, Double Oxford, Pershore, Hereward, Double Norwich, St. Clement's and Crayford College. 359 changes of method. Tenor size 14¼ in C sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY	1—2	JACK BRAY	5—6
GEORGE E. FEIRN	3—4	PHILIP BARNES	7—8

Arranged and Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., June 15, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

No. 162. Tenor size 15 in C.

ROY C. HURST	1—2	DANIEL T. MATKIN	5—6
WILLIAM G. YOUNG	3—4	KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ..	7—8

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.
Rung as a compliment to Albert H. Ward, of Derby, who celebrated his 79th birthday on June 18th. The band hope that this veteran, who was ringing handbell peals nearly 60 years ago, will have many more years of good health and happiness.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Wed., June 18, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT SALTLEY COLLEGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 14 in D.

*BRIAN R. SUTTON	1—2	BRIAN G. WARWICK	5—6
J. MARTIN THORLEY ..	3—4	WILFRID F. MORETON ..	7—8

Composed by E. MAURICE ATKINS. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
*First peal away from 7-8.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Fri., June 20, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 18 in G.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	1—2	*WILFRID F. MORETON ..	5—6
J. MARTIN THORLEY ..	3—4	†ERIC E. SPEAKE	7—8
†BRIAN R. SUTTON	9—10		

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* 50th peal this year. † First peal on ten handbells. Composition contains 5 and 6 each 12 times in 6th place, with 2 alternately in 2nds and 4ths place at course-ends.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., June 22, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5004 SPLICED MAJOR

In eight methods, comprising: 1,456 Plain Bob; 1,380 Gainsborough Little Bob; 576 Little Bob; 464 Reverse Bob; 304 each of Double and St. Clement's Bob; 288 Wellington Little Bob, and 232 Crayford Little Bob, with 397 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

WILLIAM G. YOUNG.. ..	1—2	DANIEL T. MATKIN	5—6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY..	3—4	KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ..	7—8

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.



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BELLS IN ENGLISH LIFE

By ERNEST MORRIS

(Continued from page 364)

THE ancient method of summoning the local parliaments of the land, whether ward meetings, guild meetings, municipal or Vestry Councils, was by the sound of a bell; and for the obvious reason that the parish church alone usually possessed bells large and loud enough to be heard at any distance, one of them was generally used. A bell was ordered by Edward the Confessor to be sounded in cases of danger to convene the people. Even Bucer, who strongly objected to much ringing, was willing to allow, as a common and necessary thing, the ringing of a bell to call the people 'to come to public meeting for the affairs of the Commonwealth' (Cosin's Works, v. p. 417). In some instances a handbell was used for the purpose; sometimes a 'common bell' hanging in the bell chamber of the town churches; or sometimes a bell suspended over the Guild Hall.

A handbell appears to have been used at Spalding, Lincs, Leicester, Lynn, Norwich and other places, where the 'common bellman,' a Corporation official, went through the town to call not only the corporation magistrates, but the guild brethren together ('Antiquary,' i. p. 252). Ruffhead, in his preface to 'The Statutes at Large,' speaking of the Fole-Mote Comitatus or Shire-Mote, and the Fole-Mote Civitatis Vel Burgi, or Burg-Mote, says, 'Besides these annual meetings, if any sudden contingency happened, it was the duty of the Aldermen of cities and boroughs to ring the bell called in English Mot-bell, in order to bring together the people to the Burg-Mote, etc. (see Blount's 'Law Dictionary,' v., Mot-bell). The bells in the clochard of old St. Paul's were used to summon the people to folk-motes in the churchyard. A large bell hanging in the chamber of St. Nicholas' Church and known as the 'Common bell' was so used at an early date at Newcastle-on-Tyne. Nottingham had its 'common bell' in 1315; and at St. Chad's, Stafford, was 'a grette bell which is accustomed to call parishioners together to all things pertaining to the towne of Stafford.' At Worcester the 'grete belle of the parisshe of Seint Androwe' was used to summon the 24 and the 48 to the 'Counselle house of the seid cite.' The Inventory of Church Goods belonging to the parish of Moulton, Northants, in 1552, shows that even small villages had, occasionally, their common-bell. It says:—

> 'Itm. One other great bell hangyng in one frame by it selfe bought by Thomas Colls and Thomas Lucke and by ye consent of ye hooll pyshe for theyse causes folowyng (yt is to say) to be ye clock bell and to have it ronge when any casualtyes shall chaunce. And for ye gatheryng togyther ye Inhabitants of ye sayd towne for ye courte and other theyr necessaryes. And not gyven to ye sayd churche.'

The people of Thetford, Norfolk, claimed in the same year a bell then hanging in their steeple for the same uses. The seventh bell at St. Mary's, Stamford, is the 'Common Bell' of that municipality. Many entries referring to it are found in the town records; it was used to call the townspeople together, and until recently it was tolled to summon the members of the Corporation to attend the chief magistrate to church. Until 1840, when the 'sport' was discontinued, the Common-bell was tolled at 'a quarter before eleven o'clock in the forenoon of the 13th of November in each year' to give warning that the Annual Bull Running, which had from time immemorial taken place at Stamford that day, was about to begin. The thoroughfares were then cleared of children and infirm people. At 11 o'clock a bull was turned into a street and then the sport began, the great object being to 'bridge the bull,' i.e., by main force to tumble him over the bridge which spans the Welland into the river beneath. When the bell was recast in 1626, care was taken to insure its ownership being lodged in the town and not the parish. It is inscribed:

+ IESVS SPEDE VS
STANFORDIENSIBVS INSERVIENS IPSA CONTEROR
TOBIE MORRIS CAST ME 1626
(Royal arms)

This bell is now tolled for a quarter of an hour at Quarter Sessions to summons the jury and others. The inscription, referring to its ancient use, appears to mean: 'I am myself worn out (or bruised) while serving for the men of Stamford.'

Newcastle had its Common Bell for over three centuries. It 'was casten' according to the Carr MSS. in 1593-4, but it is not unlikely that it was the old bell recast that year. In 1594 the churchwardens of St. Nicholas', in whose belfry the bell hung, received five shillings for 'knellinge on Guild day'—that refers to the ancient custom of tolling on the day of the election of Mayor from 9 o'clock in the morning, with little intermission, until 3 o'clock in the afternoon, at which hour the election took place. The long tolling appears to have been a summons to the various guilds to assemble at their different halls, but the popular impression was that it was the retiring Mayor's passing bell! Instead of the Common Bell, a large bell known as the Major, given to the town under the will of Major George Anderson (proved in 1831), now sounds from 8 to 9 o'clock in the morning, the summons for Christmas, Easter and Michaelmas Guilds of the Freemen. The Common Bell of Newcastle was also called the Great or Thief and Reiver Bell. 'The last name was applied to it,' writes Mr. Ventress, in consequence of its taking the place of (or accompanying) the Curfew or eight o'clock bell on the occasion of each of the fairs of the town—at which, by a custom widely dispersed, none but the greatest malefactors were liable to arrest.' It was also rung on Shrove Tuesdays at 11.45 a.m. as the Pancake Bell. The bell 'casten' in 1593-4 weighed about 17 cwt. and was recast in 1615 when it weighed 33 cwt., and again in 1622 when it was found about the same weight, and yet again in 1754 when it was sent to Whitechapel foundry in September of that year. The new bell, which weighed 36 cwt., arrived from London on December 20th, 1754, and first rung on January 1st, 1755. It was still called the 'Common Bell' and was inscribed:—

CUTHBERT SMITHESON ESQR. MAYOR.
WILLIAM ROWELL, ESQR. SHERIFF 1754.
THOS. LESTER & THOS. PACK FECIT.

However, in 1892 the whole ring was restored and recast by J. Taylor and Co., and the above bell (the tenor) is now 37 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. and inscribed, 'This peal of ten bells is the joint gift of the Corporation of Newcastle-upon-Tyne and John Hall, Esq., J.P., of the same city,' and bears the names of officials and clergy. Later (1914) two additional bells were installed and later still a semitone added. At Oakham, Rutland, the 7th bell is called 'the meeting bell' and is rung to call town meetings. In the Market Tower of Lewes hangs a bell now called from its inscription, 'Old Gabriel,' which is thus referred to in the town book under the date 1555: 'The Common bell was cast this year.' Although the erection of clock towers to town halls and the hanging therein of a bell or bells is now quite an ordinary occurrence, it is believed that ancient Mote-bells remaining in their original position over guild halls in England are very rare. An interesting example is preserved at Lincoln, where it hangs in a wooden frame, protected from the weather, on the top of the roof of the Guild Hall. It is 20¼ inches in diameter, has a rope and wheel and has an inscription which not only tells its use but also gives the date thus:—

'CVM QVIS CAMPANAM RESERET SACCVM BONUS AVDIT ET CVRIAM PLANAM FORE CVM SCITOTE REPLAVDIT TEMPORE VVILII BEELE MAIORIS LINCOLNIE CIVITATIS.'

This inscription shows that the bell was cast in the Mayoralty of William Beale (1371), was rung at the opening and again at the closing of the Court. Freely translated it runs:—

> 'When first a good man hears this bell,
> Let him with speed his bag untie;
> When next it rings, he'll know full well,
> The hall is cleared, and homeward hie.'

The Court being a Law Court, the reference is to the bag in which those interested in the case about to be tried carried their papers, in the same way as is still common with lawyers. This curious bell is now only rung to give warning of a meeting of the Council. At Kidderminster a singular custom used to prevail. 'On the election of a bailiff the inhabitants assemble in the principal streets and throw cabbage-stalks at each other. The town-house bell gives the signal for the affray. This is called the lawless hour' ('Gent,' May, 1791). There is a town hall bell at Colchester dating from about 1400.

In many parishes notice of vestry meetings were given by ringing one or more of the church bells. At Rothwell, Northants, two bells are chimed; at Epworth, Lincs, two and sometimes three are chimed; at Louth the third bell is tolled thirty strokes—thrice, a quarter of an hour before meeting time. At St. Martin's, Leicester—now the Cathedral—all the bells are rung in peal on Easter Tuesday for this purpose. The custom, however, like many other usages, is dying out, and probably the new system of parochial councils, by rendering all vestry meetings, except that of Easter, unnecessary, will lead still further to its decline. At Doncaster the sixth bell was used of old to summon a meeting of the Corporation, the fifth the Highway Board, and the treble for the Vestry.

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Composed by P. I. CHAPMAN

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54632		—	—	1	
43526	x			3	A
25634		—	—	3	
53246	x				B
42635		—	—	3	
42356	x			—	
32546		B			
52436		A			
34625		—	—		
23645			—	3	
23456	x			—	

ARKSEY, YORKS.—On June 20th, 1,440 Minor (720 Kent, 720 Oxford): E. Cooper 1, G. Arrand 2, Miss D. E. Smyth 3, Mrs. I. Somerville 4, R. J. Sanderson 5, D. A. Chapman (first quarter as cond.) 6.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On June 22nd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. D. Mosley 1, J. W. Pettigrew 2, F. W. Rishworth 3, G. H. Williams 4, J. L. Gray 5, T. R. Hampton 6, A. Allen 7, G. Davis (cond.) 8, B. D. A. Woolley 9, A. Short 10.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.—On June 7th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Joyce Fishlock (first in method) 1, G. P. Smerdon 2, E. J. Lindley 3, M. F. Layton 4, R. C. Spittle 5, N. Hobden 6, A. J. Adams (cond.) 7, D. N. Layton 8. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. D. J. Pitstow and Miss D. Jones.

BOOTLE, LANCS.—On June 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: T. Crolley 1, W. T. Hilton 2, C. Alexander 3, F. H. Hayes 4, C. Byard (first quarter as cond.) 5, C. H. Knowles 6. First quarter for all except conductor. Rung by the Sunday service band before evening service on the occasion of the Sunday School festival. Four of the band are Sunday School teachers.

BOSTON, LINCS.—On June 22nd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. Brian 1, Nancie Swann 2, Lorna Briggs 3, R. Brown 4, S. Jessop 5, A. Freeston 6, D. White 7, W. E. Clarke 8, F. Dewey (cond.) 9, J. Petch 10. Rung for the Patronal Festival.

CANNOCK, STAFFS.—On June 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Fowell 1, A. E. Barker 2, G. Bradbury (cond.) 3, A. Armstrong 4, W. Benton 5, H. Bailey 6. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. F. A. R. Chapman (Vicar) on his leaving to be Vicar of St. Chad's, Shrewsbury.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At the Cathedral, on June 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: H. Rogers 1, Miss M. G. Brockman 2, J. Walter 3, Miss J. Roberts 4, G. E. Ruck 5, P. J. Rye 6, S. Walter 7, J. W. Unwin 8. T. H. Holmes 9, B. J. Luck (cond.) 10. First quarter on 10 bells by 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6.

DURHAM.—On June 7th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. Williams 1, C. McGuiness 2, W. E. Robinson 3, K. W. Cheeseman 4, E. P. Crowdy 5 D. A. Bayles (cond.) 6, F. E. Collins 7, W. N. Park 8. Rung for the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Gallimore.

FULHAM.—On June 15th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: H. Belcher 1, Mrs. E. Davis 2, R. Mackerill 3, J. Stephenson 4, C. Watts 5, H. Ellis 6, A. J. Phillips 7, J. Phillips (cond.) 8, R. F. Deal 9, H. M. Page 10.

QUARTER PEALS

GREAT PONTON, LINCS.—On June 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. Pizer (first quarter) 1, P. Nicholson (first quarter) 2, J. Pearson 3, H. R. Woods 4, J. M. Simpson (cond.) 5. Rung in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Stableford.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On June 8th, 1,272 Ipswich Surprise Minor: G. L. Perkins 1, E. J. Parish (first quarter Ipswich) 2, F. R. Nichols 3, F. Warrington (cond.) 4, A. Clements 5, H. S. Peacock 6. Also on June 22nd, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: H. W. Pratt 1, G. L. Perkins 2, E. J. Parish 3, F. R. Nichols 4, A. Clements 5, F. Warrington (cond.) 6.

HATFIELD, YORKS.—On June 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss P. Waddington (first quarter) 1, D. G. Jackson 2, W. H. Jackson (cond.) 3, A. H. Shaw 4, G. Jackson 5, A. Shaw 6.

HEMINGBROUGH, YORKS.—On June 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: D. Hatfield 1, D. Tune 2, G. Burt 3, J. J. Tune 4, R. Grice 5, T. W. Tune (cond.) 6. Also on June 7th, 1,260 Minor (being 720 Kent and 540 Plain Bob): R. B. Smith 1, D. Tune 2, G. Burt 3, G. F. Terry 4, E. Phillpot 5, T. W. Tune (cond.) 6. Rung for the wedding of E. Bernice Tune to Clifford Kingsley.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On June 7th, 1,280 Oxford Treble Bob Major: D. M. Salisbury 1, A. H. Worboys 2, J. Carrott 3, S. Meadows 4, S. Penfold 5, A. J. Salisbury 6, T. East 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8. Rung for Trinity Sunday.

LANGFORD BUDVILLE, SOMERSET.—On June 6th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: G. Walford 1, Miss J. Tattersall 2, G. Gammon 3, F. W. Slocombe 4, D. North (first as cond.) 5, F. Burton 6. First quarter of Stedman for 2, 3, 4 and 6.

POPLAR, LONDON.—At All Saints, on June 15th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: P. J. Coles 1, Miss M. A. Prockson 2, A. W. Coles 3, W. D. Prockson (first 'inside' of Grandsire Caters) 4, G. A. Parsons 5, G. A. Spenser 6, R. H. Begrie (first quarter of Caters as cond.) 7, T. J. Lock 8, J. Euston 9, H. W. Clark 10.

ROTHERSTHORPE, NORTHANTS.—On June 15th, 1,260 Doubles (480 each of April Day and Old and 300 of Plain Bob): J. Harrold 1, A. Cozens 2, T. Baker 3, K. Perkins 4, I. Dickin (cond.) 5. Rung at the christening of Kevin Robinson, nephew of the ringer of the fourth.

RUGBY.—At St. Andrew's, on June 20th, 1,320 Stedman Doubles: G. A. Peck (cond.) 1, J. G. Underwood 2, C. Underwood 3, D. J. Pitstow 4, E. G. Orland 5. Rung for Festival Evensong.

SHENFIELD, ESSEX.—On June 14th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: H. T. Wilson 1, J. Pidgeon (first in method 'inside') 2, R. Pitman 3, H. J. Oliver 4, D. G. Mayell (first in method as cond.) 5, H. Turner 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Mayell on the birth of a daughter.

SOMERSHAM, HUNTS.—On June 14th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: E. J. Wakeling 1, Geoff Carter (first quarter Cambridge Minor) 2, F. Warrington (cond.) 3, A. Clements 4, H. S. Peacock 5, W. Ransom 6.

STANMORE, MIDDLX.—On June 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Rowley 1, D. Cattel 2, W. J. Nudds 3, R. Stoddard 4, T. Clark 5, J. Rootes 6, E. C. S. Turner (cond.) 7, E. J. Leversuch 8.

TICKNALL, DERBYS.—On June 22nd, 1,260 Minor (720 St. Clement's, 480 Little Bob and 60 Hereward Bob): Mrs. T. J. Marriott 1, P. Marriott 2, L. Warren 3, T. J. Marriott 4, W. G. Soar 5, A. J. Marriott (cond.) 6. Also 1,260 Minor (720 Double Oxford and 540 St. Clement's): Band and conductor as above. Both rung on choir and ringers' festival Sunday.

WESTERHAM, KENT.—On June 21st, 1,296 Plain Bob Major: Miss A. Hobbs 1, M. F. Oakshett 2, W. R. Manser 3, J. E. Lvddiard 4, M. Fuller 5, J. L. Morris 6, R. L. Sills 7, F. C. W. Knight (cond.) 8.

WEST HILLINGDON, MIDDLX.—On June 22nd, a quarter peal of Spliced Grandsire and Oxford Bob Triples: Mrs. Manchip 1, A. R. Turley 2, Mrs. A. R. Turley 3, P. E. Jones 4, T. G. Bunnster 5, H. Impey 6, F. Corke (cond.) 7, W. S. Childs 8. First quarter in the above spliced methods by all the band.

WILBY, NORTHANTS.—On June 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. King 1, Mrs. C. W. Partridge 2, C. W. Partridge 3, W. Drage 4, D. King (first quarter as cond.) 5, R. Wykes 6. An 84th birthday compliment to Mr. T. Fowler.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On June 20th, 1,680 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Newton 1, Miss P. Lowes 2, R. Newton 3, M. S. Lancefield 4, R. J. Carlton 5, E. S. Ruck (cond.) 6. To celebrate the 85th birthday of the conductor and his 73rd year as a ringer.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

This issue contains the first of a series of about 36 articles designed to help beginners and those who find difficulties in mastering elementary ringing and conducting. We ask conductors to bring this series to the notice of young members in the towers. New subscribers enrolled to-day will start with a new half-year. For subscription rates see above.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The peal of Grandsire Doubles at Harrietsham was a stepping-stone in the progress of the local band. Mr. Alexander Waddington, their instructor, had the satisfaction of seeing five of the band score their first peal. Among them was Mr. James R. Crump, aged 66. Harrietsham ringers, through our columns, desire to thank Mr. Waddington for his patience and the time he has devoted to their instruction.

Mr. Trevor A. Cross, who rang the second in the peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor at Upchurch, Kent, on June 21st, had not previously made a bob in the method.

The band which rang the peal at Rugeley, Staffordshire, on June 21st, would like to express their thanks to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Joyner for their hospitality after the peal.

The peal at Milland on Trinity Sunday marks the closing of a very pleasant association between ringers in West Sussex and Mr. G. R. H. Smith, who has been a student at Chichester Theological College. His help and inspiration have been much appreciated by the many ringers with whom he has come in contact. Mr. Smith was ordained deacon to serve in the Parish of St. Stephen, Gloucester.

We are asked to state that the peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major reported on page 371 was rung at Gilmorton and not Claybrooke. The correction reminds us of the well-known College Youth who arrived home in the early hours. 'Where have you been?' was the question that greeted him from the anxious spouse. 'Peal ringing,' was the reply. 'I said 'where?' 'I don't know,' he somewhat embarrassingly replied. 'I was met at the railway station, motored five miles, rang a peal of Stedman Triples and then motored back to the railway station.' A fortnight later with the publication of the peal he was able to satisfy his own curiosity and provide his wife with the answer.

Very favourable comment was passed at the annual meeting of the St. David's Diocesan Guild at some members wearing blazers with the Guild badge attached. The secretary expressed the hope that the fashion would extend to all members attending Guild meetings.

Mr. J. F. Milner informs us that the first peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major at Southwell Minster was rung by an eminent band on December 26th, 1950, and not as published in our peal column last week.

Further Cornish rings in the hands of Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. for varying schemes of recasting and rehanging are the sixes at North Petherwyn, Padstow and St. Endellion and the eight at Stokeclimsland.

Congratulations to Mr. Philip M. J. Gray on calling the first peal on the bells of St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, since 1934. The last peal was scored by the Australian tourists. There was a local peal on the bells in 1925.

Mr. W. H. Pickett is the president of the Scottish Association of Change Ringers and he presided at the annual meeting of the Association reported in our last issue. Professor Street retired from the presidency the previous year.

Mr. Aubrey L. Bennett informs us that the last peal of Major on Crediton bells was rung on August 12th, 1939. The method was Bob Major and it was conducted by the late Mr. C. R. Lilley. The tenor was turned in by Mr. A. Patrick Cannon.

A handbell peal of Major was rung at Bath Abbey on Friday, June 13th, as a farewell to Mr. Jack R. Worrall, who is leaving the area shortly. A thunderstorm and organ recital provided a background to the peal, during which the band were treated to three verses of a hymn tune by the Abbey carillon.

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EARLIER START AT FUTURE MEETINGS — APPRECIATION OF MR. & MRS. G. W. FLETCHER'S SERVICES — MAYOR AND CORPORATION'S HOSPITALITY

(Continued from page 410)

TIME OF MEETINGS

The Secretary reported that the Standing Committee had considered the matter of the time of meetings, and recommended that in future the Council meet at 10 a.m. instead of 11 a.m.

VOTES OF THANKS

The President, from the chair, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Bishop of Lincoln, the Dean and Chapter for all they had done for the Council, and particularly to the Dean for conducting them round the Cathedral the previous day and celebrating Holy Communion that morning. They would also like to thank the members of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, and particularly the Master, Mr. J. W. Freeman, and the secretary, Mr. Bray. He would also like to thank all incumbents where they had access to bells and to the tower keepers for getting those bells ready. Finally, he would like to thank the Mayor and Corporation of Lincoln for their hospitality.

RETIREMENT OF MR. G. W. FLETCHER

The President: This is the end of Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher's combined service as hon. secretary and treasurer, and we cannot possibly let them go without expressing our very sincere thanks to them for all they have done for us over these rather more than 20 years. They have brought the status of the Council and its business to a very high standard, very much different from what it was in the very old days. I feel it is impossible sufficiently to express in words what we owe to them. I should like to say more, but we are very pressed for time. I hope that the arrangements which have been started to express our gratitude in a more tangible form will be accomplished.

Mr. A. A. Hughes, in seconding, said he had worked with Mr. Fletcher for many years, and it was only by working with him that one realised all the work he had put in. He knew in business he was a very busy man, and rarely got through his ordinary work before 9 p.m.

The resolution was carried with acclamation.

Mr. Fletcher, in reply, said it was somewhat difficult to realise that it was probably the last time he would occupy that place. He thanked the President and the Council for their co-operation over a very long period, and he hoped they would extend to his successor the same support as they had given him. He was sure the secretaryship would be in safe hands, but it would not be in safe hands unless the members of the Council played their part. If they had any new ideas he was sure he would consider them. He hoped to be present at Council meetings for many years to come.

Mr. R. S. Anderson proposed a vote of thanks to the President for presiding.

CORPORATION'S GENEROSITY

The Council meeting was followed by a tea, given by the Mayor and Corporation, held in the Co-operative Hall, and attended by 214 members and their wives.

The Mayor of Lincoln (Cclr. J. W. Giles) presided, supported by the Lord Bishop, the Dean and the Archdeacon of Lindsey.

The Mayor, in his welcome, said he understood that it was 30 years since the Council last visited Lincoln. He knew they were a national body, and as such were expected to hold their meetings at different centres. He should imagine that the Diocese of Lincoln was where the art of change ringing was practised as widely as anywhere, as they in Lincolnshire thought very highly of their churches and their bells.

Although he knew nothing about change ringing, many years ago his father was a bell-ringer at St. Botolph's in Lincoln. He had in his possession a letter written by the Town Clerk of Lincoln in 1887 which read: 'I herewith send you a cheque for £4 10s. in discharge of your account for bell ringing for Queen Victoria's Jubilee.' He trusted they had had a profitable meeting.

Mr. E. H. Lewis, in reply, said: I am sure all the guests to-night wish to thank the Mayor and Corporation for their very generous hospitality. Ringers, as you know, ring for State occasions as well as ecclesiastical occasions, and we always like to know we are in touch with Mayors and Corporations as well as the ecclesiastical authorities. We passed formally in the Chapter House a vote of thanks to the Bishop and the Dean for what they had done for us, and I would like to express our thanks personally to the Bishop for coming to welcome us. We would like to thank the Dean for a most interesting trip around the Cathedral and for his explanation of that wonderful building, for allowing us to ring the Cathedral bells, and for taking the celebration this morning, which was well attended. We also want to thank the Lincoln Diocesan Guild for all they have done. When I last visited Lincoln for your Jubilee I tried to think of my connection with Lincolnshire. The only one I could think of was that my dining room chairs were made from the wood taken from a Grantham bell frame. Since I have been here I have thought of a much better connection, because, having been born in Nottingham, I was born in the Diocese of Lincoln, as that was before the Diocese of Southwell was created. Mr. Mayor, I thank you for your hospitality and the Lincoln Diocesan Guild for making this week-end so enjoyable.

The Dean, who is president of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, disclaimed any hard work in connection with the visit, and said the hard work had been done by Mr. J. Bray and Mr. J. A. Freeman.

A social evening was afterwards held at the Saracen's Head.

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THYSELF

Dear Sir,—The greatest enemies of change ringing are change ringers.—Yours sincerely,

F. W. RICHARDSON.

Brockley, S.E.4.

FOR BEGINNERS—AND A WORD TO THE OLDER HANDS

1—Giving the 'Youngsters' a Start

[Note: This is the first of a series of articles which will, we believe, be of assistance to young ringers, providing they are prepared to take note of what is said. The substance of these articles appeared in 'The Ringing World' during 1937–38.]

Firstly, a word to instructors: What about giving those youngsters who as yet know nothing about change ringing a little more encouragement and help? They, or others like them, have got to take your place one day, so they ought to be helped along. Besides, the quicker they move forward the sooner you will get their assistance in things which you would like to do, but cannot for want of others to help you. If you find teaching difficult, encourage these youngsters to follow up the articles in this column. The learners can, we think, help themselves a great deal from what appears, and, with your assistance, the stumbling-blocks to change ringing ought to be overcome fairly easily.

With a complete novice, we always think it is essential that he should first understand something of what change ringing is, before he is made to do something in the tower which he doesn't really grasp. We have heard ringers say to the veriest tyro, 'Now, come on, see if you can hunt the treble.'

Except that he knows he has got to do something different from striking over the same bell all the time—which is probably all he has done up to this stage—he has only the foggiest notion of what is required of him. So the instructor stands behind him and every pull tells him to follow this, that, or the other bell, or to lead, and at the end the beginner is often more bewildered than when he started.

A little preliminary explanation with pencil and paper, or by some other means of illustration, is well worth while. It is not a bad idea to start with a few playing cards. The 'object' of changes can be explained with three; the 'movement' of the bells in changes can quite well be illustrated with the ace, two, three, four and five. The ace, as the treble, can indicate how the bells hunt up and down, and with careful manipulation the work of the other bells can be made plain.

It will give your beginner an interesting exercise to manipulate the cards accurately enough to produce rounds at the end of a given number of changes. Make it plain to him that two pairs of cards must be changed each time, and that each pair that is changed must be two adjoining cards. Start him first of all changing the two front and the two back pairs alternately and let him see how the 'bells' come round after ten changes.

Next show him that he can extend this ten to thirty, if after number one has appeared twice at the beginning of the line, he changes the front and the back pairs instead of the two front pairs. Don't forget to remind him he must do this immediately he starts, for number one has already been in the appropriate position.

An exercise like this on the table will go a long way towards showing the beginner what he has to do in the tower, and it is helpful if, when he can manipulate the cards successfully, he will copy down in a column on paper the rows as he produces them.

The manipulation of the cards will show him the 'movement' of the bells in changes, the record on paper will enable him to examine the detailed effect of that movement. A process that will give the beginner something that he can see and understand from the first will give him an interest in applying it in the belfry and enable him all the quicker to grasp what he is required to do when he is at the rope end.

MAPLEDURHAM, OXON.—On June 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Watkins 1, C. Pocock 2, L. Fogg 3, Miss M. Hart 4, C. Smith (first as cond.) 5, R. Hutt 6.

EXETER CATHEDRAL BELLS

Golden Jubilee of Restoration and Re-dedication

A REPRESENTATIVE and goodly number attended the special evensong at Exeter Cathedral on June 14th in connection with the golden jubilee of the restoration and re-dedication of the Cathedral bells. Among the robed clergy was the Bishop of Crediton, vice-president of the Devon Guild, who read the lesson.

The Dean (the Very Rev. A. R. Wallace) in an excellent address based on Psalm 29, 'O, worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness,' said: 'When we have a church, we like to beautify it to the glory of God by having the best masons, artists, etc., and when we have the building ready, we have to summon the people to come, and so we have bells and ringers. It is possible to imagine other ways of announcing that the services are about to begin. We might have someone to fire a cannon at the west end five minutes before the service. We might have a man with a megaphone as they do at country fairs. We might have a siren which would sound far and wide. But there is, we all think, something so beautifully appropriate in the sound of our church bells ringing out over the city roofs and over the hills and dales of the countryside sounding to the faithful the summons to come and do their duty of worship.

'During the year we celebrate various festivals and to-day it is ringing and the 50th anniversary of the beautiful bells of this, our mother church, and so the church calendar goes round marking the seasons and collecting the contributions to the great work and worship in fellowship and co-operation, and that is why to-day, on behalf of the Chapter and the whole Cathedral stall, I offer you ringers a very warm welcome to this, our mother church. We thank you for your services and remind you that there are two amounts of contributions you can make.

FELLOW CHRISTIANS

'One is purely a business, a cash transaction for services rendered, and the other is in addition, on a Christian basis, to come to summon the congregation on this and other high occasions and festivals, as fellow Christians, not forgetting, I hope, as ringers are apt to forget that they are fellow Christians first and ringers second. Some fail to respond to the summons of worship which they themselves send out from their church belfries, and are depriving their fellow members of the church of something which is of very great value. The clergy and congregation downstairs in the church are poorer for their absence and it is not only we the clergy, who rejoice when they come down from the belfry to join us, but there is, we may be sure, gladness in the heart of God.'

At the tea and meeting following the service the hon. secretary introduced the main object for the gathering—the golden jubilee of the restoration of the bells, which are the pride and joy of the Diocese, and the whole ringing fraternity, and of which the late Rev. H. T. Ellacombe said were 'unsurpassed in the kingdom for weight of metal and sweetness of tone.' The former honour has now eluded us but we feel sure that the noble bells of Exeter are second to none for their sweetness and mellowness.

THE GREATEST FEAT

Mr. Oldham, of Messrs. John Taylor and Co., thanked the meeting for the kind invitation to say a few words. He spoke of the bell-hanging feat accomplished in those days, 50 years ago, and suggested it certainly surpassed anything that was being done to-day.

To have spanned 32 feet of tower space with the nine steel girders which supported the cage was a masterpiece in itself. It is the frame that makes the bells go well, and with all modesty we claim that this was the greatest feat of all in hanging the bells of Exeter Cathedral.

It is common knowledge that the tenor, Grandison, is 72¼ cwt—the old bell was 62 cwt. Mr. J. W. Taylor came to inspect the bells in 1885 but it was not until 1902 that the work was completed. On the old ring it took 16 men to ring a course of Caters and they were much distressed even after this short touch. After restoration the great William Pye rang Grandison for four hours single-handed. Such was the perfection in bell-hanging.

SUCCESSFUL PRESS APPEALS

Mr. A. W. Searle, the last surviving member of the bells restoration committee and G.O.M. of the Devon Guild—self-styled 'ripe old octogenarian'—gave some reminiscences of those days of 1902 and after. Mr. Searle said: 'At the time I was a journalist and my editor spoke to me about the commencement of a subscribers' list, and with the support of the Press the appeal was soon successful.

'It was also through the support of the Press that the bells were augmented to twelve in 1923. I personally appealed, on behalf of the Church of England, in the light of Buckfast Abbey having twelve and the Cathedral only ten bells. It was not long before a citizen, Mr. A. C. Thomas, of Exeter, gave the trebles as a personal thankoffering.' Mr. Searle also referred to the first peal on the bells and later the peal of Grandsire Cinques by resident members of the Guild. Until this year (1952) Mr. Searle was the only man who conducted a peal of Triples on the bells; anyway the only peal ever by Exeter men!

Mr. C. G. Glass, a former Ringing Master of the Cathedral band, spoke a few words and recalled the late Mr. J. W. Taylor's comments on the 11th (Stafford) when it was suggested to him that this was the finest bell in the country —'Maybe the finest **old** bell.'

Apologies for absence were received from the president of the Devon Guild, Preb. E. V. Cox, and from Mr. William Shepherd, a native of Exeter, who was president at the dedication service in 1902.

The Cathedral bells were kept going with some very good ringing until 8 p.m. During this period a grand touch of Caters was brought round by some members of the Society of Roving Ringers and 'under 30's.' Permission was also taken advantage of at Heavitree and St. David's, Exeter.

All concerned were more than pleased with the arrangements and all contributed to what was indeed a truly memorable day. F. W.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION

Jubilee Meeting To Be Held At Wrexham

The 49th annual general meeting of the North Wales Association was held at St. David's, Bangor, on June 8th. Towers represented were Portmadoc, Llandudno, Rhyl, Buckley, Wrexham and Gresford, and members were welcomed by the president (the Rev. E. G. Wright), who is also the Vicar of St. David's. After an hour's ringing on this fine ring of eight, a short service was held and conducted by the Vicar who said it was very appropriate for the meeting to be in Bangor at the same time as celebrations were being held to commemorate the 1,400th anniversary of the founding by St. Deiniol of the first church in the diocese.

After an excellent tea provided by the local ladies, who were thanked by Mr. G. H. Randles, the business meeting was held, at which the president took the chair, supported by the secretary and treasurer (Mr. W. Cathrall).

The statement of accounts, which was adopted, showed a balance of £18 4s. 4d., an increase of £3 over last year.

In the election of officers Mr. L. S. Griffiths was elected instructor for the Bangor and Rhyl districts, with Mr. John Roberts (Llandudno) and Miss Wallace (Rhyl) as secretaries.

It was decided to hold the next half-yearly meeting at Bodelwyddan on September 6th and Wrexham was chosen for the annual meeting next year, on which day the Association will also celebrate its Jubilee. In place of the quarterly meetings, which were cancelled owing to the long distance members would have to travel to attend, it was thought that district meetings would suffice.

A committee was elected to make the necessary arrangements for the Jubilee celebrations comprising:—Messrs. D. Millward, A. Lea, F. R. Evans, G. H. Randles, Miss N. Bibby and the secretary.

Mr. A. J. Hughes, of Bangor, tendered his resignation, owing to ill health, as the Central Council representative and district instructor. This was accepted with very much regret, and the secretary was requested to send him their best wishes for a speedy return to better health. Mr. W. Cathrall was elected to attend as representative the next Central Council meeting.

New members elected were Miss G. Davies (Llandudno), Miss D. Window and Messrs. G. Davies, D. Window and M. Chadwick (Bangor).

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the chairman, proposed by Mr. D. Millward and seconded by Mr. F. R. Evans, to which the chairman suitably responded.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AT BRIDLINGTON

The annual meeting of the Eastern District was held at Bridlington on June 7th at the special invitation of the Rector (Canon Lamb) to celebrate the golden jubilee of the dedication of the fine ring of eight bells (tenor 26¼ cwt.) which took place on June 7th, 1902.

A special service was conducted by the Rector, assisted by the Rev. G. Steer, Vicar of Hutton Cranswick, a good friend of the ringers. A large congregation of parishioners and ringers was present, the address being given by the Archdeacon of Leeds, the Venerable C. C. Ellison, M.A., president of the Yorkshire Association. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells during the service by L. Rodmell 1-2, P. Speck 3-4, H. S. Morley 5-6, H. Walker 7-8.

Tea was served in Priory Institute, after which the Rector gave an interesting account of the history of Bridlington Priory Church and the bells, and welcomed the Archdeacon and the ringers to Bridlington

The Archdeacon, in reply, thanked the Rector for his remarks and for his kindly inviting the Association and himself to Bridlington to celebrate the occasion of the golden jubilee of the bells.

The business meeting was presided over by Mr. A. E. Sellers, and Miss Susan Harrop of Hutton Cranswick was elected a member.

Mr. S. Steel, Ringing Master, and Messrs. A. B. Cook, R. B. Smith and J. J. Taylor, committee, were re-elected for a further period of three years. Howden was selected as the next place of meeting with Patrington as an alternative.

The usual votes of thanks were passed with acclamation, and Mr. Parker, of Bridlington, in reply, gave all present a very hearty welcome and expressed the hope that they would come again soon.

Over 60 ringers and friends were present, representing 18 towers.

The bells were kept ringing till nine o'clock, everyone having a most enjoyable time on a lovely day.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE FIRST PEAL OF STEDMAN

Dear Sir,—In his history of 'Stedman,' Jasper Snowdon said that 'the earliest known peal of Stedman' was that composed by Thomas Edwards in 1792 and rung by the College Youths in 1803 at St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington.

Trollope, with more enthusiasm, in the more recent edition refers to this as 'the first peal composed which we know to be true.' This enthusiasm is, however, completely misplaced as the peal on even a cursory examination is seen to be riddled with falseness and must now have its distinction altered to 'the peal whose falseness remained undetected for the longest time.'—Yours sincerely,

G. W. SLACK.

Waltham Abbey, Essex.

RINGING AT BECKENHAM

Dear Sir,—As late towerkeeper and secretary of the band at this tower, I feel that some explanation of my recent withdrawal from the tower is necessary to the many friends who have visited Beckenham.

Some monthts ago the Rector took exception to visitors who came along on Thursday for practice but could not attend the Sunday service ringing, the latter difficulty being caused by indifferent attendance by the local ringers and consequently only chiming was possible. Despite my overtures to get the position cleared up, the Rector maintained his attitude and I therefore considered it desirable to sever my service for the church after 27 years.

I am, therefore, surprised to see the announcement that visitors are now welcome. It is also a matter of interest that the new towerkeeper or leader, although previously a member of the band, found it necessary to withdraw from the band on his removal to Forest Hill.

The world is full of surprises, even for an Association officer.—Yours truly,

W. J. RAWLINGS.

Beckenham, Kent.

MR. W. KEEBLE'S PEAL BOOK

Dear Sir,—Regarding Mr. A. H. Pulling's letter in 'The Ringing World' of June 13th, Mr. Keeble's peal book was handed to the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths by Mr. W. H. Fussell at a meeting at Shoreditch in May, 1944. At the time Mr. Pulling expressed regret that the peal book did not include Mr. Keeble's compositions.—Yours sincerely,

KITTY MATTHEWS,
Hon. Sec., The Society of
Royal Cumberland Youths.

ARTIFICIAL MUSIC-MAKERS

Dear Sir,—Last Sunday I visited one of Devon's notable towers, whose lovely bells will shortly be competing with two artificial music-makers for the ears of the townspeople. At the morning service the Archbishop's Pastoral Letter was read, dealing with the need for a higher entry into the Ministry.

Some clergy seem ready enough, though one appreciates their difficulties, to replace absent ringers by a machine. I hope ringers, in turn, will never suggest that in the church below, where there is also a certain amount of repetition, records could also do duty for the missing parson.

If the acceptance of sham were thus logically extended, we might find ourselves trying to deceive the Almighty Himself with records made in King's College Chapel and played twice a Sunday in England's every empty church.—Yours.

GRAHAM WATT.

Bristol.

THINGS THAT MATTER

Sir,—What a contrast between the splendid leading article by the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow and the report of the proceedings of the Central Council meeting's debate on Method Extension in a recent 'Ringing World.' In the entire report on pages 393 and 394 there is not one single mention of Sunday service ringing.

What does it matter which methods are rung or what their titles are so long as striking as near perfect as possible is obtained when church bells are rung for services? Who can deny that Plain Bob or a good 'rise,' well-struck call changes followed by a good 'fall' in peal, are more pleasant sounds to the man-in-the-street than a conglomeration of sound produced by a supposed extension of some complicated method.

It would be difficult to a non-ringer chancing to read the Council report to see how method extension affects the ringing of bells which the average citizen loves to hear.

The meeting of the Council could much more profitably be spent in discussing at greater length means of obtaining and retaining recruits, publicity, ringers' relations with the clergy, means of safeguarding the future of the 'Ringing World,' to mention only a few subjects, instead of the few individuals bickering about a matter which concerns but a few of the great fraternity of Church bellringers.—Yours faithfully, ARTHUR HIBBERT.

Chapel-en-le-Frith.

TO JACK WORRALL

Dear Sir,—The handbell peal on Sunday, June 15th, by members of the St. Ambrose Guild, Bristol, was rung as a farewell to one of the Guild's honorary members in the person of Jack Worrall, who is leaving Bristol after completing his studies at Bristol University.

The handbell team will miss both the genial company and the expert help which Jack has been pleased to extend to them, enabling two peals of Royal to be scored.

F. J. S., R. G. H., E. S., J. P.

ABC OF CONDUCTING

Dear Sir,—In the literature of ringing there seems to be lacking a thesis on the art of conducting and composition that the would-be conductor can understand. There is 'Ropesight,' of course, which gives easily assimilable information up to Plain Bob Major, and at the other end of the scale there is 'Variation and Transposition,' which contains, I feel sure, a great deal of sound logic, but which is considerably above my head and, I venture to say, above the heads of the vast majority of Sunday service conductors.

I suggest that perhaps one of the hierarchy, whose names are familiar to all readers of your peal columns, might be invited to contribute a series of articles either in your columns or for publication by the Central Council, setting forth the ABC of conducting, composition and proof in such a manner as to be intelligible to the rank and file.—Yours faithfully,

Liverpool. V. BOASE.

NOTE.—The new series of articles for beginners, starting with this issue, contains valuable guidance for those just starting conducting.—ED.

CHESTER.—At St. Mary's-on-the-Hill, on June 8th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Stella M. Kingdon 1, H. Lewis 2, Betty Griffiths 3, Shirley Golding 4, H. Worrall 5, H. O. Baker (cond.) 6, C. Raddon 7, F. T. Parry 8.

MOTTRAM-IN-LONGDENDALE, CHESHIRE.—On June 9th, 1,760 Kent Treble Bob Major: R. Benson 1, A. Cairns 2, F. R. Williams 3, H. Reynolds 4, J. Heap 5, B. Walshaw 6, F. Johnson 7, J. Clegg (cond.) 8. A compliment to Mrs. H. V. Greenwood on her 70th birthday and her many interests in the church and local organisations.

CRANBORNE PEAL

Dear Sir,—I cannot let the Rev. W. F. Bond's letter go unchallenged. It is a distortion of the fact to appease a few local ringers, and there is no question of piracy, as he claims. He said nothing about finishing at 4 p.m., otherwise we should not have started as we could not ring a quarter peal in the time. Not one of our party knew a single ringer at Cranborne and did not even know if they had a local band and nobody told the Vicar that they had seen the captain who gave permission which he accuses us of.

We were met at the church by a ringer with the keys of the tower, and after the children's service was over, we all had a chat with the Vicar about the peal attempt and he raised no objection whatever; in fact he was rather pleased.

The local ringer then took us to the tower and said as we were ringing for at least three hours and would not finish much before evensong, the local team would not bother to turn up.

We rang a good peal and finished at 6.25 p.m. and were met outside by a hostile party of ringers.

I apologised for any inconvenience we may have caused but they said they did not mind the peal being rung if they had known beforehand, but objected to it being arranged over their heads, and the Vicar is entirely to blame for this, not us.

There are two sides to everything and Mr. West would do much better if he listened to both versions before jumping to conclusions. He could have contacted one of our party before it came up at the Bridport meeting and heard their version.

F. W. BURNETT.

Portsmouth.

WINCHESTER GUILD MOTION

Dear Sir,—We are once again witnessing one of those unfortunate happenings that set the Exercise back in its relations with Church and Man. For many years there has existed a little discord in the area of this Guild and the Salisbury Guild on the Hants-Dorset borders. Strenuous efforts by Messrs. Davis, Mitchell and Pullinger of this Guild patched things up a few years ago by effecting an alteration to this Guild's rules and harmony had been reached; now the fat is in the fire again in the same area.

I am suggesting to the conductor of this peal that he publishes it as a non-Association peal and not for the Winchester Guild as I for one (and I am not the only one) do not wish the Guild to be credited with it, in fact if it is, I shall, at the next Executive Committee meeting, put forward a resolution deprecating such action. I don't think we can refuse to take it as a Winchester Guild peal, but it carries too much with it to make it a desirable credit.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN A. HILL,
Hon. Sec., Andover District,
Winchester and Portsmouth Guild.

COMMON COURTESY DEMANDS A LETTER

Dear Sir,—Recent correspondence regarding the peal at Cranborne and the peal at Hawkley this week make very sorry reading and one is inevitably led to conclude that the general decline in good manners among the rising generation has reached the belfry.

Surely, when asking permission to ring, whether it be for a peal or short touches, common courtesy demands a letter (and in these days of dear postage, a stamped envelope for a reply) not simply a ring on the telephone.—Yours,

E. BARNETT.

10, King's Close, Crayford.

OUTINGS IN BRIEF

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S, WILMSLOW

The outing of St. Bartholomew's, Wilmslow, Cheshire, on May 31st, was into 'them thar 'ills,' or, in other words, glorious Derbyshire.

Bakewell was reached shortly before 10 o'clock and an hour's ringing enjoyed to the full on this magnificent eight. Then on to Edensor, in Chatsworth Park, where the merry six were soon in use, the non-ringers being 'conducted' by the Vicar (round the church, of course) to see the fine works in Derbyshire marble which evidenced the interior.

After a very welcome lunch at Matlock, the octave in the loftily situated Church of St. Giles was visited and ringing enjoyed throughout the afternoon. The route taken was via Gellia, with its exceptionally beautiful scenery, to the final tower, Youlgreave. Before ringing, justice was done to an excellent salad tea, in which the tourists were joined by the branch chairman, who had made the journey independently by car. With reluctance the party bade farewell to a very pleasant district.

During a halt at Buxton, thanks were expressed to the 'shepherd' of the party, who in turn would like to thank all who helped, especially the district secretary of the Derbyshire Association.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICS

On June 7th the ringers of Holy Trinity Church held their first annual outing, when about 30 ringers and friends travelled by coach to North Wales. The first 'ringing stop' was made at Shrewsbury, where rounds were soon rung on the twelve bells of St. Chad's. Various methods were then attempted on eight and ten bells. The next stop was Llangollen, where the visitors toured the town before raising and ringing the recently rehung eight of St. Collen's Church.

Methods rung during the day were Bob Royal and Major, Grandsire Triples and Caters, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major, Little Bob and Stedman Triples.

On the long homeward journey handbells were rung in between items by 'the back-seat choir.'

HUNTS DISTRICT

A delightful day was spent in West Suffolk by members of the Hunts District on June 14th.

Ringing took place during the morning at Cavendish and Sudbury All Saints', followed by lunch at the Four Swans Hotel, Sudbury.

Everyone looked forward to the next tower, Lavenham, and the beautiful ring here and the majesty of the church left a deep impression on the party. Monks Eleigh, Stowmarket and the Norman tower at Bury St. Edmunds completed the ringing programme. Home was reached shortly after 10 p.m.

CIRENCESTER

On Whit Monday, Cirencester ringers with their wives and ringing friends had their annual outing by motor-coach to Swanage. Ringing took place at Melksham and Wincanton on the way down—two good rings of eight. On reaching Swanage the party split up to enjoy themselves in various ways. Tea was had at 5 o'clock and afterwards ringing took place on the fine ring at the Parish Church. Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob were rung during the day, not forgetting rounds for the learners.

Best thanks are due to Messrs. W. C. West, J. H. Chilcott, A. J. Clarke and J. T. Dyke for the arrangements they made, which enabled us to have a very enjoyable day. F. J. L.

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOMERSET

Chewton Mendip ringers and friends had their annual outing on May 24th. Touches of Grandsire Triples were rung at Salisbury, Southampton, Andover and Devizes. A stop was made at Winchester to inspect the beautiful Cathedral. The homeward journey was much enjoyed coming over Salisbury Plain. H. B.

PRESTON, SUFFOLK

Preston St. Mary's ringers with their wives and friends had their annual outing on June 14th. Touring Norfolk, the following towers were visited: Attleborough, Hethersett, St. George's, Norwich, Winterton and Somerleyton. The methods rung were Plain Bob, Grandsire, Stedman, Kent, Oxford, Double Norwich, Cambridge and Bourne. At Norwich the party were met by the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, who joined them at lunch. Tea was partaken of at Winterton, where the party were welcomed by the jovial Vicar of that place, who escorted some of the youngsters (and elders) to the tower summit to enjoy the very pretty surroundings.

The ringers wish to express their thanks to the incumbents for use of the bells, also the kind friends who met them.

FARNHAM, SURREY

A programme embracing ringing in eleven towers was planned by the ringers of St. Andrew's Church, Farnham, for their outing on June 14th. There was, however, one disappointment, West Wycombe, where a locked church greeted the visitors, although prior permission had been obtained for the ringing.

The first tower was Slough, where some of the ringers had their first experience of ten bells. Other towers visited were Farnham Royal, Beaconsfield, High Wycombe (with a welcome from Mr. Fred Hayes), Lane End, Watlington, Nettlebed, Henley-on-Thames, Shiplake and St. Mary's, Reading (where the best ringing of the day was heard). Finally refreshments were taken at Eversley, and Farnham was reached at 9.40 p.m.

STONY STRATFORD

Stony Stratford ringers, joined by friends from Newport Pagnell and Cosgrove, had a very enjoyable outing to Lincolnshire on June 14th.

An hour was spent on the musical eight at Edenham, where the party was met by Mr. Arthur Holmes. Lunch at Lincoln had been arranged by Mr. J. A. Freeman, who met the visitors on arrival, and then came the great privilege of ringing on the Cathedral bells.

After tea at Grantham, where a welcome was extended by Mr. S. Proctor, touches of Stedman and Grandsire Caters were rung on the grand bells at the Parish Church. The party was accompanied by the Rev. C. L. G. Hutchings, Vicar of St. Giles', Stony Stratford, who was formerly a curate at Grantham.

ACCIDENT INSURANCE FOR BELLRINGERS

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THE PROFESSOR'S STORY

Of Rain, Youth Hostels and Elusive Stedman

Over Whitsun, for the third year running, a small party of ringers from Sussex spent a week-end youth hostelling and ringing in Surrey. There were ten of us representing Chichester, Cowfold, Buxted, Twineham, Aldrington and S.S. Cos. and Dam., Keymer!

On the Saturday morning we all met at Warnham, our first tower. The next stop was at Capel, where we enjoyed ringing the light ring of six. Here we encountered the first of many heavy showers when, on leaving the church, we got soaked in riding a few hundred yards down the road for dinner. The next tower was Ockley, where the six bells have a tenor of 15 cwt.

We arrived at Ewhurst in drizzling rain and had a picnic tea before ringing at the church. We stayed at the local youth hostel for the evening and considerable interest was shown in our attempts at handbell ringing—which, incidentally, were carried round during the week-end wrapped in pyjamas and suchlike! Two people were duly instructed in the principles of change ringing. These two also came into the tower the following morning and chose to go and watch the bells ringing, just as we were ringing down! Everyone enjoyed his stay at the hostel except perhaps the two who had to clean out the chicken run in the morning!

We joined the local band at Cranleigh in ringing for morning service on Whit Sunday and we thank them for their tolerance. In the afternoon we snatched two towers that were not on the list, and they certainly would have been missed! These were Bramley and Wonersh. We have our suspicions that someone on the way to Bramley mistook the cemetery for the church—we disown them! For evening service we rang at Albury. The evening was spent at Tillingbourne Youth Hostel, but the less said about that the better.

We were all up early in the morning—we had to be to stand any chance of getting a wash (oh yes, we were a very hygienic lot)—and left, after breakfast, for Dorking. After half an hour of ringing we left for Betchworth to sample the ring of eight there. In the afternoon we visited Leigh (where a touch of 20 changes was quite enough), Newdigate and Charlwood. After tea came our last tower—Rusper.

A vague system of electing Ringing Masters (and Mistresses) was employed for the first time this year, and that, together with attempts for Stedman Triples, was not particularly successful. At Dorking the Ringing Master called for Stedman, and about half-way through his rope slipped the wheel and that course was finished. At another tower there was a further mix-up and all the bells stood except one—the conductor found herself trying to ring Stedman with herself! Another of our Ringing Masters found that his attempt to get Stedman was to be thwarted. He shouted, 'Hang on for Stedman,' and the local ringer who had met us said, 'Yes, all right, thank you very much, I don't mind ringing a bit of Grandsire with you'!

Our thanks for the success of the tour are due to the incumbents of the towers visited and to the ringers who came and met us; lastly, but by no means least, to Miss Durrant (I call her by that name because I will not be able to do so for much longer), who arranged everything.

THE 'PROFESSOR.'

CROYDON, SURREY.—At St. John-the-Baptist, on May 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Lodge 1, Mrs. W. Oatway 2, Mrs. F. E. Collins 3, C. Parks 4, E. Razzell 5, J. E. Cooper 6, D. D. Cooper (cond.) 7, G. H. Humphries 8. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. D. Oyanne (chorister and secretary) and Miss J. Reeve (Sunday School worker) of this parish.

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD

Annual Festival

MEMBERS of the St. David's Guild held their seventh annual festival at St. David's Cathedral on June 14th. The bells were available at 2 p.m. and the Dean of St. David's (the Very Rev. C. Witton Davies) was there to greet the ringers as they arrived, and being a campanologist himself, assisted in raising the bells in peal ready for ringing. Although the Cathedral is situated in the most westerly point of the Diocese, members from all over the Diocese gradually congregated together at the bell tower, and there were 70 present.

The Archdeacon of St. David's (the Ven. C. Gwynne Lewis) also visited the bell tower and his presence was greatly appreciated by all members.

The service was held in the choir stalls of the Cathedral, at which the Dean officiated, assisted by the Archdeacon of Carmarthen (the Ven. J. R. Pugh) and by the Archdeacon of St. David's. Minor Canon V. Jones was the organist.

Members were afterwards entertained to a very nice tea which was very welcome after the long journeys undertaken by some of them, and which was given free of charge by the bellringers of St. David's Cathedral.

Before the business meeting started the secretary, Mr. C. H. Hawkins, extended a very hearty welcome to all the members, and the customary touch on the handbells which opens the proceedings was rung by Mr. A. Hoare, Mr. E. Morris, Mr. D. Brian Price and Mr. R. Scudamore.

The Dean presided and apologised for the absence of the president, the Lord Bishop of St. David's, who was attending the 14th centenary celebrations at Bangor.

In a hearty welcome to the members the Dean expressed the wish that the time would not be far distant when the Guild would come to St. David's again. The secretary then read the minutes of the last annual meeting, which were adopted as a true and correct record, and the treasurer, Mr. E. P. Sage, of Burry Port, gave a very satisfactory statement of accounts for the year ending 1951. Mr. A. Hoare, of Swansea, who represented the Guild at the Central Council meeting at Lincoln, gave a very satisfactory report of the meeting.

The secretary in his report stated that the membership was 126 compared with 116 for 1950, but some of the members had not paid their subscriptions for 1951. The financial side of the Guild was good and they were paying their way, and the Bell Restoration Fund was accumulating.

There were one peal of Bob Minor, one peal of Cambridge Surprise Major, two peals of Grandsire Doubles and four quarter peals, and one handbell peal of Bob Minor, rung at Lampeter College.

Appealing for better attendance at quarterly and monthly meetings, Mr. Hawkins said: 'I realise that our churches that contain bells are very scattered in the Diocese and that travelling to these places incurs a lot of expense, but when we think of the expenses paid for other pleasures of life to-day, I think we ought to do a little more for our churches by keeping the bells ringing and for the furtherance of change-ringing by attending our quarterly and monthly meetings to practise the art. I believe that much more can be done by the captains of various towers if they would only take bellringing more seriously. I should like to see the ringers of Tenby, St. David's, Pembroke and Haverfordwest getting together at various dates to practise the art so that we might have a better standard of ringing in the Diocese.'

The election of officers for the next 12 months was as follows:—Ringing Master, Mr. Harry Jenkins (Tenby); secretary, Mr. C. H. Hawkins (Llanelly); treasurer, Mr. E. Sage (Burry Port); Ringing Master, Mr. R. Scudamore (Llandilo); auditor, Mr. B. Rees (Burry Port).

The place of competition for 1953 is at Llandovery and a collection for the Bell Restoration Fund realised the sum of £1 12s. 6d. The secretary then stated that his Vicar (Canon Dr. Islwyn Davies) had invited the Guild to hold its next annual festival in 1953 at Llanelly. He felt that they should share the burden with Carmarthen and it was unanimously agreed that the Festival for 1953 be held at Llanelly.

A very pleasing feature of the meeting was to see some of the members wearing blazers with their badge attached, the secretary stating that he hoped every member would be able to have one and that they would be worn at all the meetings.

Before closing the meeting the secretary extended a hearty vote of thanks to the Dean for having the Guild at St. David's, for officiating at the service and presiding at the meeting. The secretary also thanked the ringers of St. David's for providing such a nice tea, Minor Canon V. Jones for playing the organ, and the ladies who waited at the tea.

The Dean responded to the vote of thanks and closed the meeting with a prayer. The ringers then returned to the bell tower to finish off a very successful meeting.

DEDICATIONS

LELANT, CORNWALL

The bells of Lelant Parish Church, Cornwall, among the sand dunes of the Hayle Estuary, rang out again on May 31st, after they had been re-dedicated by the Bishop of Truro.

They are a light ring of six bells cast by Taylor's in 1836. The same firm has now recast the treble and the fourth bell and has rehung all the bells with new fittings at a cost of £610, this amount having been met by public subscription during the past two years.

The large congregation at the dedication service included the Mayor and Mayoress of St. Ives, accompanied by the Town Clerk, the Mayor and Mayoress of Penzance and Mrs. Greville Howard, wife of the M.P. for the division.

The service, which was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. E. T. Davies-Freme, included prayers, psalms and hymns stirringly appropriate to the occasion, and the augmented junior choir sang the carol 'Ding-dong, Merrily on High.'

The lesson was read by the Rural Dean (Canon C. H. J. Buckley) and a number of other robed clergy from West Cornwall took part in the service.

After the Bishop had dedicated the bells, a selected band of ringers from the Mid-Cornwall Branch, the Truro Branch and the Penzance Branch rang rounds for a few moments.

Immediately after the service the bells were made available to visiting ringers, and those who took advantage of this opportunity came from Kenwyn, Camborne, Ludgvan, Penzance, Gulval, Sennen, Paul, St. Mawgan, Madron, St. Gluvias, Redruth, Stithians and Mabe.

THURNBY, LEICS.

On June 16th a new treble bell was dedicated at St. Luke's Parish Church, Thurnby, by the Provost of Leicester Cathedral, the Very Rev. H. A. Jones, B.Sc. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. H. J. Cooper.

The bell is to commemorate the victory in the last war, and the eighth centenary of the church, in 1950. The work was carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. and is a perfect splice. The Loughborough Foundry was represented at the service by Mr. J. P. Fidler.

Thurnby has now a good-going ring of six with tenor of 12¼ cwt. which will bear comparison with any six in the Leicester Diocese.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION

Disappointment at Non-Acceptance of Newcastle For C.C. Meeting

In its programme for 1951-52 the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association had planned to hold its half-yearly meeting at Gateshead on June 14th, but this did not fit in with the local arrangements and the meeting was switched to Chester-le-Street at short notice. The attendance of some 37 members and visitors at tea was disappointing for a general meeting held in a central and readily-accessible tower. Nevertheless, those present made good use of the bells and seemed to enjoy themselves.

A service was conducted by the senior curate (the Rev. N. W. A. Marley), in the absence of the Rector on holiday. A collection at this service raised 24s. for the War Memorial Fund. Tea was provided in the Church Institute and was followed by the business meeting.

Mr. W. N. Park presided in the absence of Canon Stephenson. He welcomed back Mr. G. A. Pickering after his long absence through illness but was sorry to have to report that Mr. J. T. Titt was in poor health. The secretary was asked to write to Mr. Titt expressing hopes for his speedy recovery. The usual votes of thanks were accorded for the use of the bells, the service, to the organist, and the ladies for providing the tea. Mr. Park said that the last of these had seemed to him a very important task and he felt that it should be undertaken by the member with the largest appetite. He had quickly compiled a short list and then after much deliberation, Mr. E. N. Harrison, of Fenham, was finally chosen. In spite of his youth he seemed to 'know the calling' and just lacked practice. This deficiency will no doubt be remedied at future District meetings!

The decision of the committee to proceed with the War Memorial on the lines of the modified design was explained. This new design was on view and an appeal was made to members to support the fund and raise the money necessary for completion of the scheme. The committee had also decided to modify the annual report for 1951-52 in order to reduce expenditure.

The secretary reported the discussion of the committee on the policy for the annual meeting. It was felt that an alternative to Durham City was required for the years when the annual meeting was not held in Newcastle and notice of motion would be submitted for the revision of Rule 10.

Mr. Park gave a report on the Central Council meeting at Lincoln. He had gone to Lincoln with full authority to repeat his invitation to the Central Council to visit Newcastle in 1953 and it was a great disappointment that this was heavily defeated on a vote in favour of Bournemouth. Mr. J. Anderson pointed out that it was 40 years since the Council had visited Newcastle and in Newcastle and its surroundings there were all the facilities that were required for such a meeting and plenty of excellent rings of bells. He hoped that the report of the meeting would emphasise the feeling of disappointment, and this was endorsed by the meeting.

The efforts of the ladies at the tea resulted in the handing over of 22s. to the War Memorial Fund.

BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.—On June 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Daphne A. Lodge 1, F. R. Goddard (cond.) 2, D. G. Mayell 3, D. J. Crouchman 4, H. G. Goddard 6. A birthday compliment to Desmond G. Mayell.

BROADCLYST, DEVON.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Sandford 1, W. Seldon 2, A. Tapley 3, W. Eveleigh 4, J. Salway 5, A. G. Betts 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, A. Holway 8. A compliment to the ringer of the 6th on his birthday.

OBITUARY

MR. JOHN MARSHALL

One of the best-known ringers in Scotland, Mr. John Marshall, a past Master of the Scottish Association, died suddenly on June 20th. He was a ringer at St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, for over 40 years and was for some years conductor of the Cathedral band. Mr. Marshall always took a great interest in the ringing at St. Cuthbert's Parish Church and became conductor at that tower about two years ago. Between the wars business took him to England for lengthy periods and on these visits south of the border he made many friends and rang many peals.

MR. EDWIN CURRY

Mr. Edwin Curry, who died at Bayswater, Auckland, New Zealand, a month after passing his 100th birthday, was a Somerset man who went to New Zealand in 1880 as a soldier and was afterwards a farmer. A keen bellringer, he was one of the first team to ring the bells at St. Matthew's Church, Auckland.

FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World' of July 5th, 1912

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, June 29th, 1912, in 3 hours and 10 minutes

At the Church of St. Saviour

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5,024 changes

Tenor 16 cwt.

Geo. B. Lucas, jun.	Treble
Geo. B. Lucas, sen.	2
Geo. F. Margetson	3
Geo. F. Jaye	4
Geo. R. Pye	5
Geo. Dent	6
Geo. A. Card	7
Geo. Paice	Tenor

Composed by Geo. Conyard. Conducted by Geo. R. Pye

HUNSDON, HERTS

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

On Sunday, June 30th, 1912, in 2 hours and 54 minutes

At the Church of St. Dunstan

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES 5,040 changes

Thurstans' 4-part. Tenor 14 cwt.

Geo. Black	Treble
Geo. Radley	2
Geo. F. Margetson	3
Geo. R. Pye	4
Geo. Faulkner	5
Geo. Dent	6
Geo. B. Lucas, sen.	7
Geo. Carter	Tenor

Conducted by Geo. R. Pye.

[Doubtless the only occasion on which 'name' peals have been rung on consecutive days. In all, twelve 'Georges' took part.]

WEOBLEY, HEREFORDSHIRE

An enjoyable tour of Gloucestershire was spent by Weobley, Herefordshire, ringers and their wives and friends on Whit Monday.

Whitminster, whose bells had not been rung for some time, was first visited, and although they were in need of repair, this did not mar some good ringing.

After lunch at Bristol, the Lord Mayor's Chapel was visited and here the best bells of the day were met. The congratulations of a Bristol ringer on the 'sink' was a feather in the cap of all concerned. Ringing followed at St. Werburgh's which has a perfect 'go.' On the homeward journey an hour was spent at Hardwicke, bells which every ringer longed for.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY

Whitsun Tour, 1952

THE Society this year spent Whitsun in the Bedford area and visited many of the towers it had originally planned to ring at on the summer tour two years ago. The party stayed in Bedford, just south of the river, and transported itself between towers by means of one car, four motor cycles and five pedal cycles. In spite of this diversity of mechanical aid, a considerable degree of coherence was maintained. Most people arrived in time to ring at Elstow on Friday evening. This church is particularly famous because John Bunyan once rang there, though there is much else of interest about it. The bells are in a tower separate from the austerely dignified church which is nearly all that is left of the former Benedictine Abbey. Everyone was in time to ring on the six bells at Wootton afterwards.

All five towers on Saturday had eight bells. Newport Pagnell and Olney—where the church stands on the very banks of the Ouse and posseses a fine stone-pinnacled broach spire—were visited in the morning. After lunch at the Three Cranes, Turvey, the party rang at All Saints' Church, and then at Bromham. The evening was spent ringing at Kempston, and later in other pursuits on other premises further up the road.

On Sunday morning five brave people were up early to complete the band for a quarter peal at Kempston before the seven o'clock service. Later the party split for ringing at St. Peter's, Bedford, and Biddenham—most people managed to ring at both places. In the afternoon an enjoyable hour was spent on the very pleasant bells at Cardington. By then the weather had cleared and everyone repaired to the river. Evening service ringing was at St. Paul's, Bedford.

On Monday morning the party set off for Tempsford complete with all baggage. During the course of this journey one of the motorcycles lost its gear lever but the owner managed to ride in third for the rest of the day—a triumph of modern engineering. Tempsford was followed by Blunham, where the five bells fully compensated for any deficiency of physical exercise from which those with motor transport might have been suffering. At Northill, the Rector showed us some of the interesting features of the church, including the painted glass, formerly in the east window, which is probably the finest example of its sort extant. Thomas Tompion, the 'father' of English clock-making, was born in this parish, and the museum over the porch of the church is well worth a visit. Ringing at Old Warden, where the church is filled with a collection of carving from various European countries, and at Southill, occupied the afternoon. An excellent tea at the White Horse, Southill, had a mellowing effect on everyone and this process was subsequently assisted still further by some good draught cider. After tea some of the cyclists set off for London by road leaving the motorised party and those who preferred to travel home by train to ring at Biggleswade.

Although the weather might have been warmer and drier, the rain was not continuous and no one got really wet apart from one intentional swimmer on Sunday afternoon. The Society thanks everyone whose co-operation made the tour so enjoyable, and especially Richard Stephens for his competent but unobtrusive organisation. D. N. L.

CREWKERNE, SOMERSET.—On June 9th, 1 260 Grandsire Doubles: G. H. Pike (first quarter away from tenor) 1, S. A. Guppy 2, Mrs. G. H. Pike 3, Miss R. Eason (first quarter) 4, W. H. Poole (cond.) 5, H. Pike 6.

DUBLIN.—At Christ Church Cathedral, on June 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. J. Fielding 1, H. Richardson 2, H. W. Jones 3, T. McMorran (cond.) 4, J. A. Atkinson 5, F. Stephen 6, W. E. Lynch 7, A. G. Cooke 8.

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DEATH

MARSHALL.—At the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, suddenly, on June 20th, 1952, John Marshall (stone carver), beloved husband of Mary Lawrence, 24, Deanpath Buildings, Edinburgh. 996

HOLIDAY RINGING

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MISCELLANEOUS

HELMINGHAM HALL GARDENS.—Open Saturday, July 12th, 2 p.m. onwards, also St. Mary's bells. Tea 5. Service 6.30. In aid church repairs. Names, please, to L. Brett, Framsden. 1011

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Bell Foundry, Whitechapel. July 5th, 3 p.m. Ringing afterwards, St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, 4.30 p.m.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate 970

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting at Youlgrave (8) on Saturday, July 5th, 3 p.m. Tea at the Bull's Head. 940

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Meeting, Saturday, July 5th, at Bottisham. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at the Vicarage. Swaffham Prior (6) after tea.—H. L. Martin. 979

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Terrington St. Clement, Saturday, July 5th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. 977

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. Division.—Quarterly meeting, Bobbingworth (6), July 5th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., to be followed by tea and business meeting. Presentation. Epping-Ongar bus service to Blake Hall Lane, 10 mins. walk. Names for tea to F. Pavitt, 3, Council Houses, Bobbingworth, Ongar. 936

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — N.E. District. — Meeting at Tendring July 5th. Ringing from 2.30 and after tea. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. —R. Duesbury. 867

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Next meeting, Horsell (not Old Woking) on Saturday, July 5th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m.—W. Simmonds. 986

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, July 5th, Stanmore (8), 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to R. G. Bell, 131, Hampermill Lane, Watford. Tel. Watford 7936. 974

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Lyminge, Saturday, July 5th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 2s. per head.—B. J. Luck. 976

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—Quarterly meeting, July 5th. This will now take place at Marden (8) instead of Sevenoaks or Cranbrook. 983

LADIES' GUILD.—Annual general meeting, London, Saturday, July 5th. Towers available: St. Giles-in-the-Fields, 2.30–3.30; St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, 3.30–5; St. Margaret's, Westminster, 7.30–9. Tea 5 p.m. Service, St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, 6 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. Jackson, 34, Old Devonshire Road, Balham, S.W.12. 923

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Meeting at Wymondham, Saturday, July 5th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Mr. Ed. Huddlestone, Wymondham, by the 10th.—J. H. Cook. 1013

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting, Knowle, July 5th. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. —G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Phone SPR 1025. 955

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Rusper (8), Saturday, July 5th, 3 p.m. 985

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —Annual general meeting, Basingstoke, Saturday, July 5th. Meeting 2.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Cottage. Service, St. Michael's, 4.15. All ringers welcome. Towers available: All Saints' (9), St. Michael's (8), Bramley (8), Oakley (6) and Deane (6) from 11.30 till 1.30 and after tea.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Gen. Sec. 939

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AND LONDON GUILD.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Holborn, W.C.1, on Monday, July 7th.—T. J. Lock, Sec. 1002

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Royston, July 12th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Those requiring tea must notify Mr. F. Mitchell, Stafford House, Church Street, Royston, near Barnsley, not later than July 9th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec. 1016

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Crewkerne Deanery. — Quarterly meeting, Curry Rivel, Saturday, July 12th. Usual arrangements. Notify for tea. — J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec. 1010

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Doulting, July 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to A. G. Kingston, Fairview, Doulting, Shepton Mallet. 997

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Corston (8) on Saturday, July 12th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30. Names for tea to Mr. S. S. Woodburn, The Bungalow, Cranwells, Weston Park, Bath. 1019

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District. — A meeting will be held at Southill on Saturday, July 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea at the White Horse 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—L. H. Bywaters, Sec. 1005

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual meeting at Hutton Cranswick, July 12th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for all who notify by first post Wednesday, July 9th, the Rev. G. Storer, The Vicarage, Hutton Cranswick. 1020

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION. — Southern District. — Meeting, Brancepeth, Saturday, July 12th, 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Ringers bring own food.—Dennis R. Airey. 1015

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Fletching (8), July 12th. Tea at The Griffin. Names to me by July 10th.—C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst. 1007

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District. — Meeting, Saturday, July 12th, at Great Gransden (6). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. S. Peacock. 1022

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Meeting, Badgeworth, July 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—P. Baker, 40, St. Michael's Avenue, Bishop's Cleeve. 999

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.— Western District.—Meeting at Flamstead (6), Saturday, July 12th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by July 9th, to Mr. E. Smith, 14, Trowley Hill Road, Flamstead, near St. Albans.—P. A. Martin, Dis. Sec. 975

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—Harrietsham (8), Saturday, July 12th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 1006

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Goosnargh, Saturday, July 12th. Bring own food. Whittingham buses 142 and 145 from Preston, frequent service, alight Stag's Head.—L. Walmsley. 989

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at All Saints', Hamer, Rochdale, July 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Please send names for tea by Wednesday, 9th, to K. Abbott, 109, Greenbank Road, Rochdale. 1001

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting at Langdale on Saturday, July 12th. Bells (6) available at 2.30 p.m. Names to F. Birkett, Brae Garth, Elterwater, nr. Ambleside.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 1021

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Loughborough District) and MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Joint meeting, Cole Orton, July 12th. Bells (8) 2.30. Tea 5 in Hall. Names, by Tuesday, July 8th, to Mr. A. J. Lord, 55, Gracedieu Road, Whitwick. Tea not guaranteed without.—C. W. Hall and J. W. Cotton, Hon. Secs. 961

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION and MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.— Joint meeting, July 12th, All Hallows', Twickenham (10) 3—5 p.m. Service and tea **for those who notify** Mr. G. Ingham, 145, Staines Road East, Sunbury-on-Thames, by Wednesday previous. All Saints', Isleworth (10), after tea. Also Church Fete, Isleworth Vicarage, 3 p.m.—H. W. Rogers and F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Secs. 963

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AND LONDON GUILD.—N. and E. District.—Meeting at Northaw on Saturday, July 12th, 3 p.m. Service and tea. Business meeting to follow. Cheshunt bells also available in evening. Both churches on bus route between Potters Bar and Waltham Cross.—T. J. Lock, Sec. 1003

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Biddulph, Saturday, July 12th. Names for tea to Mr. J. Stanway, School House, Congleton Road, Biddulph, Stoke-on-Trent. — W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 992

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reminder. Festival, July 12th, Oxford. Service 11 a.m. Meeting 12 noon. Luncheon 1.30 p.m. Towers open: St. Thomas', 3.15–4.15; St. Giles, 3.15–4.15; St. Aldate's, 3–4; St. Cross', 4.15–5.15; St. Mary Magdalen's, 5.15–6.15; Carfax, 6–7; All Saints', 5.30–6.30; St. Ebbe's, 5–6. Also Colleges, Magdalen, New and Merton. — W. Hibbert. 902

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.— Oundle Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Elton (5 bells), July 12th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous.—Mrs. P. E. Clarke, 7, Bassett Place, South Road, Oundle. 1012

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Meeting, Wrockwardine (6), July 12th. Names for tea to Hon. Sec., G. C. Bagley, 34, Wharfage, Ironbridge. 1017

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts District.—Meeting at Harworth (6), Saturday, July 12th. Names for tea, by 8th, to Mr. A. Lister, The Glen, Harworth, Doncaster.—H. Denman. 971

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Clare District.—Meeting, Kedington (6), July 12th, 3 p.m. Names to Mr. F. Bensley, Stoke-by-Clare, by 10th.—L. D. Mills. 994

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting at Knighton on Saturday, July 12th. Service at 3 p.m., meeting to follow. Numbers for tea at earliest.—D. G. Williams, 8, Capel Buildings, Clydach, Swansea. 969

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Practice meeting, Thakeham, July 12th, 2.30. Names for tea, please, by July 8th to E. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis. 995

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern District. — Meeting, July 12th, Pickering (8). Tea 5. Names to Mr. C. Hartley, 76, Westgate, Pickering, before July 10th.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Sec. 1018

EAST DERBYS AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Alfreton (8), Saturday, July 19th. Own tea arrangements, cafes nearby. 1009

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. —Meeting, Castle Hedingham (6), July 19th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Sible Hedingham (8) available in the evening. Names for tea if possible to H. Pratt, 6, Council Houses, Black Notley, Braintree. 1000

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Leatherhead District), LADIES' GUILD (Southern District).—Joint meeting, Merrow, July 19th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Numbers for tea to Miss W. Oliver, 36, North Place, Guildford.—A. H. Smith, Dis. Sec. 1023

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Hoo (6) on Saturday, July 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea by Wednesday, July 10th, to B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, near Sittingbourne, or phone Newington 350. 1008

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Penyfai (near Bridgend), July 19th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—F. J. Hannington, 32, Surrey Street, Canton, Cardiff. 991

NORWICH ASSOCIATION. — South Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Long Stratton, Saturday, July 19th. Service 4.15. Tea in Village Hall for those who notify Mr. W. L. Duffield, Corfe Cottage, Long Stratton, Norwich, by July 14th, at 5 p.m. Forncett bells available after meeting.—A. G. Harrison, Branch Sec. 1014

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Amesbury (8), July 19th. Service 3.30, followed by quarterly meeting and tea. Woodford (6) also available afterwards. Names for tea by 15th, please.—Miss Eloie, 81, Hamilton Road, Salisbury. 1004

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting at Orston, Saturday, July 19th, 3 p.m. Light tea for those who notify Mrs. Lewis, Yew Tree Farm, Orston, Nottingham, by the previous Tuesday. 990

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District.—Ringing meeting at Blaxhall (6) on July 19th at 2.30 p.m. Tea at Blaxhall Ship at 5 p.m. Names for tea by 14th to P. S. Bedford, 37, Franklin Road, Aldeburgh. 993

SURREY CHURCH'S ANNIVERSARY

The evening congregation of St. Mary's, Send, Surrey, enjoyed a real feast of ringing at the ringers' special service arranged for the fourth anniversary of the dedication of their bells on Sunday, June 22nd.

A number of visiting ringers from the Guildford, Chertsey and Leatherhead districts of the Diocese rang for two hours before the service and for a short period after. During the service handbells were rung by the ringers of Holy Trinity Cathedral Church, Guildford, after ringing for evensong in their own church.

The Vicar (the Rev. C. E. Sylvester) thanked the ringers and spoke of the real Christian service bellringers were doing in proclaiming the Gospel, by sending out the invitation to 'Come and worship,' through the medium of the bells.

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RAMBLINGS

PROBABLY the wisest thing the Central Council decided at Lincoln was to depart from the 11 o'clock starting of the annual meeting in favour of 10 a.m. The welter of technical discussion gave a wrong balance to the proceedings. There were a number of subjects which could with profit have been debated had time permitted and among them was the report on 'The Ringing World.' Living with 'The Ringing World' seven days a week an editor naturally likes to hear the viewpoint of the representatives.

Perhaps the most common observation he receives is, 'I should not have published this or that article or letter.' Some of our readers would like us to ignore anything that savours of a controversy or a criticism; others beseech us not to fill our pages with technical theories; another school of thought openly declares 'who wants to read about ringers' outings or peal tours?' One irate correspondent writes this week: 'It would be the best service you could render the ringing exercise to resign "The Ringing World" editorship altogether, and I am by no means the only person who thinks so, though many probably are too modest and lack the necessary courage to tell you it.' We have given the phraseology unabridged. It is obvious from these comments that an editor cannot please everybody. His function is week by week to make the best of the material at his disposal. If it so happens that his learned body of front page specialists let him down it is his duty to fill the gap. An editor is really happy when he has a quiverful of manuscripts, articles, reports, outings, tours, etc. Then a selective choice can be made with a little of something to please everybody.

We do not intend this editorial to be a grouse; there are things that come to our notice that give us pleasure. Writing of the arrival of visitors on their outing, one correspondent gives this happy picture. 'They arrived within a minute of the time fixed. First up the belfry stairs (in full control of the tidal wave from two coaches) was Mr. 'X,' who shook hands as though he really meant it, and not absentmindedly as though entirely wrapped up in bells! When the belfry looked like bursting, the belfry prayer started things off, somehow completely on the right foot; hard to describe, but like a moment out of our service last year in —— cathedral (and not like a mere interruption of the real proceedings). Everything left in order before they went; and heaps of people have been asking since who was ringing, saying how nice it sounded—this is quite unheard of, as long as I can remember! (Something more than just good striking.) Anyway, they will be remembered for a long time as the perfect visitors.'

Purposely we have placed a cloak of anonymity over this delightful picture of a ringers' outing. The story is factual and the outing took place last month, although when it appears in 'The Ringing World' it will be so shorn of humanities as not to be recognised. But some of our readers will be able to see through the picture, and if the cap fits well, wear it; you have something to be proud of.

Our next ramble is far distant New Zealand with a chatty letter from Mr. George H. Claydon, of Christchurch. In expressing his deep regret at the sad accident last year, he states that they had a simple safety catch on their bells. 'In Christchurch,' he writes, 'we always keep the bells up as the Cathedral is right in the square with hotels all round it, so ringing up and down is out of the question. These bells have been up for 70 years. The front six have never been touched and go quite well, but the four heavy bells were rehung in Hoffman bearings and they go really well. The catch is really an angle iron clip secured on the spoke of the tipping side of the wheel. This is hinged to the frame with a 3in. butt hinge, turned up under clip to fix the bell and turned down on the frame for ringing. It is absolutely safe; one could break the rope before the bell came off. Mr. J. Baker, one of our members, thought of this. In New Zealand it is also useful when there is an earthquake shock, as some of the bells always used to come off.'

On the subject of bell mechanism Mr. E. C. Gobey informs us of an ingenious little contrivance at Ilkeston Parish Church for turning the clapper over when it has gone up on the wrong side. By pulling a wire in the ringing chamber a small chain attached to a gadget, normally at rest on the H frame, travels along two guide wires and catches under the flight of the clapper, which can be easily pulled over. When the operation is completed the wire is allowed to run back clear of the bell on its own by having a weight at the other end. Perhaps when our finances permit we shall be able to publish a photograph of this simple and useful device.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., June 26, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL 5280 BUCKINGHAMSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 25 cwt.

MRS. H. J. POOLE	*Treble*	S ANTHONY JESSON	7
DOROTHY M. UDALE	2	HARRY G. WAYNE	8
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	3	E. ALAN JACQUES	9
MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH	4	J. R. SMITH	10
PETER J. STANIFORTH	5	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	11
HAROLD J. POOLE	6	*WILLIAM J. ROOT	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
First peal to be rung in this method. * 50th peal of Surprise Maximus. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Wayne on their silver wedding.

SOUTHWARK, LONDON, S.E.1.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., June 28, 1952, *in* 4 *Hours,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 48 cwt.

DAVID E. PARSONS	*Treble*	JOHN B. SANSOM	7
JOHN CHILCOTT	2	JOHN HILL	8
JOHN PHILLIPS	3	JOHN R. MAYNE	9
KENNETH W. MACKINTOSH	4	MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT	10
RICHARD E. PRICE	5	FRANK E. DARBY	11
HERBERT LANGDON	6	ROGER O. FRY	*Tenor*

Composed by DAVID E. PARSONS. Conducted by JOHN CHILCOTT.

TEN BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., June 26, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

*JOHN MCDONALD	*Treble*	WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT	6
FRANK E. HAYNES	2	J. MARTIN THORLEY	7
MURIEL REAY	3	WILFRID F. MORETON	8
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	4	HENRY H. FEARN	9
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	5	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 28, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 17¼ cwt.

WILLIAM C. DOWDING	*Treble*	HAROLD V. COOPER	6
ALLEN MORGAN	2	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	7
GEORGE E. LARGE	3	JOHN LLOYD	8
FREDERICK G. HANDLEY	4	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	9
*MOLLY P. FLYNN	5	SIDNEY T. HOLT	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE R. FARDON. Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.
* First peal of Stedman Caters.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 28, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,
A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 24 cwt.

*HOWARD HOWELL	*Treble*	JOHN E. BROUGH	6
*MAURICE G. TURNER	2	HAROLD WORRALL	7
GEORGE A. PACKER	3	CECIL RADDON	8
RICHARD D. LANGFORD	4	PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE	9
IVOR R. NICHOLS	5	†HENRY PARKER	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.
* 150th peal together. † First peal of Stedman Caters. Rung as a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Langford.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

WHISTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society).
On Mon., May 23, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

HERBERT O. CHADDOCK	*Treble*	PHILIP COOTE	5
ARTHUR FIRTH	2	ERNEST THORPE	6
JOHN J. L. GILBERT	3	GORDON C. BRIGGS	7
FRANK REED	4	NORMAN CHADDOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., June 19, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5,184 PLYMOUTH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES W. ROBERTS	*Treble*	THOMAS H. FRANCIS	5
THOMAS J. LOCK	2	LEONARD H. BOWLER	6
RICHARD F. B. SPEED	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
ALICK CUTLER	4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.
The first peal ever rung in this method.

FELTHAM, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 21, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

WILLIAM WELLING	*Treble*	*ROBERT G. LAY	5
BARBARA A. MITCHELL	2	JOHN THOMAS	6
MRS. J. THOMAS	3	RICHARD E. PRICE	7
*JANET S. BAILEY	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
* First peal of Surprise Major 'inside.'

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., June 23, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL OF ST. CHAD.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Variation. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in F.

*GEORGE E. FEARN	*Treble*	†BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	5
*JOHN PINFOLD	2	FRANK E. HAYNES	6
MURIEL REAY	3	HENRY H. FEARN	7
TERRY R. HAMPTON	4	†ERIC O. DAVIES	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.
* 400th peal together. † First peal of Stedman Triples. In memoriam, Monsignor John Canon Roskell.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., June 24, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
ON THE VICTORIA MEMORIAL BELLS AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt.

*GEORGE H. HEBBORN	*Treble*	†SIDNEY HARRISON	5
ERNEST MORRIS	2	*TERENCE BOLINGBROKE	6
*EILEEN M. BURTON	3	†GORDON A. OLLIFFE	7
†ALAN CATTELL	4	WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN.	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal in the method. Rung to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the dedication of these bells.

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LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., June 25, 1952, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6¼ cwt.

HARRY G. WAYNE	*Treble*	ERNEST W. RAWSON	5
PETER J. STANIFORTH	2	MRS. H. J. POOLE	6
MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH	3	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	7
J. FREDERICK MILNER	4	HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
A compliment to Mrs. H. J. Poole on her birthday.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., June 27, 1952, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

HUBERT E. ASHLEY	*Treble*	J. FREDERICK MILNER	5
*FRANK C. PRICE	2	ALFRED BALLARD	6
HAROLD J. POOLE	3	JOHN B. BENNETT	7
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	4	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal in the method.

SOUTH MOLTON, DEVONSHIRE.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Fri., June 27, 1952, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24¼ cwt. in D.

STAFFORD H. GREEN	*Treble*	E. MAURICE ATKINS	5
ELIZABETH BROWN	2	ARTHUR T. TRUMAN	6
*RENATE BUCHTHAL	3	FREDERICK WREFORD	7
*REV. J. H. B. ANDREWS	4	*REV JOHN G. M. SCOTT	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. FLEMING. Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.
* First peal of Treble Bob Major.

BULKINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 28, 1952, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

ANTHONY AGER	*Treble*	BRIAN G. WARWICK	5
WINIFRED M. BURTON	2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	6
MURIEL REAY	3	WILFRID F. MORETON	7
BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 28, 1952, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANTA AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in G sharp.

MRS. J. D. NIBLETT	*Treble*	MRS. A. S. ROBERTS	5
F. BERNARD DITCHER	2	JAMES P. BLOND	6
JOHN D. NIBLETT	3	*A. HUBERT EPLETT	7
GEOFFREY W. TAYSOM	4	REV A. S. ROBERTS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by REV. A. S. ROBERTS.
* First peal of Major. Rung on the eve of St. Peter's Day and to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the consecration and enthronement of the first Bishop of Truro.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Sat., June 28, 1952, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood"s Five-part No. 1. Tenor 12¾ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT	*Treble*	ERNEST C. S. TURNER	5
FREDERICK J. CULLUM	2	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	6
ALICK CUTLER	3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	7
LEONARD H. BOWLER	4	MRS. T. J. LOCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

GREASLEY, NOTTS.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 28, 1952, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

EDWARD C. GOBEY	*Treble*	*BRIAN BUSWELL	5
MRS. J. E. TURLEY	2	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE	6
SAMUEL PINDER	3	EDWARD F. GOBEY	7
CLEMENT GLENN	4	HERBERT T. ROOKE	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
* First peal in the method.

HEPTONSTALL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 28, 1952, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED MAJOR
Consisting of 2,688 London, 1,056 Bristol, 672 Cambridge, 672 Superlative and 135 Changes of Method. Tenor 18¼ cwt.

WALTER ALLMAN	*Treble*	ALAN A. POTTS	5
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	EDWARD JENKINS	6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	3	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	7
JOHN E. BIBBY	4	JOHN WORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

HEYDOUR, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 28, 1952, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

BERNARD H. DALTON	*Treble*	WILLIAM OLDMAN	5
JAMES H. MUSSON	2	*HAROLD HUXLEY	6
CECIL WADE	3	ALBERT E. SCOTT	7
DENIS A. FRITH	4	C. ARTHUR MANNING	*Tenor*

Composed by J. THORP. Conducted by C. ARTHUR MANNING.
* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major. The peal was specially arranged for Mr. Manning and Mr. Huxley, who hail from Warwickshire.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., June 28, 1952, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in G.

WILLIAM GEOFFREY HAIR	*Treble*	FRANCIS R. LOWE	5
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	2	JOSEPH WILLIAM COTTON	6
ALBERT E. THOMPSON	3	SIDNEY H. JONES	7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	4	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FREDK. E. WILSHAW.
Rung on the eve of the Patronal Festival.

OVERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., June 28, 1952, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. in A flat.

WILLIAM F. WOODWARD	*Treble*	HAROLD TAYLOR	5
*ERNEST W. BEADSMORE	2	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	6
ALBERT E. THOMPSON	3	JOSEPH WILLIAM COTTON	7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	4	FRANCIS R. LOWE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
* First peal in the method.

PATRINGTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 28, 1952, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST PATRICK,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 24 lb.

LEONARD RODMELL	*Treble*	JOHN G. HOBSON	5
HARRY RODMELL	2	†RONALD DUCKER	6
*C. THOMAS BARKER	3	CHARLES BARKER	7
†JOHN M. HARROP	4	PHILIP H. SPECK	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by PHILIP H. SPECK.
* First peal. † First peal of Bob Major. First peal of Bob Major as conductor. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Ronald Ducker.

TADCASTER, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 28, 1952, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb.

PATRICIA REEVES	*Treble*	FRED TERRY	5
SEDMAN H. STEEL	2	*ALAN SHEPPARD	6
MISS D. M. HAWLEY	3	BERT SUTTON	7
EDWARD BRADLEY	4	LESLIE M. WOODHEAD	*Tenor*

Composed by HOWLETT. Conducted by LESLIE M. WOODHEAD.
* First peal in the method 'inside.'

BURFORD, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., July 1, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb.

*TONY J. V. SEARCH	*Treble*	ALAN R. PINK	5
HARRY P. FLOYD	2	EDGAR J. SMITH	6
PETER ANGER	3	WILLIAM J. DIXON	7
MICHAEL C. F. COLLETT	4	GEORGE MILES	*Tenor*

Composed by BRUERTON. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal. Specially arranged for and rung within the octave of the Feast of the Nativity of St. John-the-Baptist.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Thurs., July 3, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16¼ cwt.

HERBERT KNIGHT	*Treble*	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	5
ALFRED C. BOXLEY	2	MAURICE G. TURNER	6
ERNEST STITCH	3	*HARRY GRIF	7
*SAMUEL BIRCH	4	HOWARD HOWELL	*Tenor*

Composed by W. ROYLE. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

TEMPSFORD, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 9, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different callings, 66 Singles, 78 Bobs. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr.

*FRANK WARRINGTON	*Treble*	FRANK W. LACK	4
†JEAN PELL	2	*HAROLD S. PEACOCK	5
‡JOAN HARDING	3	BRYAN F. SIMS	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* 50th peal together. † First of Minor. ‡ First of Minor 'inside.' Rung for the Patronal Festival.

KIMBOLTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., June 22, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Seven methods—one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Double Bob, Double Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

FREDERICK A. JAINE	*Treble*	AUSTIN T. WINGATE	4
FREDERICK R. HARRIS	2	J. MARTIN THORLEY	5
LESLIE EVANS	3	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

BACKFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., June 24, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. in G sharp.

*E. C. CREWE	*Treble*	PETER E. PARRY	4
PHILIP P. CARTER	2	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	5
J. BENJAMIN BUDD	3	BRIAN HARRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.

* First peal.

EDITH-WESTON, RUTLANDSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., June 26, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 2,520 Changes each of Plain Bob and Single Oxford Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

CECIL MATTHEWS	*Treble*	RONALD RUSSELL	4
GEORGE SLAUGHTER	2	ROBERT H. KNIGHT	5
PERCY D. BALDOCK	3	JOHN H. BLUFF	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.

The conductor's 50th peal of Minor. First peal rung on the bells. Rung to commemorate the birth of a granddaughter to ringers of 5 and 6.

BOZEAT, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., June 27, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 360 April Day, 480 each of Canterbury, Plain Bob and Old Doubles, 1,200 Grandsire, 1,800 London Single, and 240 of Morris's' Arrangement. Tenor 16¼ cwt.

DICK EDMONDS	*Treble*	JACK MALLOWS	3
JOSHUA J. PARTRIDGE	2	FRED HOLLY	4
HARRY WOODING	*Tenor*		

Conducted by JOSHUA J. PARTRIDGE.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Walter Fern, aged 87, who was a ringer at the above church for over 40 years; also chorister since the age of nine.

WICKHAM MARKET, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., June 27, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

RONALD W. STEWARD	*Treble*	URBAN W. WILDNEY	4
GEORGE WATERMAN	2	*JOSEPH W. H. PREASTNER	5
FRANK L. FISHER	3	GEORGE W. PIPE	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.

* First peal in seven methods.

CASTLEACRE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 28, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven variations of extents. Tenor 10¼ cwt. in G.

HELEN BRAY (b6)	*Treble*	SIDNEY MARSHALL	4
STEPHEN K. WHEELER	2	CECIL V. EBBERSON	5
TOM GREENACRE	3	GEORGE T. BUNNING	*Tenor*

Conducted by CECIL V. EBBERSON.

First peal on the bells.

HIGHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 28, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 6 cwt.

EMILY B. P. WALKER	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT	4
VICTOR A. JARRETT	2	CYRIL S. JARRETT	5
FRANCIS J. CHEAL	3	*PETER F. BORER	*Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL S. JARRETT.

* First peal of Minor 'inside.' Rung as a farewell to Miss Gladys K. Jarrett, who is leaving for Jamaica.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 28, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, and three extents of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 21¼ cwt. in E.

*PETER L. ELLIOTT	*Treble*	JOSEPH ELLIOTT	4
JOSEPH PAPWORTH	2	CHARLES BURTON	5
ERNEST BRIGHT	3	*ALAN R. ELLIOTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH ELLIOTT.

* First peal of Treble Bob. First peal on the bells since the 'Festival of Britain' bell was hung in place of the old tenor. Rung as a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Elliott.

STOCKBURY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 28, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 15 cwt.

MAURICE F. H. LACEY	*Treble*	ALBERT J. DUNK	3
*JOHN R. RAYMENT	2	GEORGE A. NAYLOR	4
GEORGE KENWARD	*Tenor*		

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.

* First peal. Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. A. J. Dunk, wife of the ringer of the third bell.

SEND, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 28, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in three methods, viz.: Four of Plain Bob (each called differently), two of Oxford Plain Bob and one of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*RONALD WALLIS	*Treble*	†G. BRIAN GROVER	4
WINIFRED OLIVER	2	†J. OLIVER GLANVILLE ..	5
†ROLAND W. MORANT ..	3	GEORGE L. GROVER ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE L. GROVER.

* First peal containing Treble Bob. † First peal of Minor. Rung to commemorate the fourth anniversary of the opening of the bells.

CARLTON MAGNA, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., June 29, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, four callings. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 lb. in G sharp.

*LESLIE MASON	*Treble*	*H. CECIL CAUNT	3
*TERENCE J. ASQUITH ..	2	GEORGE E. MANSER ..	4
JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM ..	*Tenor*		

Conducted by JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM.

* First peal of Doubles. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells. Rung for the Patronal Festival.

WYCHBOLD, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., June 29, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY DE WYCHE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob and two each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY ..	*Treble*	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ..	4
MURIEL REAY	2	GEORGE E. FEARN	5
ANTHONY AGER	3	WILFRID F. MORETON ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

COUNTESTHORPE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., June 30, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
A PEAL OF 5040 BEVERLEY SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 17 lb.

HAROLD KILBY	*Treble*	ROLAND BENISTON	4
W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON..	2	ALAN CATTELL	5
SAMUEL A. MARTIN	3	JOHN J. MORRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN J. MORRIS.

First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and of Beverley Surprise Minor for the Guild. A birthday compliment to W. Arthur Riddington, who has now doubly circled this tower.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., June 22, 1952, *in* 1 *Hour and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT ST. MARGARET'S SCHOOL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven extents called differently. Tenor size 11 in G.

ERNEST MORRIS	1—2	JOHN J. MORRIS	3—4
		*ALAN CATTELL	5—6

Conducted by ALAN CATTELL.

* First peal of Bob Minor 'in hand.'

A 30th anniversary wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Morris.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., July 1, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT 'THE WAYSIDE,' 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,
A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH ..	1—2	ALFRED BALLARD	5—6
PETER J. STANIFORTH ..	3—4	HAROLD J. POOLE	7—8
JOSIAH MORRIS	9—10		

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

A compliment to Josiah Morris on his 85th birthday.

BIRMINGHAM.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., July 2, 1952, *in* 1 *Hour and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT SALTLEY COLLEGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 18 in G.

*PETER C. RIDGWAY.. ..	1—2	HARRY POYNER	5—6
J. MARTIN THORLEY ..	3—4	BRIAN G. WARWICK	7—8

Composed by E. MAURICE ATKINS. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal of Major on handbells. An 85th birthday compliment to Josiah Morris.



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FOR BEGINNERS—AND A WORD TO THE OLDER HANDS

II.—THE IMPORTANCE OF BELL CONTROL

We hope the 'five-card trick' which we endeavoured to explain to beginners last week may have interested those who are just starting change ringing. It was designed to show how changes are formed and the 'movement' of the bells among each other—that is the varying positions they take in relation to each other in the succession of 'changes.'

To do this in the tower with real bells, the ringer has to learn to 'place' his bell in the required position, by pulling his rope at the exact moment which, allowing for the longer or shorter period of the revolution of the bell, according to its size, will result in its striking at the proper interval after the one immediately in front of it. The beginner, therefore, will realise that to pull just 'somewhere' after the other man is not sufficient, if there is to be good ringing—and good ringing by which we mean keeping time and rhythm, is the first essential.

The larger the bell, the longer it takes to revolve and consequently the longer it takes for the clapper to strike. If two bells of approximately the same size are pulled off together they will, assuming they are properly hung and in good order, strike simultaneously. You can hear the effect of this if you will pull off together the treble and second in your tower. Having done so—and set them again as quickly as possible, for the sake of the public, if nothing else—pull off the treble and tenor together. Unless the bells belong to a very small ring, you will find there is a very perceptible interval between the striking of the two bells.

In actual ringing this difference in the period of revolution must be allowed for and it is necessary to allow more space in striking over a big bell than over a little bell. Two things are essential to perfecting your striking. First you must have complete control over your bell, and secondly, you must 'use your ears.'

To begin with, you cannot control your bell unless you hold your rope properly and pull correctly. Keep your hands close together, whether at rope end or on the sally, and grasp both with all four fingers of both hands. Let your hands go well above your head every time, and don't snatch. A steady pull and a long one is the effective way of ringing a bell. Ring with your arms and not with your waist, and if you want a little extra weight occasionally, get it by bending the knees.

Before you begin change ringing, which, to be well struck, needs perfect bell control, get some practice with call changes so that you will learn how much 'space' to give each bell as you pull over it. Use your ears. Listen for the sound of your own bell among the rest. It may not be easy to pick it out at first, but if you will count the bells round as they strike, beginning when they are in 'rounds,' you will soon know which is yours; then make sure that it is striking at the right interval—that is, with the same interval as between the other bells. Nothing is more irritating than to have the bells going round with a 'jazz' effect; some 'close,' others 'wide.'

The only point at which there should be a break in the 'periods' between the blows is at the 'hand-stroke' lead. Then there should be the space of an extra bell between the last bell at backstroke and the first at the next handstroke. On six bells you should have twelve even blows, and then a one-bell interval. On eight there should be 16 even blows and a one-bell interval, and so on.

I do not recommend any beginner to attempt change ringing, much as he may be anxious to do so, until he has obtained complete mastery of his bell in rounds and call changes. It is useless to think he can concentrate on changes until he can, practically without conscious effort, 'put' his bell where he wants to without 'dropping' or 'over-pulling' it. Apart from creating bad ringing, the beginner who cannot 'place' his bell where it ought to go has little chance of finding his way among the others in changes. Better take a little longer in mastering the fundamentals than pushing on eventually to become a 'poor striker.' There is no greater compliment that can be paid to a ringer than to have it said of him that he is a 'perfect striker.'

Do not be anxious, then, to run before you can walk. If you first learn to strike your bell properly that essential part of your ringing equipment is never likely to desert you, but you will find it difficult to become a 'good' ringer if you attempt change ringing before you can completely control your bell. Many bad ringers have been made in that way.

STEDMAN CATERS

Dear Sir,—It is usually considered that the extent of any one bell behind the ninth in the tittums is forty courses in Stedman Caters and it does not appear to have been noticed that this can be increased by seven sixes if the position is entered and left at suitable points. I enclose a peal of Caters to illustrate this point, and also a peal of Cinques to show that in this case the 'extent' can be increased by nine sixes; the illustrative peal in this case gives the extent of the out of course position only because of the limitation imposed by limiting the number to approximately 5,000.

In both these peals the block used is not a round block and it is interesting to note that this allows the calling positions which must be employed to be reduced from four to three.—Yours sincerely,

G. W. SLACK.

Waltham Abbey.

5,007 STEDMAN CATERS

231456789		6	15	16
(413265978)	A			
425163			—	—
512563			—	
154362		—	—	—
135462			—	
341265		—	—	—
324165			—	
213564		—	—	—
251364			—	
532461		—	—	—
543261			—	
521463			—	—
245361		—	—	—
234561			—	
352164		—	—	—
315264			—	
123465		—	—	—
142365			—	
431562		—	—	—
453162			—	
514263		—	—	—
123564		S	—	—

The above calling repeated from the C.E. 425163 and omitting the last course produces:—

351264978

413265879		10	14	17	22
314562	5			16	
312465				16	
213564	5			16	
214365				16	

A' is produced by 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 13 21s, the last call giving the third six of 413265978.

Contains the full extent of the 6th behind the 9th in the tittums in a single block and is believed to be the first produced with this quality. It is also thought to be the first produced with a forty course block with a single bell in fifths in which calls are only used in three positions.

5,007 STEDMAN CINQUES

2314567890E		7	18	19
(32416578E90)	A			
315264			—	—
321564			—	
253461		—	—	—
245361			—	
432165		—	—	—
413265			—	
124563		—	—	—
152463			—	
541362		—	—	—
534162			—	
512364			—	—
135462		—	—	—
143562			—	
451263		—	—	—
425163			—	
214365		—	—	—
231465			—	
342561		—	—	—
354261			—	
523164		—	—	—
(5231648709E)	B			
315264		6	18	19

Contains the 6th the **full** out of course extent in 5ths in a single block and has duplicate course ends in handstroke.

Repeat calling as from this course end in tittum block. Rounds occur after the C.E. 214365.

'A' 1, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13s, 17s, 18, 21, 22, 25s, or 1, 3, 4, 6s, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13s, 17s, 18, 21, 22, 25, the last call in each case producing the third six of 324165.

'B' 12s, 14, 16s, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, or 12, 13, 14, 16s, 17, 18, 19, 21s, 22 or 12s, 13, 14, 16s, 17, 18, 19, 21, the 22nd six in each case being the second six of 523164.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World' July 12th, 1912

LONDON

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Sunday, July 7th, 1912, in 4 hours and 17 minutes.

At 3, Hart's Lane, New Cross, S.E.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS

8,099 changes

Tenor Size 11 in G

Miss Elsie L. Bennett	1-2
William Shepherd	3-4
Arthur F. Shepherd	5-6
Frank I. Hairs	7-8
Frank Bennett	9-10

Composed by John Nelms and conducted by William Shepherd

This is the longest length in the method rung on handbells and the longest peal in which a lady has taken part.

[Neither record has been surpassed, if memory serves. Miss Bennett is now Mrs. F. I. Hairs.]

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APSLEY END, HERTS.—On June 15th, 1,296 Surprise Minor (576 Cambridge, 720 London): Miss J. Plumbe 1, E. Upton 2, A. V. Good 3, F. Tompkins 4, W. Hughes 5, W. Ayre (cond.) 6. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. R. J. Kaye.

BADSEY, WORCS.—On June 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. J. Brazier 1, R. Jelfs 2, G. A. King 3, T. W. Hardiman 4, A. Worthington 5, A. J. Taylor 6, R. R. Savory (cond.) 7, E. Mitchell 8. Rung as a 90th birthday compliment to Mrs. J. Reeves, the oldest inhabitant of the parish.

BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.—At St. Michael's, on June 29th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: N. Grover 1, Miss J. Gorton 2, Mrs. J. Weaver 3, B. Story 4, A. Smith 5, J. Weaver 6, R. Story 7, S. Webb (cond.) 8. First quarter in the method for 1, 2, 3, 4 and 7. A 21st birthday compliment to A. Smith.

BENENDEN, KENT.—On June 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. J. Hannington 1, W. Gorringe 2, A. Hannington (Margam, S. Wales) 3, H. Baker 4, A. H. Kemp 5, G. Bilbenness (cond.) 6, J. Brown 7, C. Baker 8.

BROMLEY, KENT.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, on June 25th, 1,280 Bob Major: I. Emery (cond.) 1, Mrs. F. E. Collins 2, A. G. Mason 3, F. J. Hurrell 4, A. G. Hill 5, W. H. Hewitt 6, W. J. Rawlings 7, F. E. Collins 8. Arranged and conducted by the conductor on his 81st birthday. First quarter peal of Major on the new bells.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.—On June 29th, at the Cathedral, 1,264 Bob Major: A. E. Moore 1, W. Stannard 2, C. Stannard 3, P. C. Wright (cond.) 4, J. A. Acres 5, P. G. Everett 6, W. Goodship 7, F. J. Buckle 8.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—At St. Mary's Parish Church on June 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Hayes 1, R. W. Pankhurst 2, F. Waymark 3, L. Baldock 4, P. H. Rollison 5, F. H. Dallaway 6, H. G. F. Reynolds (cond.) 7, R. Conling 8. In honour of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. J. Hayes.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On June 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, 7, 6, 8 covering: Miss A. M. Rhodes 1, W. J. Meers (cond.) 2, J. Graves 3, C. Smalley 4, F. H. W. Bird 5, B. Atkins 6, G. Pemberton 7, W. T. Shelton 8. First quarter for 4, 6, 7 and 8. Half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. N. Hailstone, wife of the churchwarden.

QUARTER PEALS

HAMBLEDEN, BUCKS.—On June 25th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Stedman, 780 Grandsire): S. Wilkinson 1, F. D. Boreham 2, E. D. Poole 3, J. Young 4, R. Biggs (cond.) 5, C. Wilkinson 6. Believed to be first quarter on bells. Rung to commemorate the first 100th birthday recorded in the parish.

HIGHWORTH, WILTS.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. S. Hawkins 1, Miss M. E. Richards 2, H. W. Bishop 3, C. J. Gardner 4, T. Townsend 5, E. J. Berry 6, W. B. Kynaston (cond.) 7, W. W. T. Daniell 8. Arranged for J. S. H., of London.

HUNTINGDON.—On June 29th, at St. Mary's, 1,248 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. W. Pratt 1, F. Warrington (cond.) 2, E. J. Parish 3, J. R. G. Spicer 4, H. S. Peacock 5, W. Ransom 6, A. Clements 7, S. Gilbert 8.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On June 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Stella R. Livings (first quarter) 1, M. Baker (cond.) 2, B. E. Shedel 3, W. T. Hill 4, C. E. Hill 5. Also on June 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. E. Hill 1, M. Baker (cond.) 2, E. M. Baker 3, Gwenda A. Davies (first quarter) 4, W. T. Hill 5. Both quarters rung as a farewell tribute to the retiring Rector (Canon C. B. H. Knight).

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On June 1st, 1,280 Yorkshire and Cambridge Surprise Major: C. Smart 1, A. H. Winch 2, Alan Smith 3, B. Hawkins 4, G. Peters 5, G. Marriner 6, A. Smith 7, A. Harman (cond.) 8.

LAVERSTOKE, HANTS.—On July 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss R. Sanders 1, Mrs. J. Weaver 2, Miss M. Garrett 3, P. Holmes 4, B. Garrett (cond.) 5, J. Weaver 6. First quarter for 1 and 3. Rung after the institution and induction of the Rev. F. A. Sanders to the united benefice of Overton with Laverstoke and Freefolk, father of the ringer of the treble.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On June 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Arscott 1, R. Keeley 2, H. G. Keeley 3, Mrs. C. W. Powell 4, G. S. Morris 5, A. Scott 6, Canon C. C. Cox (cond.) 7, C. W. Powell 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of John Davy Hodder, for many years a ringer and sidesman of the Parish Church. Also on June 29th, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: N. Mallett 1, Miss E. Brown (first in the method) 2, C. W. Powell 3, Canon C. C. Cox 4, G. H. Whitemore 5, R. Keeley 6, H. G. Keeley 7, G. S. Morris (cond.) 8. Rung for the Feast of St. Peter.

MARKET OVERTON, RUTLAND.—On June 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. E. Gibson (first quarter) 1, R. Scott (cond.) 2, H. Wand 3, F. G. Vickers 4, H. R. Woods 5. Rung for the installation by the Lord Bishop of Peterborough of the Rev. F. C. MacDonald as Rural Dean.

MOUNTSORREL, LEICS.—On June 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Morris (first quarter) 1, R. Soars 2, F. K. Thompson 3, G. Harrold 4, R. Wilmore 5, J. Cunnington 6. Rung for the Sunday School anniversary and Patronal Festival of St. Peter.

NORTH OCKENDON, ESSEX.—On June 14th, 1,260 Doubles (3 extents each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, Stedman and Plain with 180 Grandsire): Miss S. Booth 1, F. V. Gant (cond.) 2, A. R. Chapman 3, L. W. Bullock 4, C. E. Brown 5, W. J. Carter 6.

PIDDLEHINTON, DORSET.—On June 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Ruth Jeanes 1, N. B. Davis 2, C. H. Smart 3, W. Riggs (first quarter) 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5, B. Cheeseman 6. A farewell compliment to the tenor ringer on his departure to join H.M. Forces on the 30th.

POWICK, WORCS.—On June 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. A. Lewis 1, K. W. Smith 2, D. J. Trumper 3, G. J. Lewis (cond.) 4, H. Cole 5, F. Hyde 6. Rung for the Patronal Festival.

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP, SOMERSET.—On June 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Cornelius 1, R. Beale 2, R. C. Beale 3, D. R. Best 4, J. W. Drew (cond.) 5, R. Welch 6, F. Welch 7, J. Stenner 8. A farewell to R. C. Beale, who is leaving for Egypt.

SEAFORD, SUSSEX.—On June 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. C. Hide 1, O. Wood (first quarter of Stedman) 2, F. G. Waymark 3, F. A. Dallaway 4, H. S. James 5, C. Norris (Chatham) 6, R. W. E. Dave (cond.) 7, J. E. A. Wilmshurst 8.

SIDMOUTH, DEVON.—On June 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Bromfield 1, P. Davis 2, Betty Smith 3, Marion Davis 4, R. Woodley (cond.) 5, E. Rowe 6, C. C. Turner 7, R. Pike 8.

SULGRAVE, NORTHANTS.—On June 27th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Miss D. Spokes 1, G. W. Holland (cond.) 2, W. J. Chester 3, J. Steel 4, W. Yates 5, Miss M. Coleman 6. First quarter of Stedman for 1 and 4.

WEST CLANDON, SURREY.—On June 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Smith 1, Miss W. Oliver 2, R. Wallis 3, G. B. Grover 4, R. W. Morant 5, J. O. Glanville 6, G. L. Grover (cond.) 7, D. Clarry 8. First quarter 1 and 8. Rung for the Patronal Festival.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

This issue contains the second of a series of about 36 articles designed to help beginners and those who find difficulties in mastering elementary ringing and conducting. We ask conductors to bring this series to the notice of young members in the towers. New subscribers can be enrolled to-day. For subscription rates see above.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Congratulations to Mr. E. W. Beadsmore, the grand old man of the Midland Counties Guild, who recently celebrated his 79th birthday, upon ringing his first peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major at Overseale without having previously rung a course in the method. Suffering from lumbago pains, he completed the band at the last moment and rang his bell extremely well throughout the peal. Thanks are extended to Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Woodward for refreshments after the peal.

Until repairs are carried out there will be no ringing at Wivelsfield, Sussex.

Mr. Jack Phillips completed the circle of Southwark Cathedral with a peal on June 28th.

Mr. Joshua J. Partridge has called a peal from each bell at Bozeat, Northants.

St. Andrew's, Cobham, Surrey, has an honorary membership of 32, thus eclipsing Christ Church, Wanstead's, record of 20.

Amid the heat on June 28th a peal was rung at Stockbury, Kent. The kind thought of Mrs. A. J. Dunk in entertaining the ringers to tea was much appreciated.

Two new Surprise peals are recorded this week — Buckingham Surprise Maximus by Leicester Cathedral band and Plymouth Surprise Major by the Middlesex County Association at Willesden.

At a recent practice in St. Crantock tower, Cornwall, the ringers consisted of the secretary, peal secretary and treasurer of the Truro Diocesan Guild, three churchwardens, the secretary of a parochial church council, a treasurer of a parochial church council, a sidesman, two choirmen, two organists, a vicar and one schoolboy. How many ringers were present? Answer, nine. The methods rung were Bob Minor, Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Doubles, Plain Hunting, Rounds, Rising and Falling.

Mrs. G. W. Fletcher was re-elected president and Miss D. Colgate hon. secretary at the annual meeting of the Ladies' Guild at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields last Saturday. The next annual meeting will be at Whitby, Yorks, on the first Saturday in July. The meeting was well attended.

The ringer of the 5th in the peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Bispham on June 21st and published in your edition of July 4th was R. F. Eccles and not R. F. Eales as published.

In connection with the joint meeting of the London and Middlesex County Associations tomorrow (Saturday), the bells of St. Mary's, Twickenham, will also be available. For non-ringers there is the church fete at Isleworth Vicarage.

The many ringing friends of Mr. Trevor Newbury, a popular member of the Cheltenham, Glos., Parish Church band, will be very pleased to learn that he has almost fully recovered from his recent operation for appendicitis and quite expects to be able to resume his ringing activities at an early date.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Harry Brooks (69), of 211, Worton Road, Isleworth, on June 24th. He had recently fractured his leg during a fall when attempting to board a trolley-bus. He made good progress and death was sudden and unexpected. We hope to publish a memoir in our next issue.

The thirteenth peal has been rung on the post-war bells at Carbis Bay. The Vicar, who has rung in twelve, has circled the tower, and it is the first time this has been done in Cornwall. Mrs. Roberts has rung in all the peals, but has to ring the third and tenor. The seventh only remains for Mr. Geoffrey Taysom. It looks as if 'circling' may become fashionable at this tower.

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REDEDICATION OF HALIFAX BELLS

An Asset to Yorkshire

THE recast ring of 13 bells at Halifax Parish Church were re-dedicated by the Rt. Rev. Roger P. Wilson, D.D., Lord Bishop of Wakefield, on June 28th, the contract including entirely new fittings and framework. The service was conducted by the Rev. Eric Treacy, M.B.E., R.D., Vicar and Archdeacon of Halifax, the lessons being read by the Rev. C. Tremayne. Mr. Shackleton Pollard, Mus. Bac., F.R.C.O., was at the organ.

The procession of choir and clergy entered the church by the south door to the singing of the hymn 'Praise my soul the King of Heaven.'

The Vicar, from the chancel step, then called upon the congregation to offer in concert praise and thanksgiving and to thank God for the ready response of the citizens of the town whose gifts had made possible the recasting and rehanging of the bells, and who have given of their substance that this ancient church might be strengthened for the years to come.

Considerable repairs have been carried out on the fabric of church and tower and this dedication rounds off work amounting to £8,000 or £9,000 in the last four years.

The simple and impressive service proceeded, the anthem being an arrangement by Purcell of 'Rejoice in the Lord,' the glorious organ introduction to which contained an impression of an octave in 'rounds.'

To the singing of the hymn 'When morning gilds the skies,' the second verse of which is particularly apt among the hills and dells of Halifax district, the choir, clergy and Bishop moved to the tower. There, in front of the west door, the Bishop re-dedicated the bells and struck the flat sixth nine times, once for each century of the 900 years which have recorded the offering of Christian worship in this ancient church.

The procession then returned to the chancel to the music of rounds rung by the ringers of Leeds Parish Church, captained by Mr. R. H. Dove. As soon as choir and clergy were back in their stalls the rounds ceased—a bit of beautiful timing.

GOD IN THE MIDST OF INDUSTRY

In his sermon the Lord Bishop said at the outset how appropriate it was that the bells themselves should ring out the 'amen' to the dedication. He asked the congregation to pause to think of what had gone into the building of the ancient churches. Each church told the history of the town or village in which it was situated in addition to recording the progress of architecture. It linked the present with the past.

Halifax Parish Church was somewhat of a surprise in the middle of a modern town. It was something of God in the midst of all the wealth and industry. How well, went on the Bishop, did this Parish Church set forth the glory of God in this place. Its presence would now also be made known by the sound of the bells which had proclaimed to the people all great occasions, national and local, in addition to the week by week call to prayer. Long may they ring for that purpose, concluded the Bishop. The service concluded with the singing of the hymn 'Ye watchers and ye holy ones' and the congregation left the church to the accompaniment of Grandsire Cinques.

The bellfounders, Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, were represented at the service by Mr. Michael Howard, who, with Mrs. Howard, walked in procession with choir and clergy. Mr. P. A. Cannon also attended.

The assembly in the belfry after the service numbered 40 and a course of Cambridge Royal by Messrs. J. Worth, E. Jenkins, L. W. G. Morris and other members of the famous Cheshire band. This was followed by a long touch of Stedman Caters and then the back eight were lowered in peal.

The unanimous opinion is that the bells are not only an asset to Halifax, but indeed, to the whole of Yorkshire. The writer's opinion of them can be expressed in one word— beautiful.

W. G. T.

THE INSCRIPTIONS

The following wording appears on each of the bells:—Recast 1951 by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon. Eric Treacy, M.B.E., Vicar and Archdeacon of Halifax, A. E. Gladhill, vicar's warden, C. H. Thomas, people's warden. Also the reproductions of the original individual inscriptions as below:—

Treble, Note A.—C. and G. Mears, founders, London. Augmented to 12 A.D. 1857. Charles Musgrave, Archdeacon of Craven and Vicar of Halifax. John Whitworth, Mayor. Weight 5 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

Second, Note G.—C. and G. Mears, founders, London, A.D. 1857. Augmentation Committee, James Smith, William Hardcastle, Richard Jenkinson, Thos. Heap, John Holdsworth, chairman, John Tolroyd, secretary. Weight 6 cwt. 4 lb.

Third, Note F sharp.—C. and G. Mears, founders, London. This bell was recast A.D. 1857. Christopher Taylor Rigge, James Mallinson, churchwardens. Weight 6 cwt. 14 lbs.

Fourth, Note E.—C. and G. Mears, founders, London, cast A.D. 1814. John Waterhouse, William Emmett, churchwardens. Recast A.D. 1857. Weight 6 cwt. 17 lb.

Fifth, Note D.—With sweetest voices we will sing and loudly cry God Save Our King. W. and T. Mears, late Lester, Pack and Chapman, London, fecit., 1787. Weight 6 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lbs.

Sixth, Note C sharp.—Mortals with us your voices raise and shout abroad Jehovah's praise. W. and T. Mears, late Lester. Pack and Chapman, London, fecit, 1787. Weight 7 cwt. 11 lb.

Flat Sixth, Note C.—C. and G. Mears, founders. The gift of A. E. Royston, of West Parade, Halifax. A.D. 1857. Royston's noble gift and hence to future ages I'll proclaim. Weight 7 cwt. 16 lb.

Seventh, Note B.—Let Parker's liberal deeds be known to future ages yet unborn. W. and T. Mears, late Lester. Pack and Chapman, London, fecit, 1787. Weight 7 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lbs.

Eighth, Note A.—Ye Ringers who would happy be in concord love and unity. W. and T. Mears, late Lester, Pack and Chapman, London, fecit, 1787. Weight 8 cwt. 3 qr.

Ninth, Note G.—When Britons are with laurels crown'd we'll make the hills and vales resound. W. T. Mears, late Lester. Pack and Chapman, London, fecit, 1787. Weight 10 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

Tenth, Note F. sharp.—These bells recast in 1787 by subscription. W. and T. Mears, late Lester, Pack and Chapman, London, fecit. Weight 13 cwt. 6 lb.

Eleventh, Note E.—Attend ye sons for worship bent, your prayers put up your sins lament. W. and T. Mears, late Lester, Pack and Chapman, London. Weight 18 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

Tenor. Note D. — All ye who hear my mournfull sound repent before ye lie in ground. Thomas Holden, William Birkby, churchwardens. 1787. W. and T. Mears, late Lester, Pack and Chapman, London, fecit. Weight 28 cwt. 14 lb.

The total weight of the 13 bells is 131 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

LEEDS RINGERS AT OPENING CEREMONIES

Leeds ringers have opened the following rings of bells:—

1779.—The new ring of eight at the Old Church, Wakefield, with a peal of Bob Triples.

1781.—Ditto at Sowerby.

1782.—Ditto at Otley.

1787.—Ditto at Halifax

1798.—The new ten at Leeds, with a peal of Grandsire Caters.

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PRESERVATION OF OLD BELLS

Central Council for the Care of Churches' Guidance

We are asked by the Central Council for the Care of Churches to bring to the notice of our readers the following resolutions of the committee of that body dealing with the preservation of old bells. The matter has recently been brought to a head by the melting down of the bells of Boughton Aluph, Kent.

The resolutions are appended:—

(1). Bells earlier than 1600 should not be recast but preserved in the church, and no bells older than 1750 should be recast unless cracked. If bells of 1750 and onwards are permitted to be recast, the old inscription should be reproduced in facsimile on the new bell, with the date of recasting added.

(2). When estimating for major work on bells, the firms tendering should give the date and founder of each bell in the ring, and any points of special interest, including inscriptions, and the approximate age of the frame.

(3). No bells should be rehung, or frame altered, in ancient towers, save under an architect skilled in handling such buildings.

(4). The Council adheres to the advice they have already given on many occasions in former reports, especially as regards the retention of canons.

MR. JOSIAH MORRIS IS 85

To mark the 85th birthday of the Leicester veteran, Mr. Josiah Morris, a handbell peal was arranged and rung (see peal columns) in which he rang the tenor perfectly. A peal was also attempted at Seaton, Devon, composed by Ernest and conducted by George Stedman, his two sons, but unfortunately this was lost through a change course. Time not allowing another attempt, a quarter peal (1,280) Double Norwich was rung by: J. L. S. Glanville 1, B. Pidgeon 2, G. S. Morris 3, J. T. Barratt 4, H. Keeley 5, N. Mallett 6, Ernest Morris (conductor) 7, R. Keeley tenor.

'Old Joe' the 'Rhythm King,' as he is affectionately called, is one of the old school of William Willson regime, and took part in many notable peals, including 10,176 Kent Treble Bob Major called by W. Willson, and 10,912 of the same, conducted by his son Ernest.

Mr. T. Taffender, of London, and he are the only two survivors of the record peals of 11,008 and 17,104 Double Norwich, rung at South Wigston in 1904. His total peals are nearly 400, which he hopes to complete 'ere long.

Sunday by Sunday he takes his place at St. Margaret's, Leicester, where he served 30 years as verger., and where his son Ernest now officiates in the same capacity.

LAVENHAM RINGING ANNIVERSARY

The 141st ringing anniversary held on June 21st was attended by upwards of 60 ringers. Included in the 27 places represented were Acton, W., Bradford Yorks, Croydon, Guildford, Ipswich, Wanstead, Walthamstow and Kingston-on-Thames.

Methods rung during the day were Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Little Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Duffield, Double Norwich, London, Cambridge and Yorkshire Surprise.

(Continued from previous column)

1817.—Rang 2,519 changes at opening of new ten at Wakefield.

1819.—Took part in prize ringing at opening of new eight at Birstall.

1845.—Opened the new six at Wetherby on Christmas Day. Rang four peals of 720.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

A Record Year for Peals

THE annual meeting of the Society was held at Lichfield on June 21st and attracted an attendance of 90 ringers and friends. Ringing took place during the afternoon and evening at the Cathedral. St. Mary's and St. Michael's and those present made full use of the facilities provided.

The service at St. Mary's was conducted, in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar on a choir trip, by the Rev. G. H. Maydew, Vicar of Christ Church, Lichfield. Mr. C. Mitchell, a student at the Theological College, very kindly officiated at the organ. An observation from Mr. Maydew's address, which should give encouragement to all ringers, was 'that however few there might be in the congregation or if there were not always enough ringers present on a Sunday to make up the band, the individual ringer's service to the Church and all it stood for was always well worth while.'

After a good tea in St. Mary's Schools, the business meeting, with the Archdeacon of Stafford in the chair, took place. The accounts were presented and showed a loss on the year of 6s. 10d. The Committee's report was given by the Lay Secretary, Mr. Fred Bennett. This report recorded that the number of peals rung during the year, i.e., 80, was an all time record in the history of the Society and an increase of 19 compared with the previous year. The attendance at meetings during the year had been highly satisfactory, especially as some of these meeting had been held at places not easy of access. With five peals and numerous quarter peals, all rung half-muffled, the Society had paid its tribute to the memory of his late beloved majesty King George VI.

A NEW RINGING MASTER

The election of officers saw two changes. Mr. Maurice Turner, of West Bromwich, was appointed Ringing Master in place of Mr. George Oliver, and Mr. F. Brotherton took over the duties of hon. treasurer from the Rev. C. H. Barker, the latter, however, retaining his position as clerical secretary. Mr. Fred Bennett was re-elected as lay secretary, Messrs. H. Knight and C. Walleter as Central Council representatives and Mr. E. Speake as hon. auditor. All the officers were thanked for their services during the past year.

Meetings for the next twelve months were provisionally arranged as follows:—August, Enville; October, St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent; January, Wednesbury; March, St. Luke's, Wolverhampton; May, Mavesyn Ridgware; June, annual, Lichfield.

The Society's finances were then discussed at some length, Mr. Fred Bennett stating that if losses continued to be shown year after year there would soon be no funds left and that immediate steps must be taken to rectify the position. It was finally decided that the question of finance should be thoroughly gone into by the Committee at its next meeting.

An innovation was the decision by the Society to hold a dinner in Wolverhampton on November 15th next.

An apology had been received from the clerical secretary, the Rev. C. H. Barker, who is convalescing following a recent operation. The members of the Society asked Mr. Bennett to convey to Mr. Barker their best wishes for his speedy and complete recovery.

The meeting closed with Mr. Bennett proposing a vote of thanks to the Archdeacon of Stafford for taking the chair, the Rev. G. H. Maydew for conducting the service and the Rev. Prebendary H. Cresswell, of St. Mary's, for the use of the church and schools.

Subject to confirmation the next meeting of the Society will be at Enville on August 30th.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

Repair of Shoreditch Bells

The pretty Thames-side village of Bray was the scene of the summer meeting of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths on June 7th. Whilst awaiting tea, an alfresco meeting was held on a lawn by the river, presided over by the Master, Mr. G. H. Cross.

The following new members were elected:—Betty Daysh and Dorothy Smith (Southampton), Mrs. Joyce Dodds (Hemel Hempstead), John and Hubert Schofield (Wembley), Norman Smith (Egham) Malcolm Upston (Maidenhead) The ratification of the following members was carried:—Muriel Reay (Birmingham), Warwick Munday (Parramatta) and Harry Short (Cabramatta N.S.W.).

Regarding Shoreditch bells, Mr. Cross said that the Society had agreed to raise £22 towards the cost of repairs. The ringers of St. Martin-in-the-Fields had contributed £13 1s. 6d., £3 5s. 6d. had been raised at a Kent County meeting at Ashford and £2 10s. at the March meeting at Bishopsgate. The members voted that the balance of £3 3s. be paid from the funds of the Society.

The next meeting, it was hoped, would be held at Eltham and Chislehurst on September 20th.

A hearty vote of thanks was proposed to Mr. F. Russell, who made the arrangements, and to the Vicar, for the use of the bells.

Before ringing began after the meeting, three local lady ringers were proposed as members—Audrey Smallbone, Diana Spice and Doreen Hague.

Ringing ranged from rounds to a well-struck course of London and a ladies' touch of Stedman Triples.

East Devon Ringers On Dartmoor

On Thursday, June 26th, a party of ringers from East Devon had a half-day trip on Dartmoor. The first tower visited was St. Michael's, Teignmouth, where they were joined by Mr. E. M. Atkins and Captain Poyntz. After a few touches of Grandsire and Stedman on the eight bells on this 'tower by the sea,' the route was along the River Teign to Kingsteignton where another hour was spent on this splendid ring of eight.

Bovey Tracey was the next stop and more ringing was enjoyed. A run over the moor brought the party to the 'Cathedral of the Moor,' Widecombe, with its very pleasant six. A course of Grandsire Triples on handbells was rung at the monument to Uncle Tom Cobley and all. The last call was to the musical eight at Buckland-in-the-Moor (tenor 7½ cwt.).

On the homeward journey Miss Jean Freer, of Kingston, who joined the trip, had engine trouble with her car, and arrived at her Devon holiday camp in the early hours of the morning, the other cars arriving home about midnight. All agreed it was a lovely trip and thanks are due to those who kindly gave permission and who met us at the various towers. E. W. R.

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LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The Society's June meeting was not an idle visit although it was, in fact, a visit to Idle. The bells were rung up in peal and various methods attempted before the tea interval, which was taken in the nearby school where the local company provided the liquid refreshment so eagerly sought on such a warm afternoon.

The business meeting was opened by the president (Mr. J. W. Benten) who gave a welcome to the Vicar of Idle and to Mr. M. J. Thurmott, of Ely (St. Mary's). Congratulations were offered to Mr. D. Marshall, of the Bradford Cathedral company, who recently completed the B.Sc. examinations at Glasgow University.

Three new members elected were: Messrs. S. Spencely, of Idle, and Leslie Cooper and Audrey Brough, of Otley.

The vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and local company was proposed by Mr. J. Gibson and seconded by Mr. F. Rayment, who referred to the genuine welcome offered by the local company, making the visit to Idle remembered. In Mr. Rayment's own case it was some 26 years since his first visit to Idle, and friendships were formed which had lasted to the present time.

The Vicar replied in a happy speech and he was supported by Mr. T. Hill, who said he was pleased to welcome the Society once again as it was thought that following his accident his ringing days were over, but by sticking to the tower his recovery had been aided considerably.

The next meeting will be at Drighlington on July 26th. All ringers are asked to book the date and send in their names to Mr. Barron. Further details in 'The Ringing World,' July 18th issue.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.

The Northern District held their monthly meeting at St. Ippolyts on June 28th. It was a glorious day, bringing ringers from far and wide, with a very good sprinkling of young people.

The Vicar (the Rev. A. A. Symington) conducted a short service, which was followed by a proper ringers' tea provided by Mr. and Mrs. Alf Harris and their local band. At the business meeting, with the Vicar in the chair, Peter Jackson, of St. Ippolyts, was elected a ringing member.

After tea Great Wymondley bells were available and both towers were kept going from rounds to London, York and Wells Surprise.

Awheel Around Winchester

Ringers from Chichester, Winchester and Itchingfield met at Tichborne (6) for the beginning of a cycling ringing week-end around Winchester on June 14th.

After ringing methods ranging to Kent, they went to Bishop's Sutton (5), where a ringer from Reading joined the party. Two quaint towers followed—Martyr Worthy (3) and Easton (3).

Supper at Winchester was followed by ringing on the fine six at St. Maurice's in methods up to Cambridge and an enjoyable ring at Kingsworthy (4), where we were welcomed by Mr. Street, concluded the day.

The party went their respective ways in Winchester, the youth hostellers going to bed at 12.30 on the common room tables, after taking part in the hostel's 21st birthday celebrations.

On Sunday morning the party went to King Alfred's College for matins, and in the afternoon rang the Cathedral bells with the regulars. Grandsire Caters, rounds and call changes being rung on this fine twelve.

The party would like to thank Messrs. P. N. Bond and Jack King for arranging everything, and Mr. Street for his kind co-operation.

W. L. W.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE CRANBORNE PEAL

Dear Sir,—I am not a regular reader of your paper, but the correspondence in connection with the above peal has been brought to my notice, and reluctant though I am to be drawn in, I feel that the letters of Messrs. Smith and Bond, in your issue of June 27th, demand some reply. But I shall try to be brief and to confine myself to matters outside the 'one word against another' atmosphere, and independent of 'memories' long or short.

There never was, of course, any question of the fact that these visitors had my consent to use our tower; and, indeed, in the end (I refrain from explaining why, in a rush moment between two services, I gave it) to ring a peal. If my reluctance to give this latter consent was not obvious, I can only believe it was because the visitors did not wish to see it. But, technically, consent was given.

Now it seems to me that the best service that this letter can do is to provide a warning to all Incumbents who may be asked **over the telephone**, for the use of their towers. The request, which originated all this correspondence, was so made just five days before the proposed date of the visit. I have never given such consent in any of my churches without consulting my ringers; indeed, for a peal, such consultation has been very careful indeed.

These ringers purported to come (at least in part) from Chichester Cathedral. This was the Cathedral in which I was ordained. Chichester was my Diocese for many years. Consequently, over-ruled by sentiment perhaps, I agreed to the visit. No suggestion was made as to a peal.

After what seemed to me (I am bound to say, the 'thrustful' attitude of the visitors when it was pointed out that a peal had never been contemplated, I wrote to a friend in the Chichester Cathedral Chapter with a view to finding out something more of the status of these ringers. And I must confess to no little indignation when I was told that the Chichester 'steeple' disclaimed all knowledge of them.

If (in a letter which when written was not designed for publication) I described the visitors as 'pirates' it was because it seemed to me that they had been sailing in these waters under false colours. There may be some explanation for this, and I should be quite prepared to withdraw the implication; though I hardly think this can be of great importance.

I will only add in conclusion that in all my many requests from other towers I have never before had an experience like this. This seems to make quite clear what one's future attitude must be.—Yours, etc.,

W. F. BOND (REV.).

Cranborne Vicarage, Dorset.

REMEMBER THE LITANY

Dear Sir,—In recent issues of this journal so much has been written about a peal at Cranborne that the small scratch has become a poisoned wound and now, in this current issue, other people, I see, are becoming infected with what seems to be a desire to stir up trouble within the Exercise.

I cannot see how this rather vulgar display of back-biting fits in with the teaching of Christ or His Church, or with our knowledge of God, to Whose glory Church bells are dedicated. Let us remember the duty laid upon us as Christians, to show mercy and forgiveness.

It would be well if all concerned when next they make response 'Good Lord deliver us,' to the Litany's petition, 'From envy, hatred and malice and all uncharitableness,' to try much harder than they evidently do now, to show forth this spirit in their dealings with mankind in general and their fellow-bellringers in particular.—Yours faithfully.

JOHN A. H. BETTS.

Chichester.

ADVERTISE ALL PEAL ATTEMPTS

Sir,—May I enter a plea on behalf of the non-peal ringers among your readers, that 'The Ringing World' should cease to lend itself to the unpleasant recriminations about the peal at Cranborne, with which we are completely surfeited. It is most distasteful to many of us that so many petty altercations are allowed space for ventilation in your columns.

As a possible deterrent to occurrences such as that at Cranborne, may I suggest that all peal attempts which seek for recognition from any ringing authority be advertised in 'The Ringing World' at least two weeks previous to the attempt being made, giving the tower, date and dedication of the peal, if any. This, I think, would have three beneficial results:—

(1). It would prevent occurrences such as that at Cranborne.

(2). Many ringers in the vicinity of a tower where an attempt was to be made would probably be interested and listen in, and the knowledge that this probability exists might lead to a better standard of ringing than that passing muster in so many peals. Many bands get together in a tower where no one knows who they are or what they are attempting, knowing full well that there will be nobody to refute their claim to having rung 'a true and complete peal.'

(3). It would put an end to many of the ridiculous dedications of peals which one sees in your columns and which, if genuine, would in many cases constitute a gross misuse of church bells. Any strangers to the Exercise, reading your paper, must think us a queer lot, especially if they noted how seldom we dedicate a peal to the glory of God or His Church, for which purpose only were the bells originally provided.

Such a rule as I suggest might result in curtailing the total number of peals rung, but this would not be a bad thing in these days, when so much emphasis is placed on mere numbers, and so little on the standard of ringing.—Yours faithfully,

A. R. POYNTZ.

Shaldon, S. Devon.

THE PEAL AT HAWKLEY

Dear Sir,—I see that in your last issue there is a controversy on about a company or ringers from Chichester who recently rang at Cranborne and also here at Hawkley.

I write to support the letter of our captain of the Hawkley tower, Mr. Chas. Pound. The team of ringers is obviously very keen and for that they are to be highly commended, but their keenness has clearly been leading them into overpressing their requests to ring at church towers.

On three occasions I had been pressed to give permission for them to ring here where, it so happened, it was very inconvenient. The third request was an urgent one by phone with very little notice. I was left with the impression that transport had been arranged and that they would feel very cornered if the request was refused. As they wanted to ring a full peal, I not only went to see the captain of our tower but also telephoned to our District secretary. It was clear that neither of them wanted permission to be given and I was caught between two pressures. However, I obtained a reluctant agreement to admit the Chichester ringers. I much regret now that I did so.

This controversy will have done good if encourages those who are keen to visit other towers not to overpress their requests where it is obviously inconvenient.—Yours faithfully,

J. E. WRIGHT, Vicar.

Hawkley, Hants.

RINGING APPEALS TO YOUTH

An Example from Danbury

Dear Sir,—I was very interested to read in the summer edition of 'The Countryman,' which is edited by John Cripps at Burford in Oxfordshire, a paragraph entitled 'Young Campanologists' which reads as under:—

'When I first came to live in the Essex village of Danbury, well over thirty years ago,' writes Dr. Armstrong Gibbs, 'two brothers, Dick and Ernest, sons of a local baker, were trebles in the church choir. Both were keen musicians and a few years later joined my village choral society.

They also learned bellringing and handbell ringing from our old sexton, but as he advanced in years both these arts fell into abeyance. Meanwhile the brothers grew to manhood and the elder became the father of two sons. Three years ago I found that Dick and Ernest had collected a team of youngsters—boys and girls—and were busy initiating them into the mysteries of campanology. Dick's elder boy was a member from the start, while the younger one, aged nine, attended all practices and was promoted to a bell as soon as he was tall enough to pull a rope when mounted on an orange box. Not only did our own steeple hum, but these youngsters were soon scouring the county, ringing peals in every belfry within reach of their bicycles. Scarcely a week passed without my hearing of some new feat of skill and endurance. In fact, only a few days ago, Dick announced to me with rueful pride that his team were advancing altogether beyond him. They have learned too, to ring the handbells; how well, may be gauged from the fact that they have collected close on £100 for church objects. When they visited us last December I noticed a remarkable advance in technical proficiency. At a guess I should put the average age of the team at about 15 years. It is clear from their behaviour that there is something in bellringing which appeals strongly to youth. They have also found a hobby which will probably last them all their lives, and are doing a grand bit of service for their church. To Dick and his brother Ernest I can only respectfully take off my hat.'—Yours sincerely.

C. H. KINCH.

PEALS AT ALFORD, LINCS

Dear Sir,—May I, through your columns, congratulate Mr. G. Musson on his recent peal at Alford, Lincs, rung in 2 hours and 34 minutes. I only hope, due to the time taken, he does not fall victim to the jealousy of some Eastern Branch members. After ringing a peal here in May, 1950, in 2 hours and 33 minutes, it was openly declared to be false due to the speed at which it had been rung. I feel that the recent peal, again including the tower captain, gives me the opportunity to declare the rumours unfounded, unwarranted and disproved by events. Although such conduct does not really merit or justify a letter it may help finally to silence some who would rather seek to criticise than further the cause of ringing and the friendship which exists within it.—Yours, etc.,

C. H. WHITTON.

Isleworth, Middx.

CORONATION, 1953

The Exercise will undoubtedly play a big part in the Coronation celebrations next year and I would like to suggest at this stage that the Central Council puts on its thinking cap and gets down to publishing in good time its recommendations as to procedure for this event. With the recent death of King George VI. the lead came too late due to the suddenness and many ringers were left wondering exactly what should be done. That they rose to the occasion is undoubted, but an official lead does help.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN A. HILL.

LETTERS—Continued

THE LATE A. J. CORRIGAN'S PUBLICATIONS

Having in mind the popularity and great usefulness of the late Mr. Corrigan's publications. I wonder whether the ringers of his district, or any other reader of 'The Ringing World,' can give any information as to the disposal of any unsold copies that may have been left.

It may well be that at some later date there would be a ready market for reprints of some of these books.—Yours faithfully,

P. A. CORBY.

Forest Hill, S.E.23.

DONCASTER'S S.S. BAND

Dear Sir,—May I congratulate the Doncaster Sunday Service Band and their conductor on ringing Carter's odd bob peal of Stedman Triples. This is a very creditable and worthwhile performance for an entirely local band. It would be a good sign to see more peals with the footnote 'Rung by the local company.'—Yours, etc.,

NORMAN CHADDOCK.

Rotherham, Yorks.

BIBLICAL SILVER TRUMPETS

Dear Sir,—Whenever I attend a ringers' service and hear the lesson read from Numbers, Chapter 10, I am intrigued by the direction in verse 2, about the making of the silver trumpets, 'Of a whole piece shalt thou make them.' What exactly does that mean? Were the craftsmen of that day able to make such an instrument from one piece? I suppose it can hardly mean that they were cast?

I have just turned up 'Josephus' to see if any light is thrown on it there, but 'Josephus' simply says that the trumpet invented by Moses was a little less than a cubit in length, with a suitable mouthpiece and the usual trumpet mouth. There is nothing about how it was made.

Perhaps some of our clerical ringers (or readers) have studied the musical instruments of the Bible and are able to tell us.—Yours faithfully,

'GWENT SASSENACH.'

South Wales.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Western District at Mirfield

The summer meeting of the Western District was held on June 21st at St. Mary's Church, Mirfield, with an attendance of about 50 members. Ringing during the afternoon ranged from Minor to Royal, and was followed by an excellent tea served in the Church Hall.

At the business meeting the resignation from the committee of Mr. F. Hodgson, due to his leaving the district, was accepted with regret. Mr. Hodgson was one of the mainstays of the District and his presence will be greatly missed by his many friends. Any nominations for the vacant seat should be sent to the District secretary.

Occasion was taken at this meeting to make a presentation to Mr. W. Ambler in appreciation of his past services as District secretary. Mr. Ambler was obliged to retire from office at the end of last year due to continuing ill-health. He had held this office for a period in all of some eleven years, during which time he spared no pains in making the Western District one of the most flourishing in the Yorkshire Association, whilst his reports and books left nothing to be desired. The presentation was made by the vice-president (Mr. P. J. Johnson) and took the form of an inscribed gold pocket watch.

It is hoped to hold the next meeting in September, at Oxenhope.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH

Young Ringers' Cycling Tour

Young ringers of Newport, Bedwellty, Rumney and Cardiff set out from Newport for a day's ringing and cycling tour of towers between Newport and Chepstow on June 21st.

With a strong wind in their favour, they made speedy progress for their first destination, Mathern, where they were joined by ringers from Chepstow and Tiddenham. Here the bells were rung half-muffled for a funeral, the tenor being tolled shortly before the funeral service.

After lunch the ringers made for Caldicot, this time cycling into a strong head wind which considerably slowed down the pace. Caldicot reached, this fine octave was soon ringing, although the younger members of the party found difficulty in pulling off due to the deep setting of the bells.

Again into the wind, the next stop being at Penhow and here the light six were set going to call changes and change ringing. A pleasant ring and unusual in the fact that they are rung just inside the entrance to the church.

The next call was at Magor, where another unusual ring was met. Here the bells are rung from the chancel and to make room for the ringers the choir stalls have to be moved back which, as one can imagine, is not very convenient for service ringing. The bells do not go very well but, nevertheless, sound good.

The final ring was at Nash, which meant a hard ride over the moors into the wind. Dark clouds were gathering and the sky looked very ominous. Ringing on this pleasant light six had to be curtailed as a steady downpour of rain had set in and so the ringers made their way home—wet, tired but full of enthusiasm about the next tour.

Excluding the three 'old men,' the ages of the band ranged from 11 to 17 years, and methods rung during the day were Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob and April Day, with plenty of rounds and call changes.

Thanks are extended to the incumbents for the use of their bells and to the local ringers who met and welcomed the band.

Gloucester and Bristol Association

The half-yearly meeting of the Swindon Branch was held at Bishopstone on June 14th and visitors were welcomed from Bray, Charlbury, Dorchester, Fairford and Shrivenham. The bells are a good eight by Mears (1891) and they were rung in various methods up to London Surprise Major.

At the business meeting the Branch secretary (Mr. W. B. Knyaston) gave a report on the Central Council meeting at Lincoln and warned those present to be careful with London Royal and Bristol Maximus! It was proposed to hold meetings at Lydiard Millicent, Latton and Cricklade and Stratton-St. Margaret during the next three months.

GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGED

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COTTON, SUFFOLK.—On June 29th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: E. E. Grimes 1, B. Chilvers 2, L. Foster 3, R. Lester 4, J. Crapnell 5, E. Davey 6, R. Ward 7, S. Arbon (cond.) 8.

WHITSUN IN THE 'GARDEN OF ENGLAND'

Following the success of a tour of ten towers in the Romney Marsh area on Whit Monday, 1951, a Whitsun week-end was planned by an augmented party in the 'Garden of England' with headquarters at Hawkhurst.

The programme started with a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Rolvenden on Saturday morning, accomplished with not a few blisters for the back-enders.

After lunch ringers from Marden, Sedlescombe, Hawkhurst and Folkestone joined the party and a tour of six Sussex towers followed—Bodiam (5), Northiam (6), Beckley (6) Breden (6), Sedlescombe (6) and Salehurst (8). Methods rung were Grandsire, Plain Bob, Double Oxford, Stedman and Cambridge.

On Whit Sunday the party and two visitors from Hawkhurst rang and attended matins at St. Michael's and All Angels, Marden. The afternoon was spent in a farm walk conducted by Mr. Frank Day at Blue House Farm, Marden. Evening ringing for some of the party was at the bomb-stricken Church of St. Lawrence, Hawkhurst, where Mr. William Gorringe and his band keep the bells going.

A colossal programme of 16 towers was arranged for Whit Monday, the first being Ringwould at 7.55 a.m. where two ringers from Tunstall, Sittingbourne, who left home at 4.30 a.m., awaited the party. The list of towers visited was Walmer (8), Deal (6), Northbourne (6), Eastry (5), Ash (8), Wingham (8), Littlebourne (6), Wickhambreux (6), Sturry (6), Hackington (8) and Canterbury Cathedral (12, where rounds and original Royal were attempted with very good results, Grandsire and Double Norwich on the back eight and Cambridge Minor on the back six), Beckesbourne (6), Goodnestone (6), Barham (5, where the stay of the third had been previously broken, and Eythorne (5). Everybody was in bed by 2 a.m. after a good 20-hours' ringing day!

The party included the Misses A. M. Bailey, M. A. Carter, M. A. Wood, B. M. Vidler and J. Haffenden, Messrs. K. A. Holtom, J. Chillendon, C. Wralten, T. Barton, D. Bryder, J. Betts, R. Collins, K. Collins, G. B. Harris, M. S. Cloke and S. G. Waters.

There was not more than a five-minute hitch on the whole programme, which was no mean achievement, when 150 miles were travelled, 16 towers rung in by 16 people, whose average age was 22 years. S. G. W. thanks the tower representatives and the incumbents for their co-operation and welcome.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Joint Meeting in the Totnes Area

A successful joint meeting of the Mid-Devon and South-West Branches was held in the Totnes area on June 28th, when members and friends attended from Okehampton, Kenn, Newton Abbot, Buckfastleigh, Totnes, Paignton, Dartmouth, Plympton and Plymouth, as well as visitors from Erith (Kent) and Birmingham.

The bells of Berry Pomeroy Parish Church were made good use of throughout the afternoon and later a visit was made to the Central Hotel, Totnes, for tea, where Mr. J. E. Lilley, of Newton Abbot, welcomed the visitors and expressed thanks to the Vicars of Berry Pomeroy and Totnes for the use of their bells.

Ringing afterwards took place at Totnes Parish Church, the methods rung during the afternoon and evening being Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major. The latter method was particularly well struck in both towers, even bell ringing being very pleasing to the ear on Totnes bells.

OUTINGS IN BRIEF

STREATHAM AND MITCHAM

The bellringers of St. Leonard's Church, Streatham, and Christ Church, Mitcham, together with their wives and a few old friends have spent two very enjoyable days in Sussex during the past two months. On Easter Monday ringing was enjoyed at Capel (Surrey), Warnham, Henfield and Billingshurst, lunch being taken at Horsham and tea at Henfield. On June 14th a full day's programme was arranged. The route chosen took us through Streatham, Croydon, Sanderstead, Limpsfield, Edenbridge, Hartfield, Uckfield, Eastbourne, Pevensey, Battle, Burwash, Fairwarp, East Grinstead, Godstone, Purley and Christ Church, Mitcham. Ringing was enjoyed at Hartfield, Uckfield, Christ Church, Eastbourne, Burwash and Fairwarp.

Lunch was taken in Eastbourne and we had as our guests the Rev. D. G. Matthews (Vicar of Southover) and his wife. The Rev. D. G. Matthews was Vicar of Christ Church, Mitcham, before moving to Southover some years ago. Tea was enjoyed at Burwash and here we had as our guest Mr. F. J. Lambert (captain of the Burwash ringers and a nephew of the late J. A. Lambert, of Mitcham Parish Church).

It was 39 years to the day since the Christ Church ringers made their first pilgrimage and with the company was Mr. G. Pidwell, who took part in that pilgrimage in 1913. Mr. W. H. Joiner also took part in it and it was with regret that the company learnt that he was not feeling well enough to join the party. He did, however, send a programme of the 1913 tour (which he had carefully preserved) to the secretary (Mr. S. Howard). This was passed round en route and aroused much interest. At tea the programme for June 14th was autographed by all present. This has been sent to Mr. Joiner with best wishes from all.

HAMER, ROCHDALE

An enjoyable day in the Lake District was spent by ringers and friends of All Saints' Church, Hamer, Rochdale, on June 14th.

A start was made at 7.30 a.m. and Kirby Lonsdale was reached at 9.30. Here the bells of St. Mary's were much to the liking of the company.

After lunch at Bowness on Windermere, a brief visit was made to the Lake previous to ringing at St. Martin's, Bowness (8). Later came an hour's ringing at S. Michael's, Hawkshead (6). Grange-over-Sands was reached at 5 p.m. for an enjoyable tea, and a stop on the return journey was made at Morecambe, Rochdale being reached at 11.20 p.m.

Methods rung during the day were Oxford, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Grandsire, St. Clement's and Stedman. Thanks were accorded vicars and ringers who met the party and arranged for the use of the bells.

HULTON, ESSEX

Tintinabulation in Excelsis was how the Hulton correspondent described their outing on Whit Monday, which was spent mainly in South Suffolk.

Visited by the party were the five big bells in the churchyard of East Bergholt: the massive tower at Kersey, a village which is a piece of Tudor England: the grand old tower of Monks Eleigh, with a welcome from Harry Whymark: Preston, the climb to the top of the tower is quite a gymnastic feat and Fred Day gave the friendliest of greetings: Lavenham where the three lads eagerly took turns on the 23-cwt. tenor that wonderful bell cast in 1625: Long Melford, where only a few minutes were available to see the inside of its elegant and spectacular church with its 97 windows. Thank you South Suffolk, for your warm welcome; like Renatus, we will return.

LEYTONSTONE

Despite very dull weather the ringers of St. John's, Leytonstone, and a few friends enjoyed a successful tour of Suffolk on June 14th.

The party met at Mildenhall and before ringing admired the interior of the church with its wonderful roof and a modern stained glass memorial to a local ringer. The ten bells in the high 15th century tower were set going to 'Stedman Caters. A course of Cambridge Royal and a touch of Grandsire Caters completed the ringing on these lovely bells.

After expressing thanks they then went on to Elvedon, where the bell tower is attached to the Church of SS. Peter and Andrew by a cloistered walk. The visitors found the octave went very well, although not too easy to hear inside the tower. The ringing here included a touch of Spliced Surprise Major as well as Superlative, Bristol and Kent. Before leaving for Bury St. Edmunds most of the ringers were shown around the church by the incumbent.

The first ringing at Bury St. Edmunds was on the ten in the Norman tower. Stedman and Grandsire and a half course of Cambridge went very well on these grand bells. After tea the weighty octave of SS. Mary and Peter was rung to London, Stedman and Cambridge.

Lavenham was the last tower of the day and good use was made of its famous bells. Superlative, Rutland and Bristol were included in the methods rung.

It was a very enjoyable trip, ringing on very good bells and meeting friends, old and new. Thanks are due to the incumbents and ringers at the various churches and also to Mr. F. W. Housden, the organiser. T. G. F.

STONHAM ASPAL, SUFFOLK

A start was made at 5.45 a.m. on June 14th by Stonham Aspal ringers for the first full outing of the new company, which was spent in Kent and Surrey.

Mr. Isaac Emery met the party on the new eight at Bromley and found the company so desirable that he remained with them the rest of the day. Mr. A. P. Cannon, who helped to arrange the towers, also joined the party. Ringing afterwards took place at Beddington, Westerham, Edenbridge and Wrotham. Home was reached at 1 a.m. Thanks are due to Mr. William Button for his hard work which contributed so much to the success of the outing.

RUSHMERE ST. ANDREW, IPSWICH

A tour of the Suffolk and Cambridgeshire borderland was enjoyed by Rushmere St. Andrew, Ipswich, band on June 14th, who were accompanied by friends from St. Clement's and St. Margaret's.

A start was made at 8 a.m. and ringing took place before lunch at Haverhill (6), Sawston (8), Stapleford (6) and Trumpington (6). At the last-named tower the ringers were met by a well-known lady ringer, who stood in for a well-struck touch of Ipswich Surprise.

Lunch was served at Cambridge, and while non-ringers visited the town the ringers proceeded to Old Chesterton (6), a church standing in ideal surroundings.

The journey home started after tea at Cambridge, the route being via Swaffham Prior, with its two churches in one churchyard, to Exning (5), where the party were welcomed by the Vicar, who while at Ipswich was a district secretary of the Suffolk Guild. The last tower was the heavy six at St. Mary's, Newmarket. Ipswich was reached at 11.30 p.m. Ringing included Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise, Single Court, Double Court and Bob Major.

WITHAM, ESSEX

Interesting parts of Cambridgeshire, Huntingdon and Herts were toured by Witham (Essex) ringers and friends from Kelvedon, Black Notley and Maldon on June 21st.

Ickleton was reached in good time and well-struck touches of Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Grandsire Triples were rung on a well-going and tuneful eight.

At Huntingdon touches of Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob were rung at St. Mary's, a good eight in need of overhauling. Appetites were well satisfied at the Nickel Coin Restaurant, followed by a visit to the Parish Church, Godmanchester, where a considerable sum is being raised to put a fine-sounding octave into good running order. After enjoyable touches of Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob the party returned to Huntingdon, where touches of Bob Minor, Cambridge Surprise and Kent Treble Bob were rung on a well-going six at All Saints'.

Tea was taken at Royston at the Corner Cafe. At the conclusion Mr. J. Chalk thanked Miss W. Mellin Mrs. B. Godfrey and Mr. H. Evers for making the necessary arrangements for such an enjoyable outing with a special word of thanks to Mr. E. Bright (Witham) for his great work with his learners, two of whom had become 'first pealers,' and congratulations to the Kelvedon ringers on getting their bells in good-going order again, with the 'Festival Bell' as their grand new tenor.

The final tower was Barley, where touches of Bob Minor, Double Court, Grandsire Doubles and Cambridge Surprise were rung on a very tuneful and easy-going six. Sincere thanks were extended to the local ringers who met the visitors, and particularly to the three clergy who looked in at their respective towers to wish all a 'happy day.'

FRIEZLAND VISIT LOUGHBOROUGH

On June 7th an enjoyable and interesting outing was shared by the ringers of Christ Church, Friezland, Oldham, their wives and children and friends.

Travelling by way of Buxton to Matlock, the bells of the Parish Church were soon up and going well to two or three short touches of Oxford, whilst the non-ringing members rang the changes on tea and cakes. Journeying through the lovely Derwent Valley, Loughborough was reached at approximately 12.30 p.m.

After a good dinner a visit was paid to the Bell Foundry of Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. and a most instructional afternoon was spent under the guidance of Mr. J. P. Fidler, who went to very great pains to try to show everyone everything, which is some job with a party of 34. His good humour and understanding ruled the day and none of the party went astray.

On being challenged to ring rounds within two whole pulls on the light six in the campanile without first trying for length, the contest team had a go with both hilarious and disastrous results, as the stay of the sixth 'went for a Burton.' However, Mr. Fidler retrieved the rope, the bell was raised, and some good short touches of Minor were rung on the heavy six by mixed teams.

The Parish Church was next visited and some good ringing was enjoyed by the nine ringing members of the party, on the front six until the rope of the second parted at the garter hole.

The 30-cwt. tenor was then raised and two or three touches were rung on the back six without further mishap.

After an excellent tea the return journey was via Leicester, Nottingham and Sheffield, passing on the way the noted Crooked Spire at Chesterfield, which was viewed with some awe by various members of the party who had not previously seen the spectacle.

A. F.

OBITUARY

MR. JOHN MOTH

Captain of the Sandhurst, Berks, tower and a branch representative on the Oxford Guild Committee for many years, Mr. John Moth died at his home at Little Sandhurst on July 3rd after a long illness. He was 85 and had been unable to ring since the war.

He rang his first peal in 1900, but although his total was about 25 he made up for that by the 720's he rang, for in 1908 and 1909 at Sandhurst 297 720's in ten methods were rung, of which he took part in 293 and conducted 228.

MR. JOSEPH SLADE

With deep regret the death is announced of Mr. Joseph Slade at his home, 162, Oxford Road, Calne, on June 30th, aged 78 years.

He will be remembered by a number of the members of the Ringers' Guild, as for some years he was a member of St. Paul's Church, Burton-on-Trent, ringing team, and in later years took an active part in ringing at Bremhill, Calne and District Churches. He leaves a wife and three daughters.

OUTING

PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT

The Portsmouth District had an extremely enjoyable outing on June 21st into Somerset and Wiltshire. The coach left Portsmouth a little behind time bearing the contingents of ringers and friends from the towers in the Portsmouth and Fareham area and collected the remainder of the party at Southampton.

The first stop for refreshments, Wimborne, was reached on time, but owing to the precarious state of the tower pinnacles, no ringing was possible.

Despite a slight hold-up at Blandford owing to a traffic jam, we were only slightly late at Yeovil, where one of the local ringers was waiting to welcome us. Ringing on the fine ring of ten (tenor 40¼ cwt.) was much enjoyed before the party departed in search of lunch.

The highlight of the day was the grand six at Queen Camel (tenor 36¼ cwt.). Ringing here began after a welcome from Mr. Reeves, with a fair raise in peal, and the subsequent proceedings required careful organisation to enable all the keen 'heavy-enders' who so wished to 'turn in' the tenor. However, all were duly satisfied and ringing ended with a good 'settle,' many long-standing ambitions having been gratified by a visit to this justly famous tower.

The equally fine six at Bruton (tenor 26 cwt.) came next and again several local ringers met us at this magnificent tower, one of the finest of its type in a county famed for its towers. With invitations of 'come again' from the local ringers, the coach went on to Frome. Ringing on the heavy octave (tenor 31 cwt.) at the famous church, where the Rev. W. J. E. Bennett, one of the pioneers of the Oxford Movement, was once Vicar, included a good course of London. Next came a truly wonderful tea at a local cafe.

The party went on to Westbury, the last tower of the day, arriving a little late due to a slight loss of sense of direction! The grand eight here are probably the finest for their weight (tenor 35 cwt.) anywhere—no correspondence, please!—and good use was made of them. Ringing ended with a course of a favourite Portsmouth method, Double Norwich, and the stragglers having been collected from a local hostelry, the journey to Salisbury was enlivened by strains of (?) melodious voices!

A break for further refreshment was allowed at Salisbury, and amid further vocal efforts from the choir (!) the coach set out for Southampton, which was reached at 9.45.

Thanks are due to Mr. John Hunt for all his careful and excellent arrangements.

P. N. B.

OUTINGS

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

Taking advantage of the long evenings the Society travelled to the boundary of the Riding to hold the June meeting at Malton and Norton. Poor weather marred the day for the wives and friends, who went to explore the town and old Malton Priory Church, but did not deter the ringers from trying out two good rings of eight.

The bells of St. Leonard's, Malton, were rung during the afternoon to standard methods. The bells, recently restored, are now a good ring of eight with a 13¼ cwt. tenor. St. Leonard's Church is now closed for public worship so the ringers had their service in the Church of St. Michael, a well-kept church with beautiful Norman architecture, but without a historical background.

The Rev. J. Fisher, Vicar of St. Peter's, Church, Norton, conducted the service. He deputised for the Vicar of St. Michael's, who was away on a pilgrimage with Sunday School scholars, and for his own ringers, who were on an annual outing. Mr. Fisher gave an excellent sermon, joined the ringers at tea and was the genial host in his own belfry.

A company of 58 sat down to tea and joined in the meeting before going to the lovely ring at Norton. Standard methods were brought round, and others attempted, when time brought to an end a good day's outing among good bells.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX

Five towers in Surrey were visited by Braintree ringers and their friends on June 21st. The morning was spent at Beddington and Ewell and after a substantial lunch at Leatherhead, ringing took place at Dorking.

A valuable 30 minutes was lost at Dorking through some of the party having difficulty in finding the coach. In consequence, ringing at Holy Trinity, Guildford, the best tower of the day, had to be curtailed. Ringing concluded on the light eight at Esher with Bob Major, Double Norwich, London and Bristol Surprise.

Everyone agreed that it had been a pleasant day and the Surrey scenery was enjoyed by all.

HELMINGHAM

In glorious weather on June 28th Helmingham ringers spent a pleasant day in Northants. An early start was made and ringing took place at St. Neots (8, tenor 30 cwt.), Raunds (8), Kettering (10), Burton Latimer (8), Finedon (8) and Higham Ferrers (8).

Lunch was taken at Kettering and tea at Finedon, where a discussion ensued as to the relative merits of Finedon and Higham Ferrers bells.

At the tea table Mr. A. E. Whiting presented Mr. Les Brett with a leather writing case in recognition of his services in organising these social outings.

Rumours went round the coach of a long week-end next time as plenty of stationery would now be available.

HURST, BERKSHIRE

A visit to Sussex was paid by ringers of Hurst, Berkshire, for their annual outing. At Henfield ringing ranged from Grandsire to Cambridge Major. Lunch was enjoyed at Lewis and then followed ringing at St. John's, Southover (with memories of the late J. S. Goldsmith), Rotherfield and East Grinstead. After tea, ringing took place at Crawley and the wooden tower of Horley, whose bells were a handful to strike and whose tower swayed gracefully as its bells were rung. Many thanks to the Sussex ringers who met the party and helped to make the day so enjoyable.

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BIRTH

HOLLINGWORTH.—On June 18th, 1952, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, Hammersmith, to Doreen and Nevil Hollingworth—a daughter, Lesley. 1036

DEATH

SLADE.—On June 30th, 1952, at his home, 162, Oxford Road, Calne, Wilts, Joseph Slade, formerly of St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, aged 78 years. 1030

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of Mr. JAMES BENNETT, of Beckenham, Kent, is now Hillcrest, Ipswich Road, Grundisburgh, near Woodbridge, Suffolk. 1035

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Wanted, set of 12 handbells for boys' organisation.—L. C. Edwards, 7, Hangleton Gardens, Hove 4, Sussex. 1033

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TEIGNMOUTH, DEVON, ST. MICHAEL'S BY THE SEA.—Ringing every Sunday evening during the summer at 8.20 p.m. for the 9 p.m. special holiday-makers' service. Visitors very welcome. 998

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BECKENHAM, KENT. — The bells are to undergo repairs by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. Monday, July 7th, was the last practice until further notice. Sunday ringing may be possible once or twice more before the work commences, but intending visitors should enquire.—P. A. Corby, 83, Hurstbourne Road, Forest Hill, S.E.23 (FOR. 3683). 1037

ALDERSHOT. — There will be no ringing practices at Aldershot, Hants, on July 18th or July 25th, 1952. 1041

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Doulting, July 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to A. G. Kingston, Fairview, Doulting, Shepton Mallet. 997

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Fletching (8), July 12th. Tea at The Griffin.—C. A. Bassett. 1007

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District. — Meeting, Saturday, July 12th, at Great Gransden (6). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. S. Peacock. 1022

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Meeting, Badgeworth, July 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—P. Baker, 40, St. Michael's Avenue, Bishop's Cleeve. 999

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Combined practice at Cranleigh on Saturday, July 12th, commencing 6 p.m. This arrangement is in place of meeting that was to be held on this date.—R. Kenward, Hon. Sec. 1029

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—Harrietsham (8), Saturday, July 12th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 1006

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at Sefton, July 12th, 3 p.m. —J. M. Preston, Branch Sec. 1053

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION and MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, July 12th, All Hallows', Twickenham (10) 3–5 p.m. St. Mary's, Twickenham, from 2–3.30 p.m. All Saints', Isleworth (10), after tea. Also Church Fete, Isleworth Vicarage, 3 p.m.—H. W. Rogers and F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Secs. 963

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AND LONDON GUILD.—N. and E. District.—Meeting at Northaw on Saturday, July 12th, 3 p.m. Service and tea. Business meeting to follow. Cheshunt bells also available in evening. Both churches on bus route between Potters Bar and Waltham Cross.—T. J. Lock, Sec. 1003

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering District.—Weldon, July 12th. Bells (6) 3. Deene bells (6) 2.30–3.30 and later if required. Tea arranged.—G. E. Watson, 9, Cranford Road, Burton Latimer, Kettering. 1043

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Meeting, Wrockwardine (6), July 12th. Names for tea to Hon. Sec., G. C. Bagley, 34, Wharfage, Ironbridge. 1017

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Meeting, July 12th, at Wrockwardine (6).—G. C. Bagley, Hon. Sec. 1054

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Clare District.—Meeting, Kedington (6), July 12th, 3 p.m.—L. D. Mills. 994

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION — Glaston Deanery.—Meeting, Wookey, Saturday, July 19th. Bells 3. Service 4 p.m. Notify tea by Tuesday, 15th. — W. Marsh, Dovecotes, Street. 1039

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Quarterly meeting, Leighton Buzzard (10), on Saturday, July 19th, 3 p.m. Cafes available for tea.—Dennis Knox, Dis. Sec. 1046

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Northallerton on Saturday, July 19th, at 3 p.m.—P. W. B. Semmens, Hon. Sec. 1032

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Quarterly meeting, Salford Priors, Saturday, July 19th. Bells (8) 3 p.m.– 9 p.m. Business 6 p.m. in church. Own tea arrangements (cafes in Bidford). Private bus leaves Pool Meadow, Coventry, 2.30, returns from Salford 8.30. Book seat with J. L. Garner-Hayward, 8, Orchard Crescent, Coventry. Phone Coventry 64781 (office hours). — Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. 1047

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — N.E. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Calverleigh, Saturday, July 19th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to C. G. Dymond, Silverton. 1042

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. —Meeting, Castle Hedingham (6), July 19th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Sible Hedingham (8) available in the evening. Names for tea if possible to H. Pratt, 6, Council Houses, Black Notley, Braintree. 1000

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Leatherhead District), LADIES' GUILD (Southern District).—Joint meeting, Merrow, July 19th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Numbers for tea to Miss W. Oliver, 36, North Place, Guildford.—A. H. Smith, Dis. Sec. 1023

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Brightling not available. Meeting, Salehurst (8), July 19th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by July 16th to G. Billenness, 3, Grasmere Terrace, Hawkhurst. 1031

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—A combined practice, Leighton, Saturday, July 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. 1056

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Saturday, July 19th, Rushden 2.30. Sandon 3.45. Tea 5 p.m. Wallington 6 p.m. Special method, St. Nicholas.—E. Buck, District Sec. 1024

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Hoo (6) on Saturday, July 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. 1008

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—Meeting at Churchtown on Saturday, July 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—J. H. Foster. 1051

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—Next meeting at Whitefield on Saturday, July 19th. Bells free at 4 p.m. Snack bar nearby.—J. Porter. 1052

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Peckleton, July 19th. Bells (6) 3. Tea in Church Room 5. Please notify by July 16th Mr. E. Hall, Main Street, Peckleton, Leicester. 1044

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Penyfai (near Bridgend), July 19th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—F. J. Hannington, 32, Surrey Street, Canton, Cardiff. 991

NORWICH ASSOCIATION. — South Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Long Stratton, Saturday, July 19th. Service 4.15. Tea in Village Hall for those who notify Mr. W. L. Duffield, Corfe Cottage, Long Stratton, Norwich, by July 14th, at 5 p.m. Forncett bells available after meeting.—A. G. Harrison, Branch Sec. 1014

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Reading Branch.—Summer meeting, Goring, Saturday, July 19th. Bells (8) from 3 and after meeting. Service 4.30. Streatley bells (6) also available from 2.30 p.m. and in evening. Names for tea to L. G. Haines, Whyteleafe, Elvendon Road, Goring, near Reading.—A. Diserens, Branch Sec. 1026

PETERBOROUGH GUILD. — Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Wilby on Saturday, July 19th. Names for tea to A. Bigley, 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough, Wellingborough. 1027

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Salisbury Branch.—Amesbury (8), July 19th. Service 3.30, followed by quarterly meeting and tea. Woodford (6) also available afterwards. Names for tea by 15th, please.—Miss Eloie, 81, Hamilton Road, Salisbury. 1004

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch. — Meeting at Broadwindsor, Saturday, July 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. Names for tea, please, by 15th.—C. H. Lathey, Malmaison, Bradpole, Bridport. 1028

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting at Orston, Saturday, July 19th, 3 p.m. Light tea for those who notify Mrs. Lewis, Yew Tree Farm, Orston, Nottingham, by the previous Tuesday. 990

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District. —Ringing meeting at Blaxhall (6) on July 19th at 2.30 p.m. Tea at Blaxhall Ship at 5 p.m. Names for tea by 14th to P. S. Bedford, 37, Franklin Road, Aldeburgh. 993

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — North-Western District.—Meeting at Hawley, near Camberley, on Saturday, July 19th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Also invitation to all ringers of the Farnham District to join us. Notice for tea by 16th to Rev. Davis, Hawley Vicarage, Blackwater, Camberley. — R. Lathbury, Hon. District Sec. 1049

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. —Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Buxted (8), Saturday, July 19th, 3 p.m. Tea only for those who notify by July 16th to Mr. E. Eade, Beacon View, Buxted. 1038

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch—Meeting at Rock, Saturday, July 19th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. and tea. No business. Coach, Bell Hotel, Bell Street, Stourbridge, 2 p.m. Come and have a good time. — Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 1050

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. Division.—Meeting at Hatching (6) on Saturday, July 26th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, July 23rd, to G. Blake, District Sec., Teesta, Jack's Hatch, Epping Upland. 1025

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—General quarterly meeting at Bottesford on July 26th. Bells 2.45 to 4 and 6 to 8. Service 4. Tea and meeting 4.30 at Rutland Hotel for the first 50 names sent by July 19th to W. A. Wood, Fosseway, Croft, near Leicester. 1040

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Lewisham District.—Meeting at Chelsfield (6), Saturday, July 26th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea (1s. 6d.) by Monday, July 21st, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 1034

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District. — Meeting, Burton-Stather (8), July 26th. Bells 2.30. Service 3.45. Tea 4.30. Names for tea by July 23rd to P. Barnes, Britannic, Tee Lane, Burton-Stather, Scunthorpe. 1048

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at Lakenheath, July 26th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. M. Reeve. 1055

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern and North-Western Districts. — Joint meeting at Lingfield, July 26th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by July 23rd to J. W. Knight, 92, Coldshott, Oxted.—C. J. Champion, R. Lathbury, District Secs. 1045

GORING-BY-THE-SEA

From the Sussex coast to Gloucester was the ambitious programme of Goring-by-the-Sea ringers and friends from Heene and West Tarring for their outing on June 21st.

Punctually at 7 a.m. the party left Durrington for Hindhead as the first stop, when coffee and biscuits were in readiness. (We arrived here a quarter of an hour in front of schedule !) The first tower to be visited was Kintbury where good use was made of the bells, much to the delight of the locals, who agreed it was nice to hear their bells again.

Lunch was taken at Cirencester and the party afterwards left for Gloucester, where a tour of the Cathedral was enjoyed, the bells not being available that day. Newbury was the next call for tea. After Newbury the homeward journey was begun, with Goring-on-Thames as the next stop. Here a delightful stay of three quarters of an hour's ringing was thoroughly enjoyed.

A short break in the journey was made at Worplesdon for refreshment and Goring-by-Sea was reached at 11.40, everybody expressing their thanks to Mr. S. F. Haffenden for a very enjoyable and pleasant day's outing of nearly 300 miles.

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62345		2	1
46325		x	
36524	x		3
56423	x		3
24365	x	x	3
34562	x		3
65243	x	x	3
25346	x		3
43652	x	x	3
56234	x	x	3
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WOOKEY, SOMERSET.—On June 28th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: F. Sandy 1, A. Weare 2, V. Roberts (cond.) 3, G. Salmon 4, R. Gardiner 5, A. Carver 6. First quarter of Stedman by all.

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AN EXCURSION IN SCOTLAND

WE were amused the other day to read of some of our young enthusiasts who have visited four-bell towers to indulge in Bob Minimus or, we suppose, to augment their list of towers with unusual names not known to the average ringer. We do not decry it; chacun à son goût. Ringers are a peculiar people and each is entitled to his own pleasure. On the other hand, there are relatively few ringers who would make a survey of all bells in their area purely from an antiquarian interest. But this has its fascination as Bob Minimus to the young, and when the research is accompanied by knowledge of founders from mediæval times and their peculiarities, a new field of interest is created.

From time to time we have referred to the activities in this direction of two prominent ringing antiquarians—Mr. Frederick Sharpe, Deputy Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and Mr. J. W. Clarke, Master of the Chester Diocesan Guild. Mention has also been made of Mr. Ranald W. M. Clouston's research into the bells of Renfrewshire and Dumbartonshire. Mr. Clouston has now published another volume, 'The Church and Other Bells of Stirlingshire,' which has been reprinted from the proceedings of the Society of Antiquarians of Scotland.

For peal ringers Stirlingshire is a barren county. While Mr. Clouston enjoys a peal or a good touch with the next man, his approach to the subject in this volume is purely antiquarian and his survey only includes such bells, except in the case where a church has a number of bells or one of interest.

Stirlingshire possesses only two bells that can be said to have been cast before the Reformation. One is the second bell of the ring of four in the Church of the Holy Rood, Stirling, and the other is the handbell which was formerly kept in the church hall attached to Falkirk Old Church. The Stirling bell Mr. Clouston regards as of the 15th century. It presents an orthodox design from the outside, but inside the soundbow is not curved round from the lip and instead has a flat surface for about two inches in from the lip. This then becomes curved. He points out that this particular feature is usually a sign of a very early bell; in England it was disused before 1300, but it is by no means impossible for it to have been used very much later in areas remote from the centres of bell-founding. One of the canons has been broken off and a new crown staple fitted parallel to the old one. The bell has never been tuned by chipping the interior surface, and the sound produced dies away quickly after the clapper strikes, and as a result the bell sounds weak outside. Mr. Clouston regards it as possibly the product of some monastic foundation.

In Stirlingshire there are eight 17th century bells—three Dutch and five Scottish. Of the Dutch bells Cornelis Jansen Onderogge, of Rotterdam, cast the Council Bell of Stirling in 1656, and the third bell of the ring in the Church of the Holy Rood, Stirling, in 1657. In the latter bell the crown staple is original, but a new clapper has been fitted. When the bell was cast the founder had no idea what note was required, only that the bell was to weigh about 5 cwt., and as a result the bell has had to be considerably chipped at the lip to raise the note. This was done to make the four bells form a musical scale.

Two of the bells of a chime of 16 in the Broad Street Steeple, Stirling, dated 1729, the author regards as the work of the itinerant founder, John Waylett. Two years were spent by Waylett in Sussex, and E. V. Lucas in his 'Highways and Byways of Sussex' gives this description of Waylett: 'His method was to call on the vicar and ask if anything were wanted; and if a bell was cracked, or if a new one was desired, he would dig a mould in a neighbouring field, build a fire, collect his metal, and perform the task on the spot. Waylett's business might be called the higher tinkering.' Due to the kindness of Mr. George Elphick, of Lewes, Mr. Clouston obtained a rubbing and some plaster casts of the smallest set of lettering used by John Waylett on a bell at East Hoathly, Sussex. Comparing the lettering, the author is of opinion that these two bells are the work of Waylett.

Both at Edinburgh and Glasgow the early bell founders were members of the Incorporation of Hammermen. John Meikle, for example, who cast the Falkirk Steeple bell and two other bells in 1697, was admitted in 1671 after having passed his test. His most notable work was the casting of a carillon of 23 bells for St. Giles', Edinburgh, in 1698 and 1699, and it is thought that he visited the Continent to study methods of founding and tuning employed there.

While the new chime for the Stirling Municipal Buildings is to be the work of Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, the best representation of English founders among the Stirlingshire bells is that of the Whitechapel

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Foundry. It is not out of place to note that the Whitechapel Foundry cast a bell for Holyrood Abbey in Edinburgh in 1633, and the bell now hangs in St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Edinburgh. In 1788 they cast the first octave of bells for Scotland hung for change ringing at St. Andrew's Church, Edinburgh, but they can no longer be rung owing to the instability of the fabric. Mr. Clouston's work, we feel sure, will appeal to any of our readers interested in the antiquarian side of the Exercise.

TEN BELL PEALS

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*ELIZABETH M. BIBBY	*Treble*	WILLIAM LOVE	6
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RALPH SITCH	4	BERT GOGLE	9
F. CHARLES GOODMAN	5	NOLAN GOLDEN	*Tenor*

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A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
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EIGHT BELL PEALS

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 21, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
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CLARENCE F. BRIGGS	3	WILLIAM H. DALE	7
FRANK VERNON	4	FREDERICK G. HOOPER	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE W. CREASEY.

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A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13¼ cwt. in G.

LEONARD STILWELL	*Treble*	HENRY WEAVER	5
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†WILLIAM RICHINGS	4	CHARLES LARNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.
* First peal of Triples. † 50th peal together. Rung as a farewell peal to the ringer of the 4th.

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., July 4, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
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A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Washbrook's Variation. Tenor 16 cwt.

FREDERICK J. CULLUM	*Treble*	GEORGE KENWARD	5
FRANCIS J. CHEAL	2	ALBERT E. BEANEY	6
WILLIAM E. COURT	3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	7
CYRIL S. JARRETT	4	*PETER F. BORER	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.
* First peal on eight. A farewell to Miss Gladys Jarrett.

HATFIELD BROAD OAK, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 5, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM H. ALEY	*Treble*	WILLIAM WHEELER	5
FREDERICK HARTMAN	2	STANLEY CLARK	6
REGINALD HAYDEN	3	ROBERT H. YOUNG	7
*LAWRANCE BEAL	4	EDWARD ROCHESTER	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN REEVES Conducted by WILLIAM H. ALEY.
* First peal of Major.

CALDICOT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 6, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

*JOHN E. MORGAN	*Treble*	*DONALD G. CLARKE	5
*JACQUELINE S. EVANS	2	†ROBERT E. COLES	6
FREDERICK J. BAILEY	3	*DAVID J. KING	7
THOMAS YEOMAN	4	JACK R. WORRALL	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.
* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.' First peal in the method on the bells.
A birthday compliment to David J. King and a wedding compliment to Richard F. B. Speed and Anne Stockdale.

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THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., July 7, 1952, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 2,880 London, 864 Cambridge, 576 Superlative and 800 Bristol. 120 changes of method. Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN B. BENNETT	*Treble*	HAROLD J. POOLE	5
*REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	2	JOHN R. SMITH	6
*WILLIAM J. ROOT	3	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	7
J. FREDK. MILNER	4	PETER J. STANIFORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., July 8, 1952, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 6¼ cwt.

LESLIE W. G. STEVENS	*Treble*	SHIRLEY BURTON	5
COLIN HARRISON	2	HAROLD MARCON	6
WINIFRED M. BURTON	3	ROLAND BENISTON	7
JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	4	WM. THORNLEY, JUN.	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by WM. THORNLEY, JUN.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., July 8, 1952, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

ERNEST J. LADD	*Treble*	REGINALD E. LAMBERT	5
*MRS. W. H. DOBBIE	2	BERNARD V. COLLISON	6
WALTER H. DOBBIE	3	MALCOLM S. CLOKE	7
THOMAS E. SONE	4	ROBERT T. LAMBERT	*Tenor*

Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN. Conducted by MALCOLM S. CLOKE.
* First peal in the method. The ringer of the treble now completes 'twice round the circle.' Rung immediately prior to the conductor's departure for a spell of work in Sweden.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 9, 1952, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF IMMANUEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt.

*ROSEMARY PARKINSON	*Treble*	*DIANA R. BANKS	5
BRIAN A. TOMLINSON	2	*PATRICIA BOURNE	6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	3	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS	7
CHARLES CLEGG	4	VICTOR J. C. WOOD	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by VICTOR J. C. WOOD.
* First peal.

ENVILLE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., July 12, 1952, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt.

CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	*Treble*	†ERNEST STITCH	5
*IVOR R. NICHOLS	2	SAMUEL BIRCH	6
ALFRED C. BOXLEY	3	†MAURICE G. TURNER	7
EDWARD V. RODENHURST	4	HOWARD HOWELL	*Tenor*

Composed by J. THORP. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.
* 25th peal. † 75th peal together.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 12, 1952, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

EDWARD E. DAVEY	*Treble*	GEORGE WATERMAN	5
RONALD G. BUGG	2	GORDON F. CLARKE	6
PATRICIA M. CLARKE	3	*RONALD W. STEWARD	7
WALTER A. SOUTHGATE	4	URBAN W. WILDNEY	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.
* First peal in method. First in method and 50th peal on the bells.
A wedding peal for Miss N. Jackson, daughter of a local ringer.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

WENDOVER, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., June 22, 1952, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being two 240's and thirty-eight 120's, ten callings. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 lb.

*MAURICE A. CHAPMAN	*Treble*	HARRY C. JONES	4
ROY EGGLETON	2	W. LEE	5
*MARY CHAPMAN	3	*FRANK KIRTLAND	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. LEE.
* First peal. Rung for the Confirmation Service.

RUSHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Wed., June 25, 1952, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Oxford Bob, and two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

PETER BERESFORD	*Treble*	ANTHONY AGER	4
*FRANCIS A. SEDGWICK	2	†WALTER J. COPE	5
CLIVE M. SMITH	3	DENNIS BERESFORD	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENNIS BERESFORD.
* First peal in four Minor methods 'inside.' † First peal in four Minor methods. First peal in four Minor methods as conductor.

ACCRINGTON. LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., June 27, 1952, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON	*Treble*	BRIAN H. WOOD	4
KENNETH HARTLEY	2	ROGER LEIGH	5
WILLIAM T. LANGHORN	3	NORMAN SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by NORMAN SMITH.
First peal as conductor.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Fri., June 27, 1952, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 13 lb.

*MICHAEL FAIREY	*Treble*	†CLIVE M. SMITH	4
*DAVID W. BARR	2	J. NORMAN HADLEY	5
DENNIS BERESFORD	3	PETER BERESFORD	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENNIS BERESFORD.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Bob Minor 'inside.' C. M. Smith is the first person to 'circle' this tower. Rung for the Patronal Festival.

HASELBURY PLUCKNETT, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 28, 1952, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.

ROGER KEELEY	*Treble*	NORMAN MALLETT	4
*E. CHARLES TETT	2	HENRY G. KEELEY	5
JOSEPH T. BARRATT	3	G. STEDMAN MORRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.
* First peal.

TIMBERLAND, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 28, 1952, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Consisting of one extent each of: Primrose, Hull, Norwich, Ipswich, Neatherseale, Bourne and Cambridge. Tenor 13 cwt.

FRED INGALL	*Treble*	BERTIE BEE	4
MOSES BILLINGS	2	*PETER MASON	5
AMOS INGALL	3	JOHN E. COOK	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN E. COOK.
* First peal in seven Surprise methods.
Rung in memory of Frederick William Stokes.

HELMSHORE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., July 1, 1952, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS, MUSBURY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

ROGER LEIGH	*Treble*	CHARLES W. BLAKEY	4
NORMAN SMITH	2	KENNETH HARTLEY	5
A. VICTOR WILLIAMS	3	CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON.

SCULTHORPE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., July 3, 1952, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven variations of extents. Tenor 8 cwt. in A flat.

*REV. G. L. TURNEY	*Treble*	GEORGE A. COOK	4
MRS. V. OVENS	2	TONY OWEN	5
VINCENT OVENS	3	CECIL V. EBBERSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by CECIL V. EBBERSON.

* First peal.

BLANKNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., July 4, 1952, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents of combined Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. (No Bobs.) Tenor 9½ cwt.

MOSES BILLINGS	*Treble*	BERTIE BEE	4
*FRED INGALL	2	*WILLIAM R. PARKER	5
AMOS INGALL	3	RONALD APPLEWHITE	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by MOSES BILLINGS.

* First peal in the composition.

DRINKSTONE, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., July 4, 1952, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of: Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

PATRICIA M. CLARKE	*Treble*	*GEORGE W. PIPE	4
*ROBERT E. LESTER	2	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL	5
URBAN W. WILDNEY	3	RONALD W. STEWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by RONALD W. STEWARD.

* 25th peal together.

ARELEY KINGS, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 5, 1952, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents each called differently. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.

JOHN H. HICKS	*Treble*	ALFRED C. BOXLEY	4
GERALD BOWEN	2	WILLIAM H. TURNER	5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	3	ALFRED W. GLAZZARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE.

ILLOGAN, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 5, 1952, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE DETACHED TOWER OF THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLOGAN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

*MALCOLM RUDWICK	*Treble*	GEOFFERY W. TAYSOM	4
MRS. A. S. ROBERTS	2	JOHN D. NIBLETT	5
MRS. J. D. NIBLETT	3	REV. A. S. ROBERTS	*Tenor*

Conducted by REV. A. S. ROBERTS.

* First peal. First peal of Minor on the bells.

INWORTH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 5, 1952, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four extents of Stedman, eight of St. Simon's, twenty of Plain Bob and ten of Grandsire. Tenor 5¼ cwt.

JEAN M. HARRIS	*Treble*	PETER J. CAME	3
JOHN WEST	2	JOE E. G. ROAST	4
FRANK L. HARRIS	*Tenor*		

Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

First peal of Doubles for all except the conductor.

GREETHAM, RUTLANDSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 5, 1952, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being four extents of Plain Bob and three of Single Oxford. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in A flat.

CECIL W. MATHEWS	*Treble*	PERCY D. BALDOCK	4
BERNARD H. DALTON	2	RONALD RUSSELL	5
THOMAS F. CARFORD	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

A birthday compliment to Lucy E. Musson, wife of the conductor. Also a wedding compliment to Mr. Herbert Cook and Miss Alice Frith, who were married on the above date.

STOWE-BY-CHARTLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., July 5, 1952, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

CLIVE M. SMITH	*Treble*	*RICHARD J. WARRILOW	4
JOAN BERESFORD	2	DENNIS BERESFORD	5
PETER BERESFORD	3	GEORGE E. OLIVER	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. OLIVER.

* First peal of Surprise Minor.

GRIMLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., July 6, 1952, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, 10 different callings. Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb.

*PHILLIP H. BULLOCK	*Treble*	FRED C. PUGH	4
†ERNEST WILSON	2	ALBERT E. HUMPHRIES	5
WALTER H. RAXTER	3	FRED G. YATES	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER H. RAXTER.

* First peal. † 50th peal and first peal of Doubles on an 'inside' bell. First peal as conductor since July 29th, 1944.

ILLSTON-ON-THE-HILL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., July 7, 1952, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr.

FREDERICK WATSON	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. WOOD	4
HAROLD KILBY	2	E. CHARLES TURNER	5
PETER J. THOMAS	3	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON.

NORTON CANES, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Mon., July 7, 1952, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

DAVID W. BARR	*Treble*	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	4
CLIVE M. SMITH	2	MAURICE G. TURNER	5
ERNEST STITCH	3	HOWARD HOWELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.

DARLINGTON.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 9, 1952, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being four different 720's and a 'block' of 2,160.
Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in B flat.

ROBERT T. SIMPSON	*Treble*	THOMAS COOKE	4
FREDERICK W. COOKE	2	W. NORMAN PARK	5
RICHARD BUSBY	3	ROLAND PARK	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

In memoriam James T. Titt.

MAXEY, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., July 9, 1952, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's, one each of: Norfolk, Primrose, Ipswich, Cambridge, Beverley, Surfleet and York. Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM CLARKE	*Treble*	CECIL WADE	4
JAMES W. HAW	2	FREDERICK W. FRENCH	5
HORACE M. DAY	3	WILLIAM H. OLDMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by CECIL WADE.

Rung as a last token of respect to Harry Gibbard, a ringer at this Church, who died on Sunday, June 22nd, 1952.

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 9, 1952, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 each of St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, and Oxford Treble Bob, and two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

JOSEPH SAXTON .. .. ..*Treble* | DOUGLAS H. ROOKE .. 4
WILLIAM DICKINSON .. 2 | HERBERT T. ROOKE 5
GEORGE CHALLANS .. .. 3 | ARTHUR B. COOPER .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

Rung in honour of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. W. Dickinson, of Staveley.

NORTON CANES, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., July 12, 1952, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two methods, viz.: 21 extents of Grandsire and 21 extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in G.

BRYAN E. CARSON .. ..*Treble* | DAVID W. BARR 3
MICHAEL W. FAIREY .. 2 | JOHN R. JOYNER 4
CLIVE M. SMITH .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by CLIVE M. SMITH.

First peal of Doubles in two methods by all except John R. Joyner. Rung as a 17th birthday compliment to Clive M. Smith.

YOXFORD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., July 12, 1952, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM SMITH .. ..*Treble* | JACK PILGRIM 4
ARTHUR LING .. .. .. 2 | LEONARD WOOLLARD .. 5
RAY PECK .. .. 3 | NORMAN R. BAILEY .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by NORMAN R. BAILEY.

First peal of Surprise Minor by all the band except the treble ringer; also first Surprise peal on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., July 1, 1952, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
AT 29, HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN,
A PEAL OF 5072 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

*MRS. J. THOMAS .. .. 1—2 | *JOHN THOMAS .. .. .. 5—6
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON .. 3—4 | †ROGER SAVORY .. .. 7—8

Arranged by A. M. TYLER. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.
* 400th peal together, † First peal 'in hand.'

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 5, 1952. in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,
AT TRENTWOOD,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY .. .. .. 1—2 | JACK BRAY .. .. .. 5—6
PHILIP BARNES .. .. 3—4 | C. AUBREY HARRISON .. 7—8

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by JACK BRAY.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sun., July 6, 1952, in 3 Hours and 9 Mniutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF THE NORMAN TOWER OF THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

ARTHUR E. MOORE .. .. 1—2 | *JOHN A. ACRES .. .. 5—6
PETER C. WRIGHT .. .. 3—4 | †WILLIAM STANNARD .. 7—8
*ARTHUR F. BALLAM .. 9—10

Arranged by GEOFFREY DODDS. Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.
* First peal on ten bells as conductor. † First handbell peal on ten bells. ‡ First handbell peal and first on ten bells.



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FOR BEGINNERS—AND A WORD TO THE OLDER HANDS

III.—Plain Hunting

If the beginner has learned thoroughly to control his bell, the sooner he can get on to change ringing the better. He may not find it very easy at first, and we want to warn him not to be dispirited if he does not grasp it as quickly as he thinks he ought to do.

Change ringing is a curious thing to learn. Some people can see it almost straight away; others seem to grope about in darkness for quite a long time, until all at once the light of understanding breaks upon them — and they think how stupid they must have been not to have 'seen' it before.

The point we want to make is, if you do not grasp the idea of ringing changes straight away, don't give up. Stick to it and eventually you will master it and find what a fascinating thing it is.

If you studied the little practice 'game' we gave you a fortnight ago, you will have observed from the manipulation of the cards how changes are made. When you come to apply this to your actual ringing you have got to acquire the facility of 'seeing' where your bell is among the rest as the changes are produced at every pull on the ropes. This facility is called 'rope sight,' that is you have got to be able to distinguish, as you ring, which rope you are pulling after, and which rope is being pulled after yours. All your observations in the ringing chamber have to be made by the ropes as they rise and fall—if the ropes follow each other in the right order, of course the bells are in the right order in the changes.

Changes are produced by what are known as 'methods,' that is by systems which automatically carry on the sequence of changes from the 'rounds' from which you start, until 'rounds' again comes up, and your 'touch' or 'peal' is completed.

To ring changes successfully you must memorise your method and know exactly what to do at every change from beginning to end. That does not mean that you have to learn beforehand the order in which you will strike over the bells; but you must know the 'path' or track which you have to follow—it may be a straight path up and down, like the treble in Grandsire, or it may be an intricate one, such as is followed by a working bell in the more complicated methods.

PLAIN HUNTING

A straight path is called 'plain hunting' and the beginner will do well to content himself for his first lesson in doing this plain hunting. If the band to which he belongs are change ringers they will probably put him to ring the treble to Grandsire as a matter of course. If all the band are beginning change ringing together, their first step should be to learn to hunt their bells, and they can do this by a method called 'Original,' which in its plain course produces twice as many changes as there are bells engaged.

It will help things also if at the start changes are rung with the tenor 'covering,' so that you not only have a bell to keep the 'beat,' but you know exactly which to lead from, which is a great help in keeping good striking.

A little thought will show you that in hunting **up**, after you have led, your pace will be just a little slower than when you strike continually in the same place in rounds, because one more bell has to strike before you than in the last change. If you are ringing on six bells and are leading, between your two blows at handstroke and backstroke five other bells have struck, but when you move into 2nds place six bells strike between your own two blows, and so on all the while you are moving up.

Whenever you remain a whole pull in one place, as you do at lead, or in lying behind, there are only five bells between your pulls, as in rounds, and when you hunt **down**, from back to front, there are only four bells before you pull again. This means that in coming down towards the lead, you pull in more quickly. Indeed, it is essential that in this hunting down you should do it smartly, not only to secure good striking, but to keep your place. You get lost more quickly by being slow in hunting down than in any other way.

Remember this, once you have pulled your bell off, nothing you can do can alter the place where it will strike at that change—it may be a good blow, it may be a bad one, but you can't alter it. Therefore, once you have pulled off, you can concentrate your attention entirely upon the next bell you have got to follow.

COUNT PLACES

If you are hunting **up** it is fairly simple. It will be the bell that is following you this time. Look for him immediately you pull off. With only four other bells to trouble about, you will soon learn to spot him quickly. And, as you go, remember to count your places; that is the position in which your bell is striking, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th.

Here is another point to remember. As you hunt up (or down, for that matter), once you have struck over a bell, you can dismiss it from your attention until you turn round and hunt it in the opposite direction. Thus, as you hunt, you gradually reduce the number of bells from which to pick out the next you require, so that if you have already passed in turn over 2 and 4 you know the next must be either 3 or 5, and, if it is 5, then next time there is **only** the 3rd left. This knowledge simplifies your task very much, especially when hunting **down**, which is, perhaps, just a little more difficult in its rope-sight than is hunting up.

It is for that reason that it is important to know **the place** in which your bell strikes. If you are ringing changes on five bells with the tenor covering, after you have led, and, in hunting up, have struck in turn over the other four, you are in fifths place. Before you actually start hunting down you have to have one more blow (making a whole pull in 5ths). This gives you time to observe the four bells in front of you.

You have, at the next pull, to quicken your pace, so as to strike fourth instead of fifth. You must look for three ropes to go and pull smartly over the third one. Next time there will be only two to go before it is your turn and then only one. After this it will be your turn to lead. Do this steadily, leaving space for one bell between the backstroke of the tenor and your own handstroke. Don't forget, in hunting down, as you pull over each bell, you can ignore it until you have led.

It is a help also if you can remember the order in which you strike over the bells as you hunt up (with the treble in Grandsire). You will take the bells in the same order on your way down.

If you are all beginners, try a plain hunting course of Original. The odd bells (1 and 3) start by hunting up, and the even bells (2 and 4) start by hunting down. No. 5 will hunt down after lying one blow behind. This can be your first step, and if you are in an eight-bell tower you can try it on seven bells with the tenor covering.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT

The annual meeting of the Association was held at Saddleworth, near Oldham, on July 5th. Five teams entered for the annual prize contest, and the judge, Mr. Harry Roberts, of Kirkburton, gave his decision as follows:—

	Faults	Penalties	Total
Friezland ..	47	0	47 rang out
Silkstone ..	123	0	123
Meltham ..	54	0	54
Shelley ..	100	5	105
Liversedge ..	54	0	54

The teams which tied rang off another 240 changes test piece, which resulted as follows: Meltham 38 faults, Liversedge 44 faults. Meltham were declared the winners of the silver cup and each member of the team received a brass tea caddy. Each member of the Liversedge team, the runners-up, received a chrome sauce stand.

The prizes were presented to the winners by the chairman of the Urban District Council of Saddleworth, Councillor I. Charlesworth, who, in his speech in reply to a vote of thanks from the president, Mr. E. Earnshaw, said it was disturbing to see a decline in the number of people who were willing to devote their time to the art of change ringing. In the old days it was far more actively engaged in than it is to-day. The year 1953 would be Coronation year, and many places all over the country would be spending large sums to engage brass bands, but in his opinion it would not be a day of true rejoicing unless the church bells rang out over hill and dale, and he would do his best to see that the ringers of Saddleworth district obtained some pecuniary reward.

The balance sheet for the year ending June 30th was audited and read by Mr. Joseph Burgess to the satisfaction of the meeting, as it showed an increase in the bank balance of £3.

Later in the meeting the Rev. F. W. Coop, of Dewsbury, presented a suitably inscribed eight-day striking clock to the president, Mr. Edward Earnshaw, on behalf of all the members of the Association, in appreciation of his 25 years' service in that capacity.

In his speech of thanks, Mr. Earnshaw said it reminded him of once visiting a very sick friend, who greeted him with the words, 'Ee. Edward, ah doan't know what ah've done to deserve this,' and he could say the same to-day. Others had worked as hard as he for the Association.

Thirty years ago the Association was ruled by one or two, but the members stuck to their guns and got rules and other things altered. Prize contests were started, not without opposition, as one or two said that gambling would ensue, but he could honestly say that he'd never encountered a single instance of it.

'Our aim is to improve striking, not to create a big bank balance,' said Mr. Earnshaw. 'I remember when I was young my mother said to me, "A secret can only be known by one," but it had been different to-day, as everyone in the Association had known of it but me,' and he thanked one and all from his heart.

The president was re-elected. Mr. A. Farrand was re-elected secretary, and Mr. Ernest Betts was elected treasurer and trustee in place of Mr. F. Hodgson, who had unfortunately to leave the district to follow his employment.

DEDICATION OF NEW TREBLE AT KETTERINGHAM

St. Peter's Church, Ketteringham, near Norwich, was filled on St. Peter's Day, Sunday, June 29th, when the Bishop of Norwich dedicated a new bell, the treble, given by the late Mrs. Des Barres in memory of her husband, the Rev. T. C. Des Barres, who was Vicar of Ketteringham, 1899 to 1905. The Bishop also blessed the other five bells which have been rehung.

After the dedicatory prayer, the new bell was rung six times, and after the blessing of those which had been rehung, rounds were rung by the ringers of the parish: A. Browne 1, P. Platford 2, R. Griffin 3, S. Semmence 4, G. Evans 5, H. Sparkes 6.

The rehanging has been ably carried out by Messrs. John Taylor, of Loughborough, and Ketteringham now has a delightful six, with tenor weighing 9¼ cwt.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. H. M. Mills, and amongst those present at the service and/or tea were the president, Ringing Master and general secretary of the Association, Mr. Paul Taylor and ringers from many places in the neighbourhood.

ABBOTSBURY, DORSET.—On July 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. W. F. Toms (13, first quarter) 1, J. Slade 2, Mrs. J. Slade 3, C. G. J. Ford 4, H. J. Ford (cond.) 5, W. C. Ford 6.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.—On July 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Evans (first quarter as cond.) 1, J. Schofield 2, S. Jones 3, C. Wenban 4, J. Rootes 5, J. Cleaver 6, T. W. Sheppard 7, H. D. Schofield 8.

ASFORDBY, LEICS.—On July 8th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob, April Day and Canterbury): E. Lomas 1, D. Toon 2, R. Looker (cond.) 3, A. Hinman 4, H. Bell 5, A. E. Wheeler (first quarter) 6. Rung as a 60th birthday compliment to Albert Thompson.

BOTTESFORD, LEICS.—On July 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. Jallands 1, F. W. Pinchbeck (first quarter of Stedman) 2, R. C. Chapman 3, S. Proctor (cond.) 4, A. W. Ward 5, R. H. Woods 6, T. H. Hall 7, W. Pacey 8.

CAYTHORPE, LINCS.—On July 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Proctor (cond.) 1, F. W. Pinchbeck 2, C. Simcock 3, S. Whaley 4, R. C. Chapman 5, R. H. Woods 6, J. Cragg 7, T. H. Hall 8.

CEFN COED, BRECONSHIRE.—On July 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (ten different extents): W. Jenkins 1, P. Foster 2, R. Husbands 3, D. E Rowles 4, C. A. Rowles (first quarter as cond.) 5, K. Williams 6. First quarter for 1, 3 and 6. A farewell to P. Foster on his return to Burton-on-Trent.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.—On June 29th, at the Church of the Annunciation, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Blewer 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, J. L. Morris 3, J. Bennett 4, M. Oakshett 5, J. W. Ward 6, J. Bullock 7, P. Devenish 8.

FENHAM, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.—On June 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Sewell 1, Mrs. R. W. Smith 2, E. N. Harrison 3, J. Hedley 4, T. W. Crowe 5, K. Arthur (cond.) 6, J. A. Ainsworth 7, J. Heal 8.

GORING, SUSSEX.—On June 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10 callings): D. A. Smith 1, D. Baker 2, S. A. Ansell 3, R. M. Palmer 4, H. C. Weaver (cond.) 5, R. W. Black 6. First quarter for 2 and 4.

GRANTHAM, LINCS.—On July 5th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: R. H. Parker 1, F. W. Pinchbeck 2, S. Proctor (cond.) 3, R. C. Chapman 4, F. S. Parsons 5, F. P. Turner 6, H. Squires 7, L. Squires 8, G. W. Creasey 9, T. H. Hall 10.

QUARTER PEALS

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—On July 6th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: B. Bover 1, G. Green (80) 2, H. Egglestone 3, J. Roast 4, L. Ainger (first quarter in the method 'inside') 5, E. W. Furbank 6, P. Green (cond.) 7, P. T. Spencer-Phillips 8. A birthday compliment to Mrs. L. Gascoigne, sister of the conductor. First quarter of Surprise for 1, 3 and 4.

HOAR CROSS, STAFFS.—On July 5th, 1,440 Minor (being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise and Double Oxford): G. J. Lewis 1, G. E. Large (cond.) 2, A. Morgan 3, B. G. Key 4, C. Tansell 5, T. W. Lewis 6.

LAMBETH, LONDON.—On July 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. A. Hales 1, T. H. Taffender 2, R. A. E. Dunn 3, F. L. Blewer 4, C. A. Hughes 5, W. D. Grainger 6, J. Bullock (cond.) 7, Miss J. E. Palmer (first quarter) 8.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On July 6th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: S. H. Symonds (cond.) 1, M. T. Symonds 2, S. Smith 3, W. R. J. Poulson 4, W. Faiers 5 F. Borcham 6, F. Mortlock 7, R. C. Clouston 8. Birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

LEAMINGTON, WARWICKS.—On June 30th, at All Saints, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. C. Burt 1, W. Collett 2, E. H. Adams 3, H. Huxley 4, W. S. Oakley 5, C. H. Grindley 6, J. R. Ball (cond.) 7, E. H. Bosworth 8.

LISS, HANTS.—At St. Mary's, on July 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, 7, 6, 8 covering: T. Riley 1, H. Tice 2, C. Pound 3, G. Norris 4, A. Betsworth (cond.) 5, T. Fry 6, D. Wheeler 7, K. Wright 8. Rung for the diamond jubilee celebrations of St. Mary's Church, 1892–1952.

NEWPORT PAGNELL, BUCKS.—On June 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Stratton 1, E. Lathall 2, R. Abrams 3, H. Beard (cond.) 4, R. Evans 5, R. Howson 6, R. Hall 7, C. Harris 8. Rung for Confirmation, performed by the Lord Bishop of Oxford, and for the Patronal Festival.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On June 29th, 1,260 Doubles (being 4 extents each of Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob and 260 Grandsire): G. Horton 1, S. King 2, S. Stevens 3, W. Wedlock 4, H. King (cond.) 5, R. Stevens 6. In honour of the Vicar's 3-weeks-old son, Stephen Bernard.

PINNER, MIDDLX.—On June 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Moss (first quarter) 1, W. N. Genna 2, J. R. Mayne 3, G. Hart 4, F. Robbins 5, R. Wilkinson (cond.) 6, T. Collins 7, H. Stratford 8. Rung for the Patronal Festival.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—On July 6th, at St. Mary's, Portsea, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. H. Robinson 1, J. D. Harris 2, A. Page 3, T. R. Taylor 4, A. York Bramble 5, L. D. Duguid 6, F. W. Rogers (cond.) 7, H. T. Macey 8. Rung to commemorate the dedication of the 'Te Deum' east window by the Archbishop of York. This replaces the window which was destroyed by enemy action in 1940.

READING, BERKS.—On July 6th, at St. Mary's, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: P. Dyke 1, Mrs. A. Diserens 2, R. F. Diserens 3, S. G. Day (first quarter of Surprise) 4, R. E. Turner 5, C. Pullen 6, A. Diserens 7, N. J. Diserens (cond.) 8. Rung for the Patronal Festival.

SAWLEY, DERBYS.—On July 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Marshall 1, Miss S. Kilbourne (first quarter in method) 2, A. Hickton 3, R. Harrison 4, T. Robinson 5, W. King 6, W. Simpson (cond.) 7, C. Geary 8.

STOKE GOLDINGTON, BUCKS.—On July 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Orchard 1, E. Shouler 2, Miss E. Sharp 3, F. Stanton 4, A. Armstrong (cond.) 5, E. Carroll 6. Rung as a compliment to Mr. F. Stanton on his 70th birthday, also a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Croot on the birth of a daughter. Mr. Croot is a ringer at this tower. First quarter on the bells since rehanging.

ST. PETER-IN-THANET, KENT.—On July 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rev. P. H. Starnes (first quarter) 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, R. G. Dadds 3, W. J. Fairbeard 4, A. J. Dadds 5, L. Twyman 6, F. J. Gadsden (cond.) 7, G. A. Appleton 8. Rung as a farewell to the ringer of the treble.

SWINTON, LANCS.—On July 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Powell 1, R. Bagnall 2, N. Tompkins (cond.) 3, R. Edge 4, O. Davis 5, A. Lomas 6, J. Thornley 7, F. Jones 8. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Raymond Travis to Miss Sheila Barnes.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On July 6th, 1,272 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: E. Dobb 1, Miss D. Marshall 2, Miss J. Smith 3, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 4, F. Flint 5, D. H. Rooke 6. Rung for the Patronal Festival.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The Oxford Diocesan Guild extended its warmest congratulations on Saturday to the Master (the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg) on the birth of a son to Mrs. Elliot Wigg that very morning. Mr. Elliot Wigg announced that his three sons had all been born on the day of and Oxford Guild festival. The coincidence is simply amazing.

The Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, hon. secretary of the Norwich Diocesan Association, is to be Vicar of St. Andrew's, Norwich, with St. Michael-at-Plea.

The resolutions of the Central Council for the Care of Churches regarding the preservation of old bells have been circulated by Mr. F. Sharpe to members of the Towers and Belfries Committee for their observation.

The Bath and Wells Diocesan Association are to call an extraordinary general meeting at Evercreech on October 4th to discuss matters arising from the impending retirement of Mr. J. T. Dyke as hon. general secretary of the Association.

The Master and ringers of St. Matthew's Church, Buckley, Flintshire, would like to get in touch immediately with Mr. Harry Dew, formerly of Chester and Malvern Link. Would Mr. Dew or anyone knowing his present address please send it to Mr. D. H. B. Millward, 1, Melbourne Road, Western Park, Buckley, Chester.

Lincolnshire ringers who went to Greetham, Rutlandshire, on July 5th, for a peal attempt had two surprises. As they were about to raise the bells a photographer walked into the belfry and the company obliged with their best smiles. After the peal the Rector called and thanked the band for ringing and said he would like to pray with the ringers in the belfry where they did their work. With such an inspiration all left the church feeling extremely happy.

St. Matthew's Church, Buckley, Flintshire, ringers are celebrating the jubilee of the dedication of the bells on August 2nd. Mr. Harry Dew was the instructor of the original band on its formation in 1902.

The rededication of Hughenden bells will take place on October 12th.

The peal at Drinkstone, Suffolk, on July 4th, was the first peal on the bells for over 20 years.

Mr. Ernest J. Ladd has now twice completed the circle of St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells.

The meeting of the N.W. Division of the Essex Association on July 26th will be held at Matching and not Hatching, as stated in our last issue.

The peal at Heydour, Lincs, on June 21st, was arranged so that Mr. W. H. Dale could ring in the church where he was baptised, sang in the choir and first learnt to handle a bell.

The name of Mr. Malcolm S. Cloke will be missing from our peal columns for some weeks. He sailed on July 10th for Sweden and hopes to be back in this country by mid-September.

Mr. Stafford H. Green, of Sampford Peverell, Devon, is sailing for Australia on October 24th per S.S. Otranto. He would be glad to hear from any other change ringers who are prospective passengers on the same ship.

While on a visit to Queen Camel with St. Mary's, Reading, ringers, the Diserens—father, mother and children—rang a touch on this heavy six. Family touches have been rung at Queen Camel before, but they are very infrequent. When last?

The ringer of the 7th at Willenhall on July 3rd to the peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major was Harry Griffiths and not Harry Grif as submitted and printed in last week's 'Ringing World.' It was the first in the method on the bells.

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CANON COLERIDGE MEMORIAL APPROVED — NO INCREASE OF SUBSCRIPTION SANCTIONED — GUILD'S MOTION TO CENTRAL COUNCIL — MR. ALAN PINK'S OBSERVATIONS — THE MASTER AND A VICAR'S RIGHTS

THERE was more than ordinary interest in the annual meeting of the Oxford Diocesan Guild last Saturday in view of the success that attended the Guild's notice of motion at Lincoln. Mr. Alan Pink had some interesting observations on the position.

Proceedings started with a service in the Cathedral. Ringers of the Diocese provided a choir. The Master (the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg) conducted the service and the Deputy Master (Mr. Frederick Sharpe) read the lessons. The Ven. H. Thorndike Shaw preached and the Blessing was pronounced by the Bishop of Dorchester.

The Master (the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg) presided at the business meeting which was held in the Chapter House. He was supported by the Deputy Master (Mr. F. Sharpe), the hon. treasurer (Mr. A. D. Barker), the general secretary (Mr. W. Hibbert) and the librarian (Miss M. Cross).

In welcoming the members, the Master expressed regret that it was necessary to change the date of the festival and that had kept some of the members away The 12th was the only day they could have the Dining Hall at Christ Church. It was an advantage to him because their three sons had all been born on Guild Festival days. His wife had been waiting a fortnight and his son was born shortly after midnight. They had now enough in the family for a peal of Minor.

As regards the working of the Guild, while he had not attended all branch meetings. he had been to as many as possible. He found that they were all working well. There were some towers where things were not as they would desire as far as regular practices and service ringing. but these towers were not so many as previously. At one branch meeting he attended there were nearly 30 new members.

The Deputy Master reported that he had attended 24 branch meetings, mostly in the Oxfordshire and Berkshire areas, where it was hardest for the Master to get. He congratulated the branch secretaries for very hard work, for wherever he went there was keenness and enthusiasm and very nicely-arranged services. He had given advice on bell restorations in seven towers in the Diocese.

The hon. treasurer reported that the general funds of the Guild amounted to £557 15s. 10d., of which the Bell Restoration Fund stood at £465 11s. 2d., and the Coleridge Memorial Fund at £41 1s. 6d.

The librarian stated that there had been a steady demand for books and they had received several gifts including 'The Bells of Oxfordshire.' by the Deputy Master, a very interesting book in which she found several things she did not know about Oxford bells.

The general secretary called attention to the fact that their membership was now over 2,000 and they were one of the largest Guilds in the country and they were in the forefront of ringing with the Spliced Surprise peals of Mr. Judge, but when it came to their annual meeting they could only muster 130 or 140. He hoped they would have a better attendance next year.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following officers were re-elected:— Master, the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg; Deputy Master, Mr. Frederick Sharpe; hon treasurer, M. A. D. Barker; general secretary. Mr. W. Hibbert; librarian, Miss Marie Cross. A vote of thanks to the general secretary and treasurer was proposed by Mr. J. T. Fowler.

Elected to the committee were Miss D. Fletcher, Messrs. G. Cauldwell. H. Sear, J. T. Fowler, R. White, W. F. Judge, G. Holefield, W. Dixon, C. J. Hibbert, A. R. Pink, B. S. Nicholls and F. D. Boreham.

Mr. A. E. Lock suggested that as vacancies occurred on the committee they should not be filled, as the committee with the branch representatives was too large. The matter was referred to the General Committee.

Recommendations from the General Committee were then received. These included holding the 1953 Festival at Oxford, which was agreed to.

GUILD SUBSCRIPTION

There was, however, strong opposition to increasing the annual subscription to 3s., which was proposed by Mr. W. J. Parker, who pointed out that it was essential for the Guild to be in a strong financial position.

Mr. A. Diserens mentioned that the additional 6d. would bring in £40 a year.

Mr. Lock said he was secretary of one of the largest districts and they were very much against raising the subscription. They thought it was the wrong way of increasing the revenue. The proper way was to get more members. If they lost one member at 2s. 6d., they would want half a dozen members at 3s. to make up that loss. By not printing the annual report they were saving nearly £100.

Mr. A. D. Barker said he came there determined to oppose the increase. Mr. Diserens said the increase of sixpence would bring in £40 but he doubted if it would bring in another 40s. to the general secretary. Last year they appointed a sub-committee with power to act and the findings of that committee were that they could not afford to have a report this year. They decided to leave the question to the end of the year and then see what the position was. At the present time they had £62 12s. 6d. in the bank and last year they had £60.

Mr. Fowler moved that the suggestion of an increase in the subscription be left in abeyance till the end of the year. This was agreed to by the meeting, only three members voting against.

GRANTS FROM RESTORATION FUND

The General Committee recommended a grant of £10 to March Baldon. The Vicar, speaking in support, said that March Baldon had four bells and they wanted two more. They had £120 towards the cost of £210 to meet work to the frame and two new bells. They had a small band of ringers who were very keen.

The meeting decided to increase the grant to £20.

A recommendation of a grant of £20 to Wavendon was supported by the Master, who said they had five bells which had not been rung for nearly 50 years. He had never seen bells in such a bad state; the frame was bad and one of the bells was cracked. They had asked Mr. Hughes to break up the bells and recast them into a ring of six using the same metal and Mr. White was going to rehang them. The cost would be nearly £1,000. They had not a separate bell fund but they had promises towards meeting the cost of recasting amounting to about £350.

A similar grant of £20 was recommended for Radley, which Mr. Sharpe recommended. He said a good deal of spade work had been done at Radley by the librarian and it was one of the high spots of the Guild.. They are rehanging the bells and possibly having the treble recast. The cost of the work was £350.

Miss Cross said the parish had to raise £1,000 for heating, and the ringers were raising the money for the bells.

The meeting decided to increase each recommendation by £10.

CANON COLERIDGE MEMORIAL

The recommendation of the General Committee that the bell restoration and tablets in cloister and tower be carried out in connection with the Canon Coleridge Memorial was submitted to the meeting by Mr. F. Sharpe. He said this was the third annual meeting this matter had come up and the committee would be very grateful to get it settled and, if possible, in favour of the recommendation. The cost of restoring the bells was £140 and the cost of doing other work to the tower, which was outside the scope of the Memorial, amounted to £100. Since the last annual meeting he had had several meetings with the Dean and Chapter of Christ Church and they had accepted responsibility for the £100 for the restoration of the bells leaving the Guild to find £140 for recasting the treble bells as a memorial to Canon Coleridge. As to the tablet, the cost of taking out the Jenkyn memorial tablet and replacing it, and the provision of a new tablet to Canon Coleridge's memory, identical in design and type, would be £45, so they had to find £185. The Dean and Chapter were going ahead with their section and they had placed the order.

Mr. A. D. Barker said there was a matter of £47 in the Canon Coleridge Memorial Fund and another £100 earmarked from the Restoration Fund. In addition, they had been promised £50 from the Central Council. He moved that the Guild proceed with the memorial.

Mr. Fowler seconded.

Mr. Lock: Does this include what has been promised by the branches?

Mr. Barker: It is what I have, and not what is promised.

There was a unanimous vote in favour of adopting the scheme.

The chairman expressed the Guild's gratitude to the Deputy Master in successfully carrying through the negotiations for the memorial.

The sub-committee appointed to consider the printing of an annual report gave as their opinion that the Guild could not afford an annual report for 1951. This was accepted by the meeting without comment.

The secretary asked the Guild to ratify the election of 125 new members. He had received notification of the deaths of six members.

The Master asked to be notified of the deaths of members so that they could be remembered by name at the Guild's annual service.

IRREGULAR METHODS

Mr. Lock said he expected members had seen in 'The Ringing World' the Oxford Guild's motion at Lincoln about the ringing of irregular methods. Mr. Sharpe said that the motion, when it went before the Standing Committee, was flatly turned down. He talked to a lot of ordinary members and they managed to get it accepted, but the general feeling was that the conductors of the peals were to blame. They were not concerned about the conductors but the other ringers, many of whom might be ringing their first peal. At Lincoln they just managed to carry the motion. 'I may say,' concluded Mr. Locke, 'that any member of this Guild should be very careful about ringing these methods because the committee said they would not print them.'

Mr. A. D. Barker emphasised that those who attended at Lincoln on behalf of the Guild were not delegates but representatives. There was a discussion before lunch at Lincoln on the peals that had been rung and the effect was that they be not accepted. There was a remark made by the president (Mr. Lewis) which he had not heard properly, but it was

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something referring to the motion being discussed later in the day, which was the resolution from their Guild. Although the Council washed out the peals before lunch, in the afternoon they voted to go into the position again. For the benefit of those who did not go to Central Council meetings, it was their usual procedure to do one thing in the morning and do something different in the afternoon. The position was that the peals were not counted but they were going into the position again and they hoped to hear something worth listening to next year.

For the benefit of anybody who did not understand it, this business had been going on ever since he had been ringing. Any conductor worthy of the name of a conductor should not put these methods into a peal to cause discussion. For years certain members of the Council had been trying to put it over to get it regularised. Somebody was always trying to get the better of the decisions and, to his mind, it was a cheap form of publicity which was given not only to ringers but to newspapers to steal the headlines.

Mrs. Barker said one of the experts suggested that there were plenty of methods that conformed. If anybody liked to ring these methods they would put them in 'The Ringing World' but they would not be counted in the analysis.

'NOT OUT FOR CHEAP PUBLICITY'

Mr. Alan Pink said, as they would gather, he had had a great deal to do with it behind the scenes. He thought it was rather deplorable to talk about blaming the conductors. 'I have been the person to blame as I have rung more and conducted more of these peals than anybody. I am not out for cheap publicity; I hope my standard as a ringer in this Guild is too well known for that. I am out for the spiritual values behind ringing. Of the fourteen peals rung, four were for the Festival of Britain and three for patronal festivals. I ask you to think it was not in any sense cheap publicity, but it was the desire to carry out the value behind ringing that we have heard from our preacher this morning. I think I ought to make that protest.

'What I want to say is that the Central Council contributes a lead to its own downfall. If you publish a booklet under the name of the Central Council and give certain methods to be rung, it is no good turning round and saying "You should not ring these as they have irregular lead ends." That is true of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and three more Doubles methods.

'The Central Council in the morning accepted a report of the Peal Analysis Committee which debarred peals which included Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, therefore over fourteen peals disappeared because Rule 1 states we should accept the rules and decisions of the Central Council. The whole point of our resolution was that we had foreseen this matter and we wanted it to be put on the agenda before the report was received. As the Oxford Guild motion was discussed in the afternoon, the Central Council made a spectacle of itself because it accepted something which it refused to accept in the morning. The position was the same as at the beginning of 1951. I am not going to say I am going to ring these methods to a peal—as it would be foolish. But the position is that the rule has been in existence since 1904, but it has not been enforced on any band of ringers.'

The Master: It does seem that our representatives have done their best to present their resolutions fearlessly and forcibly to the Central Council, and the Central Council have accepted the resolution, and if I might say a final word, it would be wise for the Guild to lie low, like Breer Rabbit, and not acerbate the Council.

Mr. Keyte appealed to everyone ringing peals to support 'The Ringing World' by sending a voluntary contribution to the paper.

THE LUNCHEON

The luncheon was held at Christ Church Hall, the Master being supported by the Bishop of Dorchester and Bishop Buxton.

The toast of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was proposed by Bishop Buxton. 'With great sincerity,' he said, 'I am happy to say how all of us who are not ringers appreciate the work and fine service of the Guild. I know something of the discipline and need for regular practice that goes into ringing.'

The Master, in reply, thanked Bishop Buxton for his remarks on the value of the work of bellringers. 'Sometimes we have unfortunate differences between clergy and ringers and these generally occur through thoughtlessness on the part of the ringers,' he said. 'In regard to these two peals, that is what we try to avoid in this Guild. We try to realise that we are servants of His Holy Church, and if we remember that, we cannot go wrong in our service. But we must remember that the incumbent has the last word in what ringers might do, and the churchwarden has also some power. I have often wondered what would happen if the churchwarden locked the door of the belfry. I believe the churchwarden has the right to exclude ringers from the tower legally.

Bishop Allen proposed the toast of 'The Visitors,' and said they had with them representatives from London, the Ancient Society of College Youths, the oldest ringing Guild (which, he was told, was to ringing as the M.C.C. is to cricket), the Dioceses of Winchester, Guildford, Gloucester and Peterborough. They also welcomed the choir boys, who came from four parishes.

Mr. Duncan Frame also replied and said it was 35 years ago that he attended an annual meeting at Oxford and he still saw a number of old friends there in Mr. Cullum and Mr. Hibbert.

Mr. Tom Fowler proposed a vote of thanks to the Dean and Chapter of Christ Church, the preacher at the service, and Dr. Armstrong, who accompanied the singing. They all realised what a wonderful privilege it was to hold their service in the Cathedral, to have the Chapter House for their meeting and the luncheon in what had been described as the finest dining hall in England. To Dr. Allen, he wished the best of health in his retirement.

Dr. Allen thanked Mr. Fowler for his remarks and said they always looked forward to the Guild's annual visit to Oxford.

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WALTON-ON-THAMES

For their annual outing on Whit Monday, ringers and friends travelled to the West Country.

Towers visited were Newbury (10), Marlborough (6, with a tenor without a stay), Devizes, the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. John's (where the Rev. F. E. Robinson rang his last peal of Stedman), and St. Paul's, Salisbury. Lunch was partaken of at Devizes, and en route to Salisbury a visit was paid to Stonehenge. Home was reached at 10 p.m. after a very happy day.

MR. JAMES BENNETT TO LIVE IN SUFFOLK

One of the best known ringers in the London area, Mr. James Bennett, has now left Beckenham, Kent, to live in retirement in his native Suffolk.

Mr. Bennett is a member of the still select company of those who have rung over 1,000 peals. He took part in many outstanding performances with the late William Pye and the late Charles T. Coles, including the famous record length of Cambridge Surprise Maximus at Ashton-under-Lyne. He has also rung very many peals in the county of Kent, both in the Chatham area during his service in the Royal Marines and of later years in the Lewisham district, including nearly a hundred at Crayford and over fifty at St. John's, Erith.

To his friends at St. Mary's, Lewisham, Mr. Bennett will, however, be missed most as a loyal and conscientious member of the local band. In some 24 years' membership Mr. Bennett has put up an example of regularity and punctuality in attendance that stands as a shining example to younger ringers. Some years ago he moved to Beckenham, but remained faithful to St. Mary's, and in spite of the greater distance he had to travel he was usually the first to arrive.

On Sunday morning, July 6th, a small gift was presented to Mr. Bennett by Canon P. D. Robb, the Vicar of Lewisham, on behalf of the local band, as a mark of their appreciation of his past services and with their good wishes for a long and happy retirement and plenty of ringing amongst his many friends in Suffolk.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

Ribchester a Popular Meeting

A successful meeting of the Blackburn Branch was held at Ribchester on July 5th. The church is very old, picturesque and full of historical interest. It is situated at one of the beauty spots of Lancashire, on the banks of the River Ribble. Ringing is from the ground floor and open to the body of the church, and the many visitors to the church found it fascinating to watch.

The ring of six bells, cast in 1721, were kept going during the afternoon and evening with rounds and many methods up to Cambridge Surprise. Most of the towers in the branch were represented and there were also visitors from Rossendale, Manchester and Bolton, the latter being in strength.

A break was made for tea and the meeting. The secretary (Mr. Charles Blakey) sent an apology for his absence in London. The local ringers made a request for an instructor, as they were very anxious to learn change ringing. In reply to this, Mr. Arthur Tomlinson, vice-president of the Association, said they would go into the matter. He was confident that their request would be carried out. There was a suggestion that was very favourably received that the branch should hold a meeting annually at this time of the year at this beauty spot.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for the use of the bells, the local ringers and ladies for providing the tea and a hearty welcome. 'VIZITTORR.'

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD

The Dudley and District Guild held their quarterly meeting on June 28th at Penn, when about 30 members and friends took advantage of a beautiful summer's day to visit the fine old church situated on the edge of the Common. The local ringers met the visitors on arrival.

The Vicar conducted the Guild service and gave an interesting address on the history of the church. The tea and meeting followed in the Church Room. The Central Council representative gave his report of the meeting at Lincoln and two new members were elected.

The next quarterly meeting is to be held at Oldbury on October 4th, when it is hoped that the new secretary will be appointed. The members returned to the belfry for further ringing.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'BACK IT GOES AGAIN!'

Dear Sir,—An advantage in not being a member of the Central Council is expressed in the old adage that 'The looker-on sees most of the game.' There is an accompanying disadvantage, however, in being unable to express that wider view *in* the Council *at the time;* though this can be mitigated to some extent by such as this letter.

This year in Council it was said that little or no progress, officially, had been made in laying down the principles of method extension over the years since the negative Council resolution of a quarter of a century ago. That, of course, is true; but the more important, and regrettable, thing to realise is that to-day there is still no real progress in official quarters: matters being referred year after year. All the time, in fact, resolved material is actually at hand for:—

(1) Reaching conclusions from which clear-cut proposals could be formulated for consideration and resolution in Council, without any further delay.

(2) Simplifying these technical matters and making them sufficiently clear to the average Council member, so that he could intelligently consider and vote on them.

That the present stale-mate position might arise, however, was foreseen a year ago, after the 1951 'refer-back.' So steps were then taken to place on record evidence, not only in support of claims 1 and 2 above, showing that they are no idle boast, but also to indicate that the results of many years of investigation into these matters were already available for official use.

This evidence is to be found, in part, in the 'Memorandum of Technology of Method Structure' lodged in the Council's Library, and duly acknowledged in this year's report. Mr. Poole will find there sympathetic support for some of his views and the answers to some of his queries. (He would also find that while the theory of method structure appears difficult when examined at random, it becomes simpler when studied in logical sequence.) That information was, of course, offered to the Methods Committee; and while some little of it has found a place in their Supplementary Report, the main features are still neglected.

And so the Council's time was once again taken up by abortive discussion—abortive because not only is the line of argument in their Supplementary Report, in my view, fallacious, but also the crux of the matter of extension has not even been mentioned, either in the report or in the discussion in Council. It is this—the whole question turns on the prior establishment of the *basic stage* in any given method family under consideration. The Methods Committee will not deny that the basic stage is not the same for all methods. For example, in Plain Bob it is Minimus; in Cambridge it is Major (no, not Minor!); in Kent T-B it is Minor; in London it is Royal (the new Royal-basic, of which the Major and Minor are true mathematical contractions, and to which there is a true mathematical Maximus, as shown in the Memorandum); and as a last example, in Oakham the basic is Maximus. A 'formula' has been worked out for determining which stage of a method family is the basic, or, as it is sometimes called, the 'parent,' and this is essentially the first consideration when examining a method. The reasons for this are well founded though too lengthy for inclusion here. But the report doesn't even mention it!

The second consideration, in due order, is that of the method's 'position cyclic.' Here again no mention was made of it in the report. But it is significant that Mr. Poole apparently quoted F. H. Dexter as having referred to it years ago (though not by this name) where he says, '. . . true extension is got by *correct construction* . . . . the result gives the proper *cycle* of leads ends . . . . that will be a proper extension . . . .' etc. (The italics are mine, but obviously already the mathematical *structure* was properly envisaged.)

The question of pivots arises directly from this second consideration, and not, as the Supplementary Report suggests, the other way round. Indeed, in my view, the Supplementary Report may be viewed as of the nature of 'cart before horse.' One has been at some pains to extract a long list of examples of 'standard' methods showing not only that they are grouped according to these 'cyclics,' but also that various pivot-combinations will produce the same cyclic.

But there is one pressing point of correction in general discussion of these matters. It is this—several references have been made in the past, and were made again at the recent Council meeting, to the 'mathematician,' rather as *opposed to* the 'practical ringer.' It is high time this ill-conceived idea of disconnection was exploded. To my knowledge there have been only two 'mathematicians' interested in exposition of ringing theory who were not practical ringers—Thompson and Rankin. The rest of those who have employed deductive reasoning of a truly mathematical nature, to enlarge the field of ringing knowledge, have all been *practical* ringers of greater or lesser degree. (One can be a practical ringer, surely, without having one's name in the peal columns every week?) So let this 'setting in opposition' be dropped, before the rank and file become sick of, and embittered against, anything of a theoretical nature.

For it must be remembered, without the theory there can be no standardised practice.—Yours very truly,

A. YORK-BRAMBLE.

A LESSON IN GEOGRAPHY

Dear Sir,—Re Belfry Gossip of July 4th, I must, as a Devonian, correct you in laying claim for Cornwall to the tower of North Petherwyn. The county border follows the Tamer except for a loop which includes the towers of Werrington and North Petherwyn.

These villages, incidentally, have, as far as I can check, never been in Cornwall.

At the other end of the county there are two towers, Churchstanton and Chardstock, shown in Mr. Dove's book as Devon and Dorset, but in a county redistribution at the end of the last century, Churchstanton is in Somerset, Chardstock in Devon and Wambrook, shown as in Dorset, is in Somerset for geographical purposes. So each county gained one village and loses one.—Yours faithfully,

W. C. PANTER.

Pinhoe, near Exeter.

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE AS FILM BACKGROUND?

Dear Sir,—On July 10th, at the Odeon Cinema, Marble Arch, is the opening of the film, 'Something Money Can't Buy,' a comedy starring Anthony Steel and Patricia Roc.

Part of this film, and in particular some scenes involving Mr. Steel and a cricket match, were filmed at Hawkhurst, Kent, early this summer. During this filming and clearly audible the whole time were Hawkhurst bells. Whether or not they are heard in the film I cannot as yet say, but for the benefit of any ringer who may see the film and hear ringing, the ringing was a peal of Superlative Surprise Major at Hawkhurst, conducted by Mr. Thomas E. Sone.

The film staff were only too pleased to have bells in the background, and I am told that some at least of the band are anxious to learn whether or not they have got on to the soundtrack in their first 'film performance.'—Yours sincerely,

MALCOLM S. CLOKE.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Annual Meeting in London

The 33rd annual meeting was held in London on July 5th, when the bells of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields and St. Giles-in-the-Fields were available during the afternoon, and further ringing was enjoyed during the evening at St. Margaret's, Westminster.

A delightful tea was followed by evensong at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields at 6 p.m. There were 49 members present at the business meeting, when Mrs. E. K. Fletcher and Miss D. Colgate were re-elected president and hon. secretary respectively.

All the members of the Guild united in congratulating Mrs. Fletcher on the honour conferred upon her at the last Central Council meeting, and they felt honoured that the first lady ringer to receive life membership on the Council should be their own president. This being so, a vacancy existed for a Central Council representative, and it was agreed that Miss Colgate should be elected to hold this position.

Five new members were elected. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Whitby, Yorkshire, on July 4th, 1953.

It was agreed that a revision of existing rules should take place and that a sub-committee be formed, made up of all district secretaries and the general secretary, to deal with this matter and to report to the annual meeting in 1953.

With regard to the 40th anniversary dinner to be held in Leicester on October 25th, tickets (price 12s. 6d.) are now available. Early application, together with remittance, should be made to Mrs. P. J. Staniforth, 150, Narborough Road South, Leicester, as numbers are limited.

Votes of thanks were expressed to the incumbents of the three churches where the bells had been at the meeting's disposal; to Mrs. Matthews and Mrs. Davies for making the local arrangements, and to all other people who had assisted in any way to make the meeting a success.

Western District at Honiton Clyst

The Western District of the Ladies' Guild held their quarterly meeting on June 28th at Honiton Clyst, Devon. Ladies and friends from the Bath-Bristol district took this opportunity to make this into what it is hoped will become an annual meeting. Ringing was arranged at Cullompton, St. Mark's, Exeter (not Heavitree as advertised), and at Ilminster. The service, tea and meeting was at Honiton Clyst, where further ringing was enjoyed. All four rings of bells were fully appreciated by all who took part.

It was proposed that the next meeting should be held in North Somerset, when it is hoped that a large number of ladies will be present in order to discuss the place of the next June meeting.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Chertsey District

A very pleasant meeting of the Chertsey District was held at Horsell on July 5th, when some 25 ringers were present. The bells were put to good use during the afternoon, and while the standard of ringing could not be described as good, several young ringers from the district towers received instruction in various methods. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. A. Woodard) and was followed by a pleasant tea on the vicarage lawn.

At the short business meeting the following ringers were elected members of the Guild: The Misses Jane and Ann Murrell (Send) and Anthony Sibbick (Horsell).

Before returning to the tower thanks were extended to the Vicar for permission to come to Horsell and for taking the service, and to Mrs. Woodard for arranging such an excellent tea.

W. S.

CENTENARY OF AN EALING CHURCH

Christ Church–Christ the Saviour, 1852–1952

In connection with the peal of 'Grandsire Triples, rung exactly 100 years after the consecration of the church and bells, the following notes, taken from a Centenary Brochure compiled by Sir Cyril Flower, C.B., may be of interest:—

'Christ Church (now the Church of Christ the Saviour) is, like other Ealing churches, in the gift of the Bishop of the Diocese. This has historical significance. The earliest mention of Ealing is a grant of land in "Gillings" by Ethelred to Waldhere, Bishop of London, made some time between 693 and 704 A.D. The place is not named in the Domesday Survey, but it is highly probable that it was included in the return for the Bishop's land of Fulham, which may then have been a large riparian parish extending westwards to the boundary of Isleworth. Ealing and Acton would have been clearings in the forest of Middlesex, which formed the northern hinterland of Fulham.

'The earliest reference to the parish of Ealing records the presentation of Robert de Dumon on May 24th, 1243, but it may have been a separate parish long before that date. During the Middle Ages it remained an agricultural community centred round St. Mary's Church. In the 17th century it tended to become residential. Its population grew rapidly during the following century, but the Parish Church of St. Mary remained its focus and the roads round the church served all the needs of the villagers.

'The coming of the Great Western Railway in 1838 altered all this. The pleasant slopes to the north of the Uxbridge Road gave a peaceful haven for retirement, and their proximity to London made them preferable to Bedford or Cheltenham for those who wished to keep in touch with the capital. The popularity of Ealing as a dormitory for city workers came a little later by the opening of the Metropolitan Railway.

'By the middle of the century the need for a church in the north of the parish was acute. A site was found where the roads from London to Oxford and from Brentford to Ruislip crossed. A field known as Hutfield lay to the north-west, and an acre of land was sold by the trustees for £200 as a site for a church. This sum now seems absurdly low, and probably the trustees did not ask the full market value, as they were anxious to make the Wood estate as attractive as possible. A picture of the church in 1852 has a rural setting.

'The church itself was the generous gift of Miss Rose Frances Lewis, the daughter of William Thomas Lewis, of Liverpool. She was resident in the parish at Castle Hill House as tenant of Sir George Wetherall at the time of her death in September, 1862.

'The contract figure for the erection of the church was £6,520, but the total expense was nearly £9,000, and, in addition, Miss Lewis gave £500 at a later date for the provision of a parsonage house and also paid for the peal of eight bells.

'The building, which was consecrated on June 30th, 1852, by Bishop Bloomfield, is in the Decorated Style throughout. At the time this was almost inevitable. The Cambridge Camden Society had an overwhelming influence on the structural side of the Anglican revival and they laid it down as a dogma that Gothic was the only possible church architecture and that the Decorated Style was immeasurably superior to Early English, which was immature, and to Perpendicular, which was decadent.

'The architect was Sir Gilbert Scott, and G. F. Bodley, who many years later had much to do with Christ Church, was a young man in his office. Fortunately the church was one of Scott's earlier achievements, when he was content to follow mediæval models and showed no inclination to introduce the aberrations of Victorian Gothic. The limestone ridge between Oxfordshire and South-West Lincolnshire has many beautiful churches of the Decorated period with lofty western towers, and it was from this area that Scott derived his inspiration. It has been said that Adderbury Church in Oxfordshire was in many respects his model, but the resemblance of the two churches is at most in the general lay-out and does not extend to details.'

During the greater part of this century the services have been in the Anglo-Catholic tradition, under a number of noted priests, including Templeton King, de Vere and Bell, and now under the present Vicar, the Rev. Prebendary W. H. Aglionby, M.A., M.C., the ornate and beautiful services attract large congregations from the joint parishes of Christ Church and St. Saviour's. As before mentioned, the Church of St. Saviour was utterly destroyed by enemy action and Christ Church badly damaged, resulting in the amalgamation of the two parishes under Father Aglionby, and under the new title of Christ the Saviour. The church is now approaching its pre-war beauty, and recently five very beautiful stained glass windows have been installed, to replace some of those destroyed. All are by Mr. Hugh Easton, who designed the Battle of Britain window in Westminster Abbey. The bells have recently been restored by the Whitechapel Foundry, and are now a beautiful ring of eight.

In the words of Father Aglionby, the bells had been rung for the jubilees of Queen Victoria, for the accessions of five Sovereigns, and now for the centenary, and he felt sure that this generation would hand to the next an even greater reputation than the church had previously known. 'The Church of God abides as the centuries go by. May the spire of Christ the Saviour long continue to point the people of Ealing to the things which are above, and its bells call them day by day to worship the Lord their God.'

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION

Chew Deanery Branch

The quarterly meeting of the Chew Deanery Branch was held at Wrington on July 5th. Ringing on the famous ten bells (tenor 37 cwt.) preceded the Association form of service, conducted by the Rector, the Rev. A. C. A. Chetwynd-Talbot, who gave an address.

Ringers from Backwell, Clevedon, Easton-in-Gordano, Hayes (Kent), Kewstoke, Locking, Long Ashton, Melksham, Nailsea, Publow, Wembdon, Weston-super-Mare, Wrington and Yatton then sat down to an excellent tea, provided by Mrs. Knight and her helpers. The business meeting followed and the first item was a report by Mr. G. Yeo, representative on the Diocesan Committee, of the meeting held in Bridgwater recently, at which it was resolved to call an extraordinary general meeting at Evercreech on October 4th to discuss matters arising from the impending retirement of the hon. general secretary. Other items to be discussed are the raising of subscriptions to 2s. and the introduction of a peal booking fee.

One new member from Wrington was elected. It was decided that, subject to permission being granted, the October quarterly meeting should be held at Kingston Seymour with Chew Magna as an alternative if Kingston bells are not rehung by then. Practice meetings for August and September will be held at Weston-in-Gordano and Nailsea respectively, and the bi-annual corporate Communion will be held at Wrington on October 26th.

There being no other business, the usual votes of thanks were made to the tower, where ringing was under the direction of the Master, Mr. H. W. Knight. M. J. H.

A FOUR GUILDS FESTIVAL

The annual festival meeting of the Guildford and Oxford Guilds and Middlesex Association on June 28th was this year strengthened by the Surrey Association's participation, thereby making this popular meeting into a foursome. It is hoped that this foursome will be an annual affair, and the title of 'The Thames Valley Festival' was suggested.

A Thames Valley Festival it surely was, for with the four towers of Staines, Egham and Old Windsor situated at the extreme corners of ancient Runnemede and with a glorious summer day in our favour the meeting was a real success.

Ringing was continuous up to service time at 5.45. Whether the distance from Staines to Egham was a little too far, or whether the heat had overcome many of the ringers, only some 30 managed to find their way into the church for the service.

Some 49 ringers and friends, of whom 25 had sent in notice of attending, sat down to a sumptuous tea in the Church Hall, and full marks are due to our Egham friends for providing a tea which was suitable to the prevailing weather.

Tea over, Mr. F. W. Goodfellow moved the thanks of the meeting to the Vicar for taking the service and for permission to come to Egham again. The Vicar, in reply, said he was pleased to have the opportunity of welcoming the full party to Egham, though he was denied that pleasure earlier in the afternoon.

Handbell ringing by an associated company of brasshats provided a pleasant interlude, while others made their way back to the towers for further mental effort in the intricities of Surprise and other method ringing. W. S.

Mr. A. Patrick Cannon's 300 Peals

Mr. A. Patrick Cannon, who rang his 300th peal at Pulborough, Sussex, recently, has conducted 166 of them, and 775 ringers have taken part. All have been rung on tower bells. They have been rung in 272 different towers in 34 counties, for 34 societies, and include 211 different tenors 'turned in.' The list is appended:

Maximus.—Kent Treble Bob 1 (1 conducted).

Cinques.—Grandsire 1.

Royal.—Cambridge S. 1, Kent Treble Bob 9 (4), Plain Bob 6 (2).

Caters.—Stedman 3, Grandsire 1.

Major.—London S. 1. Yorkshire S. 7 (3), Superlative S. 6 (2), Cambridge S. 17 (4), New Cambridge S. 1, D.N.C.B. 47 (29), Kent Treble Bob 42 (23), Oxford Treble 6 (3), Little Bob 1, Double Oxford Bob 3 (1), Plain Bob 34 (22).

Triples.—Stedman 4, Grandsire 19 (10), Plain Bob 1.

Minor.—One to twelve methods 78 (55), Cambridge S. 2.

Doubles.—One to five methods 9 (7).

FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World' of July 19th, 1912

DEATH OF MR. GEORGE ROBINSON

It is with extreme regret that we record the death on July 1st of this well-known ringer, who for 28 years had been a member of the St. Paul's Society, Burton-on-Trent. . . . He came to Burton in 1875, and soon after joined the band of ringers at the Parish Church. Peal ringing at this time was very rare, and it was not until December 9th, 1882, that he rang his first peal, Grandsire Triples, with the bells muffled in memory of the last Archbishop Tait. . . .

[In his 186 peals, Mr. Robinson included 73 of Stedman Triples, 15 Double Norwich, 21 Superlative and 24 of London. The famous band at Burton-on-Trent were the first to ring Surprise methods in more than the odd one or two peals; they rang the second, third and fourth true peals of Cambridge, the first seven peals of New Cambridge—then known as the 'Burton Variation'—and seven of the first ten peals of London.]

OUTINGS IN BRIEF

EVERCREECH

An early start was made on June 21st by Evercreech ringers, with the churchwardens as guests, for a trip up the Wye Valley.

The first call was at Chepstow, where, after a little much-needed refreshment, we were met by the captain of the local band and enjoyed touches on the bells. The belfry here is in the form of a gallery set high up in the tower and with Norman pillars supporting the ceiling. The west front and much of the interior of the nave is of Norman origin and well worth a visit.

Travelling up the Wye Valley through beautiful scenery we came suddenly upon Tintern Abbey with its magnificent arches and gable ends, standing as straight and true as they were built centuries ago.

Monmouth was reached in time for lunch, which was partaken of at the King's Head, and much appreciated by all. Ringing followed at the Parish Church on the rather rough-going, but musical, ring of eight bells.

Moving away from the river, the route was through the Forest of Dean, to Ruardean, one of the villages typical of this semi-derelict mining area, where a sense of hopelessness seems to hang over everything, which the rambling churchyard and gloomy north porch did little to dispel. Nevertheless, the church inside was well appointed and the tower contained a delightful ring of eight bells which were rung to various methods.

At Gloucester Mr. Barry met the visitors and after tea at the Three Cups, the bells at St. Mary de Crypt were rung for an hour.

At Stroud several of the local band and the Vicar welcomed the party. Touches of Grandsire Caters and a course of Bob Royal were thoroughly enjoyed on this grand ring of ten.

A social half hour followed at the Britannia, where the handbells were made good use of, and when our tune-ringing maestro suggested the need for some lower notes, the wag of the party suggested they might be got if he sat down.

Evercreech was reached about 11.30 p.m., after a day which had given us lovely weather, good company, excellent food and bells which we all enjoyed. H. J. S.

OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON

Augmented by friends, the ringers of St. Mary's and St. Edward's held their outing on June 14th starting at 7.55 a.m. The first stop was at Ilminster where the ring of eight were soon going to Stedman and Grandsire.

At the next tower, St. Cuthbert's, Wells (8), the 'go' was difficult owing to a splice in the rope catching in a groove in the ceiling rose. Jack Worrall joined the party in the belfry and had a pull with them.

The real excitement of the day arrived when departure time from Wells arrived at 12.30. Three of the party were missing and there were serious faces on the young ladies in the back seat. About 12.55 a boy came cycling along saying that someone was shouting from the tower saying they were locked in. There were visions of a long wait as the verger, who had the key, had gone to the Cathedral. Fortunately the Deaconess produced a key and the three young men, who had been to inspect the bells, were released.

After some leg-pulling, the coach went on its way to Weston-super-Mare, with a stop at Cheddar for a visit to the caves, or strawberries. Weston was reached in time for tea, the host for the meal being Prebendary E. V. Cox, president of the Devon Guild, who looked up the party. From Weston the route was via Bridgwater, where ringing on the lovely eight was enjoyed, to Taunton. Ottery St. Mary was reached at 9.40.

BRIDGENORTH, SALOP

A tour into North Wales was planned by the ringers of St. Leonard's, Bridgenorth, on June 28th, the band being joined by individual friends from St. Mary's, Bridgenorth, Coalbrookdale, Wellington, St. Luke's, Wolverhampton and Little Aston (South Staffs).

Bridgenorth was left at 7.30 a.m. and the first ringing was at St. Collen's, Llangallon, where the eight, with a tenor of 17½ cwt., were rehung by John Taylor and Co., last year. Here touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples were brought round.

The main road to Bangor was taken, a halt being made at Swallow Falls to admire the scenery. After an excellent lunch at the Waverley Hotel, Bangor, the coast road was taken through Conway and then inland to Bodelwyddan. This church, on account of its tall white spire, is known as the Marble Church. The bells are a ring of eight (tenor 14 cwt.) by Mears and Stainbank in 1872. Ringing included Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

By 5 p.m. the party were enjoying tea at the Seven Stars Hotel, Wrexham. Then came a visit to St. Giles' Church, whose tower has been described as one of the Seven Wonders of Wales. The front six of this ten, with a tenor of 25 cwt., was raised in peal, and after rounds, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters and finally a plain course of Bob Royal were accomplished. The ten were dropped in peal. Bridgenorth was reached at 9.30, and thanks are expressed to those who organised the excursion.

HOLY TRINITY, GUILDFORD

One of the hottest days of this summer was selected by Holy Trinity Cathedral Society, Guildford, for their annual outing on June 28th. The choice of the Isle of Wight proved a happy one. The journey to Portsmouth was made by road and the morning was spent in Ryde with ringing at All Saints' Church and lunch.

Another coach was engaged for the afternoon, and the route and towers selected took the visitors away from the holiday crowds. Ringing took place at Arreton with its ground floor ringing—a tower which will be remembered for its massive buttresses; Godshill, which so charmed the peal ringers of the party that they longed to have the privilege of a peal attempt; Carisbrooke, with historic and royal associations; Newport, with its creaking timbers, difficult to hear trebles and tricky seventh demanding experienced ringers accustomed to slow measured beat to prevent unpleasantness to the townsfolk.

Ringing during the day was varied. Being Holy Trinity, Guildford, Stedman was not neglected, but there was also the four usual Surprise methods and the standard methods.

Looking back on the outing, it was an example of perfect organisation, with no regimentation, everybody on time and good meals, for which the company and their friends thank Mr. F. A. Munday.

COLESHILL, WARWICKSHIRE

Favoured by the weather on July 5th, Coleshill ringers and friends enjoyed a day's tour in the beautiful Warwickshire and Oxfordshire countryside. Passing through Kenilworth and Warwick, the first stop was at Kineton to try the six bells there. Over Edge Hill calling at Banbury brought the company to Deddington, where bells and church were much admired.

Following lunch in Oxford and ringing at St. Giles', the Cotswold village of Whichford was reached, with its grand six to claim attention. After tea and a final touch at Tysoe the journey home was via Stratford-on-Avon.

Thanks are given to incumbents for permission to ring, and to local ringers for their welcome and help which contributed to a successful outing.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTSHIRE

The North Bradley ringers, together with wives and friends from neighbouring towers, held their annual outing on June 28th.

Following an early start in perfect weather, the first tower, Malmesbury, was reached a little behind schedule. The Abbey campanile, which is all that remains of the original Parish Church of St. Paul, stands at the end of the Abbey churchyard and contains a fine octave with an 11 cwt. 8 lb. tenor. These bells have come from five different foundries and were increased to eight and rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston in 1951. The fragment of the Abbey which remains is in the Transitional or post-Norman style, and the remains of the central tower show a tower arch which must have been higher than the present campanile.

The next stop was Stroud, a ring of ten rung from the ground floor. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters were successfully brought round here, although the bells are a little difficult to hear in the ringing chamber.

Following lunch in Stroud came the run to Gloucester, when most of the ladies promptly disappeared, to return later heavily laden with parcels! Ringing was enjoyed at St. Mary de Crypt Church, and it is in Bell Lane in this parish that the famous Rudhall foundry was situated. It is fitting that the eight bells in the tower should all have originated from this foundry.

Berkley, with its famous Hunt, was reached in time for tea, and afterwards the detached tower was visited. This tower is a large one with dirt in proportion! A slight delay was incurred while a little light engineering work was carried out on a misplaced chiming hammer, and it is a matter for speculation as to what happens to Mr. Harding when his wife comes to wash his shirt! The 'go' of the ten bells here left a lot to be desired.

A short journey brought the party to Thornbury, with a lofty church and a splendid 16th century tower. The bells proved to be a mellow octave which needed some little effort to bring out the best in them.

The final tower was Almondsbury with a central tower and a curious lead spire, and the eight bells were put to good use until 9 o'clock.

A stop for liquid refreshment in Keynsham concluded a very pleasant day's trip. Ringing was generally of a good standard and the conducting was shared.

Sincere thanks are due to all the incumbents (especially the Vicar of Malmesbury for allowing the use of the bells at short notice), to the people who met and welcomed the party and last, but by no means least, to Mr. P. Harding for making the arrangements. M. J. H.

ST. MARY'S, READING

On July 5th, the St. Mary's, Reading, band and a number of ringing friends paid a visit to Somerset for their annual outing. Chewton Mendip was first visited, followed by Wells Cathedral. Lunch was taken at Wells and the party proceeded to Ditcheat, where they were met by Mr. J. Lintern.

Ditcheat ringing room is a model of what a ringing chamber should be and, as one of the party remarked, 'looks cared for.' The party are still left wondering which is the finer peal, Ditcheat or Chewton Mendip.

A visit was then paid to Queen Camel, where Mr. Reeves was waiting. Everyone was delighted with the 'go' and tone of this magnificent ring of six. A good tea, kindly arranged by Mr. Reeves, was taken at the Sparkford Hotel and the party moved on to Westbury, Wilts, where the ringing for the day was closed with a course of Bristol. The arrangements then passed into the 'back seaters,' who entertained the party during the return journey to Reading.

The party's thanks are expressed to the incumbents and members of the towers visited who so kindly helped to make the outing a success.

OBITUARY

MR. HARRY BROOKS

The All Saints', Isleworth, company of ringers have lost one of their oldest members by the death in the West Middlesex Hospital on June 24th of Mr. Harry Brooks, of 211, Worton Road, Isleworth.

Mr. Brooks recently fractured his leg as the result of a fall while attempting to board a trolley bus. The fracture healed rapidly and Mr. Brooks made good progress generally until he was about to attempt to use his leg, when he suddenly died.

Next December 6th Mr. Brooks would have reached his 70th birthday, and he had been a member of the Isleworth company for 47 years, having for many years occupied the post of steeplekeeper. It was planned to attempt a peal of Spliced Surprise Royal next December as a 70th birthday compliment.

A staunch supporter of the London County Association of Change Ringers and also a member of the Middlesex County Association, he will be missed by all who knew him and particularly by the many friends who loved him for his kind, quiet and unassuming character. As a member of the All Saints' Parochial Church Council and its finance committee, he was a man who was ever willing and always anxious to help his church in its various activities and also its members of all ages. The sympathy of many friends is extended to his widow and family. His only daughter, Mrs. K. F. J. Parr, is also a member of the Isleworth company and has rung peals in methods up to Spliced Surprise Royal.

As the funeral procession approached All Saints' Church on July 1st, the 16½ cwt. tenor bell, on which Mr. Brooks had rung the majority of his peals, was slowly tolled by A. Tomblin. At the interment in Isleworth Cemetery Mr. Brooks' own handbells were rung over the open grave by D. J. Charnley 1–2, Miss June Creak 3–4, S. Croft 5–6, and A. L. Pearson 7–8. The same evening half-muffled ringing was carried out on the ten bells of the Parish Church under the supervision of Mrs. O. L. Rogers. It was on these bells that, in his capacity as steeplekeeper, Mr. Brooks had lavished his care and attention for so many years.

During his lifetime Mr. Brooks had participated in many ringers' outings, and it will always be a proud thought for the present local company of ringers that following his last outing with them he said it was the best ever. This occasion was precisely one month before his death (May 24th), when the places visited were Banbury, Stratford-on-Avon, Norton and Evesham, Worcestershire.

MR. NEIL SHARPE

We regret to record the death of Mr. Neil Sharpe, of St. James' Change Ringers Association, Paisley. He died very suddenly on July 5th while playing bowls.

Mr. Sharpe, who was 50, had been a member of St. James' band for 32 years. He retired from conducting the band at the beginning of this year, but was still a regular ringer. Visitors to Scotland will remember him as a very constant friend.

AN APPRECIATION

The news of the sudden death of Mr. Neil Sharpe, of St. James' Church, Paisley, came as a great shock as he appeared to be enjoying the best of health.

Neil was a fine example of a 'couthy' Scot, with his pleasant West Country 'burr,' genial though unassuming manner, and a fine sense of humour. He took a great interest in ringing and was a frequent visitor at St. Mary's, Glasgow.

A keen Churchman, he was a member of the Kirk Session at St. James', and was also well-known in Masonic circles. We will miss him. Our sympathy goes out to his widow, son and daughter. E. A. S.

FREDERICK GEORGE HOWCHIN

Died June 16th, 1952, aged 85.

GEORGE HOWCHIN

Died July 4th, 1952, aged 91.

The brothers Howchin, whose deaths took place within three weeks of each other, were active in ringing circles in Norwich for fifty years and were well known throughout Norfolk and Suffolk, having taken part in peals at most of the churches in those counties with eight or more bells.

George and Fred were born at Hingham and early in life came to Norwich to follow their trade as tailors. Fred was elected a probationer in 1885 and, moving to Norwich in 1889, took part in his first peal, one of Oxford Treble Bob Major at Marsham on March 13th that year. Six months later he rang in the first peal on the back eight at Mancroft (Grandsire Triples), and on November 20th, 1890, was a member of the band to ring the first of Treble Bob Major on the bells. George rang the treble to this, his second, peal, having rung one of Grandsire Caters at Mancroft the previous month.

The brothers continued regularly to take part in peals, and their records contain many fine performances. Their striking was well nigh faultless and they would never attempt a method or associate with any band unless this condition could be fulfilled. They were both outspoken and never left their hearers in doubt as to their meaning.

Fred, in particular, was a 'character,' and many rich stories are told of him. Their longest peal was one of 11,264 Double Norwich Major, rung on December 12th, 1931, with Fred ringing Saxlingham tenor. Their last was rung at St. Miles', Norwich, on June 4th, 1938, the tower at which George was Master for several years. During the war the brothers retired from ringing. Altogether Fred took part in 367 peals, of which three were on handbells and a few of them he conducted. George's total for the Norwich Association was 272. May they rest in peace.

NOLAN GOLDEN.

MR. J. T. TITT

We regret to record the passing of Mr. James Thomas Titt, of Darlington, which took place on July 2nd, in his 77th year.

Mr. Titt was born at Bishop Auckland, where his family had a life-long connection with St. Andrew's Church. He himself in his young days was a chorister there and also a member of the belfry. As a young man he sought fields and pastures new for a career and joined the North Riding Constabulary. His hours of duty and a distance from any rings of bells, however, compelled him to give up ringing for a time. He served in a number of stations in the North Riding of Yorkshire from Malton to Loftus, and when he retired in 1925 with the rank of sergeant he made his home in Darlington and joined the Holy Trinity band there. He took up the threads again with enthusiasm and became a regular ringer and churchgoer. For many years he was secretary of the Southern District of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association and retired only last year when his colleagues made a presentation to him in appreciation of his service. He had taken part in about 70 peals.

The funeral service was on July 5th in Holy Trinity Church, Darlington, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. J. Simpson), and was followed by cremation. A slow course of London Surprise was rung as the cortege left the church. Mr. Titt is survived by a widow, son and two daughters.

RINGING RHYMES

No. 12 — STEDMAN

This odd-bell method joins 'plain hunt'
For three bells working in the front,
With dodging on all bells behind,
In pairs, for rows of six, you'll find.

Six rows for three bells are th'extent.
So then a bell from front is sent
To join the dodging; whence will come
A bell exchanged to front-work. Some
Device must now be used to stretch
The change-production—not to fetch
Up rounds too soon. The simple plan
Is this one: Direct hunting can
With Retrograde be sandwiched. So
One six is 'Quick'; the next one 'Slow.'

Since Stedman is not hunt-controlled
No 'leads' by treble bell are told.
Divisions, of twelve rows, per bell,
Compose each plain course. Mark this well!
For Doubles—*five* twelves, 'sixty' score.
For Triples—*seven* twelves, 'eighty-four.'
For Caters—*nine* twelves, 'one-O-eight.'
For Cinques—*eleven* twelves (calculate!!!)

But since Divisions must 'reflect'
From mid-way onwards, to correct
The symmetry, the Stedman 'div.'
Of twelve rows will be found to give,
From rounds, half one quick six, and then
One slow, and one-half quick, again.

The 'Junction' thus comes midway 'slow.'
The 'Link' (div-end) mid 'quick' will go.

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5,088 APSLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

By R. F. B. SPEED

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MR. HARRY GIBBARD

It is with great regret that we report the death of Mr. Harry Gibbard, of Maxey, Northants, on June 22nd at the age of 57.

Born at Somerton, in Oxfordshire, he later moved to Lincolnshire, where he learned to ring and was a great enthusiast, especially in teaching youngsters. He lived at Rippingale for some years and was instrumental in having the five bells augmented to six by the addition of a 'Jubilee bell' in 1935.

An accomplished Surprise Minor ringer, he took part in one of the 32 Surprise method peals conducted by his friend, Horace Day.

At Maxey, where he died, he was training a young band to ring and they, with ringers from the surrounding districts, rang the bells half-muffled for his funeral on Wednesday, June 25th. Floral tributes included a wreath from the Vicar and ringers of Maxey and one from the Peterborough Diocesan Guild. J. W. H.

NOTICES

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HANDBELLS WANTED

Wanted, set of 12 handbells for boys' organisation.—L. C. Edwards, 7, Hangleton Gardens, Hove 4, Sussex. 1033

PUBLICATIONS

'CHURCH BELLS AND RINGERS OF NORWICH,' by A. G. G. Thurlow, 5s. 6d. post free from the author St. Clement's Rectory, 3, Colegate, Norwich An account of the bells of one of England's most historic cities, well illustrated with plans, cross sections and pictures. Second edition, much improved; no increase in price.

CHURCH BELLS AND OTHERS OF STIRLINGSHIRE AND KINROSS-SHIRE by Ranald Clouston. 46 pages. 7 photographs. Reprinted from the Proceedings of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland. 3s. post free from the author at Cookley Farm, Eye, Suffolk. 1081

COLLECTION OF PLAIN MAJOR METHODS (second edition), with Table of First Performances. Price 3s. From Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, Osmington School, Tring, Herts.

MISCELLANEOUS

LYDD, KENT.—There will be no Sunday or practise ringing until further notice, owing to structural repair to the tower in connection with the reconstruction work. 1064

RECORDING OF ALL SAINTS', KINGSTON-ON-THAMES, BELLS. — Course of Grandsire Caters as broadcast to Kingston, U.S.A., on December 14th, 1951. Price 12s., postage and packing inclusive. Orders to Miss B. M. Harris, 40, Kenley Road, Merton Park, S.W.19. 1078

PEAL CARDS can now be ordered at 5s. a set of 12, post free (minimum charge). Order and remittance must be sent with peal report.

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Glaston Deanery.—Meeting, Wookey, Saturday, July 19th. Bells 3. Service 4 p.m.—W. Marsh. 1039

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Salford Priors, Saturday, July 19th. Bells (8) 3 p.m.- 9 p.m. Business 6 p.m. in church. Own tea arrangements (cafes in Bidford). Private bus leaves Pool Meadow, Coventry, 2.30, returns from Salford 8.30. Book seat with J. L Garner-Hayward, 8, Orchard Crescent, Coventry. Phone Coventry 64781 (office hours).—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. 1047

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—N.E. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Calverleigh, Saturday, July 19th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—C. G. Dymond. 1042

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Meeting, Castle Hedingham (6), July 19th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Sible Hedingham (8) available in the evening. Names for tea if possible to H. Pratt, 6, Council Houses, Black Notley, Braintree. 1000

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Leatherhead District), LADIES' GUILD (Southern District).—Joint meeting, Merrow, July 19th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30.—Miss W. Oliver, A. H. Smith, Dis. Secs. 1023

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Brightling not available. Meeting, Salehurst (8), July 19th, 3 p.m.—G. Billenness. 1031

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Saturday, July 19th, Rushden 2.30. Sandon 3.45. Tea 5 p.m. Wallington 6 p.m. Special method, St. Nicholas.—E. Buck, District Sec. 1024

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Hoo (6) on Saturday, July 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. 1008

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Summer meeting, Goring, Saturday, July 19th. Bells (8) from 3 and after meeting. Service 4.30. Streatley bells (6) also available from 2.30 p.m. and in evening.—A. Diserens, Branch Sec. 1026

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Amesbury (8), July 19th. Service 3.30, followed by quarterly meeting and tea. Woodford (6) also available afterwards.—Miss Eloie. 1004

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting at Broadwindsor, Saturday, July 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Usual arrangements.—C. H. Lathey. 1028

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Thorne, Saturday, July 19th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Cups of tea only available; please bring own food.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 1059

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—Meeting at Hawley, near Camberley, on Saturday, July 19th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Also invitation to all ringers of the Farnham District to join us.—R. Lathbury, Hon. District Sec. 1049

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Buxted (8), Saturday, July 19th, 3 p.m.—Mr. E. Eade. 1038

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch—Meeting at Rock, Saturday, July 19th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. and tea. No business. Coach, Bell Hotel, Bell Street, Stourbridge, 2 p.m. Come and have a good time.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 1050

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.—Meeting at Bredbury (near Stockport) Parish Church, Saturday, July 26th, at 3 p.m. until 9 p.m. All welcome. Cups of tea provided.—E. Walker, Hon. Sec. 1058

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Shipham. Saturday, July 26th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting.—E. J. Avery, Hon. Local Sec. 1066

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Bruton (6), July 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to H. C. Lintern, Ditcheat. 1057

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Wembdon, July 26th, 3 p.m. Names for tea, please.—R. Short, Chilton Trinity. 1077

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Meeting at Bromham (8), July 26th. Bells 3. Tea 5. Bring food; cup of tea available at Vicarage.—Michael Stephens. 1072

TO OLD AND NEW MEMBERS

The fortnight's grace has elapsed and we are holding back the copies of those subscribers who have not renewed their quarterly and half-yearly subscriptions with Mr. J. E. Jeater, 11, Frankswood Avenue, Petts Wood, Kent. It is with reluctance that we take this course to minimise losses.

We are pleased to register a number of new readers this half-year. More will be welcome. Will instructors please call the attention of belfry recruits to the series of beginners' articles which started with the present half-year.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Meeting, St. Bridget's, West Kirby (8), July 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea provided for those who notify by 22nd.—A. J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 1075

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Summer meeting, Dodleston, July 26th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea not later than July 23rd.—Griffiths, 38, Beeston View, Chester. 1080

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby and Ilkeston Joint meeting at St. Peter's, Belper, on Saturday, July 26th. Bells available 3 p.m. 1067

DEVON GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—St. James', Teignmouth, Saturday, July 26th. Usual arrangements.—A. L. Bennett, Cornerways, Buckfastleigh. 1061

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. Division.—Meeting at Matching (6) on Saturday, July 26th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, July 23rd, to G. Blake, District Sec., Teesta, Jack's Hatch, Epping Upland. 1025

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Monthly meeting at Coalpit Heath, Saturday, July 26th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, July 21st, to W. F. Scudamore, No. 6, Sandringham Avenue, Downsend, Bristol. 1063

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Meeting, Arlingham (6) 3 p.m., July 26th. Number for tea, certain by July 22nd, to Larner, 37, Green Lane, Hucclecote, Gloucester. 1076

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Meeting at Chelsfield (6), Saturday, July 26th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea (1s. 6d.) by Monday, July 21st, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 1034

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Joint meeting with the Ladies' Guild, at Manchester Town Hall, July 26th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Cafes nearby. Entrance in Lloyd Street. All welcome.—R. Benson. 1069

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—General quarterly meeting at Bottesford on July 26th. Bells 2.45 to 4 and 6 to 8. Service 4. Tea and meeting 4.30 at Rutland Hotel for the first 50 names sent by July 19th to W. A. Wood, Fosseway, Croft, near Leicester. 1040

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Meeting, Burton-Stather (8), July 26th. Bells 2.30. Service 3.45. Tea 4.30. Names for tea by July 23rd to P. Barnes, Britannic. Tee Lane, Burton-Stather, Scunthorpe. 1048

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Alford, Saturday, July 26th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, Church Hall, 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Monday, July 21st, to Mr. I. Smith, 15, Commercial Road, Alford, Lincs. 1073

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting Edenham. July 26th. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea, not later than Monday, 21st, please, to Mr. W. Holmes, The Retreat, Edenham, Bourne, Lincs. 1074

NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Northripps, Saturday, July 26th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names or numbers to Rev. E. W. Blythe, The Rectory, Northrepps, Cromer, not later than Wednesday, July 23rd. No names, no tea (please note). Cromer bells available from 6.30 to 8 p.m.—H. Tooke, Branch Sec. 1065

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Meeting, Fulmer, Saturday, July 26th, 3.30 p.m. Names for tea by July 21st.—Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 1060

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Little Houghton, July 26th. Names for tea must be sent to Mr. A. Henman, Lodge Road, Little Houghton, by July 24th.—E. Nobles, Hon. Branch Sec. 1070

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WITLEY, SURREY.—On July 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. F. Bowden 1, F. Bowden (cond.) 2, C. N. Pearson 3, H. Gauntlet 4, F. C. Hagley 5, F. Ranson 6, A. E. Brown 7, R. Cooper 8. Rung for the British Legion service.

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MOTIVES

PRIDE of achievement is, perhaps, one of the most impelling factors in a ringer's personal progress. It shows up in various ways, as, for instance, when a ringer endeavours to build up a huge peal total, or in an endeavour to ring as many different methods as he can, or when he makes an effort to 'circle' a tower. He may have an ambition to ring a notoriously bad going bell to a peal, or to ring the heaviest tenor, and so on. Another form his ambition may take is to ring in as many towers as possible. Yet another is to pilot as many as possible through their first peal, or to act as instructor to beginners and set their feet on the right ringing path. All these are laudable ambitions provided the person concerned fully realises and recognises the purposes and reasons for church bells. They are placed where they are for the praise and glory of Almighty God, and all ringers' ambitions and ideas must be subordinated to this overruling fact.

A ringer can legitimately take part in a well-struck touch or peal, doing his very best and feeling in his heart that in his humble way he is helping to ring to God's glory, just as the chorister in his stall contributes his part in the hymns and anthems to the same high purpose. To take part in such ringing or singing undoubtedly gives pleasure to those whose motives in so doing are the correct ones, and they are fully entitled to the enjoyment they derive from such efforts. We as ringers need constantly to remind ourselves of this higher conception of our art, so that we may make our personal ambitions a secondary consideration.

With such thoughts in mind, what are we to think of a peal recently rung and about which there has been some correspondence in this paper which makes anything but pleasant reading? Maybe those who took part in the peal were inspired by higher or not so high motives—but it cannot be denied that such exploits render a definite disservice to the cause of change ringing. Enough has already been written on the matter to enable anyone with an open mind to form an opinion for or against; but this is not the first time such an occurrence has taken place. Bands of (we will be charitable and say) enthusiasts have obtained permission to ring, locked themselves in the tower and rung a peal, with the result that peal ringing in that place has been forbidden in future. We hope this will not be the result in the unhappy instance we have recently witnessed.

If it occurred many times, the Exercise would certainly be confronted with the necessity of protecting itself against such abuses. We can only hope that those concerned will have learned their lesson and will take the trouble in future to explain to those from whom permission is sought to ring what is meant by the term 'a peal.' It seems fairly obvious that this misunderstanding might have been caused by the failure of the person who gave permission to ring to understand thoroughly that a peal lasts three hours or thereabouts.

We are now approaching the time of year when peal ringing tours will be in full swing. Many of those who take part will be firmly of the opinion that by the tours they are advancing the cause of change ringing. They will ring their fourteen to twenty peals in a week, possibly with a feeling that the Exercise should be grateful to them for spending so much time and trouble, not to say money, on their efforts. It must be admitted that many who take part in such tours are good churchmen imbued with high motives—but it also has to be admitted that many take part for purely personal aggrandisement. Whatever the motives, these tours provide a definite headache for many hard-worked association secretaries, who in these difficult times have trouble in making financial ends meet.

Take an instance—a band of 15–20 ringers decide to tour a certain district (generally one with plenty of good-going bells). Those who are not already members of the Association for whom the peals will be rung will take up a life membership costing 5s. This might mean an addition to that Association's funds of £4 or £5. All this money, and more, is swallowed up in the expense of printing the peals in the Report, so that apart from the pleasure given to a comparatively few people who hear the ringing, the Society is worse off as a result of the visit. Probably many County Associations and Guilds have already considered whether or not their subscriptions for life membership are too low.

Then it has to be considered whether it is fair to the resident bands that first peals in the higher methods should be grabbed by visitors, so removing for ever the possibility of local bands achieving the first peal of so and so on their

own bells. Touring bands should make sure that the Associations whose territories are visited are not the losers by the visit and they should include amongst their expenses an amount which will reimburse the Societies concerned against any possible loss.

If these tours are to do any good other than to those who take part in them, it should be stressed that the ringing should be of the highest order, especially in peals, and nothing should be tolerated which might evoke unfavourable criticism in the district. It is far more important to leave good impressions behind than to have a very impressive looking report in the peal columns.

J. F. S.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., July 12, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	*Treble*	FRED NEWTON	7
MURIEL REAY	2	TERRY R. HAMPTON	8
ALBERT WALKER	3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	9
FRANK E. PERVIN	4	JOHN PINFOLD	10
ARTHUR D. COOK	5	GEORGE E. FEARN	11
ANTHONY AGER	6	HENRY H. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.
A birthday compliment to Miss Evelyn M. Fletcher and Henry H. Fearn.

TEN BELL PEALS

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 12, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

WILFRID STEVENSON	*Treble*	JOHN WORTH	6
RALPH EDWARDS	2	BRIAN D. THRELFALL	7
JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	3	DENNIS MADDOCK	8
NEIL D. LOMAS	4	JOHN E. BIBBY	9
ANNE WORTH	5	WALTER ALLMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by W. PYE. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss M. Gorton, a ringer at St. Peter's, Macclesfield, and Mrs. W. Whittaker.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 19, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,
A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt.

REGINALD G. HOOPER	*Treble*	FRANCIS C. MOGFORD	6
ERIC SUTTON	2	†WILFRED F. WEBB	7
ALBERT M. TYLER	3	NORMAN H. COOMBS	8
JEAN McDOWELL	4	ROGER O. FRY	9
*J. WALTER SMITH	5	*RICHARD J. BOWDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES. Conducted by ALBERT M. TYLER.
* First peal of Caters. † First peal of Stedman Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

OLNEY, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 28, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

*HAROLD F. HEATHFIELD	*Treble*	A. ROBIN GUY	5
*RONALD D. EDGE	2	ROBERT H. BROOKER	6
WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	3	JOHN G. GIPSON	7
T. REGINALD DENNIS	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First peal of Surprise Major. Rung for the Patronal Festival.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 30, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 5 lb. in A flat.

J. ALAN AINSWORTH	*Treble*	THOMAS W. CROWE	5
*KATHLEEN SOFTLEY	2	ERIC N. HARRISON	6
CHARLES McGUINESS	3	DENIS A. BAYLES	7
HAROLD WALKER	4	EDMUND P. CROWDY	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by EDMUND P. CROWDY.
* First peal of Surprise. First peal as conductor.

BERKHAMSTEAD, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 5, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15¼ cwt.

JOHN E. ROOTES	*Treble*	LEONARD H. BOWLER	5
FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW	2	FRANCIS KIRK	6
ALICK CUTLER	3	*GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN	7
*PAMELA A. MARTIN	4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.
* First peal in the method. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Richard F. B. Speed and Anne B. Stockdale.

KINGSTON, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 5, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 28 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in D.

ARTHUR J. SCOTT	*Treble*	HENRY G. KEELEY	5
ROGER KEELEY	2	G. STEDMAN MORRIS	6
NORMAN MALLETT	3	ERNEST MORRIS	7
WILLIAM YATES	4	RONALD N. MARLOW	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LEWIS. Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.
First peal in the method on these bells.

WHITCHURCH CANONICORUM, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., July 7, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CANDIDA AND HOLY CROSS,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17¼ cwt. in D.

*HAROLD J. ARSCOTT	*Treble*	WILLIAM YATES	5
NORMAN MALLETT	2	†ARTHUR J. SCOTT	6
G. STEDMAN MORRIS	3	BRIAN PIDGEON	7
HENRY G. KEELEY	4	‡ERNEST MORRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.
* First Surprise peal. † 25th peal. ‡ 450th peal of Major. First peal in the method on these bells.

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SHRIVENHAM, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., July 9, 1952, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 lb. in F.

*DAVID J. GOODRIDGE	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. T. CARTER	5
†PAULINE MANNING	2	PETER ANGER	6
‡BRIAN BLADON	3	‡EDGAR J. SMITH	7
‡ANTHONY R. PEAKE	4	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal of Major. † First peal of Surprise. ‡ First peal in the method. The first peal in the method on the bells.

STANDISH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 9, 1952, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

*RALPH TAYLOR	*Treble*	JAMES W. GROUNDS	5
*KENNETH EDWARDS	2	HAROLD WORRALL	6
A. R. POCKLINGTON	3	PETER CROOK, SEN.	7
JAMES BLACKBURN	4	JOHN ASHCROFT	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by JOHN ASHCROFT.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

CHURCH STRETTON, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 12, 1952, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

BETTY GRIFFITHS	*Treble*	HAROLD WORRALL	5
SHIRLEY GOLDING	2	FREDERICK BEDDOW	6
HENRY PARKER	3	CECIL RADDON	7
CLIFFORD BARRON	4	HARRY W. HOWARD	*Tenor*

Composed by W. NICOLLS. Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.
Rung on the 22nd wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. H. Parker.

DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 12, 1952, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, being 1,280 London, 1,312 Bristol, 1,568 Cambridge and 992 Superlative, with every bell doing all the work of each method. Tenor 30¼ cwt.

WILLIAM H. JACKSON	*Treble*	J. FREDERICK MILNER	5
CLAUDIA A. HARDING	2	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	3	GIBSON JACKSON	7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	4	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
First peal of Spliced Surprise on the bells.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 12, 1952, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in F.

RONALD W. PANKHURST	*Treble*	ROBERT W. R. PERCY	5
GEORGE BEENEY	2	HAROLD G. F. REYNOLDS	6
*LESLIE J. BALDOCK	3	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	7
PETER H. ROLLISON	4	FRANK H. HICKS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.
* First peal.
This peal was especially arranged for the 80th birthday of Richard Cowling, Eastbourne's oldest ringer, whose birthday was on July 4th.

GREAT BENTLEY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 12, 1952, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5120 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt.

CLAUDE SNOWDEN	*Treble*	HILDA G. SNOWDEN	5
DAVID W. BEARD	2	WILFRED WILLIAMS	6
FRANK CLAYDON	3	CHAS. E. WILLMINGTON	7
RONALD SUCKLING	4	JOHN H. CRAMPION	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

HURSLEY, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 12, 1952, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

NESTA D. SMITH	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. THEOBOLD	5
RICHARD SMITH	2	†RICHARD M. CURRIE	6
REX J. CORKE	3	ARCHIBALD L. MITCHELL	7
*CHARLES H. KEEN	4	NORMAN V. ANDREWS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by NORMAN V. ANDREWS.
* First peal. † First peal of Major. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 7th, captain of the Andover band.

OLD BASFORD, NOTTINGHAM.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 12, 1952, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEODEGARIUS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Pitstow's Transposition. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

CLEMENT GLENN	*Treble*	J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF	5
SAMUEL PINDER	2	*HORACE SEAGRAVE	6
S. PATRICIA M. LEWIN	3	RALPH W. CARLISLE	7
HERBERT LEWIN	4	ARTHUR E. HOODLESS	*Tenor*

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
* First peal in the method.

ROTHWELL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 12, 1952, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 21 lb.

JOSHUA WORMALD	*Treble*	GEORGE WM. STEEL	5
ARTHUR G. WOOD	2	THOMAS WM. STRANGEWAY	6
CHARLES E. LAWSON	3	PERCY MASSAM	7
WILLIAM H. SENIOR	4	HARRY HOMER	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by T. W. STRANGEWAY.
First peal in the method on the bells.

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.
THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.
On Sun., July 13, 1952, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.

EDWARD J. JENNER	*Treble*	CHARLES A. BASSETT	5
BERNARD V. COLLISON	2	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	6
ARTHUR F. LEWRY	3	ERNEST J. LADD	7
FRANK H. HICKS	4	ROBERT COLLINS	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.
Rung at the request of the Guild's President, the Rev. G. Golding-Bird, D.D., for the Patronal Festival. Also a silver jubilee peal for the Guild.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., July 14, 1952, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

ERNEST E. GRIMES	*Treble*	ALBERT E. WHITING	5
FRANK RUFFLES	2	WALTER RUFFLES	6
GEORGE A. FLEMING	3	*GEORGE E. SYMONDS	7
RUSSELL PARKER	4	LESLIE G. BRETT	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.
* First peal of Yorkshire Major.
A 77th birthday compliment to G. E. Symonds, who has now rung peals of Yorkshire on 8, 10 and 12 bells.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., July 14, 1952, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

REX WITHAM	*Treble*	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	5
JOSEPH W. COTTON	2	RICHARD E. MANTON	6
HAROLD J. HAZELL	3	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	7
SAMUEL W. CHAPMAN	4	ROLAND BENISTON	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.
Specially arranged for the ringer of the 3rd, a visitor from Enfield, Middlesex.

WILBY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., July 19, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 15 cwt. 8 lb. in F.

WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN *Treble*	WALTER RUFFLES 5
FRANK RUFFLES 2	WALTER W. MILLER .. 6
LLEWELLYN ALLUM .. 3	LESLIE G. BRETT 7
GEORGE W. PIPE 4	ALBERT E. WHITING .. *Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

CAXTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., June 26, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

STANLEY E. DASH .. ..*Treble*	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN .. 4
CYRIL G. HURST 2	JOHN G. GIPSON 5
A. ROBIN GUY 3	PETER BORDER .. .. .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER BORDER.
First peal in the method by all the band.

KEA, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., July 9, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 12¼ cwt. in G.

*CLEMENT W. JOSE .. ..*Treble*	JOHN D. NIBLETT 4
MRS. J. D. NIBLETT .. 2	FRANK BRADLEY 5
JOHN W. BEST 3	REV. A. S. ROBERTS .. *Tenor*

Conducted by REV. A. S. ROBERTS.
* First peal of Minor. First of Minor on the bells.

BREASTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., July 10, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being eight methods, viz.: (1) London Surprise, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Kent and Oxford, (4) Double Court, (5) Double Oxford, (6) Plain Bob, (7) St. Clement's. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

*JOHN A. UNDERWOOD ..*Treble*	†DAVID J. MARSHALL .. 4
†W. RODNEY HARRISON .. 2	*C. WILLIAM HALL 5
†W. H. T. KING 3	*ROLAND BENISTON .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.
* First peal for the Association. † First peal in eight methods.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., July 10, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Consisting of seven different 720's.
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in F sharp.

*FRANK H. BEENEY .. ..*Treble*	FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. 4
GEORGE BEENEY 2	FRANK H. HICKS 5
BENJAMIN STEPNEY 3	C. JOHN PIPER .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.
* First peal (aged 13 years).
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. F. H. Hicks.

NEWMARKET, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., July 10, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 21 cwt. 14 lb. in E flat.

ALBERT E. AUSTIN .. ..*Treble*	CYRIL A. HURST 4
*JOHN A. ACRES 2	JOHN G. GIPSON 5
WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN .. 3	PETER BORDER .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First peal of Surprise. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

BOURNE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 12, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven 720's in 21 methods, with 98 changes of method. (1) Northumberland and Carlisle, (2) London, Wells and Cunecastre, (3) Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Rossendale and Stamford, (4) Cambridge, Ipswich, Primrose, Norfolk, Hull and Bourne, (5) Berwick and Hexham, (6) Beverley and Surfleet, (7) York and Durham.
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

FREDK. W. FRENCH ..*Treble*	†CECIL WADE 4
*JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. 2	†JAMES W. HAW 5
HORACE M. DAY 3	†ALBERT E. SCOTT .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by CECIL WADE.
* First peal in 21 Surprise methods. † First peal in 21 methods. Arranged for John A. Underwood, of Whitwick, Leicestershire.

EAST BRIDGFORD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 12, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being six 240's by Pitman, four 240's by Morris, and 22 extents of 120 with 10 callings. Tenor 12¼ cwt. in F.

*BRIAN HOUGH .. .. ..*Treble*	FREDERICK G. HOOPER .. 4
SIMON L. BARLEY 2	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER .. 5
ANTHONY W. BARLEY .. 3	CHARLES J. COPP .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK G. HOOPER.
* First peal.

GREAT GLEN, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 12, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

FREDERICK WATSON ..*Treble*	B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. 4
GEORGE PICKERING 2	F. KEVON THOMPSON .. 5
DENIS ALLSOP 3	PETER J. THOMAS .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by PETER J. THOMAS.
First peal of Minor as conductor.
Rung as an 84th birthday compliment to Mrs. Watson, mother of the treble ringer

WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 12, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELENA,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double and Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

HARRY HALL .. .. ..*Treble*	*JOHN I. SMITH 4
JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. 2	GEORGE E. FEIRN 5
ROLAND CHAFER 3	JACK BRAY .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by JACK BRAY.
* First peal in seven methods.

KIRBY MUXLOE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., July 14, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 extents, four callings. Tenor 7 cwt.

*W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON *Treble*	*PETER J. THOMAS 3
*FREDERICK WATSON .. 2	†B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. 4
*WILLIAM A. WOOD .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by PETER J. THOMAS.
* First peal of Bob Doubles. † 50th peal for the Guild. Rung in memoriam Alfred E. Warwick, of Croft, Leicestershire.

DOWNHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 16, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In seven methods: 720 each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Lightfoot, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

HERMON J. OLIVER .. ..*Treble*	DAVID W. BEARD 4
FRANK V. GANT 2	JOHN H. CRAMPION .. 5
HENRY T. WILSON 3	HARRY TURNER .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

HATTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., July 16, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different Extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in F sharp.

ROBERT J. EDDEN	*Treble*	ALFRED JAMES PRICE ..	4
*A. ROY BARRETT	2	HAROLD HUXLEY	5
WILLIAM COLLETT ..	3	HERBERT E. TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT E. TAYLOR.
* First peal. A 74th birthday compliment to William Collett.

ENSTONE, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., July 17, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KENELM,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising an extent each of (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford Treble Bob, (3) Kent Treble Bob, (4) Double Oxford, (5) St. Clement's, (6) Double Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. in G sharp.

WILLIAM J. CROSS	*Treble*	HARRY P. FLOYD	4
GEORGE F. BURTON ..	2	EDMUND E. PEARSON ..	5
DOUGLAS O. WILKS ..	3	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
Rung on the Feast of St. Kenelm. The first peal of Minor on the bells.

COPT OAK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., July 18, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven methods, viz.: Two extents of Cambridge Surprise and one each of (1) Kent and Oxford, (2) Double Oxford, (3) Double Court, (4) Oxford Bob, (5) Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

DAVID S. HARRIS	*Treble*	HAROLD J. HAZELL	4
C. WILLIAM HALL	2	*HORACE O. OVER	5
JOHN A. UNDERWOOD ..	3	ROLAND BENISTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.
* First peal in seven methods. Specially arranged for the ringer of the 4th, a visitor from Enfield.

HANDBELL PEALS

EPSOM, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., July 10, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT 74, HOOKFIELD,
A PEAL OF 5020 SPLICED ROYAL

Being 1,940 Double, 1,920 Plain and 1,160 Little Bob, 192 changes of method. Tenor size 20 in F.

GILLIAN R. BRITTAIN ..	1—2	RUTH M. K. HOW	5—6
EDWIN J. LINDLEY	3—4	ALBERT J. ADAMS	7—8
		JOHN HILL	9—10

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by EDWIN J. LINDLEY.
First peal of Spliced Royal on handbells by all except the conductor.

CROSCOMBE, SOMERSET.
THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sun., July 13, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARY'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

VALERIE GUTTERIDGE ..	1—2	DEREK OGDEN	5—6
WILFRED L. ROBINSON ..	3—4	BRIAN HARRIS	7—8

Composed by G. WILLIAMS. Conducted by WILFRED L. ROBINSON.
First peal on eight handbells by all except the conductor. Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Robinson, parents of the conductor.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., July 15, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT 76, COLLINGHAM ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 14 in D.

DEREK G. GOODMAN ..	1—2	BRIAN G. WARWICK ..	5—6
HARRY POYNER	3—4	*LAWRENCE GREENHOW ..	7—8

Composed by E. MAURICE ATKINS. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal on eight handbells.

WOODDITTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Tues., July 15, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT SUNNY VIEW, WOODDITTON ROAD, NEWMARKET,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

ALBERT E. AUSTIN	1—2	JOHN A. ACRES	5—6
PETER BORDER	3—4	PETER C. WRIGHT	7—8

Composed by E. J. LINDLEY. Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.



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FOR BEGINNERS—AND A WORD TO THE OLDER HANDS

IV.—Simple Method Construction

Last week we endeavoured to explain what is meant by 'hunting,' which enables a beginner to grasp the first principles of change ringing. Hunting will help him to acquire rope-sight, but it is not advisable to continue a plain hunting course for too long a time, because, after a while, one gets to know it by heart, and its usefulness, at any rate for the purpose of teaching rope-sight, is lost.

As soon as the beginner can pick out the bell he has next to follow, by using his eyes, he should go on to learn a 'method.' If he is in a five- or six-bell tower, Grandsire Doubles is the method he will probably turn to first.

There are a number of methods of 'Doubles' but only a few of them are 'pure Doubles,' that is to say, changes produced **entirely** by moving two pairs of bells every time. There are some methods which are constructed by the use, once or oftener in a lead—a lead for this purpose meaning the changes from one lead of the treble to the next lead of that bell—of a change made by moving only one pair of bells.

If, for instance, you have one row of figures 13254, you can produce either 31524, or 31245, or 12345 by means of 'Doubles'—that is by changing two pairs of bells. But in some methods, in order to produce the extent of the changes on five bells, such as, after 13254, having 13524. This change is really a single change, and in some of the very old ringing books, methods in which a number of such changes occurred were known as 'Singles and Doubles.'

If you are going to produce a method which does not consist solely of a plain hunting course, there must be, within each lead, one or more 'places' made.

A 'place' is made by a bell remaining two blows (a whole pull, either at handstroke and backstroke, or backstroke and handstroke) in the same position in the interior of the change.

Thus on five bells a 'place' **can** be made in 2nds, 3rds or 4ths, but **only** 3rds place enables the succession of pure Doubles to be maintained. If you write out a few changes and introduce 2nds or 4ths, you will soon discover why.

In the construction of Doubles the number of available 3rds places is very limited, hence the limited number of possible methods. If we confine ourselves for the moment to methods in which the treble keeps to plain hunting, then there are only four possible 3rds places in any one lead. The different methods depend upon the different position in which these 3rds places occur.

The formation of the Grandsire method is caused by making 3rds place at the first available opportunity, that is at the very first change.

Now, no method of pure Doubles based upon a treble with a plain hunt will produce the extent of the changes in a plain course.

The use of 'bobs' and 'singles' is necessary. A bob is the introduction of an additional 3rds place, and has to be signified by the conductor, who at the stated intervals calls out 'Bob.'

For a reason which we need not go into now, plain leads and Bobs alone in a pure Doubles method will produce only half the possible changes; it needs a 'single' to produce the other half and a second 'single' before the bells can be brought round.

We have already indicated what a single is—it is, in Doubles, the movement of only one pair of bells in the change.

Before we go on to the actual explanation of how to **ring** Grandsire, we would like our beginners to try and work out for themselves some of the methods which can be produced. Remember there are four places in which 3rds can be used, let us call them a, b, c and d. These can be used singly, as 'a' in Grandsire, or in any combination as 'a' and 'c' in what is known as Double Grandsire. In 'skeleton' this is where the places can occur, the letters representing the places, 1 the treble and the dots the other bells:—

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1 . a . .
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. 1 a . .
. . 1 . .
. . b 1 .
. . b . 1
. . c . 1
. . c 1 .
. . 1 . .
. 1 d . .
1 . d . .
1 . a . .
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While on this question we would like to answer an inquiry which we received the other day, 'What is a "bob" and "single"?'

A bob causes certain bells to alter the path of their regular work—that is, it transposes their coursing order. Usually only three bells are affected, but the work of any odd number of bells may be affected. The bob is 'called' by the conductor.

A 'single' effects the transposition of the work of two bells (instead of three) or some even number of bells. It, too, is called by the conductor.

The actual work of the bells at a bob varies with the method. In Grandsire it is effected by an additional 3rds place made at the handstroke lead of the treble, and causes all the bells above that place to alter the order of their work, athough the actual transposition of coursing order only affects three bells.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

East Norfolk Branch

A meeting of East Norfolk Branch at Ditchingham on June 21st attracted 37 members. The service was held in Ditchingham Church, conducted by the Rev. K. O. Morris (Vicar of Norton Subcourse) the Rector being unable to attend.

The tea was held in the Parish Hall at Bungay and was followed by a business meeting at which Mr. E. R. Goate (Branch chairman) invited the Rev. M. Lummis, Vicar of Bungay, to preside. The next meeting was proposed to be held at Somerleyton, if possible, on September 13th. Silent tribute was paid to the late Fred Howchin, of Norwich, who passed away on June 16th at the age of 85.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Rev. M. McDonald, of Ditchingham, for the use of the bells, also to the organist, to the Rev. K. O. Morris for conducting the service and to the Vicar of Bungay for presiding and for the use of the bells at Bungay, also to Mr. H. W. Barrett who at great trouble ably managed the tea at Bungay.

Ringing continued at Bungay until well into the evening and methods were rung at each church to suit all companies. J. H.

DORSET RINGERS' FESTIVAL

Bellringers from all parts of Dorset took part in the annual ringing festival at Blandford on July 5th, held under the terms of a bequest by the late Mr. S. F. Pond, a Blandfordian, who died in Australia.

A service at the Parish Church was conducted by the Rev. F. Llewellyn Edwards, of Kington Magna, who also played the organ. About 40 took tea in the Corn Exchange, when the guests were welcomed by the Mayor and Mayoress of Blandford (Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Faulkner). The Deputy Mayor (Mrs. E. M. Biddulph) and Mr. Robin Biddulph were also present.

The bells were kept in frequent use during the afternoon and evening and methods rung included Grandsire and Stedman, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

THE PEAL ATTEMPT

(With apologies to Lord Tennyson)

Half a course, half a course,
Half a course onward,
All in a frenzy of sweat
To ring the five thousand.
'Lead now, the treble bell,
Dodge three-four up!' he said,
Into a thunder of row
To ring the five thousand.

'Single,' the leader bade.
Was there a man dismayed?
Not though the ringers knew
Someone had blundered.
Theirs not to make reply,
Theirs not to reason why,
Theirs but to pull and sigh;
Into a horrible mess
They rang the five thousand.

Sallies to right of them,
Sallies to left of them,
Sallies in front of them
Leaped up and down again.
Screamed at with shout and yell,
Heedless each pulled his bell
Into the second half,
Into a noisy hell,
In the five thousand.

Clanged all the trebles here,
Dropping the tenors there,
Waving their arms in air,
Ringing a method, while
All the town wondered.
Locked in the hideous den
Each bell the lead end sought
To keep to blue line they fought;
Vicar and layman.
Reeled from the noisy port,
Shattered and deafened.
Then it came round, but not—
Not one five thousand.

Sallies to right of them,
Sallies to left of them,
Sallies behind them,
Now still and silent.
Cursed at and stoned as well,
While each rang his own bell,
They that had fought so well,
Came from the belfry then.
Nothing was left of it—
Left of five thousand.

When can their story fade
O the wild blows they made!
All the town wondered.
Think of th'attempt they made,
Think of the blisters sore,
Ghastly five thousand!

J. A. C. K.

5,024 CORNWALL SURPRISE MAJOR

By R. F. B. SPEED

23456	O	H	I	F
63254				—
42356	—			—
25346			—	
32654		x		
35264	2		—	
42563	—			—
32465	3			—
52364				—
52436	—	x		
62534	3			—
43265			—	—
36245			—	
24365	—		—	
32546		x		
62345				—
53246	—			—
34256			—	
23645		x		
23564	—	x		
23456	—	x		

Contains extent of combinations of 4, 5, 6 in 5-6, 2nd never in 5-6.

ALDINGTON, KENT.—On July 9th, 1,440 Little Bob Minor: M. J. Martin 1, Miss M. Vantom 2, Miss O. M. Boulden 3, C. A. Wratten 4, J. R. Cooper 5, R. Swift (cond.) 6. First in the method for all the band.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At St. Peter's, on July 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. C. Hart 1, A. W. Gravett 2, F. Bennett (cond.) 3, G. Ades 4, W. A. Wood 5, R. Beale 6, A. W. Bond 7, J. Riddleston 8. First quarter of Stedman for 6 and 8.

CARDIFF, GLAM.—On July 10th, 1,296 Little Bob Royal: J. L. Fitzgerald 1, Miss J. S. Evans 2, D. J. King 3, A. R. Price 4, F. J. Bailey 5, G. Francis 6, D. G. Clarke 7, T. Yeoman 8, D. S. Voss 9, J. R. Worrall (cond.) 10. First quarter of Little Bob Royal by all the band and on the bells. A birthday compliment to Mr. J. L. Fitzgerald.

CHERITON, KENT.—On July 1st, 1,260 Doubles (360 April Day, 480 Plain Bob, 420 Grandsire): Miss R. P. Longhurst 1, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 2, J. Chittenden 3, J. R. Cooper 4, M. J. Martin 5, J. Soles 6. First in three methods for 1 3 and 6. First in three methods 'inside' for 2 and 5. Rung in honour of the visit of H.R.H. Princess Margaret to Folkestone this day.

COLERNE, WILTS.—On July 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Gray 1, Mrs. D. Evans 2, Miss B. Smith 3, A. E. B. Sheppard 4, G. C. Weeks 5, R. O. Fry 6. P. W. Weeks (cond.) 7, H. J. Merrett 8. First quarter for 1 and 4. Rung as a dedication to a Peal Board for a peal of Grandsire Triples rung on April 28th, 1951.

COLNE-ENGAINE, ESSEX.—On July 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Hilda M. Snowden (first quarter, aged 13) 1, Miss H. G. Snowden 2, E. Leggett 3, L. D. Mills 4, J. Pell (first quarter Minor) 5, D. Mills (first quarter Minor as cond. aged 12) 6.

FARNDON, CHESHIRE.—On June 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. Millington 1, E. Webster 2, A. E. Richards 3, F. R. Evans (cond.) 4, E. Barber 5, J. Clutton 6, J. Capper 7, A. Hodges 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to A. E. Richards.

FLOOKBURGH, LANCS.—On July 7th, 1,260 Bob Minor: C. H. Ford 1, Miss N. Roberts 2, N. M. Newby (cond.) 3, Miss B. Fairer 4, J. Dickinson 5, A. Edgar 6. First quarter for 4, 5 and 6.

QUARTER PEALS

HALIFAX, YORKS.—On July 9th, at All Souls', Haley Hill, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. M. Mann 1, G. Ingham 2, H. Brown 3, J. R. Jenkinson 4, R. Beaumont 5, J. H. Fielden 6, G. F. Bryant 7, S. Longbottom (cond.) 8. Rung in memory of Mr. W. H. Lodge.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On July 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Salisbury 1, H. Long 2, Joan M. Peacock 3, J. Carrott 4, A. J. Salisbury 5, T. East 6, S. Penfold (first quarter as cond.) 7, C. E. Wright 8.

KEYNSHAM, SOMERSET.—On July 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. C. Bishop 1, F. C. Day 2, W. P. Blake 3, C. J. Ford 4, C. Bishop (cond.) 5, E. J. Veale 6. Rung as a 78th birthday compliment to Mr. F. C. Day, who has for 52 years been a ringer at this church.

LONDON.—At St. Giles-in-the-Fields, on July 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Sherlock (first away from tenor) 1, Miss A. Salter (first in the method) 2, Miss J. Midgeley 3, Miss M. Lawrence (first 'inside') 4, G. Parsons 5, T. Lock (cond.) 6, P. Coles (tenor covering).

LYMPNE, KENT.—On July 11th, 1,269 Grandsire Doubles: J. R. Cooper 1, M. J. Martin 2, G. F. Gray 3, E. J. Walker 4, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 5, J. Chittenden 6. First quarter peal on the bells since being augmented to six and the original five re-hung.

NORTON, HERTS.—On July 13th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Pamela Willis (first quarter Major) 1, Angela Willis (first 'inside' of Major) 2, R. Webb 3, R. Dixon 4, I. Werrett 5, M. Collings 6, J. Collings 7, H. Werrett (cond.) 8.

OSSETT, YORKS.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity, on July 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. Duffin 1, F. Bennett 2, T. Duffin (cond.) 3, M. Bennett 4, M. Lockwood 5, D. Lockwood 6, L. Fisher 7, W. Lockwood 8. Rung by the Sunday service band as a farewell compliment to M. Bennett on his departure to join H.M. Forces.

OTLEY, YORKS.—On June 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss A. Brough 1, Miss A. Stewart 2, Miss C. Mountain 3, P. Whitaker 4, L. Cooper (cond.) 5, W. Bellerby 6. First quarter by 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss A. Stewart.

OXENDON, NORTHANTS.—On July 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. A. Swann 1, A. J. Millward 2, M. A. Messam 3, F. Arnold (first quarter 'inside') 4, D. E. Griffin (first as cond.) 5.

RUCKINGE, KENT.—On July 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Vantom 1, M. J. Martin 2, J. Chittenden 3, J. R. Cooper 4, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 5.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At the Cathedral, on June 24th, 1,323 Stedman Cinques: H. E. C. Goodenough (cond.) 1, A. J. Hatten 2, B. Cornell 3, Miss B. Copson 4, B. C. Johnson 5, A. Day 6, T. J. Southam 7, R. F. Ewer 8, R. H. Hofton 9, W. J. Arnold 10, G. W. Debenham 11, W. Nicolls 12. Also on July 8th, 1,311 Stedman Cinques: H. E. C. Goodenough (cond.) 1, C. Sayers 2, B. Cornell 3, A. J. Hatten 4, A. W. Coles 5, A. Day 6, L. Hansell 7, W. J. Arnold 8, H. R. Hofton 9, R. F. Ewer 10, G. W. Debenham 11, G. Spencer 12.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDS.—On July 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Broyd (first quarter) 1, Joan Newman 2, J. Scott 3, J. Newman 4, J. Sinfield 5, A. Broyd (cond.) 6.

WEST HAM, LONDON.—On July 13th, 1,257 Stedman Caters: F. R. L. Blewer 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, Miss J. M. Weddell 3, C. W. Ottley 4, C. R. Smith (first quarter Stedman Caters) 5, E. D. Smith 6, C. A. Hughes 7, H. Myatt 8, J. Bullock 9, P. N. Devenish (first of 10) 10. Rung as a birthday compliment to F. R. L. Blewer, also in honour of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. N. Hollingworth.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—At St. Mary's, on July 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Sanders 1, J. Tomsett (first of Stedman) 2, R. Charge 3, Mrs. C. J. Matthews 4, Miss M. Jackson 5, F. J. Matthews 6, J. Chapman (cond.) 7, F. W. Wicks 8. A 64th birthday compliment to F. W. Wicks. A compliment to F. J. Matthews and Miss M. Jackson on their engagement. Also to Major and Mrs. K. Hart on their 32nd wedding anniversary.

WINTERBOURNE, GLOS.—On July 12th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: F. Skidmore (first quarter of Doubles) 1, F. C. Mogford 2, J. M. Stallard 3, D. G. Mayeli (first in method as cond.) 4, W. H. Parker 5, A. A. Hilliar 6. Rung in memory of Alfred Mayell, a native of Winterbourne and for many years chorister at the parish church.

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Will postal subscribers going on holiday please send their temporarzy address to the Editor of 'The Ringing World' if they require their copies forwarded to them. They should be received on the Monday previous to the date of issue.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Two well-known ringers were travelling together on the London Underground when a well-dressed lady got in, and it was noticed that in place of the usual ear-rings her ears carried two small bells complete with clappers. Neither ringer had the courage to ask her whether she was a ringer, but she was the object of much conjecture during the rest of the journey!

Articles of general interest appertaining to ringers, ringing and bells wiuld be much appreciated by the Editor.

Will the reader who received the manuscript of Carol Tunes for Eight Bells please return the same as we have still a long waiting list.

We are pleased to note that Mr. Albert Walker has recovered from his indisposition and his name is again in our peal columns, he having conducted a peal of Stedman Cinques.

Miss Hilda M. Snowden, 13-year-old niece of Miss Hilda G. Snowden, who first handled a bell in January, rang her first quarter on July 9th. Donald Mills, who called the quarter, is only 12 years of age.

In honour of the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Guildford Diocese, an attempt was made last Friday for a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major on the bells of Holy Trinity Cathedral, Guildford. After two hours' ringing the peal was lost.

The Editor thanks those correspondetts who dissociate themselves with the irate gentlemen's remarks about the conduct of 'The Ringing World.' One adds: 'I have taken "The Ringing World" since 1920 without a break and during that time the Editor has been shot at scores of times, but still carried on and probably succeeded in pleasing the majority of his readers. You can't please everybody all the time.'

To-morrow (Saturday) the Bishop of Winchester is rededicating the bells of Baughurst, near Basingstoke. The school bell, cast in 1897 for the Diamond Jubilee, has been melted down, new metal added and is to be the treble to the new ring.

The Queen has taken a personal interest in the work and the Church authorities have received the following letter: 'Her Majesty is interested to learn that the bell associated with the memory of Queen Victoria has been recast and will be used in the church at Baughurst.'

Congratulations to Mr. David J. Charnley and Miss Sheila E. Harris, who were married at All Saints', Isleworth, last Saturday.

The hot spell of weather during the past month has resulted in a big reduction in the number of peals rung. From what we can gather there is no shortage of attempts. The number of failures has been abnormal.

A recent announcement in the Press suggests that a ring of bells might be installed at the top of the Eiffel Tower, Paris. A correspondent asks for any information on the proposal and if the bells would be hung for ringing.

We are sorry to learn that Mr. A. E. Symonds, president of the Hertford County Association, is indisposed. At a meeting of the Northern District of the Association at Sandon, a message was sent wishing him a speedy recovery.

In connection with the peal of Spliced Surprise Minor in 21 methods rung at Bourne, Lincs, on July 12th, Mr. John Underwood, who rang the second, cycled 56 miles from Whitwick, Leics, in order to participate. He was rewarded for his long ride by the excellent striking throughout the peal.

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PAST MEMBERS OF CENTRAL COUNCIL

Biographies Committee Seek Information

The Biographies Committee are anxious to obtain personal details of the following past members whose deaths have been reported to the Central Council.

The smallest items of information will be welcomed by A. C. Hazelden, 109, Grange Road, Guildford.

Blanchard, R. B., 1895—1896, Surrey Association, died 1908.

Burgess, E. E., 1907—1926, Bath and Wells Association, died April 6th, 1933. First peal December 12th, 1896; total 55.

Breed, George, 1897—1899, Yorkshire Association, died December 18th, 1917.

Clarkson, Rev. J. M., 1909—1912, Ely Diocesan Association, died June, 1912.

Creasey, J. W., 1891—1893, South Lincs Association. Began ringing at Spalding, 1882.

Coppock, Albert, 1927—1937, Sherwood Youths, died March 28th, 1937.

Copley, B. T., 1891—1896, Yorkshire Association, died March 15th, 1912. Birthday May 10th, 1850.

Drewett, J. D., 1927—1929, Surrey Association, died October 27th, 1928.

Daniell, R. A., 1900—1911, Cumberland Youths, died December 20th, 1935. Birthday January 20th, 1856.

Eachus, T., 1895—1905, Lancashire Association, died June, 1919. First peal March 30th, 1860; total 109.

Godden, W. H., 1899—1920, St. Martin's Youths, died August 28th, 1927. First and total peals wanted.

Groves, J. E., 1900— , Hereford Diocesan Guild, died October 27th, 1931. Total peals and photograph wanted.

Haigh, H., 1903—1928, North Notts Association, died January 2nd, 1932. First and total peals wanted.

Hillier, S. H., 1927—1942, Salisbury Diocesan Guild, died March 31st, 1942.

Jennings, C. H., 1930—1944, Salisbury Diocesan Guild, died March 10th, 1944. First peal September 23rd, 1905.

O'Meara, E. P., 1900—1908, College Youths, died May 5th, 1933.

Potter, C. D., 1927—1935, Barnsley District, died July 25th, 1939. Birthday September 2nd, 1859.

Parker, J. W., 1911—1945, Durham and Newcastle Association, died October 24th, 1945. Rang 167 peals.

Parry, Rev. H. T., 1924— , Lincoln Diocesan Guild, died October 28th, 1940.

Richards, W. G., 1891—1902, Essex Association, died August 1st, 1898.

Reeves, Harvey, 1891— , Worcester and Districts Association, died March 28th, 1911. Birthday November 10th, 1841.

Routh, Rev. R., 1936—1937, Hertford County Association, died 1950.

Todd, Rev. J. W., 1891—1897, Bath and Wells Association, died 1913.

Willey, F. C., 1918—1920, Yorkshire Association, died October 29th, 1929. First peal February 13th, 1882.

Walker, G., 1901—1905, Birmingham and District Association, died January 31st, 1932.

COLLEGE YOUTHS' ANNUAL DINNER

The dinner this year is to be held on November 1st at the new Mecca Restaurant in Plantation House, Mincing Lane, Fenchurch Street, E.C. A much-improved room with ample and comfortable seating has been arranged, and there is a comfortable and spacious lounge adjoining. The cost of tickets will be 15s. 6d. each, obtainable from the hon. secretary.

JOINT MEETING AT TWICKENHAM

Middlesex and London County Associations

The two Associations joined forces and held a meeting at Twickenham and Isleworth on July 12th. Twickenham river front, on this bright summer's day, made a pleasant scene with craft of all shapes and sizes, while children splashed and swam at the water edges. The ringers, however, were busy at St. Mary's Church, close by, and Mr. R. E. Price, the District Ringing Master, was fully occupied in arranging touches in a variety of methods including Surprise, as well as rounds for the learners.

Shortly after 3 p.m. activity was transferred to the Church of All Hallows, and Surprise Royal was soon pealing forth. (One wag was heard to say you wanted an ear trumpet to tick off the lead-ends !) The tower once stood in Lombard Street in the City of London and was removed to Twickenham before the War. The bells, however, have not long been installed, and as the church was erected in an area already highly residential, sound control was applied rather drastically to overcome local opposition to the bells.

The church is a modern building, lofty and spacious, and a fine polished, wooden-block floor sets off some of the old wood fittings with their beautiful carvings which were removed from the old church. Among the latter might be mentioned the pulpit and organ, both fine examples of their kind.

The fine tones of the organ enriched the service, at which the Vicar (the Rev. J. H. A. Charles), himself a ringer, gave a short address. During the service thanks were offered for the life and example of Harry Brooks, who died on June 24th, and was for many years a ringer at Isleworth.

Tea-time was a very happy occasion. The meal was served al fresco on the lawn outside the church vestry.

In the absence of the vice-president of the Middlesex Association, Mr. W. H. Coles, Mr. F. W. Goodfellow, hon. secretary of the South and West District, extended a welcome to members of the London County Association and expressed pleasure in meeting many old ringing friends. He thought it a good thing for Associations occasionally to meet together and hoped it would continue. Mr. Goodfellow also thanked all who had helped in any way with the arrangements for the meeting. He expressed the regret of Mr. H. W. Rogers, hon. secretary of the London County Association, at being absent from tea. Mr. Rogers was busily engaged at his church fete at Isleworth.

The rest of the evening was spent at Isleworth. There one could join 'the speed merchants' in the tower in a course of Yorkshire Royal, etc., or lean on the wall overlooking the river (as generations of ringers have done) making critical comments on the ringing, the ringers and the odd 'creations' one encounters on the riverside. Some even found pleasure in a leisurely drink (also as generations of ringers have done) at that fine old 'pub,' the London Apprentice.

Finally came the goodnights and then home by all sorts of transport.

GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGED

The Editorial Committee acknowledge with gratitude the following contributions to assist the cost of producing 'The Ringing World':—

Personal.—F. W. P. 5s.

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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD

Encouraging Visit to Knowle

A quarterly meeting of the St. Martin's Guild was held at Knowle on July 5th. Knowle ringers have made much progress recently and it was very pleasing to the officers of the Guild to meet the local ringers in full strength.

Permission had been obtained for the use of the historic Guildhall for the tea and meeting, a privilege which was greatly appreciated.

At the meeting the chair was taken by Mr. Albert Walker, vice-president, who received the congratulations of the members upon his complete recovery from his illness.

The chairman regretted his painful duty to refer to the loss of two members since the last meeting. They all knew the late Harold 'Jack' Fitter, and of the vast amount of work he had accomplished in Yardley tower, where he would be sadly missed. John Marshall, of Edinburgh, was a stonemason by trade and came to work on the building of Birmingham's new fire station, where his carving remains for all to see. During his stay in the Diocese he rang several peals for the Guild and was admired and respected by all who were privileged to meet him. The members stood in silence for a moment as a token of respect for their departed colleagues.

New members elected were Michael G. Morton and Peter J. Morton (Erdington). Eric O. Davies (Kings Heath), Alfred Nix, Albert Nix, Eric Wimlett and Anthony A. Upton (Knowle) and Richard G. Morris (Dorridge). The tower elections of the following life members were duly ratified: Messrs. Clement Glenn (Bulwell), Alfred W. Glazzard (Stourport) and Frank C. Price (Feltham).

Subject to permission being obtained the next meeting will be held at Erdington Parish Church on October 5th.

In proposing a vote of thanks to the Vicar of Knowle and the local ringers for their help towards a successful meeting, Mr. Walker reminded the members that he rang at Knowle when the bells were made six in 1897 ! They were made an octave in 1931.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

Presentations to Mr. and Mrs. J. Chalk

Glorious weather, a good attendance, a pleasant ring of six, and an inspiring service conducted by Canon E. H. Gallop, who also acted as organist, were the features of the quarterly meeting of the South Western Division held at Bobbingworth on July 5th.

The Master, Mr. J. Crampion, reported that he had gone into the records and it was 48 years since the Division had met at Bobbingworth.

The local band have made great progress under the leadership of Mr. F. Pavitt and the thanks of the Division are due to him for the excellent tea arrangements.

At the end of the routine business meeting the Division expressed its thanks to the late Master, Mr. J. Chalk, and his wife, when Canon Gallop presented Mr. Chalk with a leather attache case, and Mrs. Chalk an electric toaster.

In asking the Canon to make the presentation, Mr. J. Crampion drew attention to the faithful and devoted service of Mr. Chalk who had piloted the Division through the difficult war years, and had held the office of Master for 13 years. The Division also tendered its thanks to Mrs. Chalk for all her tolerance and the various times when she had graced meetings with her attendance.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Chalk replied; the former, in reminiscent vein, paying tribute to his predecessors and some of the prominent people of the Division. Concluding, he said that although the years were passing by and 'there was so much to do and little time to do it,' he hoped that he would be spared to give the Division continued service.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD

The Guild's First Meeting at Knighton

On the most northern tip of the Diocese, tucked away amongst beautiful scenery, is the town of Knighton, in Radnorshire, which was visited by over 96 members and friends for the annual festival of the Guild on July 12th. They came from Builth, Talgarth Brecon, Aberavon, Porthcawl, Baglan, Neath, Cadoxton, Swansea and Sketty, Llanelly, Llandilo, Cowbridge, Shrewsbury and the local band. Some of these members had never attended a meeting of the Guild before.

The party from the south, through unforeseen circumstances, delayed the commencement of the service at St. Edward's. The Lord Bishop was present, and the Vicar, the Rev. K. V. Evans, gave the address, in which he welcomed the members of the Guild to his church, especially as it was the first meeting of its kind ever held there. Afterwards everyone adjourned to the Church Hall to enjoy the good things laid out there for the afternoon meal. The Vicar was cordially thanked for the perfect arrangements made.

At the business meeting the Lord Bishop presided and his first duty was to move the election of a new general secretary, as he had received a written resignation from Mr. D. G. Williams. A proposal by the Ringing Master that Mr. J. Arthur Hoare be elected was carried.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and duly signed by the chairman as a true record. Arising out of the minutes, the proposal to open a Restoration Fund was favourably received by the committee members and was carried. It was decided to start collecting at this meeting.

The statement of accounts was read and adopted. The Lord Bishop then moved that Mr. D. G. Williams be cordially thanked for his long years of faithful service for the Guild, and also that sincere appreciation be expressed of the gift of the peal record book. Mr. D. G. Williams was then made a life member.

A very satisfactory report was given by the Ringing Master.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Ringing Master, Mr. John T. Williams, was again asked to continue in this office, and this proposal was accepted. Mr. D. Stokes was elected as treasurer.

A report of the Central Council meeting was given by Mr. Gwyn I. Lewis. All members were again reminded to order 'The Ringing World.' It was also decided to leave the competition for another year.

The 1953 Festival is to be held at Sketty, Swansea, in June. It was agreed to give a donation of £5 from the Guild's fund to the Welsh Church Appeal.

The Lord Bishop was thanked by the general secretary for presiding at the meeting and for his loyalty to the Guild. In his reply, the Lord Bishop thanked all those ringers who often sacrifice so many things to fulfil the duties of Sunday ringing.

It was a great day for the members and friends of the Southern Section who left at 7.30 in the morning to attend this festival, via Leominster, and they will not forget the 'Milk Cart' in the town, or the tapestry at Presteigne, The Golden Valley, and also 'that man again, W. M.'

The ten bells of Leominster and the two eights at Knighton and Presteigne were all visited and ringing on them was greatly enjoyed.

On the way home—with the Beacons behind us—it was only too apparent that it had been a long day, for looking towards the back of the bus the youngsters were observed fast asleep on each other's shoulders. J. A. H.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World' July 26th, 1912

THE LADIES' PEAL

The Exercise generally will extend hearty congratulations to the eight members of the fair sex who last Saturday succeeded in ringing the first ladies' peal. It is a performance of which they may be distinctly proud, and which is a gratifying reward for their pluck and perseverance. A few years ago most men would have scoffed at the idea of a band of ladies ringing a peal, and it was not until last year, when the first serious attempt was made, that the incredulity of the majority was really shaken. . . .

There is only one matter for regret in connection with last Saturday's peal, and that is that Miss Alice White, the first lady to ring a tower-bell peal, was not able to be one of the company. . . . Miss Nightingale, who was in the attempt last year, was also unable to be in the successful performance, but there was little trouble in finding substitutes ready to fill the vacancies. .

The peal was Grandsire Triples, rung at Christ Church, Cubitt Town, London, in three hours and four minutes by the Misses Sarah Pigott, treble; Eva N. Belcher 2; Lilian A. Wilson 3; Mary N. Jukes 4; Evelyn Steel 5; Nellie Gillingham 6; Edith K. Parker (conductor) 7; Clara Beasley, tenor. It was the conductor's 50th peal.

OBITUARY

J. William Edge

There was laid to rest at Crewe on July 18th one of the stalwarts of the Crewe Branch of the Chester Guild, Mr. J. William Edge ('Ole Bill'). He was 63. You could not call him anything else; it was 'Bill, will you do this, that or the other?'

Bill had been towerkeeper for over 20 years and the bells had become part of his life; in fact it was the bells that caused his death. On the previous Tuesday I helped him to clean the bell-frame and the pit which had not been cleaned out for a good number of years. We had a very full day till after 5 o'clock when Bill left for home, but had a call to make on the way.

It was a terrible shock to me when a policeman came to see me the following morning to take a statement as to what we had been doing the day before, as Bill had collapsed on the way home and died. He asked if Bill had complained at all: he had not; his only remark in that respect was, 'We are not as good men as we used to be.'

Bill was not very keen on peal ringing—he rang 36 for the Chester Guild. He was far more concerned about Sunday service ringing at Christ Church, where he was also on the Church Council. He was far more pleased when I rang my first, to celebrate our 60th birthdays, in 1948, which was eventually to get me into trouble after some correspondence in 'The Ringing World' about peal-grabbing in 1946.

He was a keen trade unionist of the A.E.U., and branch official; many of the members were present at the service, as well as local ringers and church officials.

A real unpolished diamond, Bill. He will be greatly missed at Christ Church, but he has left a fine record of service.

The full ten bells were rung, semi-muffled, those taking part being Messrs. Albert Crawley, Richard T. Holding, William Holding, Harry Holding, Wilf Kerr, George Packer (conductor), Herbert Sutton, Stephen Leyland, J. Holloway, J. Hough, Cliff Thomas and Frank W. Stenson. Mr. Richard D. Langford, leader, was away on holiday.

ONE OF HIS PUPILS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

Stow-on-the-Wold Branch Re-formed

At the Association's annual meeting held at Berkeley last Easter, some concern was felt that the Stow-on-the-Wold Branch had ceased to function, and a special sub-committee was formed to arrange a meeting in the area with a view to ascertaining whether the branch could be restarted and interest aroused locally to give it the support necessary.

This meeting was held at Stow-on-the-Wold on July 5th which from an attendance point of view was a success, 47 signing the attendance book. Stow bells, a very good ring of eight, were available from 3 p.m. and various methods were rung until 4.30 p.m., when the Association service was held, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. C. Potts) who gave a splendid address, the lesson being read by Mr. C. R. Harding (vice-president and chairman of the Bristol Rural Branch).

Tea was partaken of at a nearby cafe, after which the meeting took place in the Church Hall, presided over by the Master, Mr. J. G. Jefferies, supported by Mr. S. G. Riches, hon. treasurer, Mr. C. R. Harding and Mr. F. Skidmore, hon. secretary. The Vicar of Stow opened the meeting with prayer.

The Master said how pleased he was to see such a representative meeting, nine branches being represented out of twelve active branches, and two of these had their own meeting that day. He hoped that sufficient interest and enthusiasm could be aroused to enable the Branch to function once more, to be a benefit to ringing in the area, and to the Association.

AN OFFER

Mr. Raymond Hicks, who was the local secretary for the branch, said that little or no interest was evident locally, and he could not see how the branch could continue without that interest. He intimated that he could go round and collect subscriptions for the Association, but that did not mean that the branch was in a flourishing state, only on paper; what was required was to have a John Thomas dropped amongst them.

Mr. Jack Kyte, of Chipping Norton, said that he was certain that sufficient interest could be aroused and maintained, and offered assistance to the local ringers for regular practice, and he was certain that others would also be willing to assist. Several speakers spoke in a like strain, and help was forthcoming from the neighbouring branches of Cheltenham, Gloucester and Tewkesbury, which was very encouraging.

The Vicar of Stow (the Rev. H. C. Potts) was elected chairman, and Mr. Raymond Hicks consented to continue as hon. secretary, and a meeting is to be arranged in the autumn to see what can be done. It was decided that the meeting should be advertised in 'The Ringing World,' which would have the effect of attracting visitors, and would help considerably in tuition.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar, and to Mr. Hicks, who had been responsible for the local arrangements. This concluded the business, and ringing took place at Moreton-in-Marsh and Bourton-on-the-Water during the evening. F. S.

SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—This may have been said before, but I would like to express my own admiration for the composition by Mr. Pitman, containing all the work of the four methods for every bell. I have rung it about eight times and have called it three times, but would never tire of it.—Yours faithfully,

W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

Scawthorpe, Doncaster.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FRIDAY MORNING EXPECTATIONS

Dear Sir,—That a reader should demand your resignation seems, in all conscience, reasonable enough, but may another reader relate how one who cycles to work will go a whole seven days without a nod or glance at the postman should that worthy man be late on a Friday morning. On the other hand, should he be early, irate motorists at a busy roundabout will lower their windows and say abominable things when this reader finds it necessary to turn over a page; and your responsibility is waved in the face of such temper.

Another reader who regularly jumps off his down-town bus every morning but Friday, when his postman is early, and then it's a matter of 15 minutes late and off an up-town bus. Week by week we read the theories, the tours and the letters, some screamingly funny. Couldn't a competition be held for the writers? And those well-reasoned articles by Libra, just when I thought one more and I'll know who he is. Then there was Belfrymanship to the fourth dimension.

No, Mr. Editor, your correspondent is quite wrong. A reader since about 1922, when Mr. Newton was the local agent and got copies for quite a few of us each week, I assure you your paper is as eagerly waited for and devoured, as ever.—Yours very faithfully,

ERNEST L. HUMPHRISS.

Woolton, Liverpool.

ADVERTISING PEAL ATTEMPTS

Dear Sir,—Having just read this week's 'Ringing World,' I feel obliged to reply to the letter by Mr. Poyntz who advocates the advertisement of all peal attempts. But at the same time I do not wish to enter into any specific argument on the Cranborne peal.

To insist on such a rule would, in my opinion, be a great set-back to the Exercise as a whole, because it would be reducing all ringers to a level of mistrust. A great deal of valuable space would be wasted in this paper. If, as Mr. Poyntz considers, a reduction in the number of peals rung ensued, then we should be greatly reducing our standards. It is our peal ringers who are the people to whom we look for progress in the more advanced methods and where that practice is obtained which gives us experience and confidence to strike a service touch well.

Do not, however, think that I am opposed to the non-peal ringer—far from it—but I do consider that the idea of such restrictions are not at all in keeping with our ideals.

Finally I would like to offer one suggestion to ringers anticipating peal attempts in other districts. Approach through the local ringing officials first, and many of these disputes will never arise.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN BLYTHE.

Southwold, Suffolk.

THE LATE MR. A. J. CORRIGAN'S PUBLICATIONS

Dear Sir,—In reply to your correspondent's letter in 'The Ringing World' of July 11th, I hasten to assure him that every precaution has been taken to see that these valuable publications and other valuable data in method construction have been taken care of.

After a talk with Mr. Corrigan's widow, it was decided to hand over these papers, etc., to the Central Council, and accordingly a letter was sent to the hon. secretary notifying the Council of Mrs. Corrigan's wish. The publications that were left on hand (which were not a great number), together with the other material are being collected and sent to the Central Council for their use. No doubt they will reprint and issue with their publications.—Yours faithfully,

F. SKIDMORE.
Hon. Sec., Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

RINGERS AND THE CHURCH

Dear Sir—In reference to your leading article of January 18th, I think F. E. H. would have made his case more convincing if he had signed his full name.

By simulating a guise of mock piety, with his 'day of rest,' he then proceeds to exhort us never to let divine worship interfere with our 'fascinating hobby.' The tenor of his remarks is misleading in the extreme, and it is rather surprising that such an article occupies the front page of such a journal as 'The Ringing World.'

If, as we are led to believe, F. E. H. regards the 'sporting and recreational' aspect of ringing as being greater than the religious side, then why doesn't he, as the Rev. E. Sholl points out, build his own tower and bells, and carry out his hobby to his heart's content. Ringers who look upon their art primarily as a 'fascinating hobby' have lost their sense of vocation and have become irresponsibles who use the Church's property and expect the Church authorities to replace equipment worn out by them for their personal gratification. The Church must have prior claim to her bells.

Church bellringing has two, and only two, purposes. They are (a) The glorifying and worship of God by using our skill in handling bells to the best of our ability, and (b) The calling of others to Church—personal hobbies just don't enter into it. Each of these reasons is sufficient in itself to demand our presence in church, and both together, there is no Christian ringer who can deny the obligation to remain for divine service. How can we call others to worship while we,

> 'As some ungracious pastors do,
> Show them the steep and thorny path to Heaven;
> Whilst like a puff'd and reckless libertine,
> Himself the primrose path of dalliance treads
> And recks not his own read'?

I'll let the matter stand there. It remains for the conscience of the ringer himself to decide whether he will join in the worship of Our Lord or not, but it strikes me we are forced to the conclusion that the majority of ringers use the tower for their private pleasure and seem to forget, conveniently perhaps, their Christian obligations to their Church.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN BIGGS.

St. David's Cathedral,
Hobart, Tasmania.

P.S.—My apologies for the late arrival of this letter, but I received your journal only a few days ago.

NOTE.—The point F. E. H. endeavoured to make was the two-fold side of ringing—recreational and service to the Church—the same as applies to choristers where music is also a hobby and a part of the Church's service. —ED.

WYMONDHAM BOB MAJOR

Dear Sir,—I have read with interest the leading article on the Central Council's new book on Plain Major methods. It is a very useful collection and should lead to more of these methods being rung. The paragraph about the table of first performances being complete is not quite correct

There is no mention in the book of the first peal of Wymondham Bob No. 51. A peal in this method was rung at Walesby, Lincolnshire, on June 6th 1937, conducted by myself. No claim was made as to this being the first peal in the method, but I presume now that this was so.—Yours sincerely.

GEORGE E. FEIRN.

Cleatham, Kirton-Lindsey.

STEDMAN DOUBLES

Dear Sir.—As there are at least six different ways of starting Stedman, it is possible to ring 60 different 120's of Stedman Doubles.

No. 1.—Start with 21435, the 4th going in slow bell.

No. 2.—Start with 21435, the 4th going in quick bell.

No. 3.—Start with 21354, the 4th going in slow bell, ordinary way.

No. 4.—Start with 13254, the 4th going in quick bell.

No. 5.—Start with 21354 the 4th going in slow bell, 4-5 double dodge.

No. 6.—Start with 13254, the 4th going in quick bell, 4-5 double dodge.

Each of the above can be called ten different ways, making 60 six-scores in all, which would be 7,200. These will give the five-bell ringers considerable pastime

It is well known that Fabian Stedman commenced this method so that the first three changes corresponded with Grandsire when they 'discoursed sweet music nightly' at practice, whereas the correct starting should be at the division of the sixes.—Yours truly,

G. E. SYMONDS.

Ipswich.

IRREGULAR LEAD ENDS IN MINOR

Dear Sir,—I fail completely to understand the reason for the exclusion of Minor methods with irregular lead ends.

In Minor, of necessity, you must ring the full extent, hence including all the possible permutations. What difference does it make, therefore, if the given extent is produced by irregular lead ends? If the tenors are not brought up in the 6/5 position at 'backstroke' the same musical changes must be produced. Therefore, the argument cannot be based on this the most important property! Strength to this proposition is lent by the fact that all Plain Bob lead end methods with London above the treble and 5ths place under it cannot have their extents produced without 6/5's at backstroke (i.e., Crowland).

Many will argue that we have a plentiful supply of Minor methods with the orthodox lead ends. Most propositions of this nature are made relative to some fixed standard. If we take Major the 'plentiful' contention is most certainly untrue. If during the next fifty years only three firsts in the method every year are rung, the supply of new methods will have been exhausted. The only step then will be the reintroduction of irregular lead ends, so why exclude now that which may have to be reintroduced at the turn of the century?

Ringing to-day is expanding. Must we cramp this expansion by applying seemingly senseless rules and regulations?

Already in Surprise Minor we have reached an impassé, it is impossible to obtain more than round about 35 methods in seven extents. How many more would be possible with irregular lead ends?

For the sake of simplicity of conducting, composition and uniformity we can keep to Plain bob lead ends in Major and above, for, as has been said, here we have a multiplicity of methods.

These are my arguments, and although these may be torn to shreds by those better informed than myself, I feel that I must state my case as a Minor ringer.

I would very much like to hear the views of other **Minor** ringers on this point. Not those of the 'higher ups' who occasionally ring on six, but from those whose ringing is mainly centred on six bells.

Let truth be the victor and prejudice the vanquished.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN E. COOK.

Branston, Lincs.

BELLS IN ENGLISH LIFE

By ERNEST MORRIS

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Another secular use to which church bells were put was at Carlton-le-Moorland, Lincs, where a bell was rung annually to summon the people to the church gates to bid for the yearly occupation of a meadow left by a benefactor to the poor of the parish, to be let at the ringing of this bell. It was called 'Dole-Meadow bell'—the bidding now takes place in the school.

A somewhat similar occurrence formerly took place at Winterton in the same county, where the bells were jangled by ringers or anyone who liked to, on May Day, as a summons to the people to assemble in the church porch for the letting of lanes, but since the ropes of the bells have been brought down to ground level, and the tower arch opened, this practice has ceased. At Horncastle the second bell was tolled immediately after morning service on Easter Monday and on Easter Tuesday to give notice of the collection of Easter dues. A similar custom also prevailed at Doncaster.

FOR REPAIR OF ROADS

In the accounts of Louth, Lincs, for 1589, a payment is shown for 'ringing at ye boundays,' which refers to the 'booning' or mending of the roads, towards which the occupiers of the land were formerly bound to contribute by lending horses and carts for the conveyance of the needful material. Notice of the days when this service was to be rendered was given in several places by the ringing of a church bell. The derivation and original meaning of the word 'boon' used in this sense in many parts of Lincs has given rise to much discussion.

On certain days bells were rung in connection with Manorial Courts, and days when various parochial rites were attested. At Wellingborough and Duddington, Northants, and at Bisbrooke, Rutland, this was done when Manorial Courts were held. At Warwick, St. Nicholas', a bell was rung for the meeting of the Chamberlains of St. Nicholas' Meadow. At Hinxworth, Herts, formerly on Whitsun eve, for the 'cow common rights.' In Lincolnshire a bell was rung in November at Claypole and the last Monday in October at Epworth for the meeting of the 'Dykes and Drains Jury.' A similar custom prevailed at Puxton, Somerset.

THE MARKET BELL

A usage of more common character was the ringing of a bell to notify the opening of a market or fair. The 'market bell' is very ancient. The Rev. J. T. Fowler in 'Bells and Ringing' says, 'Strabo has a story of a street musician suddenly deserted by all his hearers save one at the sound of the Fish Market Bell. The musician, beginning to thank the one who remained for paying him such a compliment, found that he was deaf, and as soon as the deaf man knew the fish market was open he followed the rest, and left no one to pay the piper.' Sometimes the market bell was a hand-bell, sometimes a bell hung over the market house or town hall, and in other instances it was the church bell.

At Barton-on-Humber there was a law prohibiting any person purchasing, for resale or profit, goods brought into the haven, until after the expiration of three days from the bell-man's announcing the arrival of the cargo. During these days the townsmen had the opportunity of buying the goods at wholesale prices. At Stamford the signal for the commencement of the Corn Market was, in the reign of Edward IV., the ringing of the 'Undernone' or 'Undern Bell.' The Town book, belonging to the Corporation, has this order passed in 1478–9:—

'It is ordeyned that no person opyn ther sack or set ther corn to sale afore the hour of ten of the bell. or els the undernone bell be rongyn.'

This bell, or a successor, became subsequently known as the market bell, for in 1777 the Corporation resolved to give 'the market bell as an additional bell to the quarters in the church.' The market bell at Watford, Herts, hung in the church steeple as is shown in the inventory of church goods there, taken in 1552, 'Imprimis V Belles in the steple and one m'ket bell.' At St. Peter's, Sandwich, Kent, the market bell was known as the 'Brandgoose bell.' Shrewsbury had their own bell for the market, and at Oundle, Northants, one is rung on market days.

THE BUTTER BELL

At Sleaford, Lincs, a small bell (about 13¼ inches in diameter without inscription or date) hanging in the south light of the lowest west spire light of the church is known as the 'Butter bell.' There is a tradition that this bell was rung a century ago to announce to Sleaford folk the sale of butter was about to commence. The inhabitants then had the privilege of securing all they required before purchasers from a distance were allowed to buy. At Rotherham and elsewhere in Yorkshire the custom prevailed of ringing a bell at a stated hour on Saturday nights as a signal to close the market, and obedience to this summons was strictly enforced.

In many towns bells were rung on the eves of old established fairs, such as at Epworth, Lincs, where a peal was rung for an hour on the first Wednesday after May Day, introducing Epworth fair on the following day. At Louth it used to be the custom to ring on the evening before November fair-day.

BELLS A GUIDE TO FARMERS

Lincolnshire also furnishes an example of ringing peals to guide farmers and others home from the markets across flat and formerly unenclosed country. Thus at Scotton the bells were rung on Tuesday evenings from 7 to 8 o'clock 'to guide the people coming from Gainsborough Market across Scotton Common.' At Kirton-in-Lindsey a bell, sometimes called the market bell, but more commonly the 'winter ringing,' was, for many years previous to the Inclosure in 1801, rung at 7 o'clock in the evening during November, December and January, on Tuesdays to guide travellers from Gainsborough Market; on Thursdays from Brigg Market, and Saturdays from Kirton Market. This continued till 1858 when, on the appointment of a new vicar, the night ringing was changed to Monday, Wednesday and Friday, which, of course, meant nothing. With some difficulty the vicar was brought to see why the nights had originally been chosen and the old custom was restored.

In provincial boroughs it is still customary to ring at the election of a new Mayor, and at Warwick the bells are rung when the judges come to the Assizes, and this is the case at St. Martin's—now the Cathedral, Leicester—when the judge attends service prior to the Assizes. This was carried out only a week ago and the writer acted as 'Virger' on this and on previous occasions.

(To be continued)

BOLSOVER RINGERS VISIT LEICESTER

The annual outing of the Bolsover Parish Church ringers and friends from the neighbouring towers of Chesterfield, Warsop, Shirebaks, Heath and Staveley, was held on June 21st.

The luxury coach left the Parish Church at approximately 8 a.m. and the first halt was made at Kegworth, between Derby and Loughborough. Some difficulty was experienced owing to the bells being only slightly audible in the tower but good touches of Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Major were brought round.

Time went all too quickly at the next tower, Shepshed, where the bells and ringing chamber were in beautiful condition. It was obvious that there is an active band at this church and the visitors were sorry when it became necessary to leave. A substantial lunch was enjoyed at a restaurant in Shepshed and some of the younger members of the party cast longing eyes at the local carnival activities.

A short journey through country not unlike Derbyshire in appearance, brought the coach to Whitwick, where the handy ring of eight was rung to various methods for approximately one hour. The local band had left for their annual outing in the Retford district but detailed instructions had been left in the tower and here again it was obvious that the bells are in good hands.

Several of the local band were waiting to meet the visitors at Wigston Magna. The unusual spiral staircase was carefully negotiated by some of the older members of the party and all were rewarded by some excellent ringing on the fine ring of eight. An almost perfect course of Superlative Surprise Major was one of the highlights of the day and the striking earned commendation from Mr. B. Knights.

Mrs. H. J. Poole and her daughter, Mrs. Stanforth, had very kindly undertaken to provide tea for the party in the schoolroom of the Church of St. Mary-de-Castro, Leicester. The arrangements were typical of the way in which the members of the Poole family go out of their way to welcome visiting ringers to the Leicester towers. Father Collins, of the Church of St. Mary-de-Castro, joined the party at tea and he also paid tribute to Inspector Poole and his family for the interest they take in all matters concerning the welfare of ringers.

Mr. A. S. Cooper thanked Mr. Poole and his wife for all the help they had given in organising such a successful day's ringing and very satisfactory tea.

The fine octave at the Church of St. Mary-de-Castro was rung after tea until approximately 7.30 p.m. and here again it was only after stressing the long distance from home that the organiser was able to bring a closure to the ringing. With the help of Mr. Poole and Mr. Staniforth a very excellent course of Yorkshire Surprise Major was enjoyed by all and Mrs. Poole and her daughter joined in the last touch of the day.

The ringing during the whole of the day was well above average for strange towers and all agreed that from every point of view this had been one of the most enjoyable outings from Bolsover.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS

Tonbridge District

A very successful meeting was held at Marden on July 5th, about 20 ringers attending. Ringing ranged over the standard methods and after tea Superlative Surprise was reached.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. C. J. Eagling, who has recently returned to this country after 16 years in Siam, to which he referred in his address with particular reference to Siamese temple bells and to the contrast between the fundamental differences in the attitude of the Buddhist and the Christian to voluntary service.

After tea, to which the ringers were entertained by the members of the church, the Vicar took the chair at the business meeting at which Mr. B. Kemp and Mr. B. Harris, both of Hawkhurst, were elected members.

OUTINGS IN BRIEF

ST. MARY'S, BOCKING

A beautiful day added greatly to the enjoyment of a tour of North-east Essex, including five hours by the sea, by St. Mary's, Bocking, company.

The party was disappointed on arrival at St. Leonard's, Colchester, by the news that a sudden death in the vicinity of the church prevented ringing. Previously two shopping-minded ladies had dismounted from the coach. Fortunately they arrived 20 minutes ahead of schedule, so the journey seawards was continued.

The next stop was at Great Bentley where an enjoyable 1¼ hours was spent. The churchwarden, Mr. Clarke, welcomed us and gave us an interesting account of the history of the church. The objective of the outing, Clacton, was reached in good time, and here the party roamed at will until after tea.

Great Holland was the first tower on the homeward journey—a grand Taylor ring. The party was joined here by Mr. and Mrs. Pell and Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Mills and Donald, from Bures. The added ringing strength enabled an excellent course of Superlative Surprise Major to be rung. Mr. Rouse, who met us, was warmly thanked.

Then came Kirby-le-Soken with a welcome by Mr. Southgate. Excellent use was made of this nice little eight including two courses of Cambridge Surprise. Homeward-bound, the 'Bocking choir,' under the conductorship of the steeplekeeper, sang lustily, much to the amusement of the organist and her deputy, who, sitting side by side, noticed that two young choristers produced a considerable amount more volume than is usual in the stalls on Sundays. This must be attributed to the fact that the Red Lion lemonade was somewhat stronger than the Black Boy ginger beer! As this was the first attempt at a real ringing outing for St. Mary's, it was unanimously agreed that it must be repeated annually. H. G. S.

LIVERPOOL RINGERS IN NORTH WALES

Organised by Mr. Henshaw, of Emmanuel, Liverpool ringers had an outing to North Wales on July 5th. The party comprised juniors, junior either in years or having learnt their ringing post-war, from the Cathedral Cross Guild, Childwall, Woolton and Emmanuel.

At Buckley the party was welcomed by the Vicar and his captain, who helped the visitors on this very pleasant eight. Leaving Buckley for Mold, with happy thoughts, the 30-odd ringers and friends passed the field of the 'Alleluia Victory,' so called because of the victory of the army of the Britons against a horde of pagan Picts and Saxons. The Britons were led by St. German of Auxerre, and it is recorded that with the cry of 'Alleluia' the victors charged. There are several churches in Wales and Cornwall dedicated to the gallant saint; there is but one Maes Garmon or field of the battle of St. German.

A visitor to Mold in 1706 spoke thus:—'Pretty Mold, proud people; Handsome church without a steeple.' The tower, added a few years later, and the church, restored by Sir G. Scott, was much admired. Mr. Evans, the towerkeeper, and Mr. Budd, better known in Lancashire ringing circles, not only welcomed and rang, but came on to the next call at Hope, travelling via Pentrehobyn, where one Robert Bryne, mayor of Chester, was hanged to a staple in the great hall during the Wars of the Roses. 'Better,' says Ivanhoe's Wamba, who rang more bells at every turn of his head than most of us ring in a month, 'a fool at a feast than a wise man at a fray.'

A great welcome by the Rector and local ringers greeted the party at Hope and a short and delightful service was held in the village church. There was much interest in the 12th century history, and ringing, tea and more ringing was followed by a pleasant drive home

H. and H.

EMMANUEL, PLYMOUTH

'The Ringers' Outing' portrayed by M. M. C. in the issue of July 4th was certainly true to life and might well have fitted in with the Emmanuel, Plymouth, ringers' outing on July 12th. Punctually at 7.30 a.m. the party set off for Axminster, the first tower, some 70 miles distant. A break for coffee preceded ringing on this grand octave and the bells proved such an attraction that 20 minutes were lost.

The next call was over the border into Somerset, at Chard. Here a halt for lunch resulted in more time being lost. Ringing at the following towers, Ilminster, Taunton (St. James') and Bishops Lydeard, had to be curtailed and the party were only ten minutes late for tea.

Somerset were playing Derbyshire at Taunton and the church visited was in the direction of the cricket ground. Walking back from the church the party was waylaid by an excited cyclist who asked the latest score. 'I have not the foggiest,' responded the spokesman from Plymouth. (It is evident that Devon has not a first-class county eleven.). He gazed at the party with a certain amount of pity and rode off. We could, however, have told him that there were eight bells in the church we had just visited, and in the tower, under the shadow of which we almost stood, was a ring of 12, but he probably would not have been interested.

Contacts are usually made en route and it was a pleasure for some of the party to meet friends and relatives at Ilminster, Chard and Taunton.

After tea one more tower remained to be visited—Mulverton—and the ringing on this excellent eight was worthy of the fact that it was the 100th tower the Emmanuel band of ringers had rung at since 1943.

These 100 towers have been visited by a series of outings, evenings, Saturday afternoons and one whole day each year. From the foundations laid when ringing commenced towards the end of the war, a strong band has been built up under the energetic captaincy of Mr. Jack Sims. About eight remain of the original band and only one, however, of the pre-war band. The company have also visited Exeter Cathedral.

Emmanuel Ringers' visitors' book contains the names of some 200 ringing friends, not only from all over the country, but from British Columbia and Australia. We extend to them best wishes and assure them and any other ringer visiting Plymouth that the same cordial welcome awaits them at Emmanuel. We ring for both services each Sunday, Thursday being our practice night. H. H. T.

ST. AMBROSE GUILD VISIT BIRMINGHAM

On Saturday, June 21st, a small company of ringers, nine in number, from St. Ambrose Ringers' Guild, Bristol, paid a visit to the Midland Metropolis. The number being small, the journey was made by rail.

The company arrived at Birmingham just before 11 a.m. and proceeded to King's Norton, where Mr. Blake, the tower master, extended a hearty welcome. After ringing on the very nice ten, we proceeded back to the city, and after lunch were welcomed by Mr. George Fearn who had so kindly made all the arrangements for us to ring at the city churches—St. Chad's, Bishop Ryder's, the Cathedral and St. Martin's. All this was fitted in during the afternoon, and thanks to the willing help of the Birmingham ringers who turned up to help, a very enjoyable time was spent. We were especially pleased to see Mr. Albert Walker at St. Martin's and to note that he has recovered from his recent indisposition. We say thank you very much, Birmingham, for so warm a welcome, and especially to Mr. George Fearn, who spared no trouble on our behalf. F. S.

ST. NICHOLAS', BRIGHTON

Ringers and friends of St. Nicholas' Church, Brighton, enjoyed, on July 5th, an outing which was so perfectly organised by Mr. G. Ades, that we were everywhere on time—even on arrival at home in the evening.

Many of the ringers at our tower are humble learners, attempting to the best of their ability to profit by the expert advice of their instructors, and they looked forward to the experience which new towers would give them.

We set off to a sunny start and made our first stop at Wickham in order that lady members of the party might powder their noses and gentlemen of the party sip their lemonade! Our first official tower was, however, at North Stoneham, where we certainly found the varied experience to which we had looked forward—a light ring of ten, with a long draught and, just for full measure, new ropes; it was rather like ringing with elastic. Our members met the challenge, dug their heels in, and the young lady ringers, many of them elevated and thankful at having left School Certificate examinations behind them during the previous week, soon mastered the difficult conditions and all ten were, before long, speaking in their correct places.

From North Stoneham we cruised along, in our almost new coach, to the market town of Romsey, where we enjoyed an excellent lunch at the Open Hearth restaurant, a meal punctuated now and again by the voice of handbells. Our organiser had not forgotten to allow a break after lunch before we climbed the 80 odd steps to the belfry of Romsey's lovely old Norman Abbey; a belfry so large that the circle of eight ropes appeared insignificant in its centre. What a delightful ring of full, deep-toned bells they proved to be. Here, as was a characteristic of the whole day, everybody had a chance of ringing something—rounds, Grandsire, Stedman, Kent and so on—in the one hour allotted to us. Very long touches were avoided for this reason. All the ringers were loath to leave this tower but all good things have to end and the coach was waiting to take us on to Southampton for a tea at the Baronia restaurant, by which time many tongues were performing doggy tricks as the day had grown steadily warmer.

Our last ringing call was at St. Michael's Church, Southampton, where we found a lovely and melodious ring of ten which 'went' extremely well. Here again all had a pull and there was the usual helpful encouragement for those beginners who were, perhaps, just a little nervous at the thought of going wrong in a strange tower. Grandsire Caters and Triples and Bob Royal were rung and the ringing ended with a beautifully-struck touch of Stedman Triples by the experts of the band as a fitting conclusion to the day's efforts.

It was a perfect summer's evening and we enjoyed the trip home through the Hampshire and Sussex countryside, making one stop only, at a wayside hostelry for a 'tonic' and a course or so on the handbells at the request of the landlady.

Back in Brighton once again, all agreed that it had been an excellent day and that only one thing had been missing—grumbles!

G. B.

BAN SUNDAY PEALS

Dear Sir,—The Cranborne peal seems to have raised a great deal of comment and I suggest that Sunday peals be banned by the Central Council and by all Guilds and County Associations. The practice seems to be wrong in any case and should be outlawed, although I myself took part in one at 7 o'clock on a Sunday morning in Cornwall many years ago and cannot claim to be innocent of the offence.—Yours faithfully,

STAFFORD H. GREEN.

Sampford Peverell, Devon.

A RINGING HOLIDAY IN DORSET

A memorable holiday has been spent recently at Lyme Regis by Messrs. William Yates (Buckingham), Ernest Morris (Leicester) and C. R. (Bob) Greenwood and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Francis (London). Thanks to the arrangements made by Mr. G. Stedman Morris and friends in the district, a most enjoyable time was spent.

On Friday evening on the grand ring at Axminster a quarter peal of Bristol Surprise Major (1,280 changes), was rung by A. J. Scott 1, R. Keeley 2, N. Mallett 3, W. Yates 4, H. G. Keeley 5, G. S. Morris (conductor) 6, C. W. Powell 7, E. Morris 8. This was the first in the method on the bells and by all the band except the brothers Morris.

The highlight of the week was the next day, when by cars and motor cycles the party set off early through some of the finest scenery of the country, to Kingston to ring this Taylor masterpiece; a glorious octave in a splendid tower of a grand church high up in the hills and overlooking the valley across to the ancient historic Corfe Castle. Thanks to the Rev. Canon Cox (who, unfortunately, could not attend owing to a church service) we were enabled to ring the first peal of Superlative on the bells. Dr. E. L. Taylor, who acted as 'transport officer' umpired the peal from the distant castle and congratulated the band on a very fine performance; then with other friends who had come to join the party he took part in a touch of Stedman.

After lunch in a beautiful garden we set off to Swanage where the fine octave was rung to Yorkshire, Superlative, Cambridge, etc. Thence to Wareham where the quaint old ring gave some trouble, but a good course of London was accomplished. At tea we were unexpectedly joined by the Rev. R. P. Farrow, of Lulworth, who was equally surprised to see us, especially 'Ernest,' who recalled many peals together in Leicestershire. Then away to Wool, where the six bells were rung to various methods before journeying to Wyke Regis, where again many methods were successfully brought round. A brief ascent to the tower to see the splendid view of Portland and the Chesil Beach, and Weymouth, where 'Old Joe, the Rhythm King,' father of the brothers Morris, was born 85 years ago. Back along the coast road ended a grand day and one to be remembered.

Next day found us at Lyme for Sunday service ringing, and on Monday we visited the ancient shrine of St. Wyta in the old church at Whitchurch Canonicorum. Here we rang the first peal of Yorkshire on the bells and Ernest's 450th peal of Major. On Tuesday, at Beaminster, noted for its beautiful tower, Stedman just would not go but we enjoyed the trip, nevertheless.

On Wednesday through the narrow country lanes of Devon to Membury, where we met the Rev. Prebendary Cox and a party from Exeter. After they had rung a short touch we tried for London Surprise but after the second 720 the conductor called 'Stand' in sympathy for Ernest, who was 'all in' through the heavy 'go' of his bell. This 1,440 was rung by W. Yates 1, R. Keeley 2, N. Mallett 3, E. Morris 4, H. Keeley 5, G. S. Morris (conductor) 6, and was the longest yet rung on the bells.

Thursday is Lyme practice night and London, Cambridge Lincolnshire, Yorkshire and Grandsire were rung. Friday, again to Axminster, where the first quarter peal of Double Norwich on the bells was rung by:—E. Morris 1, A. J. Scott 2, H. G. Keeley 3, C. R. Grimwood 4, F. Wreford 5, N. Mallett 6, W. Yates 7, G. S. Morris (conductor) 8.

On Saturday, at Seaton, we were joined by Mr. and Mrs. Francis and tried for a peal of London Surprise Major but, unfortunately, about half-way, after excellent ringing, it was lost. This was a great disappointment for it would have been the first in the method by five in the band. The same thing repeated itself on Monday, when again at Whitchurch we failed in about the same way and place. Thus, all too soon, a grand week came to an end, but we look forward to another year when (D.V.) we might complete the 'unfinished peals.'

E. M.

SUFFOLK GUILD

Sudbury-Clare District

July 12th proved the right date for the quarterly meeting at Hedington, 32 members finding transport to travel to this very rural part of Suffolk. The cost of petrol and the pushing of bicycle pedals proved worthwhile to visit this ancient church with its crudely-carved oak box-pews and one wonders (or does one?) why the death watch beetle has never found all this tasty ancient oak.

The ringing captain, Mr. Bowyer, was waiting to extend his welcome and was proud to inform us that in spite of the call to the Forces and the number of youngsters who travel to fresh occupations they were still able to ring the six bells regularly, calling an average of 90 people (which would appear to be more than the total population) to the service. The tower contains a very mellow ring with the treble being of Tudor age, the absence of harshness being proved as the ringing failed to disturb the sleeping owl, much to the interest of the youngsters.

An excellent tea was provided on the lawn, followed by handbells, which were most effective in this lovely setting.

The meeting decided to hold the next meeting at Haverhill.

The ringing ceased at 8.45 p.m. and ranged from Spliced Plain methods to London Surprise with rounds and call changes for the young buds.

L. D. M.

BIGGLESWADE DISTRICT

Almost as many counties as towers were visited by members of the Biggleswade District together with wives and friends on their annual outing on July 5th.

Although a little late leaving one of the 'picking-up points,' we were soon heading out of Bedfordshire into Northamptonshire and the first tower, Yorks Kirby, Warwickshire (8), was reached only a few minutes behind schedule. Claybrooke (Leics) (8) was the second tower and we were joined here by Mr. A. Ballard. The next stop was at Hinckley where short (or should I say quick?) work was made of lunch at Liggins Cafe.

Our third tower was East Shilton (8), then on to the main destination—Loughborough Foundry—where we were met by Mr. J. P. Fidler, and spent an interesting 1¼ hours under his guidance. The new ring for Liverpool was duly (and enviously) admired. Naturally we could not leave without paying a short visit to the Campanile—starting with rounds on all for all.' The more ambitious then tried Yorkshire and Cambridge on the back eight and Cambridge on the first six. After tea at the Empire Cinema no time was lost in getting to Melton Mowbray (10) and our last tower was Oakham, Rutland (8).

Ringing enjoyed during the day, all on very good bells, included Grandsire Triples and Caters, Stedman Triples, Plain Bob Major and Royal, Double Norwich, Cambridge, Yorkshire and Bristol Surprise Major.

The party wish to extend sincere thanks to incumbents and local ringers of towers visited and Mr. L. Bywaters for organising yet another successful tour.

D. J. H.

5,120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

No. 2 Arrangement

By A. J. PITMAN

The following composition is well known to conductors as regards No. 1 Arrangement which could be rung in from four to eight methods. I now send No. 2 Arrangement which allows peals to be rung in from four to twelve methods. Owing to the additional methods, some of the other methods have been rearranged and care must be taken not to mix up the No. 1 and No. 2 Arrangements.

Following is the composition:—

2345678	Methods
4263857	Rutland.
— 2357486	Cambridge.
5243678	London or Wembley.
— 6452837	London.
— 4237685	Cam., Superlative or Yorkshire.
3462578	London.
6354827	London or Wembley.
— 3427685	Cam,. Superlative or Pudsey.
2364578	Bristol.
6253847	Bristol.
— 5623847	Bristol.
— 6347582	Cam., Superlative or Pudsey.
— 5463278	Rutland.
6524837	Rutland, London or Watford.
4357682	Cam., Superlative or Yorkshire.
— 6543278	Rutland, London or Watford.
4625837	Rutland.
— 6537482	Cambridge or Superlative.
— 4365278	London.
6423857	London.
3547682	Cambridge or Lincolnshire.
— 6435278	London.
— 3645278	Bristol.
4326857	London.
— 3657482	Cambridge or Lincolnshire.
5346278	Rutland.
4523867	London or Lindum.*
— 5367482	Cambridge.
— 4653278	London or Eastcote.
5426837	London or Eastcote.
— 4637582	Cambridge or Superlative.
3456278	London or Lindum.*

Repeat four times.

Provided that Watford is not rung in the peal, Rutland will be true if rung at the leads marked *

A GUIDE TO PEAL RINGERS

Conductors and others sending in peals should note the following details as to footnotes, a style which was introduced by the late Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, and has been in operation ever since:—

Mark the first note with *
Mark the second with †
Mark the third with ‡
Mark the fourth with §

These incidentals should precede the name of the ringer. Confusion is likely to arise when they appear after the name.

5,056 LEICESTERSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

By R. F. B. SPEED

23456	W	B	M	H	
45236	—			—	A
45623		2	—	—	
62453	—			—	
34625	—		—	—	
23645	—			3	
64235	—			—	
52436			—	—	
64523	—		—	—	
52643	—			—	
36524	—		—	—	
23564	—			3	
23456		A			

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MEETINGS

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby and Ilkeston Joint meeting at St. Peter's, Belper, on Saturday, July 26th. Bells available 3 p.m. 1067

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. Division.—Meeting at Matching (6) on Saturday, July 26th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 1025

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Horwich on Saturday, July 26th. Bells available 2.30 Cups of tea provided. Business meeting follows tea.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec. 1083

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Meeting, Drighlington, Saturday, July 26th. Usual arrangements.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec. 1100

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Alford, Saturday, July 26th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, Church Hall, 5 p.m. 1073

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting Edenham, July 26th Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. 1074

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Meeting, Fulmer, Saturday, July 26th, 3.30 p.m.—Barker. 1060

SUFFOLK GUILD.—General meeting, Ipswich, July 26th. St. Mary-le-Tower bells from 2.30 p.m.—C. W. Pipe. 1071

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern and North-Western Districts. — Joint meeting at Lingfield, July 26th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—C. J. Champion, R. Lathbury, Dis. Secs. 1045

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Dedication of Baughurst bells on Saturday, July 26th. Service 3 o'clock. 1062

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tuesday, July 29th, 7.15 p.m. Advanced methods practice, Christ Church, Ealing Broadway. No practice at Lambeth in August.—Rogers. HOU 3921. 1104

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, August 2nd, 3 p.m. Ringing afterwards, All Saints', Fulham, 6.30 p.m. No ringing at St. Michael's Cornhill, until September—A. B. Peck. 1093

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Kineton (6), August 2nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Radway (5) from 6 p.m. Please arrange own tea.—Edden, 25, Deppers Bridge, Southam, Rugby. 1092

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Leverington Saturday, August 2nd. Bells (6) 2.30. Tea 5.—J. E. Fox, Dis. Sec. 1088

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. Division.—Meeting at Waltham Abbey (12) on August 2nd. Bells available 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30 p.m. Further ringing till 8 p.m. Special invitation to the Middlesex Association. Names for tea to Mrs. C. Roberts, 5, Monkswood Avenue, Waltham Abbey, Essex.—F. V. G. 1082

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Citty Branch.—August 2nd, St. James' (10), 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, Broadway Cafe, Cumberland Street, 5 p.m. Meeting, Church House, Whitson Street, 6 p.m.—A. Bennett. 1098

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rickmansworth (10), Saturday, August 2nd, 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names, please.—R. G. Bell, 131, Hamper Mill Lane, Watford. Tel. Watford 7936. 1102

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—By-meeting at East Peckham (6), August 2nd, at 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea by July 30th to Mr. T. Saunders, East Peckham, Tonbridge. 1079

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Parbold on Saturday, August 2nd. Names for tea to Mr. H. Leyland, 16, Station Road, Parbold. —W. Farrimond, Branch Sec. 1105

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—A monthly meeting at Milton Keynes, Saturday, August 2nd. Bells (6) at 5 p.m. All welcome.—R. H. Howson. 1095

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery and Reading Branches.—A joint meeting at Sonning on August 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45. Sonning and Shiplake bells after tea. Notify for tea by July 29th to B. C. Castle,, The Briars, Westfield Road, Winnersh, Wokingham. 1084

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting at Bratton (6), August 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service and tea.—F. Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 1103

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern. — Practice meeting, Ardingly (6), Saturday, August 2nd, 3 p.m. Tea for those who notify by July 30th.—G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 1091

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Southampton District. — Practice meeting, August 2nd, at Netley. Names for tea, by July 29th, to M. J. Butler, 8, St. Peter's Road, Southampton. 1097

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Southern Branch.—Alteration in date of meeting at Little Comberton, to Aug. 2nd instead of July 26th. Times as previously stated. Names for tea, by July 29th, to 7, New Road, Hampton, Evesham. 1089

GUILDFORD GUILD (Leatherhead District), SURREY ASSOCIATION (N.W. District).—Annual joint meeting at Leatherhead on Monday, August 4th. Ringing from 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15, The Institute, 2s. Owing to holiday it is essential that names for tea should reach G. Marriner, 7, Poplar Avenue, Leatherhead, by July 31st.—A. H. Smith and R. Lathbury. 1090

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY and LADIES' GUILD (Northern District).—Joint meeting at Rotherham on Bank Holiday Monday. Bells (10) at 2.30. Names for tea not later than Thursday, July 31st, to Mr. T. C. Ryder, 19, Middle Lane South, Rotherham. —J. E. Turley and D. E. Kelly, Hon. Secs. 1086

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne and Ilchester Branches.—Joint meeting at Martock, August 9th. Service 4.30. Please notify early for tea.—F. Farrant, Martock. 1099

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Norton and Whilton, Saturday, August 9th. Service and tea at Norton. Names for tea to me not later than Saturday, August 2nd.—F. W. Hancock, Willoughby, Rugby. 1094

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Alwalton on August 9th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Cups of tea provided; bring own food. 1085

5,152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

By R. F. B. SPEED

23456	B	M	W	H
43256				—
35426			—	—
43526		3		—
54326		3		—
34625		—		
34256	x			—
52643		—	—	
62345		—		
24653	&			3
53246		A		
42635		—	—	
62534		—		
23645	x			
23456	x			—

6th extent home.
No 82's.

STAVELEY, DERBYS.—On July 13th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. E. Parsons 1, D. H. Rooke 2, F. A. Adams 3, H. Paddison 4, J. Ford 5, R. E. Moon (first quarter) 6, W. Dickenson 7, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 8. Rung in honour of the baptism of John Dickenson, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Dickenson.

RINGING RHYMES

No. 12A. Stedman (continued)

Though Stedman is by ' sixes ' rung,
It is, like any other method, strung
Together by Divisions. Each
From mid-quick six you'll find to reach
To mid-quick six ensuing. Here
The Stedman CYCLICS do appear.
' Position ' will, in Triples, be
Just: 2-5-6-1-7-4-3.
And thus for ' Bell ' the cyclic true
Is: 3-4-7-1-6-5-2.

The Stedman blue line thus you'll find:—
Quick work, then dodging out behind.
Then Slow work, (on the front once more)
With dodging following, as before.

Quick work in *one* six is complete.
In Slow, *five* sixes you will meet.

This slow work in four parts is classed:
Whole Turns and Half Turns—first and last.

For First Whole Turn lead ' wrong ' then ' right'
With sandwiched ' snap ' in seconds. (tight !)
First Half Turn now, with snap at hand
Then Last Half Turn, at back stroke. And—
Last Whole Turn next, with leads right/wrong,
Sandwiching seconds snap. This throng
Is interspersed with places, thirds,
Five times successively. (These words
At first seem strange; but work them out—
You'll soon learn what it's all about !)

Except in Doubles, at mid-six.
Where ' Single ' will two back bells ' fix.'
The Stedman calls at six-ends rise;
The Bob three back bells to revise.
The Single leaves last bell alone.
But previous two place-make, as one.

A.Y-B.

(To be concluded)

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PRESERVATION OF BELLS

ONE of the glories of England is the beauty and splendour of the great majority of our ancient parish churches, being outstanding memorials to the mediæval master masons and designers. They were built by team work, and a lesser member of the team was the bell founder, who enabled the outside world to be reminded by sound that the Church existed.

Up till the end of the 13th century the bell founder's standard was lower than his counterpart, the master mason, and the bells were still of the flower pot shape with a poor tone. However, it was not long before he was producing bells which were objects of great beauty, both in appearance and in the ornamental detail of the Latin inscription. One particular example of very fine lettering is to be found at South Somercotes, Lincolnshire, on a bell dated 1423; the letter D has inside it the figure of St. George in full armour of the time killing the dragon. This lettering has been used by several recent founders for very special work, one being the bell for the Festival of Britain, now the tenor at Kelvedon, Essex.

By the time of the Reformation, about 1540, most of the larger parish churches had five large bells with perhaps a sanctus bell. The large bells were approximately in tune with one another as near as could be judged by the ear without the aid of tuning forks; but this was not so important in those days, as the bells were often rung singly.

With the advent of change ringing the rings of five were augmented to six or more, and in some cases the notes of certain bells required to be altered, so it was not long before recasting and smashing up old bells was well under way. The wear and tear caused by swinging a bell in a full circle, greater use, unauthorised clocking, defective clock hammers and other causes all took their toll of the old bells so that to-day it is the exception rather than the rule to find any bells cast before 1600 in a ring. This is fortunately not nearly so true of churches with only a few bells and a number of these are still using their original bells cast before 1300, others have been placed in retirement in the church after serving a useful life of sometimes as much as 700 years.

The most general cause of a bell becoming useless is due to cracking, and it is unfortunate that the study of welding used so extensively in the engineering industry has not yet provided a very satisfactory answer to a cracked bell forming part of a ring. Chiming bells have been repaired with better results, but with these the blow of the clapper is not so severe.

Up to the turn of the present century the tuning of most bells was based on the Old Standard principle, which gave deep melodious notes but little brilliance to the tone of the lighter bells. Canon Simpson produced his principle of tuning some 50 years ago and this has now been accepted as the basis for most modern tuning. This change in the technique of tuning has probably caused more recasting of bells than any other reason, though most of the rings so treated were not of any great age.

Recasting an old bell causes the old design and shape to be lost and often the inscription with it, even though the old metal is used again. In recent years it has become more common for the old inscription to be reproduced on the new bell exactly as it was on the old with a note about the recasting added. This is greatly to be encouraged, as it does give some idea of the continuity of service to the church and details of the bell's earlier origin.

If an old bell does not fit in satisfactorily with a projected ring, but is otherwise usable, the bell should be retained as a service bell and hung to one side of the ring. Old bells were cast with canons or loops on the head of the crown to facilitate hanging. This use has now largely disappeared, but their removal detracts considerably from the appearance of the bell and is in effect a mutilation. Bells can be hung perfectly satisfactorily with the canons retained, but it does require some extra work on the part of the bell-hanger.

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The recently published resolutions of the Central Council for the Care of Churches are designed to preserve as many as possible of the now rather small number of ancient bells left in our church towers and indirectly to suggest to the parish authorities that greater care should be taken to prevent bells from becoming cracked and useless in the first place. In general the diocesan authorities also do not know enough about bells and it is sometimes through ignorance that bells are destroyed when they should have been preserved, and the writer feels that all ringers should be alive to what is happening in their particular area and should try to prevent such a sad occurrence as happened in Kent recently when a complete ring of five, including two pre-Reformation bells, was sold as scrap.

R. W. M. C.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., July 19, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 25 cwt.

*MURIEL REAY	*Treble*	HENRY H. FEARN	7
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	PETER LAFLIN	8
WILFRED STEVENSON	3	EDWARD JENKINS	9
C. KENNETH LEWIS	4	JOHN PINFOLD	10
GEORGE E. FEARN	5	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	11
TERRY R. HAMPTON	6	JOHN WORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
* First peal of Maximus.

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AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 48 cwt.

JOHN H. CHILCOTT	*Treble*	LEONARD H. BOWLER	7
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Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.
* 250th peal.

TEN BELL PEAL

WORCESTER.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 19, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 23 cwt. in E.

R. GEORGE MORRIS	*Treble*	*FRANK C. PRICE	6
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Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
* First peal of Surprise Royal. Also a 21st birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

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THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., July 11, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
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A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	*Treble*	MICHAEL E. BROWN	5
*DAVID J. MARSHALL	2	PETER J. STANIFORTH	6
HAROLD MARCON	3	JOHN B. BENNETT	7
J. FREDK. MILNER	4	HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal of Surprise Major.

CHIDDINGSTONE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 12, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb.

BETTY M. VIDLER	*Treble*	RALPH BIRD	5
BARBARA A. MITCHELL	2	ROBERT T. LAMBERT	6
*MICHAEL FULLER	3	JOHN HILL	7
REGINALD E. LAMBERT	4	†S. GEOFFREY WATERS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by RALPH BIRD.
* First peal of Surprise Major. † 25th peal of Surprise Major. First peal in the method as conductor.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., July 14, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

*JOHN McDONALD	*Treble*	TERRY R. HAMPTON	5
*EVELYN M. FLETCHER	2	*ANTHONY AGER	6
MURIEL REAY	3	JOHN PINFOLD	7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
* First peal in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., July 16, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 6½ cwt.

MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH	*Treble*	HAROLD J. HAZELL	5
ERNEST W. RAWSON	2	HAROLD G. JENNEY	6
WINIFRED M. BURTON	3	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	7
BRIAN G. WARWICK	4	PETER J. STANIFORTH	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.

COLE-ORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Thurs., July 17, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

*HAROLD J. HAZELL	*Treble*	BARNABAS G. KEY	5
†WALTER G. SOAR	2	†JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	6
JOSEPH WM. COTTON	3	PERCIVAL W. GRICE	7
†ROLAND BENISTON	4	SIDNEY H. JONES	*Tenor*

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.
* First peal of Triples. † First peal in the method.

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FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., July 17, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Containing 2,720 Yorkshire and 2,336 Cambridge, with 72 changes of method. Tenor 12¼ cwt. in F sharp.

*OSWALD CLAYBROOK	*Treble*	†DENIS MADDOCK	5
*HENRY O. BAKER	2	†WILLIAM ALLMAN	6
†HAROLD WORRALL	3	*JOHN E. BIBBY	7
*WALTER ALLMAN	4	†CECIL RADDON	*Tenor*

Arranged by C. K. LEWIS to C. Middleton's Composition.
Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise in two methods. † First peal of Spliced Surprise.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., July 17, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 CORNWALL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER	*Treble*	LEONARD H. BOWLER	5
ALICK CUTLER	2	ALFRED J. HOUSE	6
*JOHN R. MAYNE	3	*THOMAS J. LOCK	7
RICHARD F. B. SPEED	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS	*Tenor*

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED. Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.
* First peal in the method.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 19, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, SURREY ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16½ cwt.

*ALFRED H. COOTE	*Treble*	*FREDERICK PRECEY	5
†MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	2	*JAMES E. DANIELS	6
†ROY C. HURST	3	*RONALD N. MARLOW	7
†DANIEL T. MATKIN	4	*HERBERT A. MITCHELL	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.
* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method on tower bells. First in the method on the bells.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 19, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

RAYMOND OVERY	*Treble*	JAMES W. JEFFERY	5
KENNETH SNELLING	2	LEONARD STILWELL	6
*MRS. E. RAPLEY	3	VICTOR J. C. WOOD	7
GEORGE APPS	4	JAMES H. LILLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by RAYMOND OVERY.
* First peal of Major 'inside.'

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 19, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5184 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb.

HILDEGARD I. G. BIRD	*Treble*	ROBERT COLLINS	5
*DAVID E. PARSONS	2	DORIS E. COLGATE	6
*BARBARA A. MITCHELL	3	S. GEOFFREY WATERS	7
RALPH BIRD	4	FRANK E. DARBY	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by RALPH BIRD.
* First peal in the method.

EDINBURGH.
THE SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 19, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Tenor 21 cwt.

MRS. H. J. POOLE	*Treble*	PAUL L. TAYLOR	5
*ROGNVALD ST. C. WILSON	2	HAROLD J. POOLE	6
*JOYCE E. TAYLOR	3	THOMAS C. WINDERAM	7
KATHARINE M. H. BRANSON	4	WILLIAM H. PICKETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal of Stedman.
Rung within the octave of the Consecration and Installation of the Right Rev. F. H. Moncrieff as Bishop of Glasgow and Galloway in the Episcopal Church in Scotland.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 19, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 ERIN TRIPLES
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

H. LESLIE PASK	*Treble*	RAYMOND F. SMITH	5
JOHN WALDEN	2	JOHN CRAGG	6
WALTER TOMLINSON	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	7
JOHN A. FREEMAN	4	SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
The first peal of Erin Triples by all the band and for the Guild.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam William Lammiman, devoted church worker and ex-churchwarden at this church.

MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 19, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY, ST. GEORGE AND ST. DENYS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Taylor's Six-part. Tenor 27½ cwt. in D.

RONALD BAGNALL	*Treble*	ALFRED LOMAS	5
BRIAN TOMLINSON	2	PETER CROOK, SEN.	6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	3	JOSEPH THORNLEY	7
NORMAN TOMPKINS	4	FRED JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.
Rung as a token of thanksgiving of the generous response to this Cathedral's Restoration Fund.

ST. HELENS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 19, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 25 cwt.

HARRY BLACKBURN	*Treble*	THOMAS HESKETH	5
MARGARET RIDYARD	2	RALPH G. EDWARDS	6
RONALD POCKLINGTON	3	EDWIN C. BIRKETT	7
THOMAS HORRIDGE	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Thomas Horridge.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., July 20, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-AND-ALL-ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt.

GEORGE H. SPICE	*Treble*	S. GEOFFREY WATERS	5
BARBARA A. MITCHELL	2	*REV. PETER T. ROBBINS	6
DORIS G. DOBBIE	3	GEORGE KENWARD	7
THOMAS E. SONE	4	STANLEY B. DOBBIE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
* First peal in method. Arranged for the Rev. P. T. Robbins. Also a birthday compliment to George Kenward, Thomas E. Sone and Mrs. H. Baker, of Frittenden.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., July 21, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

*PETER J. THOMAS	*Treble*	‡E. CHARLES TURNER	5
†HAROLD KILBY	2	†WILLIAM A. WOOD	6
†JOHN J. MORRIS	3	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	7
CECIL E. CARR	4	†WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN.	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal of Treble Bob Major.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Mon., July 21, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

CLIVE M. SMITH	*Treble*	*RODERICK J. LEES	5
*ERNEST STITCH	2	†STANLEY PRESTIDGE	6
J. NORMAN HADLEY	3	†MAURICE G. TURNER	7
†WILLIAM DAVIES	4	HOWARD HOWELL	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.
* First peal in the method 'inside.' † First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.
Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to Mrs. M. H. Barnsley, of Netherton, wife of a late churchwarden.

WOLBOROUGH, DEVONSHIRE.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Wed., July 23, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5000 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

E. MAURICE ATKINS	*Treble*	JOHN L. S. GLANVILL	5
ELIZABETH BROWN	2	FREDERICK WREFORD	6
CYRIL C. DEEM	3	REV. JOHN G. M. SCOTT	7
NORMAN MALLETT	4	THOMAS G. MYERS	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.
First peal in the method for the Guild and for all except the conductor. Rung by members resident in the county.
Rung in honour of the Feasts of St. Mary Magdalene and St. James.

SIX BELL PEALS

CASSINGTON, OXON.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Tues., June 17, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In 18 methods in seven extents, viz.: (1) London Bob, Lytham Bob, College Bob, Wavertree College Bob, (2) Single Court, Double Court, (3) Reverse Bob, Canterbury Pleasure Bob, (4) Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, (5) Double Oxford Bob, Thelwall Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Childwall Bob, (6) Single Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, (7) Double Bob, Fulbeck Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

KATHLEEN HIGGINS	*Treble*	FRANK P. WRIGHT	4
*M. ELIZABETH ROE	2	MICHAEL SLANEY	5
ROBIN G. TURNER	3	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL SLANEY.
* 25th peal. First tower bell peal as conductor. First peal in 18 methods for the Society and for all the band.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., July 17, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents, each called differently.
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

EVA M. SMITH	*Treble*	*P.C. JAMES R. HOLMES	4
DENIS A. FRITH	2	*BRYAN D. HILL	5
HENRY P. COLLIN	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.
* First peal of Minor.

HOLYWELL, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., July 18, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Two 2,160's, one 720. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

DEREK SANDERSON	*Treble*	JOHN R. G. SPICER	4
E. JACK PARISH	2	ROBERT H. BROOKER	5
FRANK WARRINGTON	3	HAROLD S. PEACOCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.
Rung for Festival Sunday, July 2nd this year.

COLWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., July 19, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb.

*NOREEN BRAIN	*Treble*	PETER BERESFORD	4
BARNABAS G. KEY	2	WALTER J. COPE	5
JOAN BERESFORD	3	GEORGE E. OLIVER	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. OLIVER.
* First peal of Treble Bob. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

MORETON CORBET, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 19, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise and two extents each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.

*FREDERICK LEECH	*Treble*	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	4
*ALFRED C. BOXLEY	2	†MAURICE G. TURNER	5
ERNEST STITCH	3	HOWARD HOWELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.
* First peal in four methods. † 175th peal.

SHEFFIELD.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
On Sat., July 19, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

*RONALD HALL	*Treble*	JOHN S. WOODHOUSE	4
*H. DAVID HOLLAND	2	WILLIAM HOLLAND	5
BARRY HOLLAND	3	DENNIS HOLLAND	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENNIS HOLLAND.
* First peal.

STANTON-ON-HINE HEATH, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 19, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

*FREDERICK LEECH	*Treble*	ERNEST STITCH	4
ALFRED C. BOXLEY	2	MAURICE G. TURNER	5
EDWARD V. RODENHURST	3	HOWARD HOWELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.
* First peal in three methods.

ST. ERME, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 19, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HERMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

CLEMENT W. JOSE	*Treble*	*JAMES P. BLOND	4
A. HUBERT EPLETT	2	FRANK BRADLEY	5
MRS. A. S. ROBERTS	3	REV. A. S. ROBERTS	*Tenor*

Conducted by REV. A. S. ROBERTS.
* First peal of Minor, and also a birthday peal. First peal of Minor on the bells. Rung on the Eve of the Patronal Festival of St. Mawgan.

WHISSENDINE, RUTLAND.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 19, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 17¼ cwt.

H. WAND	*Treble*	H. CLAYTON	4
REGINALD SCOTT	2	F. T. LONG	5
*F. J. WILLIAMS	3	†J. T. W. MORRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD SCOTT.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Tues., July 22, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr.

CLIVE M. SMITH	*Treble*	*J. NORMAN HADLEY ..	4
PETER BERESFORD	2	WALTER J. COPE	5
JOAN BERESFORD	3	GEORGE E. OLIVER ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. OLIVER.
* First peal of Surprise. First peal of Surprise on the bells. Rung for the Feast of St. Mary Magdalene.

ELSHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., July 23, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*REV. D. N. TINDALL ..	*Treble*	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ..	4
JACK BRAY	2	PHILIP BARNES	5
C. AUBREY HARRISON ..	3	GEORGE W. MOODY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK BRAY.
* First peal.

FORNHAM ST. MARTIN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Thurs., July 24, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Double Court and two each of Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 6 cwt.

ARTHUR F. BALLAM	*Treble*	JOHN A. ACRES	4
ALBERT E. AUSTEN	2	PETER C. WRIGHT	5
WILLIAM STANNARD ..	3	JOHN W. BANKS	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER C. WRIGHT.

HANDBELL PEALS

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., July 18, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5076 SPLICED MAJOR
In eight methods, comprising 1,488 Plain Bob; 1,404 Gainsborough Little Bob; 576 Little Bob; 432 Reverse; 336 each of Double and St. Clement's; 288 Wellington Little Bob, and 216 Crayford Little Bob, with 401 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

MICHAEL J. E. BEST ..	1—2	DANIEL T. MATKIN	5—6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY..	3—4	KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ..	7—8

Composed by F. NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 23, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT 29, HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

FRANK C. PRICE	1—2	JOHN THOMAS	5—6
MRS. J. THOMAS	3—4	PHILIP A. CORBY	7—8

Composed by G. H. CROSS (C.C.C. 1).
Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
A birthday compliment to Frank C. Price.

RISLEY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 23, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
AT 85, DERBY ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

VALERIE GUTTERIDGE ..	1—2	WILFRED L. ROBINSON ..	5—6
CLEMENT GLENN	3—4	JACK BAILEY	7—8

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
Witness: E. F. GOBEY.

WOODDITTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Wed., July 23, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT SUNNY VIEW, WOODDITTON ROAD, NEWMARKET,
A PEAL OF 5072 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 16 in B flat.

ALBERT E. AUSTIN	1—2	JOHN A. ACRES	5—6
PETER C. WRIGHT	3—4	PETER BORDER	7—8

Composed by E. J. LINDLEY. Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.
This composition is now rung for the first time; 139 callings.



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FOR BEGINNERS—AND A WORD TO THE OLDER HANDS

V.—From Paper to Bells

The 'pencil and paper' work, which we suggested last week beginners should do, will, we hope, have shown something of the construction of methods of pure Doubles in which the treble retains a plain hunting course. Those who worked out these courses will have found that wherever a thirds place is made, two bells (on the opposite side of the 'place' to the position of the treble) had to make a 'dodge'; that is, each had to retrace its steps one place before going on again.

In Grandsire, which, as we explained, is the method with one 3rds place in each 'lead,' made immediately the treble has led, the dodge takes place between the bells in 4–5. The bell that makes the 3rds place has its course reversed and, instead of continuing hunting **up**, it has to turn round and hunt **down** to lead again. The bell that does this is often said to 'make 3rds, and lead,' and you should remember this in case, at some time, you go astray and are suddenly given this injunction. Remember, too, that the 3rds place is always made at backstroke and handstroke, which is sometimes called 'the wrong way,' or 'wrong,' as opposed to places made 'right,' which is at handstroke and backstroke.

The 'dodge' occurs immediately after one bell has laid its whole pull behind. This bell is said to dodge 'down,' because actually it is in its hunting course on its way down. The other bell is said to dodge 'up,' because it is in its upward hunting course, and does not lay its whole pull behind until after the dodge is completed. It is useful to know that the whole pulls behind in Grandsire are always at backstroke and handstroke.

The bells that have been dodging behind come down to lead in the same order that they hunted up, but the bell that made 3rds place hunts down in front of them, instead of being behind them. It is by this transposition of work that the three leads forming the plain course are produced.

The 3rds place puts the last one first. Suppose they are running in the order a, b, c; c makes 3rds place; then the order is c, a, b. Next b makes 3rds, and the order becomes b, c, a. In turn, a makes 3rds and the order is once more a, b, c.

Of the other two bells the treble, as you already know, is plain hunting. The other bell also keeps to plain hunting until a bob or single is called, and in simple Grandsire this bell continues to 'course' the treble; that is, it takes off at lead and turns it from behind, and there is never more than one other bell (a bell going in the opposite direction) between them at any time.

The three dodging and place-making bells follow a regular cycle of work—indeed, in all methods the 'working bells,' as they are called, follow a regular cycle, until a bob (or single) shunts them off into another part of the same cycle.

The cycle of work in Grandsire Doubles is:—

Make 3rds and lead.
Dodge 5–4 down.
Dodge 4–5 up.

In the plain course the bell in the hunt with the treble is the 2nd. In previous articles we have attempted to explain how to hunt, so all that it should be necessary now to elaborate is the differences in the work.

You will know when it is your turn to make 3rds place by the fact that immediately before it the treble will have taken you off the lead; in other words, you will have 'passed the treble' in 1–2. At your backstroke lead the treble strikes over you, at your first blow in 2nds you strike over the treble. That is 'passing the treble' in 1–2. Your next blow will be over the bell in the hunt, and that is your first blow in 3rds. In these two blows you are hunting **up**—they require a little 'holding up' on your part, to keep the rhythm. Your next blow in 3rds requires an interval in your pull equivalent to the space in rounds, and then you hunt down to lead by 'pulling in' just a little each time. The two bells you strike over in turn are the treble and the bell in the hunt—the same two in the same order that you met after leading.

Whichever way you are dodging you must 'pull in' a little to strike into 4ths and 'hold up' a little to go back into 5ths.

After making 3rds and leading, you 'pass the treble' in 3–4 before dodging in 5–4 down, and in 2–3 before dodging in 4–5 up. This passing of the treble should be one of your main guides to your next work, and if you are to rely upon it you must count your places as you pass through them.

Here is a simple table which gives you the complete work in a plain course of Grandsire Doubles. Learn it:—

Lead.	Pass treble 1–2.	3rds.
Lead.	Pass treble 3–4.	Lie. Dodge 5–4 down.
Lead.	Pass treble 2–3.	Dodge 4/5 up. Lie.
Lead.		

Write out your course of Grandsire Doubles, check over with the figures the work of the different bells as explained here and then endeavour to put it into practice in your tower, or, if your tower bells are not available, then on handbells, ringing the bells upward for the handstrokes and downward for the backstrokes.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

First Visit to Sandon

On July 19th the Northern District held their monthly meeting at Sandon, Rushden and Wallington.

Ringing commenced at Rushden at 2.30 where the special method, St. Nicholas, was tried on this rather rough-going five. Sandon bells were available from 3.45 and many enjoyed this five. The church is situated by the village green and pond. This is believed to be the first time the Association has visited these two towers and it is hoped it will not be the last. A free tea was provided by the churchwardens in the Village Hall which was appreciated by the 30 ringers present.

Mr. G. W. Debenham, the Association treasurer, was elected chairman for the business meeting at which Mr. E. Bradfield, of Sandon, was re-elected a ringing member after many years of inactivity, and Mr. L. Croft, of Beverley, a non-resident member.

The next meeting will be at Barley on August 23rd and the special method will be Single Court.

Owing to lack of support it was proposed not to run a coach for this as was suggested at the last meeting.

It was agreed that the secretary write to the Association president, Mr. A. E. Symonds, and wish him a speedy recovery from his illness.

As the tea was free it was proposed that the visitors pay one shilling per head which would go to the general fund.

After the meeting the company made their way to Wallington, where further ringing continued until a late hour.

This meeting was attended far better than was expected, ringers coming from as far afield as Leatherhead and Bromham (Beds). E. G. B.

WOBURN, 1952

BEDFORDSHIRE may almost be said to be a forgotten county, wedged between two trunk roads and famed only for its Zoo at Whipsnade and its expanse of cabbage fields. Seldom is it that photographs of its varied countryside find their way into the pages of a guide book, and thus it is left for the visitor himself to search out the beautiful village scenes. May I be permitted, however, to introduce you to one of the most interesting of Bedfordshire towns, that of Woburn, seat of the Duke of Bedford?

Perhaps the most impressive approach to the town is from the north-west where suddenly the pinewoods open to give a magnificent view of the small community with its church tower dominating the scene. A walk up the cobbled paths of the High Street will reveal the great influence of Georgian design in this township and a small detour will show you how skilfully the modern architect can translate the materials and craftsmanship of this age into the medium of the past. But we must hurry on for, after all, we are ringers, and the church remains to be explored. To many the interior of the church may seen cold and forbidding in spite of its green surroundings, situated, as it is, on the edge of Woburn Park, but once inside the south porch all must be amazed at the beautiful lines and decorativeness of this cathedral-like edifice.

I have not yet explained my reason for guiding you to Woburn. It is because I want you to share the enjoyment I experienced on June 28th when the Bedfordshire Association held their summer festival meeting there. Here was a meeting blessed with the best of everything—glorious weather, magnificent bells, good ringing and the opportunity of meeting old friends.

For many years now, ringers have coupled the name of Douglas Harris with Woburn bells, and it was good to have Douglas as Ringing Master; he saw to it that no ringer remained long in the tower without a rope in hand, and the equilibrium of Surprise and Plain methods was admirably kept.

And what could be more inviting to the thirsty ringer than the delightful, cool atmosphere of the teashop, where the small tables were attractively laid out with bread and butter, lettuce and cakes that were at the same time both fancy and substantial. When appetites and thirsts had been sated the president, Miss Evelyn Steele, voiced the thanks of the Association to the immediate past secretary, Mr. Frederick Plummer, for his work, enthusiasm and energy of the past 13 years, during which time the Association has thrived both numerically and financially. As a constant reminder of his days with us Fred has now a fountain pen and pencil, a copy of 'Bells of All Nations' and a book token.

Meanwhile service time was approaching and the company sauntered back to the church with the music of Stedman as a background to their conversation. The service was, indeed, memorable, fully befitting the august surroundings; here was a festival meeting following its praise in the belfry with thanksgiving in the nave. Back in the ringing chamber ringers were inspired to better things, culminating in a course of Cambridge Surprise Major rung by past and present members of the Association, a mingling of age and youth. After the preliminary 'settling down' period the bells went into the rhythmical beat that provides the greatest joy to the expert change-ringer—the beat that makes it immaterial as to whether the method is Plain Bob or Bristol, and causes all bystanders to listen with mind as well as ear.

It only remains for me now to invite you to join me when the Association next holds its summer festival at Woburn, but forgive me when I add that if the notice of meeting states 'name for tea,' the tea organiser would like a postcard from you. M. S.

BAMPTON, DEVON.—On July 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Handcock 1, E. H. Oxenham 2, H. Purchase (cond.) 3, V. N. Burrow 4, G. Sparkes 5, C. H. Wensley 6.

BATHWICK, BATH.—On July 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. J. Merrett 1, Mrs. D. Evans 2, R. O. Fry (cond.) 3, W. F. J. Cope 4, E. White 5, E. J. Fry 6, J. Hallett 7, P. R. Stubbs 8.

BOSTON, LINCS.—On July 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Nancie Swann 1, Lorna Briggs 2, D. White 3, A. Freeston 4, S. Jessop 5, F. Dewey (cond.) 6, J. Petch 7, T. Freeston 8. Rung as a farewell to the treble ringer.

BRISTOL.—At St. Mary Redcliffe, on July 6th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: F. G. Leaker 1, R. J. Bowden 2, Miss J. McDowall 3, J. Stallard 4, F. Hansford 5, F. C. Mogford 6, T. H. Trueman 7, E. F. Hancock (cond.) 8, E. Whitehead 9, W. Parker 10. Rung for the Patronal Festival.

BURFORD, OXON.—On June 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. M. Hitchcock (first quarter) 1, W. J. Dixon 2, Miss E. M. Bridges 3, B. W. Hall (first quarter) 4, T. J. V. Search 5, J. J. Westmacott 6, T. W. Timms (cond.) 7, L. Jewell 8. Rung for Confirmation by the Bishop of Dorchester, his last official duty before his retirement the following day.

CHERTSEY, SURREY.—On July 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Hunt 1, W. Shepherd (cond.) 2, W. A. Goldstone 3, J. B. Hessey 4, E. W. Butler 5, R. J. Shepherd 6, R. J. Andrews 7, T. Walden 8.

DEAL, KENT.—On July 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. W. Lawrence (first quarter of Minor) 1, Miss J. R. Wells 2, T. Wickens 3, Miss A. Vine 4, J. H. Baxter 5, G. E. Ruck (cond.) 6. Rung as a compliment to Miss Joy Milner, daughter of the tower captain (Mr. M. Milner), for her recent engagement.

QUARTER PEALS

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.—On July 7th, at Christ Church, Blacklands, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Downing (first quarter, aged 11) 1, Miss A. Eldridge (first of Doubles) 2, S. C. Driver 3, C. A. Levett 4, J. Downing (cond.) 5, J. E. Downing 6. Rung to commemorate the 71st anniversary of the consecration of this church.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.—On July 13th, 1,224 Kent Treble Bob Minor: F. H. Beeney 1, G. Beeney 2, G. Gadd 3, C. J. Piper 4, B. Stepney 5, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 6. First quarter of Treble Bob by 1 and 3.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.—On July 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Windwood 1, Miss A. M. Trott 2, Miss N. Ickeringill 3, J. Smart 4, E. R. Rapley 5, S. A. Paice 6, L. Stilwell (cond.) 7, C. Denyer 8. Rung by the local band after a special Evensong service to reopen the bells, which have been rehung in ball bearings.

PADBURY, BUCKS.—On July 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Coleman (first quarter away from tenor) 1, W. Yates (cond.) 2, Miss D. Spokes 3, C. Gough 4, F. Vickers 5, G. W. Holland 6.

PORTSMOUTH.—On July 20th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Elliot (first quarter) 1, J. D. Harris 2, F. A. Burnett 3, G. Lee (first quarter) 4, J. W. Meade 5, C. H. Shepherd 6, F. W. Burnett (cond.) 7, F. Edwards 8.

SHIPLEY, SUSSEX.—On July 19th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Phillips 1, D. Body 2, Miss S. Richardson 3, B. Luff 4, F. Brooks 5, L. Weller (cond.) 6. First quarter in the method for 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6.

SOUTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Mary, on June 22nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss J. Cox 1, D. C. Williams (cond.) 2, Miss A. West (first in method) 3, M. J. Butler 4, N. Hayes 5, O. N. Curtis 6, R. A. Reed 7, W. Glasspool 8.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At the Cathedral, on July 20th, 1,323 Stedman Cinques: H. E. C Goodenough (cond.) 1, A. W. Coles 2, B. Connell 3, A. J. Hatten 4, B. C. Johnson 5, A Day 6, T. J. Southam 7, W. J. Arnold 8, R. F. Ewer 9, C. Sayer 10, G. W. Debenham 11, G. Spencer 12. Rung on the occasion of the attendance of Her Majesty the Queen at Evensong.

ST. IVES, HUNTS.—On July 6th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: W. O. Noble 1, F. Warrington (cond.) 2, H. W. Pratt 3, G. Nicholls 4, E. J. Parish 5, H. S. Peacock 6, L. W. Fisher 7, G. H. Dunnington 8. Also on July 14th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: D. Sanderson (Todmorden) 1, E. J. Parish 2, F. Warrington 3, H. S. Peacock 4, W. Ransom 5, A. Clements 6, S. Gilbert 7, R. H. Brooker (first quarter of Surprise Major as cond.) 8. First quarter of Cambridge Major for 4, 5 and 6.

TICKHILL, YORKS.—On July 19th, 1,260 Minor (360 Kent, 900 Plain Bob): E. J. Padgett 1, A. Jewitt 2, A. Hulley 3, J. Wardle 4, A. Wilson (first quarter) 5, F. J. Jackson (cond.) 6.

WHITCHURCH, GLAM.—On July 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. Bailey 1, H. Green 2, F. J. Bailey 3, M. Williams 4, L. J. Malings 5, W. Dare (cond.) 6.

WONSTON, HANTS.—1,440 Plain Bob Minor: R. Phillips (first quarter) 1, R. Brewer 2, W. A. Theobald 3, R. Smith 4, J. A. C. King 5, R. M. Currie (cond.) 6.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

We have received news from the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards of the passing at the age of 83 years of Mr. Walter Hughes D'Aeth. He was a former representative of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild on the Central Council, and nearly 60 years ago gave Mr. Ll. Edwards his first lesson in change ringing.

Walton-on-Thames have an arrangement for turning over the clapper of the tenor. 'Anyone interested can inspect this,' writes Mr. R. Lathbury. 'No patents or claims for this idea.'

Accompanying the Nailsea (Somerset) ringers on their outing on July 19th was 'Clifford's' cider jar! The report was quite refreshing to read on a hot, sultry July afternoon.

The Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild decided at their annual meeting not to accept the Cranborne peal as a performance for the Guild. A report of the annual meeting will appear in our next issue.

Mr. W. H. Raxter writes in regard to the peal he called at Grimley on July 6th that he had been reminded that he conducted a peal on February 12th, 1949. He offers his sincere apologies for the mistake.

Mr. W. S. Lethbridge, of Exeter, was recently admitted to the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital to have an operation for acute appendicitis. His many friends in Exeter and Devon will be glad to know that 'Bill' is making a satisfactory recovery.

For 40 years Mr. H. M. White has been hon. secretary of the Bishop's Stortford band. His retirement, on July 22nd, was marked by the presentation of a wrist watch from his ringing friends. Mr. White joined the local band in 1900 and has rendered long and faithful service. His successor as secretary is Mr. N. Round-Turner. A complimentary quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung to mark the occasion.

We commend to other towers and Parochial Church Councils the example of Kingston-on-Thames. On four Saturday afternoons visitors to the belfry totalled 730. There is no lack of evidence that the public are interested in bells.

Owing to repairs to Rainham tower, Kent, there will be no ringing for several weeks.

Mrs. W. B. Kynaston has undergone an operation in the Victoria Hospital, Swindon. She is making satisfactory progress. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Congratulations to Mr. R. F. B. Speed on completing 250 peals. Of these he has conducted 82. They have been rung in 114 towers for 20 Associations.

Mr. George Henry Daynes called Holt's original on the day after his 82nd birthday. Is this a record? inquires one of his admirers. His friends, we feel sure, will join us in congratulating him on a wonderful feat of memory. Is it a case of 'once mastered never forgotten'?

A non-ringer described his feelings in a belfry with these words:—'I felt I was in some fantastic world, in which everything was **Turning! Turning!** I was reminded of the more obscure visions of the prophets: Ezekiel i., 13 . . . . for example, 'As for the likeness of the living creatures, their appearance was like burning coals of fire, like the appearance of torches: it went up and down among the living creatures . . . . and the living creatures ran and returned as the appearance of a flash of lightning . . . . their appearance and their work was as it were a wheel within a wheel . . . , As for the rings they were high and dreadful. And when the living creatures went the wheels went beside them: and when the living creatures were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up,' etc.—'The Belfry.'

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RINGING ON NATIONAL OCCASIONS

Dear Sir,—I certainly hope Mr. John Hill's letter will prompt serious consideration with regard to special ringing for the Coronation. It is often pointed out, with considerable justification, that ringers are not as mindful as they should be of the proper uses for church bells. In this connection perhaps it would not be out of place to offer congratulations to Mr. Alan Pink, who for the last year or two seems to have connected most of his peals with some occasion or another in the Church calendar.

As Mr. Hill points out, rings did, on the whole, rise to the occasion fairly well on the death of the late King, but there were a number of indiscretions at the time, some of which have already found mention in the columns of 'The Ringing World.' One such incident was the ringing of open bells at a very famous church on the evening of the King's death. It seems that a practice had been arranged and presumably because no one told the ringers they must not ring, they carried on as usual, with the bells open.

The chief criticism against ringers on all such occasions seems to be that they always regard the ringing as just another practice or opportunity for a peal without realising that they have a primary duty to Church and State.

I wonder if it would be a good thing for the Central Council to adopt a code for the guidance of ringers on all such occasions. Obviously there could be no compulsion to apply the code but like Mr. Hill, I feel that many ringers will appreciate a lead in these matters. Somewhat diffidently, therefore, I suggest the following in the hope that other readers will offer criticisms or possibly approval.

On the death of a sovereign.

(1). On the day of the announcement the bells should not be rung in peal at all. The age of the deceased should be tolled out on the tenor or other customary bell at one minute intervals, together with normal local variations to indicate the passing of a man, woman or child. If this cannot be carried out on the day it should be done the next day or as soon after as possible.

(2). The bells should be rung in peal half-muffled before any memorial service that may be held in the parish, and after the service for a short period if desired.

(3). All ringing meetings and peals should be cancelled until after the funeral.

(4). On any intervening Sundays the bells should be rung for the normal services. They should be muffled or open at the discretion of the incumbent. (Some incumbents may prefer the bells open as on Sundays the bells should primarily be associated with the worship of God.)

(5). On the day of the funeral the whole pull and stand should, if possible, be rung as soon as convenient after the time of the funeral. A half-muffled peal should be rung if desired. If a half-muffled peal cannot be attempted on the day of the funeral it should be deferred until the next Saturday or any intervening day, but not later than that.

(6). In places when the proclamation of the new sovereign is made, the bells may, as part of the proceedings, be rung open for a period strictly limited to 20 minutes. (This is not the occasion for an open peal.)

On the death of the Archbishop of Canterbury in office.—Rules 1 to 5 should be observed throughout the Anglican Communion.

On the death of the Archbishop of York or other Metropolitan Bishop in office.—Rules 1 to 5 should be observed throughout his province.

On the death of the Bishop of the Diocese in office.—Rules 1 to 5 should be observed throughout the Diocese.

On the death of a Suffragan Bishop, Archdeacon or Rural Dean.—Rules 1 to 5 should be observed throughout the area of his jurisdiction.

On the death of an Incumbent, Assistant Curate, Churchwarden or other prominent churchman or civic official.—Rules 1 to 5 should be observed in the parish.

Perhaps some other reader would like to make suggestions with regard to the Coronation.—Yours faithfully, P. A. CORBY.

Forest Hill, S.E.23.

ANOTHER RECORD ? ? ?

He's done it again! What? He's done it again!! Whatever are you talking about?

Well, superstition has it that 13 is an unlucky number. But not always, you know, there are always exceptions that prove the rule, and this was an exception, for on the 13th day after his 82nd birthday, that grand old veteran, George Henry Daynes, conducted Holt's Original on the bells at Eltham Parish Church, a truly wonderful achievement.

It was a really auspicious occasion, the peal being rung as an 82nd birthday compliment to George, a wedding peal for his granddaughter and a golden wedding anniversary peal for another veteran, Mr. James Hurrell, the steeplekeeper of Eltham Parish Church.

At the conclusion of the peal, the company expressed their best wishes to the two veterans with a lot more happy ringing.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

A meeting of the Hunts District was held at St. Bartholomew's, Great Gransden, on July 12th. Many members and friends were present including those from as far distant at Luton. The Guild service was conducted by the Rev. G. H. Sangster, Miss Joan Harding was at the organ and the District Ringing Master, Mr. F. Warrington, read the lesson. The Vicar gave a very interesting address.

Many standard methods were rung with five Surprise methods for the coming multi-Surprise method peal (?). Everyone appeared to have had a most enjoyable day. F. W.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Salisbury Branch at Amesbury

Amesbury was the gathering point for the summer meeting of the Salisbury Branch on July 19th when over 40 members and friends were present, some from as far afield as Calne and Chippenham, Templecombe and Yeovil, North Bradley and even one from Clare, Suffolk. The fine ring of eight was soon put to good use.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. R. P. Beckingham, and Canon W. T. Clayton, the Vicar of Bulford and O.C.F. to Bulford Camp near by, gave an address on the call of the bells. After tea the visiting ringers returned to the belfry while the Branch members held their meeting at which certificates of proficiency were given to Raymond Haines, of Wilton (who had gained it before his eighth birthday) and Raymond Sheppard (Damerham). Michael Love (Amesbury) and William Meades (Sarum St. Thomas) were elected members.

The next quarterly meeting was arranged for Nov. 1st at Codford St. Peter, and a suggestion from the Devizes Branch that it should be a joint meeting with them was welcomed

Later in the evening some of the ringers made their way to Woodford, in the lovely Avon valley—including an energetic party of cyclists from the neighbourhood of Calne—where some of the local ringers have recently recommenced practices and have put the bells in order after some years' silence. They are a tuneful light six and the villagers have been delighted to hear them again. We hope the local ringers will be encouraged and helped to build up a band for regular Sunday service ringing.

ISLEWORTH RINGERS' WEDDING

Mr. D. J. Charnley—Miss S. E. Harris

On Saturday, July 19th, the Parish Church of All Saints, Isleworth, was packed, when in brilliant sunshine the marriage took place between Miss Sheila E. Harris and Mr. David J. Charnley. The bride and bridegroom have been members of the local company of ringers since 1944 and 1946 respectively. As would be expected, therefore, they were welcomed to the church by the full ring of ten bells manned by members of the local company. Among the very many useful presents received was a set of 'Cries of London' table mats and a matching box from the All Saints' bellringers.

Mr. and Mrs. Charnley are now the second married couple in this company who met for the first time in Isleworth tower. Following a delightful reception the bride and bridegroom set off by road for Oban, Scotland.

Among the ten or more peals which they have both taken part are Cambridge Surprise Major and Royal, Yorkshire Surprise Major and Royal, Spliced Yorkshire and Cambridge Surprise Royal, also Spliced Yorkshire, Cambridge and Pudsey Surprise Royal. To this list should also have been added Solihull Surprise and Pudsey Surprise Royal but the bride alone rang in these, the bridegroom having had to drop out at the last moment as a result of unforeseen circumstances.

Another notable performance in which both took part was the first peal for over 35 years on the comparatively heavy and difficult bells of St. Stephen's, Westminster.

The bride's first peal was Grandsire Caters at Isleworth on June 1st, 1946, conducted by Captain H. W. Rogers, and rung to celebrate our victory in the second World War. First peal for the bridegroom was Stedman Caters, also at Isleworth, on December 14th, 1946, conducted by the present secretary of the Central Council, Mr. Edwin A. Barnett, and rung in honour of the King's birthday. All the foregoing peals were rung under the auspices of the London County Association.

Both bride and bridegroom are regular attenders for Sunday service ringing and consequently have rung many quarter peals, among these being Stedman Cinques, Cambridge Surprise Maximus and Kent Treble Bob Maximus.

On behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Charnley's various friends in the ringing fraternity we wish them many years of happiness and many more peals together.

MEMORIAL TO MR. JAMES MOTTS

An impressive service was held in the ringing chamber of St. Mary-le-Tower Church, Ipswich, on July 22nd, when the Vicar (Canon Babington) dedicated a new bookcase to the memory of Mr. James Motts, the gift of his niece, Mrs. Hilda Godden, of Worthing.

In his opening remarks, Mr. Charles J. Sedgley, who is Ringing Master of the Suffolk Guild, give a few details of Mr. Motts' prowess in ringing and conducting for 40 years, which included the then record 16,608 of Oxford Treble Bob Major at Debenham in 1892; 15,000 odd of London Surprise Major at King's Norton, after which he cycled back to Ipswich; and many other performances in conjunction with William L. Catchpole and others.

At the conclusion of the service Mr. G. E. Symonds thanked the Canon for honouring the ringers with his presence, saying that most of the volumes in the case belonged to James Motts, with records of ringing from 1877. Already other books have been presented making a very interesting collection.

The inscription on a brass plate on the bookcase is: 'To the memory of James Motts, who started this collection.' G. E. S.

SUSSEX TOURISTS TRAVEL 1,068 MILES AND RING 17,788 CHANGES

In Gloucester, Hereford and District

ANOTHER Sussex ringers' tour is over. Thanks to the splendid organisation by Miss F. Wyman, of Crawley, a very happy week was spent by all who went this year, and the ringing throughout was of a very high standard.

The party left Crawley by coach on Sunday, July 6th, and was joined by more ringers at Horsham and Guildford. The first ring of the tour was at St. Edward's, Stow-on-the-Wold, where the children listened to some good ringing on the heavy bells before starting their service. After tea the ringing was for evensong at St. Lawrence's, Barnwood. This delightful old church has an excellent light ring on which Mr. Case, the local captain is trainjng a young band of 16 youth club members. From Barnwood the route lay through the pleasant West Countryside to Ross-on-Wye, the week's headquarters, where Mr. and Mrs. T. Roderick, of Porthcawl, joined the party.

After Sunday's two good rings, Monday's ringing, in the Forest of Dean, was a greater test of skill. The first bells were at St. John-the-Baptist's, Ruardean, where one of the local ringers was Mr. D. Smith, secretary of the Barnsley and District Association and a native of Ruardean. The church, built in 1111, and the clock, made by the present Vicar, were much admired. The tower of the lovely old Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, St. Briavels, which was moved in 1830, had been struck by lightning the previous night but the damage was not serious and the ringing was enjoyed. The next church, St. Mary's, Lydney, had a Commonwealth atmosphere because two young New Zealanders had made a special journey to watch the ringing. They had been the guests of Viscount Bledisloe, an ex-Governor of New Zealand, who presented the strikingly lovely stained glass windows depicting the Franz Josef Glacier at Waiho, New Zealand. The bells have a good tone but will be easier to ring when they are rehung in the near future. The bells of St. Peter's, Newnham-on-Severn, were almost too much for the ladies but the stronger ringers managed them better. After tea, as Ross bells were not available, the ringing was at St. Bridget's, Bridstow. This light octave, with its mediæval tenor, was a delight to ring.

LEDBURY'S CAMPANILE

Tuesday started with an excellent ring of eight at St. Michael and All Angels', Ledbury. The bells, recently overhauled, are hung in a campanile separated from the fine church of Cathedral proportions. The speed of the ring ing caused debate but the approbation was unanimous. After a brief visit to Tewkesbury Abbey the tourists were met at St. Peter's, Hinton-on-the-Green, by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Thomas. Here the ringing was much enjoyed and was made easy by the use of a balcony built by the local ringers to shorten the draught. The first ten-bell ringing of the tour took place after lunch at Holy Trinity, Stratford-on-Avon, where the bells were well rung. The last bells of the day, at St. Lawrence's, Mickleton, were much more difficult to strike well but the ringing was fairly good.

A pleasant surprise was in store for Wednesday when, at the Church of St. Cuthbert, Holme-Lacy, in the depths of the country, the eight well-tuned bells were found to be a joy to ring and good use was made of them. As the bells of All Saints', Hereford, could not be rung, the next tower was St. Peter's, Lugwardine, where Mr. Walter Taylor joined the tourists in ringing the delightful octave. After lunch the coach journeyed uphill to the charming old Church of St. Mary, Clifford. Here the bells were much enjoyed and the party was fascinated by the stories and legends concerning this ancient and historically-important parish, told by the Rev. H. C. Martin. The bells of St. Mary's, Brecon, are heavier, but their lovely, mellow tone is superb and the ringers were most reluctant to leave.

On Thursday the Vicar of St. James', Quedgeley, met the tourists, who rang on the light octave which have a good tone and go well. A little more space and air would have been appreciated. The next ring, at St. Lawrence's, Longney, is almost as light but was found much more tricky to ring due to a long draught. Lunch at the Falcon Hotel, Wotton-under-Edge, with its highly-recommended liquid accompaniment, was followed by some good ringing on the fine octave at St. Mary-the-Virgin's, although slightly marred by the rattling framework. The last ring of the day, at St. James', Dursley, was very brief owing to mistaken mapreading and difficulty with clock hammers. The bells have a good tone but the long draught makes them difficult to ring and the Vicar is supported in his efforts to get the ringing chamber raised to a higher level.

Friday was the customary sightseeing day and the views of the Elan Lakes and the Black Mountains on the road to Aberystwyth gave very great pleasure. The only ringing of the day was at St. Padarn's, Llanbadarn-Fawr. In the huge candle-lit ringing chamber there was some good ringing on the well-tuned bells. On returning to Ross, Mr. E. Rapley presented, on behalf of the company, a gift of a travelling rug to Miss F. Wyman, an appropriate token of appreciation

A NEW ZEALAND AUDIENCE

The ringers were grateful for the privilege of ringing the bells of Gloucester Cathedral on Saturday morning, where they had another New Zealand audience, and were delighted to meet again Mr. H. Newman and also the Rev. George Smith, recently ordained deacon in the Cathedral, and previously a member of the Sussex Association. Mr. Smith joined in ringing the fine bells and also in lunching at Newent. At St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Monmouth, much time was spent in removing chiming apparatus and the heavy end was difficult to manage, but there was some reasonably good ringing. The evening ringing was at St. Peter's, Blaenavon, a small but charming church over 1,000 feet above sea level. The Rev. R. A. Sluman joined in some first-class ringing on the excellent octave which is only four years old. After climbing to 1,500 feet the downhill road with its wonderful scenery led to Abergavenny, where the night was spent. St. Mary's Church has perhaps the best ring of ten of the tour. It was certainly much appreciated by the ringers on Saturday evening.

The first stop on Sunday was at St. Mary's, Usk, where there was some excellent ringing for morning service on the eight delightful bells, after which a very sad 'Goodbye' was said to Mr. and Mrs. Roderick and the homeward journey continued. A brief visit was made to Fairford Church to view the famous stained glass windows before having tea at Abingdon. Mr. Albert Lock, who joined the tourists for tea, extended an invitation to ring the six bells of St. Nicholas' for a short time before ringing the ten bells of St. Helen's. Most of the ringing here was very good and made a satisfactory ending to the tour.

As usual, the duty of Ringing Master was divided among the company and ten ringers held office. A surprising feature of the tour was the unpopularity of handbell ringing; indeed, many attempts were sabotaged.

For the statistically-minded there were 17,788 changes rung in 23 different methods ranging from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Royal and including six Surprise methods. These were rung in 27 towers in eight counties, and to ring them 860 steps were climbed and 1,068 miles covered.

The incumbents and local ringers of these towers have earned the gratitude of the tourists for their contribution to a memorable week.

L. S. S.

RINGING MEETING CAUSES PROTESTS

Bells versus 'Potted Music Distributor'

The Leatherhead District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild and the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild held an enjoyable meeting on the outskirts of Guildford on July 19th in spite of difficulties.

These were encountered at the outset when members of a neighbouring tower started to make arrangements for the meeting to be held at Merrow and continued until the ringers had shaken the dust of Merrow from their feet and the melody of Merrow's fete from their ears.

The organisers found no local ringers available or willing to help with the arrangements and owing to the absence of the Rector on holiday were uncertain until a few days before whether or not the meeting could be held at all.

Eventually the Rector's permission was obtained, tea which had to be transported complete with servers from a few miles away was laid out in the adjoining Church Hall, and some 20 odd members of both Guilds, and visitors, arrived for a ring.

They found the tower locked and the key, usually kept on the premises, missing from its accustomed niche. However, a Guild official with some local knowledge succeeded in tracking down a duplicate key, and entry to the ringing room was effected.

Up went the bells and up almost immediately, too, came a deputation from the Cricket Club Fete in progress in the grounds of a nearby house demanding the immediate cessation of Minor and Doubles in order that the weird and wonderful melodies emanating from a potted music distributor might have an unobstructed chance of inflicting torture on the public. The scene was set for strife but, fortunately, compromise maintained peace (except for the loudspeaker, of course).

A get-together conference between representatives of the ringers, the Rector and organisers of the fete resulted in ringing being limited to one half hour.

A telephone call secured permission to ring on the eight at West Clandon after tea, and so after the fete tea had been served to the accompaniment of Minor and Doubles and the overworked and distorted melody-distributor had had a brief rest, the ringers disposed of their tea and transported themselves by various means to West Clandon. In addition to rounds the eight here were rung in various methods from Grandsire Triples to Yorkshire Surprise Major without hostile interruption until 8 p.m.

Outside the tower, however, an irate parishioner living in close proximity to the church did not hesitate to tell the local captain just once more exactly what was her opinion of the bells and him.

We are happy to record though, that against all these troubles the weather was perfect, the tea plentiful, the ringers satisfied and the local captain unperturbed by hostile comment. In fact the whole affair can be summed up with the time honoured colloquialism 'A good time was had by all.'

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'A LESSON IN GEOGRAPHY'

Dear Sir,—No doubt Mr. W. C. Panter is correct as far as he goes, but why did he not complete the 'lesson in geography'?

If a stranger suddenly found himself at North Petherwin and asked 'Where am I?' a native could well answer him: 'You are in the village and parish of North Petherwin, in the county of Devon, in the Tavistock division of the county, in the hundred of Black Torrington, in the Lifton petty sessional division, in the rural district of Broadwood Widger, in the Launceston union and county court district, in the rural deanery of Trigg-Major, in the archdeaconry of Bodmin and the diocese of Truro.' As this is so, the stranger would then know exactly where he was—or would he?

I humbly suggest that all **Church** bellringing should be nominated to the diocese of the church and not to the county. I also think that peals on secular bells, and this includes 'peals in-hand' that are rung away from the ringing chamber of a church, should be classified separately as 'Secular Peals' and not credited to any church Guild.—Yours faithfully.

GEORGE C. GRILLO.

Tavistock.

WEST COUNTRY GEOGRAPHY

Dear Sir,—Four parishes—North Petherwin with six bells, Werrington with eight bells, St. Giles-in-the-Heath with five bells and Virginstow with one bell—are in the Diocese of Truro but the County of Devon. The first two are in the Truro Diocesan Guild (Launceston Branch) and I have been present at branch festivals in both since the war. St. Giles is not in the Truro Diocesan Guild, though some of us received a very warm welcome on going to ring there last year. It belongs, I think, to the Tamar Valley Guild of Ringers (a very charming name) which could be affiliated to the Truro Diocesan Guild but for the fact that some of its towers are in Exeter Diocese and some in Truro.

These parishes have no desire to be absorbed into the county of Cornwall, in fact I was once informed by a North Petherwin man how much better I should find the air in that parish than the neighbouring parishes of Cornwall.—Yours,

L. H. R. TREWHELLA (REV.).
Sec., Truro Diocesan Guild of Ringers.

SILVER TRUMPETS

Dear Sir,—Your correspondent who inquired about the construction of the silver trumpets mentioned in the book of Numbers may be interested to know that trumpets belonging to exactly the same century—1400 B.C.—exist to-day. They are the silver trumpets of the Pharaoh Tut-Ankh-Amun, and form part of the display of that king's treasures in the Cairo Museum.

So far as I recollect, they are somewhat longer than our modern heralds' trumpets and, consisting as they do of a simple tube with a flared mouth, should present no constructional difficulty to any craftsman, ancient or modern.

Following the discovery of the Pharoah's tomb in 1922, these trumpets were fitted with modern mouthpieces and sound for the first time in almost 3,500 years but, this impressive fact apart, they produced sounds no different from that of a present-day (valveless) trumpet.

Doubtless the instruments referred to in the Old Testament were very similar—and may even have been copied from the Egyptian models in the period following the Exodus.—Yours truly,

A. J. N. BOYACK.

South Woodford, Essex.

REV. F. E. ROBINSON'S LAST PEAL OF STEDMAN

Dear Sir,—The statement in the account of the Walton-on-Thames outing, that the Rev. F. E. Robinson rang his last peal of Stedman Triples at Devizes is not correct. I was one of the band who on January 15th, 1910, at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon West, rang a peal of Stedman Triples conducted by him. It was his 1,250th peal and proved to be his last.

Twelve months later, on January 21st, 1911, the late Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, who succeeded as Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, unveiled a board recording this peal and proceeded, successfully, to call a peal of Stedman Triples in memoriam, the band, with one exception, being as in the previous peal.

W. WELLING.

Old Windsor.

ONE-HAND CLOCKS

Dear Sir,—There is a close connection between bells and clocks as the word clock signifies. I am, therefore, presuming on this, and the remarkable friendliness which your publication promotes among all who love the Church bells and their towers, to ask if any of your readers would furnish me with the name of any church they know, whose turret clock has only one hand. Especially am I interested in Bedfordshire and Buckinghamshire.—Yours sincerely,

A. J. NIXSEAMAN.

Northill Rectory,
Biggleswade, Beds.

5,152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

A Correction

Dear Sir,—In the peal of Lincolnshire on page 479 the bracketed courses 'A' should read:—

52643	—	—
62345	—	
24653	x	
45236	x	3

Also there should be a bob home in the final course.—Yours sincerely,

R. F. B. SPEED.

Harrow.

FIRST PEAL OF STEDMAN

Dear Sir,—I confess to some surprise that there has so far been no comment on the very interesting letter from Dr. G. W. Slack in your issue of July 4th. That Thomas Edwards' peal of Stedman Triples should have remained all this long time patently as a true 5,040 is astonishing, and it is indeed amazing that it could have passed the scrutiny of such careful investigators as Bulwer and Heywood.

If Edwards' peal is indeed false then it would appear that Henry Cooper's peal, rung at Shifnal, in 1819, is the first composed that we know to be true.

I should be greatly obliged if Dr. Slack would indicate to us where Edwards' peal is false, and also, if he can find time, reassure us on the truth of the early peals by Cooper and Thomas Day.—Yours faithfully.

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

Solihull.

CORONATION RINGING

Dear Sir,—I agree with the letter from Mr. Hill in a recent issue of 'The Ringing World.' May I suggest that all the towers in England should start to ring at the same time and that the time should be fixed by the Central Council? This time should be announced in the B.B.C. programme. An official lead would certainly be appreciated.—Yours faithfully.

BRANDY FISHER.

Congresbury, Somerset.

LEICESTER GUILD TAKEN TO TASK

Dear Sir,—At the annual meeting of the Leicester Diocesan Guild the members present refused to accept the name of London Surprise Royal, **No. 3 Version,** to the method rung by a band of visitors at All Saints', Loughborough, in March, 1952.

The president of the Leicester Guild confirmed at the Central Council meeting at Lincoln that London Surprise Royal, **No. 3 Version**, was rejected by the Guild because it did not conform to four rules put forward by the Methods Committee at the 1950 meeting of the Central Council. (Many members present consider that these four rules cannot be applied until rule five has been decided.)

I hope that the members of the Leicester Diocesan Guild are now going to be consistent and treat the following peals: St. Martin's, Leicester, on July 3rd, 1950, Rutland Surprise Maximus, conducted by H. J. Poole; The Bell Foundry, July 6th, 1950, Rutland Surprise Royal, conducted by H. J. Poole; St. Martin's, Leicester, November 16th, 1950, conducted by H. J. Poole; St. Martin's, Leicester, March 27th, 1951, Albanian Surprise Maximus; The Bell Foundry, March 13th, 1951, Albanian Surprise Royal; St. Martin's, Leicester, September 27th, 1951, Spliced Surprise Maximus, conducted by P. J. Staniforth; St. Martin's, Leicester, Spliced Surprise Maximus, December 20th, 1951, conducted by H. J. Poole; St. Martin's, Leicester, January 21st, 1952, Spliced Surprise Maximus; St Martin's, Leicester, March 24th, 1952, Buckingham Surprise Maximus, conducted by H. J. Poole, rung by the resident members of their Guild, with the same consideration that the London Surprise Royal, **No. 3 Version**, rung by visitors received.—Yours faithfully,

Macclesfield. J. WORTH.

MADELEY BELLS TO RING AGAIN

After being silent for over 12 years Madeley (Shropshire) Parish Church bells are now being rehung. The work is being carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., which constitutes the recasting of the old six, the addition of a new tenor and treble, the whole being hung in a new steel frame on ball bearings.

The rehanging has been made possible by the volunteer work of sidesmen and bellringers, who have removed the old wooden frame and floor, reinforced the tower walls, made padstones for the girders and all other necessary preparations. They have also presented the church with a new St. George's flag. Although the bells are paid for, there is still a balance outstanding on the wrong side and any donations would be gratefully received and acknowledged by the undersigned.

J. L. STANIES.

West View Terrace,
Madeley, Shrops.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

Cross the County Boundary to Hawley

The North Western District of the Surrey Association held a meeting at Hawley on July 19th and a fairly representative gathering of ringers was soon ringing to various methods. A service was conducted by the Rev. Kenneth Davis at 4.30. The tea and meeting were held at the Old Manor House.

In opening the meeting the District Master, Mr. F. E. Collins, said through a geographical error by the District secretary, the Association had overstepped the county boundary.

The Rev. K. Davis, in welcoming the Association, replied that he was not sure as the postal address was Hawley, Camberley, Surrey. Three new members were elected.

Notices of the combined meetings with the Kent Association to be held on October 4th at Eynsford; Leatherhead District on August Bank Holiday; and the Four Guilds Festival on August 23rd were announced. A vote of thanks to the Rev. K. Davis for use of bells and service, to Mr. Denyer for his welcome, and also to Mr. Joyce, District secretary for his arrangements, closed the meeting. Further ringing at Hawley and Farnborough was held. R. L.

EDGBASTON RINGERS IN SHROPSHIRE

On July 19th the ringers of Edgbaston Old Church, Birmingham, accompanied by visitors and friends assembled at Selly Oak from where an early start was made from Stourbridge and Bridgnorth to Broseley. Here the party was met by one of the local lads, and Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung followed by a course each of Double Norwich and Plain Bob Major.

The next stop was Coalbrookdale where the party were welcomed by Mr. Alf Bayley, and Grandsire Caters and Triples was much enjoyed. This was followed by a touch of Stedman Caters in which Mr. Bayley and one of his colleagues joined and Miss Evelyn Fletcher called her first touch of Stedman Caters. Another item of interest here is the beautiful memorial headstone to the grave of the late William Saunders, former Ringing Master at this church, and a man with a most charming personality who was much beloved by all who knew him.

At the next tower, St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, where Mr. W. A. Farmer welcomed the party, this magnificent ring of 12 was soon going to rounds as we were unable to muster anything further on the full ring. Grandsire and Stedman Caters, however, were very much enjoyed by all, being joined by Mr. Farmer and two of his local band in the Stedman. Lunch was then partaken of at Ward's Restaurant, and great credit is due to these proud Salopians for the splendid way they know how to deal with hungry ringers, as everyone was well satisfied.

The departure from here was somewhat delayed as for some unaccountable reason two ringing members of the party decided to get temporarily 'lost.' This rather restricted the time at the next tower, Clun, where there is a nice roomy tower with quite a pleasant ring of eight. After ringing, the party was met by the priest-in-charge who said how delighted he was to welcome the visitors to this interesting church.

Travelling through some further glorious scenery near the Welsh border the next stop was Ludlow, where a bountiful tea was much enjoyed. After a look round this delightful old town we made our way across the Herefordshire boundary to Leominster, where we were met by one of the local ringers. Grandsire and Stedman Caters were rung on this nice ten, also rounds for those who could not aspire to the former.

In the north aisle of this beautiful church there is a ducking stool in a fine state of preservation. These were used, it is said, in olden days to duck scolding women in the local pools or rivers, and a remark was heard that they could be put to good use even in the present day!

The return journey was by Tenbury Wells, Bewdley and Kidderminster, and all agreed that having been favoured with glorious weather this was a day long to be remembered. An American visitor who accompanied the party was undecided as to what pleased him most —the lovely scenery or the very nice rough cider enjoyed by some at Tedbury.

The thanks of the party are due to Messrs. J. Atkins and T. Russell, who made the arrangements W. C. D.

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KINGSTON-ON-THAMES' EXHIBITION

The Parish Church of All Saints, Kingston-on-Thames was the subject and scene of an exhibition held during June. This aimed at showing the public at large the work of the church, and the ringers were asked to take part. The tower was opened to the public on the four June Saturdays between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.

A talk on change ringing, the bells and their history was given to each successive group with demonstrations on a silenced bell and on handbells. People arrived in swarms and, to the ringers' surprise made no bones about swarming up a vertical ladder into the belfry. The ages of the visitors ranged from three (carried in his father's arms) to a lady of 73! Each party was shown the bells and the interest displayed was evidenced by the numerous questions asked. Some of the visitors were greatly impressed by seeing (and hearing) the tenor being raised and small boys continually indulged in acrobatics in odd corners of the frame.

By the last day 730 visitors had been coped with and the ringers heaved a sigh of relief at having conducted so many visitors through the narrow and dangerous spaces in the bell-chamber without serious mishap. The ringers ended their share in the exhibition by ringing a course of Grandsire Caters before a large crowd of visitors and found ringing in the public eye a nerve-racking experience! It can be claimed, however, that many people in Kingston and district have at least a hazy impression of how, and why, the bellringers exercise their art. It may be hoped that the exhibition has done a little to foster a better appreciation of ringers' efforts.

The band are indebted to their captain, Mr. G. C. Goodman, and to Mr. F. Blondell, who bore the brunt of the work entailed. All are proudly gratified at the appreciation shown by the visitors of Kingston's 'noisy bells'—it is perhaps significant that during the whole month no complaint was received from the visitors about the ringing of the bells: on the contrary all said how they liked to hear them.

REDEDICATION

Wrockwardine, Salop

Friday, July 4th, was a proud day for Wrockwardine when the Ven. H. J. Carpenter, Archdeacon of Salop, rededicated the restored ring of six bells.

The original second, dated 1650, now hangs as a sanctus bell beside the main frame. It has been replaced by a new bell which blends nicely with the retuned five. The present third and tenor are thought to be 600 years old, while the fourth and fifth were cast in 1678 and 1616 respectively—all by the Clibury family at the nearby town of Wellington. The treble is by Mears, 1828. From the carved inscription on the frame it appears that this has been in use since 1656.

The Archdeacon spoke of the history of these bells, the oldest ring in Shropshire, and mentioned the progress made by the keen young band who are being taught by Mr. G. L. Hewitt.

The Shropshire Association lost no time in holding a meeting at Wrockwardine, this being arranged for July 12th. About 40 ringers from the county together with visitors from Birmingham, Chester and Stafford joined the local ringers in making good use of the bells which, after rehanging by Messrs. Taylor and Co., leave little to be desired. Methods to satisfy all were rung.

The sound of the bells has been much modified by the construction of a ringing chamber within the massive central tower.

An excellent tea was kindly provided by the parish which, obviously, is pleased to have its bells in order once more. F. H. B.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World of August 2nd, 1912

RINGING IN NEW ZEALAND

The First 720's in the Dominion

Nothing, perhaps, is of more interest to members of the Exercise than ringing news from overseas. We have in the past been able to publish information from Canada and Australia, and this week we have received news from New Zealand, where, in the city of Auckland, an effort is being made to give change-ringing a footing. The band at St. Matthew's Church has recently been augmented by the brothers S. C. and E. J. Hamblin, who learned their ringing at Hersham, Surrey, and who migrated to Auckland a few months ago. Most of the company is made up of ringers from England with one or two from Australia and one New Zealander. On June 3rd 720 of Bob Minor was rung: J. Heather 1, O. Throssell 2, P. Guppy 3, E. J. Hamblin 4, A. J. White 5, S. C. Hamblin (conductor) 6. Another 720 had previously been rung on May 24th, with a covering bell by P. Barringer 1, A. J. White 2, O. Throssell 3, P. Guppy 4, E. J. Hamblin 5, S. C. Hamblin (conductor) 6. These are the first 720's on the bells and probably the first in the Dominion.

[Unfortunately, these bells are no longer rung, mainly on account of complaints from residents of nearby flats.]

DARTFORD AND DISTRICT INVADE HERTFORDSHIRE

Some 22 ringers (six ladies) from Dartford, Crayford, Erith, Bexley and Northfleet and holiday visitors from Walmer and Derby, together with their wives and friends set off on a tour of Hertfordshire on July 15th.

Arriving at Barnet, good use was made of this very fine ring and the time to leave for Hatfield came all too soon. Here, unfortunately a wedding at noon curtailed the ringing but sufficient time was allowed for those who had not experienced ten-bell ringing to 'have a go.' To cheer the bride a well-struck course of Grandsire Caters was brought round.

After the arrival of the bride, on to Hertford for an excellent lunch at the Mayflower Hotel, the result of which was that the party arrived 15 minutes late at Bengeo. However, the ladies here proved their worth and weight on this light eight (tenor 7 cwt.) so much so that the Yorkshire lass was seen suspended in mid-air having overthrown the second bell. This unfortunate incident did nothing to dampen the spirits and the Ringing Mistress kept the bells going very efficiently.

From here to Hoddesdon and to the only tower where extra effort was needed to ring the bells. In spite of this, very good use was made of them and those who were lucky enough to hear them in the town were suitably rewarded for the 'sweat' lost in the tower. Tea was then taken at Roberts Cafe and here again a hearty meal was enjoyed.

In the cool of the evening Broxbourne was reached and this fine eight was kept going to everyone's satisfaction. On arrival at Cheshunt a few minutes rest was taken until the close of evensong and then an excellent hour's ringing concluded the ringing arrangements for the day. During the day these bells of Hertfordshire were rung in the four standard methods, and rounds for the juniors in the party, the tit-bit being Kent Treble Bob at Bengeo and Plain Bob at Cheshunt, as well as the Caters mentioned earlier.

The organiser would like to record the appreciation of all who enjoyed this outing of the excellent reception which awaited the party at all towers and to those who recommended the caterers to him, not forgetting, of course, a hearty vote of thanks to all clergy for allowing the use of their bells.

OUTINGS IN BRIEF

PUTNEY

Not believing in 'crack-of-dawn' starts, a coach load of Putney ringers and friends left Hammersmith at the sensible hour of 9 a.m. on July 12th for their annual tour.

The first call was the lovely village of Wargrave, by the Thames. The old church was burned down by suffragettes but a fine new church has been built having a good ring of eight bells in the 17th century brick tower. Up to Cambridge Major was rung here.

Then, though Henley, to the ancient 'Cathedral City of Wessex,' now a delightful old village with a wonderful abbey—Dorchester. It leaves one breathless with wonder that so many priceless treasures have been preserved in one building. A Jesse window carved in stone, the tomb of a crusader, some 13th century stained glass, ancient wall painting, a Norman lead font and the three back bells of the eight (tenor 15¼ cwt.) dating from the 14th century! What a joy to ring and to listen to is this lovely octave! Despite an excellent lunch, very good Double Norwich was rung before having to leave.

On to Abingdon, an ancient market town with narrow, twisting, one-way streets. The old Parish Church of St. Helen is remarkable in being broader than it is long, having a nave and four aisles, and for its fine spire being at the north-east corner! Mr. A. E. Lock met the party, and three leads of Kent Royal were brought home successfully. A young beginner, Miss Milly Denrache, will long remember the course of Grandsire Caters she trebled so well, never even having heard ten bells before.

Next stop was Watlington, with its fine ring of eight. Superlative was achieved here. After tea in the local hostelry the party moved on in a decidedly jovial mood to the fine ten at Upton-cum-Chalvey (better known as Slough), passing through some very beautiful Chiltern scenery. Here Cambridge Royal was rung. The day's ringing concluded with a lovely touch of Grandsire Caters by Mr. Elson, being one of several musical touches called by him during the day, and thanks were accorded him for the splendid organisation. G. D.

ST. MARY'S, EASTBOURNE

In lovely summer weather on July 19th the St. Mary's, Eastbourne, ringers with ringers and friends from Hailsham and Hellingly, partook once again of that eagerly-awaited event, the annual outing. The senior curate at St. Mary's, the Rev. R. Hare, was also present.

The first official stop was Edenbridge, where the fine ring of eight on plain bearings was rung for an hour. Like the conductor of a touch of Grandsire Triples just previously in the tower, the engine of the coach decided to 'miss a bob' as the party were about to leave for Guildford, and the time-table was put out for half an hour while the driver frantically struggled with the bits and pieces! However, at Guildford a good lunch was consumed after which the ring of ten at St. Nicolas' was put to good use for an hour.

At 3 p.m. the party set off through the lovely countryside of Surrey and West Sussex to Petworth, where the fine eight bells are a pleasure to ring. With an element of reluctance the tower was vacated at 4.45 in favour of tea at the Angel Hotel.

To the disappointment of some of the thirsty ones, a course was set at 6 p.m. for the final tower of the day's tour, Steyning, where in the cooler atmosphere of the evening, the ringing was much enjoyed.

At 8.30 the party set off in the general direction of home but a halt was called on the way for refreshment. Some first-class handbell ringing, both changes and tunes, was a source of obvious enjoyment to the 'locals,' and at 11.15 the tired but happy party arrived back in Eastbourne.

The Rev. R. Hare, on behalf of the whole party, thanked the organisers for a most enjoyable day.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX

The articles on outings which appeared some weeks ago adequately summarises that of the St. Andrew's Guild, Hornchurch.

Traditionally the outing now takes on a fixed pattern—a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells at the lych gate prior to starting, ringing, eating and a final social hour.

This year it was Kent, and an ambitious programme included the cathedrals at Rochester and Canterbury and the eights at Ospringe, Wye and Chilham.

Ringing varied from fair to excellent with everybody conscious of the privilege accorded them of ringing at the cathedrals. The highlight of the day was Wye. What a grand eight!

'Big eats' was the order of the day and so to the last call, where mine host, Joe Clinch, of B.B.C. fame, had made more than adequate provision.

The success of an outing largely depends on the co-operation of the local bands and no outing received a more sincere welcome. Messrs. Beaumont, Curtis, Farnworth and Luck 'did us proud.' F. J. G.

RAINHAM, KENT

Ringers of St. Margaret's, Rainham, chose Essex for their annual outing on July 19th. The first stop for ringing was at All Saints', Writtle, thence on to Colchester arriving just in time to hear the end of a peal attempt at St. Peter's. Owing to lunch being half an hour late, ringing upon the fine bells at St. Peter's was curtailed.

Following a short ring at St. Michael's, Braintree, the party made for Great Dunmow. Here a disappointment awaited the Rainham visitors concerning tea, as the landlord at one of the local inns, where entertainment was expected, had moved a few days earlier. Two members, however, succeeded in arranging at the Tudor Cafe for a meal after the ringing. At St. Mary's tower Mr. G. Nayler ensured that every member had a tea.

About 7.20 p.m. the party were again on the open road. It was thought advisable to miss ringing at High Ongar and after two short stops for light refreshments Rainham was reached about 10.30 p.m. Thanks are expressed to incumbents for use of the bells, and the ringers at the various towers, who made the company so welcome.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The Southern District of the London County Association had an outing into Kent and Sussex on June 28th. Nineteen members took part from Acton, Battersea, Chelsea, Clapham Common, Ealing, Isleworth, Kensington, Lambeth, Merton, Melbourn (Cambs), St. Paul's and Westminster.

The first call was at Maidstone, a fine old ring in the surprisingly low key of B natural, which is only a semitone higher than that of St. Paul's Cathedral. Next came Leeds, famous for the peal of 40,320 Bob Major and the tombstone of its conductor, James Barham.

After lunch came the long run to Lewes where, at Southover Church, a course of Cambridge Royal was brought round. Then on to Brighton for a fish tea and ringing at St. Peter's, with a long touch of Grandsire Caters for the less experienced members.

The last call of the day was at Bolney, one of the loveliest of Sussex villages, whose narrow street was never meant to accommodate coaches. Here the ringing included courses of Superlative and Cambridge Major and was followed by some slaking of thirsts.

The success of the day was due in no small measure to the efforts of Mr. A. F. Udall, who made all the arrangements, Mr. C. W. Ottley, in control of the ringing, and to Mr. James Bullock, comedian. Thanks are expressed to the local towerkeepers and incumbents concerned for their courtesy in allowing ringing.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET

The Nailsea ringers, together with wives and friends, held their annual outing on July 19th, the weather being perfect.

The first stop was Norton St. Philip, a village famous for its George Inn dating back to 1397. The bells were raised in peal and despite a frayed tenor rope several good touches were brought round. Your scribe has been instructed to state that it was he who finally disintegrated the aforementioned rope. Having tied a knot in same, ringing was resumed! The church is 15th century and the tower is of unusual design, being heavily buttressed. Samuel Pepys noted in his Diary that the bells were 'mighty tunable.'

The next tower was Corsley, just over the Wiltshire border, the journey from Norton St. Philip being punctuated by sundry rumblings from beneath the coach. The fine six here were put to good use and ringing included a good touch of Plain Bob Minor. The church was rebuilt in 1833 but contains a Jacobean oak pulpit.

A sandwich lunch at a convenient inn followed and afterwards came the run to Codford St. Peter, a good little six recently restored by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. While ringing was in progress the transmission fault in the coach was rectified and consequently Shrewton was reached half an hour late. This light ring was soon raised and ringing continued until tea time. The party are greatly indebted to the Vicar, the Rev. G. F. Barnard, for arranging tea at the annual church fete and afterwards, while non-ringing members were endeavouring to win a pig, ringing was continued!

West Lavington was the next stop and some of the best ringing of the day was heard from this fine ring which refused to be hurried along.

The final tower was Market Lavington with a mellow-sounding six, again rung from the ground floor. The church dates from the 14th century and the spiral rood loft steps are still intact.

A stop was made at Melksham on the return journey and the choral interludes and Clifford's cider jar, which are now essentials of the Nailsea outing, enlivened the trip.

Sincere thanks are due to all the incumbents and to all the people who met and welcomed the party at the towers. M. P. H.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES

Kingston ringers made an early start for their outing on July 12th and by 11 a.m. had rung on the excellent bells at Great Baddow, had had coffee and arrived in Suffolk. Next came ringing at Sudbury, and lunch—the whole party being seated down a single long table in truly Victorian family style. The captain, at the head, failed, however, to elicit the appropriate Victorian respect from his flock!

After Sudbury came Long Melford, Lavenham and Bures, where all had their fill of ringing on these fine bells and of wandering through the beautiful churches and churchyards. In keeping were an old-fashioned tea at Lavenham and handbell ringing in the churchyard before rustic onlookers. At this point the visitors were joined by their former captain, Mr. H. W. Barratt, and Mrs. Barratt, now, alas, removed from Kingston to Loddon.

The ladies in the band saw with delight the well-kept and beautifully-furnished belfry at Bures, bright with new paint and flowers, and were not slow to urge on the captain that the example was worth imitation at Kingston.

The day ended with a ring on the bells of Chelmsford Cathedral: ringers were more than compensated for a slight delay whilst a choir festival ended by the beautiful singing of the assembled choirs. The last touch—three leads of Kent on the magnificent back ten—will long live in the memories of the band. Altogether a most successful day and the band are indebted to the incumbents for permission to ring and to all those who, as usual on these occasions, willingly turned up to open towers, raise bells and generally contribute to the success of the outing. G. C. G.

OUTINGS

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX

With a tradition of 21 previous outings behind them, St. Thomas's, Brentwood, have a reputation to maintain, and the two coach-loads of ringers and friends who embarked on the 22nd outing on June 28th agreed that the reputation for a happy day was maintained.

Starting at 7 a.m. for Kent, 'the Garden of England,' the route was via the Blackwall Tunnel. Aylesford was the first tower visited and the opening touch of Stedman Triples was followed by Double Norwich Court Bob Major, Grandsire and a course of Cambridge Major.

St. Nicholas', Leeds, was reached a little behind time. Nevertheless all the party walked round the churchyard to the grave of the famous James Barham, to remember for a few moments one of the outstanding figures of the Exercise who lived two centuries ago. At the tower Bob Royal, call changes and Stedman Caters were rung.

Mr. Everett was awaiting the party at Ashford. After a quick look round the church, a course of Yorkshire Surprise was safely brought round. Then came an excellent lunch.

The run through the pleasant Kentish countryside to Headcorn was memorable. At the church the beautiful, sonorous tone of the three back bells was admired. A short ring at Staplehurst preceded tea at Maidstone.

Several members of the local company welcomed the visitors at All Saints'. Maidstone, and the bells were rung to Stedman Caters and Bob Royal followed by Cambridge on the back eight and a touch of Grandsire Caters to close the day's ringing.

Brentwood was reached about 11 p.m. Thanks are due to the Master (Mr. J. Sitch), the scretary (Mr. A. Pryke) and to the incumbents and local ringers for helping to provide another successful outing. H. T.

WOTTON-UNDER-EDGE BRANCH

The great day of the year for the Wotton-under-Edge Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was July 19th. At 8 a.m. the coach left Wotton and ten of the Branch's thirteen towers had to be visited to pick up the ringers. By 9 a.m. the last tower had been visited and the next stop was Long Ashton. Ringing took place there and then on to the other towers, Nailsea, Clevedon, Yatton, Churchill, Burrington and Chew Stoke.

All were good rings and an excellent lunch at Clevedon, a good tea at Burrington, lovely weather, pleasant company and the presence with us at each tower of a former Branch chairman, the Rev. — Allan, all contributed to making the day such a success.

We noticed with admiration the lovely churchyards, so tidy and neat, a fine carved figure of a bird in wood, a tablecloth with little bells worked on the border, clean ringing rooms and the view of Yatton bells from above. We rang Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, St. Clement's, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge; in fact with two Cambridge bands it had to be two courses. Then home, but first a drink, goodbye to Mr. Allan, then fish and chips, a few songs, tired but very happy. May the next outing come soon. C. R.

QUARTER PEALS

PETERSTONE-WENTLOOG, MON.—On July 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Powell 1, G. Francis 2, Miss D. Atwell 3, Miss Y. Porter 4, R. Lucas (first quarter Triples) 5, A. R. Price (cond.) 6, R. Sherman 7, G. Flower 8.

SCORTON, LANCS.—On July 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Palmer 1, Dorothy Schofield 2, S. Anderson 3, E. Postlethwaite (cond.) 4, G. E. Braithwaite 5, J. Metcalfe 6, R. F. Eccles 7, R. Davies 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Woods, of Lancaster, on their birth of a grandson.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The July meeting was held at Drighlington on July 26th. The holiday weather brought out the members early and the bells were raised in peal before 3 p.m. Ringing continued until 5 p.m. when all present were invited to tea provided by the Vicar.

The business meeting was held in the Church Schools, the president (Mr. J. W. Benten) being in the chair, and members were present from Armley, Batley, Bradford, Bramley, Calverley, Drighlington, East Ardsley, Ely (St. Mary's), Headingley St. Michael's, Idle, Leeds Parish Church, Otley, Pudsey, Rothwell, Wetherby and Woodlesford.

The usual formalities were despatched. Seven new members were elected en bloc—Mr. M. J. Thurmott, Miss Betty Pickles, Miss Shirley Roden, Mr. J. Hargreaves, David Fenton, David Cox and Michael Cox.

The vote of thanks to the Vicar for inviting the Society to tea, the churchwardens for the use of the bells, the local company, especially Mr. S. Barron, for the general arrangementts, and the ladies for service at the tea tables was proposed by Mr. H. Lofthouse, seconded by Mr. J. W. Gibson; the president and Mr. I. Slack supported the vote.

Mrs. Hargrave, the Vicar's wife, apologised for the Vicar (who was away with the choir outing) and promised to convey to him the thanks and the fact that everyone enjoyed themselves. Mr. Barron said that the Society was always welcome at Drighlington and he would make every endeavour to assure the success of future meetings.

The next meeting is due to be held at Calverley on August 30th.

Discussion took place re a Society trip next summer and the matter was deferred for a month to allow individual tower consideration.

MR. R. F. B. SPEED'S 250 PEALS

Mr. R. F. B. Speed rang his 250th peal on July 19th. These have been rung in 114 towers for 20 associations. His list is appended:—

TOWER BELLS

Minor.—(1 to 12 methods) 15 (conducted 7).

Triples.—Grandsire 1, Stedman 2, Plain 1 (1).

Major.—Plain Bob 16 (7), Double Norwich 14 (4), Cambridge Court 1 (1), Marlborough Bob 1 (1), Winchester Bob 1, Kent Treble Bob 4 (1), **Surprise:** Acton 1, Aldenham 1 (1), Apsley 1 (1), Ashtead 2 (1), Bedford 1, Berkshire 1, Bolton 1, Brinklow 1, Bristol 8 (1), Cambridge 13 (3), Cambridge (New) 1, Camdon 1, Cornwall 4 (2), Devon 1, Dublin 1, Ealing 1 (1), Eastbourne 1, Eastcote 1 (1), Edmonton 1 (1), Glasgow 1, Hereford 1, Kensington 1, Leicestershire 1, Lincolnshire 4 (2), Lindum 1 (1), London 5 (3), Middleton 1 (1), New Gloucester 1 (1), Norfolk 1 (1), Painswick 1 (1), Plymouth 1, Pudsey 1, Rochester 1, Rutland 8 (4), Springfield 1, Stanmore 1, Superlative 6 (1), Uxbridge 1, Warnham 1, Watford 1, Wembley 3 (1), Whitminster 1 (1), Wirral 1, Yorkshire 16 (8), Spliced Surprise—3 methods 1, 4 methods 2, 6 methods 5 (3), 8 methods 1, 9 methods 1, 10 methods 1 (1), 16 methods 1, 22 methods 1, 25 methods 1.

Caters.—Grandsire 2, Stedman 4, Double Norwich 1, St. Clement's 1 (1), Spliced (2 methods) 1.

Royal.—Plain Bob 1, Surprise: Cambridge 4, New Cambridge 1, Pudsey 1 (1), Southover 1, Wallington 1, Yorkshire 4 (3), Spliced (2 methods) 1 (1).

Cinques.—Stedman 5.

HANDBELLS

Minor.—1 and 3 methods 5.

Major.—Plain Bob 19 (7), Little Bob 2 (1), Double Bob 1 (1), Double Norwich 4 (1), Spliced (6 plain methods) 1, Kent 2 (1), Superlative 1.

Caters.—Grandsire 1.

Royal.—Plain Bob 11 (2), Spliced (2 plain methods) 1, Spliced (3 plain methods) 1.

Total.—201 (69) on tower bells and 49 (13) on handbells.

OBITUARY

MR. W. H. D'AETH

We have received news from the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards of the passing at the age of 83 years, of Mr. Walter Hughes D'Aeth.

Mr. D'Aeth was born on August 1st, 1868, son of the Rev. W. Hughes D'Aeth, Rector of Buckhorn Weston, Dorset. He was a member of the Central Council from 1915 to 1923, representing Salisbury Diocesan Guild, and was Master of Salisbury Diocesan Guild from 1919 to 1923.

He took part in four peals, the first being rung at Buckhorn Weston on February 26th, 1911, to celebrate the jubilee of his father's ordination.

'The Ringing World' of July 12th, 1912, had the following editorial note:—'Some 20 years ago the brothers D'Aeth taught a local band to ring Bob Doubles. That was, we believe, the first effort at change ringing in the county of Dorset. When the band lost one or two members change ringing disappeared for many years until the brothers began teaching their own men Grandsire a year or two ago. Meanwhile a few other Dorset towers have taken up change ringing.'

His brother, Lt.-Col. C. C. Hughes D'Aeth, was a representative of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild on the Central Council from 1914 to 1922. He lost his life in a motor accident at Bournemouth in 1949.

MR. HERBERT FIELDS

In the passing of Mr. Herbert Fields the Hunts District of the Ely Diocesan Association have lost a kind and faithful friend. He had been ill for eleven months and on July 22nd passed peacefully away, aged 79 years.

The funeral took place at St. Mary's, St. Neots, Hunts, on Friday, the Vicar, the Rev. L. Galley, R.D., conducting the service at the church and the interment at the cemetery. Besides the family immediate mourners was a representative band of ringers to associate their sympathy. These included Mr. F. Warrington (District Ringing Master), Mr. T. R. Dennis (representing St. Mary-the-Great, Cambridge), Mr. J. R. G. Spicer (All Saints', Huntingdon, also representing Mr. H. S. Peacock, District Secretary, Hunts), Mr. H. W. Pratt (All Saints', St. Ives), Mr. T. H. Townsend (St. Andrew's, Great Staughton, also representing Mr. F. W. Lack, Deputy Ringing Master), Miss Joan Harding and Mr. G. Henry Harding (Blumham, Beds), Mr. A. L. Mardlin (Eaton Socon, Beds). Mr. S. J. Peck and Mr. G. Coleman (St. Mary's, Eynesbury).

There were many wreaths and floral tributes including one from the Huntingdon Branch of the Ely Diocesan Association. During the evening the bells were rung with half-muffled clappers by past and present members of the St. Neots Guild. On Saturday a full peal of Cambridge Major was rung by a representative band.

Mr. Fields had rung over 100 peals, 91 for the Ely Diocesan Association, usually on the heavy end, and very seldom made a misblow; in fact, ringing St. Neots 30-cwt. tenor was quite easy to him. F. W.

LATE NOTICES

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Central Branch). HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Western District).—Meeting at Ivinghoe (6), Saturday, August 16th, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by August 14th to Mr. D. Cartwright, 56, Longfield Road, Tring, Herts.—E. F. Gibbard and P. A. Martin, Dis. Secs. 1120

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Preliminary notice. Sapcote, near Leicester, September 13th. Details later.—J. Staniforth, Hon. Sec. 1117

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ENGAGEMENT

THRELFALL—EDGAR.—The engagement is announced between Brian D. Threlfall, of Thorncroft, Thornton Rough, Wirral, Cheshire, and Frances A. Edgar, of Hillside, Donhead St. Andrew, near Shaftesbury, Dorset. 1113

PUBLICATIONS

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MISCELLANEOUS

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—Winner of the miniature bell and frame (made in aid of the Bell Restoration Fund) is R. Eggleton, Wendover, Bucks (No. 143).—R. Biggs, Hughenden. 1128

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—There will be no practice at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, W.C., during the month of August. 1101

MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, August 2nd, 3 p.m. Ringing afterwards. All Saints', Fulham, 6.30 p.m. No ringing at St. Michael's Cornhill, until September—A. B. Peck. 1093

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Leverington Saturday, August 2nd. Bells (6) 2.30. Tea 5.—J. E. Fox, Dis. Sec. 1088

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. Division.—Meeting at Waltham Abbey (12) on August 2nd. Bells available 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30 p.m. Further ringing till 8 p.m. Special invitation to the Middlesex Association.—F. V. G. 1082

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rickmansworth (10), Saturday, August 2nd, 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m.—R. G. Bell. 1102

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—By-meeting at East Peckham (6), August 2nd, at 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5. 1079

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery and Reading Branches.—A joint meeting at Sonning on August 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45. Sonning and Shiplake bells after tea.—B. C. Castle, , 1084

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern. — Practice meeting, Ardingly (6), Saturday, August 2nd, 3 p.m.—G. T. Jennings. 1091

GUILDFORD GUILD (Leatherhead District), SURREY ASSOCIATION (N.W. District).—Annual joint meeting at Leatherhead on Monday, August 4th. Ringing from 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15, The Institute, 2s. —A. H. Smith and R. Lathbury. 1090

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Sandal, August 9th, 2.30 p.m. Those requiring teas must notify Mr. E. Ball, 13, Elizabeth Street, Sandal, near Wakefield, not later than August 6th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec. 1125

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne and Ilchester Branches.—Joint meeting at Martock, August 9th. Service 4.30. Please notify early for tea.—F. Farrant, Martock. 1099

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Eaton Socon on Saturday, August 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—L. H. Bywater, Sec. 1123

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Market Weighton, on August 9th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea in Londesborough Hotel 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, August 6th, to M. L. W. Kneeshaw, Hillcroft, Londesborough Road, Market Weighton. 1129

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nuneaton and Coventry District.—Meeting at Bulkington on Saturday, August 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to me not later than Tuesday, 6th.—A. J. Hinde, 15, Church Street, Bulkington, Nuneaton. 1121

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at St. Paul's, Whitley Bay, on Saturday, August 9th. Bells from 3.20. Names for tea not later than Thursday, August 7th, to S. Hewitt, 36, Hartington Road, Cullercoats. 1122

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Latton (afternoon) and Cricklade (evening), August 9th. Service and tea, St. Mary's, Cricklade.—Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon. 1112

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—A joint meeting with the Shropshire Association will be held at Much Wenlock on Saturday, August 9th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at Stork Hotel 5 p.m. Tea notifications before Thursday, August 7th, to Mr. H. G. Thomas, 104, Victoria Road, Bridgnorth. 1111

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bodenham, Saturday, August 9th. Bells (6), 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea by August 5th.—J. W. Downes, The Cottage, Roundway, South Bank Road, Hereford. 1114

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting at Wheathampstead (6), Saturday, August 9th. Bells 2.30–8.30. Tea and meeting 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to T. J. Southam, 17, Upper Heath Road, St. Albans. 1118

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Church Kirk on Saturday, August 9th. Tower open at 2.30. Meeting in the Tower at 6 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 1110

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting on August 9th at Rainhill, 3 p.m. Names to Mr. H. Ashton, 367, Walker's Lane, Rainhill.—J. M. Preston, Branch Sec. 1124

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch. — Meeting at St. Mary's, Browncdge, Bamber Bridge, August 9th. Bring own food. Frequent buses on Chorley–Preston routes 123, 126, 130.—L. Walmsley. 1106

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District.—Practice meeting at St. George's Church, Millom (6) on Saturday, August 9th, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. Ullock, 23, Wellington Street, Millom, Cumberland.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 1126

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AND LONDON GUILD.—Meeting at Harrow Weald on Saturday, August 9th. Ringing 4 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow. Stanmore bells available 3 to 4 p.m.—T. J. Lock, Sec. 1109

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Alwalton on August 9th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Cups of tea provided; bring own food. 1085

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting with Bridgnorth Branch of HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD at Much Wenlock (8), Saturday, August 9th. Names for tea, before August 5th, please, to Hon. Secs.—G. C. Bagley, 34, Wharfage, Ironbridge. 1127

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting, Walberton (6), August 9th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 (names by 5th, please).—E. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis. 1108

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting Fareham (not Soberton), August 9th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4. Meeting 4.30 in vestry. No tea.—John H. Hunt, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1115

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—By-meeting Newington, near Folkestone, August 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 1119

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.— Meeting at Tunstall (8) on Saturday, August 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea in the Parish Room. Names for tea to me on or before Tuesday, August 12th.—B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, near Sittingbourne, or phone Newington 350. 1116

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Gainsborough District.—Meeting at Epworth, Saturday, August 16th. Bells afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea for those who notify me by Tuesday previous.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lee, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 1130

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No. 12B. Stedman (concluded)—Tips

At calls, place-maker thirds from back
Omits two sixes from its track.
At Bob, the last two bells will each
An extra six in their paths reach.
While, at a Single, penult: bell
Works two more sixes there, as well.

To enter front work—quick or slow?
Are numerous tips that you may know.
Two new and preferable we'll quote
(As not depending on *one* bell)
The others—ascertain and note!

In 4/5 down, if you have doubt,
The front-work watch, as one comes out.
And if thirds place it makes, you'll know
To enter Quick, for *that* was Slow.
But if from lead it runs out slick.
Then enter Slow, for *that* was Quick.

The second tip can help you much:
It checks each six right through the touch.
It even warns you when to call.
(Perhaps most useful tip of all!)
Since Stedman 'divs' contain twelve rows,
They have but six of handstroke blows.
Of these 3 must be quick, 3 slow.
So each by letter-name you'll know
As:—'Q'—'I'—'K' and 'S'—'L'—'O',
Said to yourself, as round they go.
('K' follows rounds, as you may know.)

A final tip: When dodging, should
You lose direction, (as one could!)
Remember—every *dodging* blow
Can *only* on the *handstroke* go.

A. Y-B.

SANDON, ESSEX.—On July 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. West 1, Miss K. Knight 2, E. W. Roast 3, J. Stone 4, J. E. G. Roast (cond.) 5.

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THE PROBLEMS OF AN EDITOR

THE very plain and very straight leading article of July 11th inevitably makes thinking ringers consider the difficulties which arise in the production and lay-out of a technical-social newspaper such as this. The Editor's aim is to make the paper so interesting that there can never be a drop in circulation and to reach towards saturation point, i.e., when every ringer is a subscriber. The first of these aims is undoubtedly achieved, and progress towards the second can be made if ringers will take a wide view.

Readers of 'The Ringing World' are a strange medley. There are mathematicians and non-mathematicians; method experts and mere ringers of methods; good practising churchfolk and some who are merely C. of E., some not even that; peal ringers and non-peal ringers; people with a sense of humour and people utterly devoid of that commodity; people who count notoriety greater than fame; people who strive after the first peal on the bells or the first in the method on the bells and those whose sole desire is to ring the best peal on the bells, and that field is still wide open; people who in spite of difficulty ring their bells for all Sunday services and those who are continually searching for some attractive ringing on weekdays; those who painstakingly teach the elements of the art and those who like to skim the cream of the results of such teaching, thus achieving good ringing the easy way, and making sure of always ringing in good company. There are many more such contrasts, and it is clearly impossible that all ringers will be interested in the whole of the contents. Yet there are many readers who devour every word.

The Editor is not helped by people who write thus:—When the paper was only 1d. it was much more interesting than it is at 4d. The answer to that is when the paper cost only 1d., a young man starting his career and earning £90 a year could buy a tailored suit for less than his weekly salary. That same young man, growing old and earning eight times as much money, finds that a fortnight's pay won't procure for him a suit of comparable quality.

The Editor does not appreciate letters from people who say that there is not enough in the paper to interest the service ringer pure and simple. The Editor is a service ringer, pure and simple, himself, did his correspondents but know it.

The correspondence must be a great source of worry. While all views must be expressed, it is fully time that men of stature in ringing had more to write in the correspondence columns. Do they disdain to paddle in the muddy waters of the petty bickerings, which are of intense interest to their protagonists, but which seem a waste of space, and an exhibition of bad taste, to most ringers? Never does the Editor get a letter from one in particular whose eloquence at the Central Council meeting at Eastbourne and whose clarity of thought and speech at Lincoln made a great impression. Never does he write unless it be to call attention to the falsity of a composition by some poor wight. He and his like, and they are many, could do so much to raise the tone of the paper altogether, and it is their plain duty to do it.

At the Central Council meeting at Lincoln it was made quite clear that the Council would have been insolvent had it not been for the fact that its officers never charged their rail and hotel expenses when they had to meet. Much the same is true of 'The Ringing World.' Its readers are getting much service which is paid at less than the rate for the job, and others connected with it are considerably out of pocket because of that association. Even more valuable is the time which is devoted to the affairs of 'The Ringing World.' To men who are under the necessity of earning their living, and at the same time have other commitments, the sacrifice of time is no small thing. Is their altruism appreciated by any but a few?

J. T. D.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., July 26, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL TOWER.
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

MURIEL REAY	*Treble*	PHILIP A. CORBY	7
ALBERT WALKER	2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	8
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD	3	HENRY H. FEARN	9
FRANK E. PERVIN	4	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	10
WILLIAM C. DOWDING	5	GEORGE E. FEARN	11
FRANK E. HAYNES	6	ALBERT E. NORMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.
A birthday compliment to George E. Fearn.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., July 31, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Comprising 576 changes each of York, Pudsey, Leicestershire, Buckinghamshire, Buckingham, Wigston, Yorkshire, and 1,152 of Belgrave, with 96 changes of method. Tenor 25 cwt.

JOHN B. BENNETT	*Treble*	S. ANTHONY JESSON	7
HAROLD J. POOLE	2	HARRY G. WAYNE	8
ERNEST W. RAWSON	3	*SIDNEY O. CHENEY	9
MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH	4	JOHN R. SMITH	10
PETER J. STANIFORTH	5	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	11
SHIRLEY BURTON	6	WILLIAM J. ROOT	*Tenor*

Composed by KENNETH A. ROE. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* 50th peal of Surprise Maximus. First peal of Spliced Surprise Maximus to be rung in eight methods. A birthday compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Wayne and Mrs. S. O. Cheney. Rung to welcome home the Royal Leicestershire Regiment, which arrived in the city that day from Korea.

TEN BELL PEALS

WATFORD, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 19, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 24½ cwt.

GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN	*Treble*	FREDK. W. BRINKLOW	6
WILLIAM WENBAN	2	STEPHEN H. HOARE	7
*PAMELA A. MARTIN	3	FRANCIS KIRK	8
THOMAS W. SHEPPARD	4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE	9
†REGINALD ROWLEY	5	JOHN E. ROOTES	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.
* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method away from the tenor.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 23, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 37 cwt. 99 lb. in C.

*ELIZABETH M. BIBBY	*Treble*	F. CHARLES GOODMAN	6
RALPH SITCH	2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	7
WILLIAM LOVE	3	BERT GOGLE	8
ERNEST G. SHORTING	4	GEORGE SAYER	9
ARTHUR G. BASON	5	NOLAN GOLDEN	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal of Royal.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam George Howchin and William Bernard Manser; the former a ringer at Mancroft for many years and the latter churchwarden and member of a ringing family who helped to make Tibenham famous in the years before the first World War.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 26, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,
A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.

HOWARD HOWELL	*Treble*	BARNABAS G. KEY	6
HARRY F. HOLDING	2	†WILLIAM LANCASTER	7
*WALTER STEEN	3	MAURICE G. TURNER	8
†JOHN W. GLEW	4	RICHARD D. LANGFORD	9
GEORGE A. PACKER	5	W. FRANK STENSON	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Stedman Caters.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Stenson for their 37th wedding anniversary, and to the former's late parents, Derbyshire (Belper) born.

HALIFAX, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 26, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 28 cwt. 14 lb. in D.

*JOHN PEARSON	*Treble*	†J. HENRY FIELDEN	6
*W. GEORGE TURNER	2	*ROBERT E. MOULDS	7
*GEOFFREY INGHAM	3	DONALD R. MARSHALL	8
*GEOFFREY F. BRYANT	4	SAM LONGBOTTOM	9
†RALPH BEAUMONT	5	VERNON BOTTOMLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES GEORGE. Conducted by VERNON BOTTOMLEY.
* First peal on ten bells. † First peal. First peal on ten bells as conductor. The first peal on the recast bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

HAMPTON, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., June 28, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Pritchard's Four-part. Tenor 12 cwt.

SIDNEY J. WOODCOCK	*Treble*	FREDERICK SCOTT	5
*ROGER WOODCOCK	2	BRIAN TAYLOR	6
FRANK T. BLAGROVE	3	REGINALD L. SILLS	7
ROBERT LEY	4	WILLIAM BUTLER	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK T. BLAGROVE.
* First peal 'inside.'

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., July 8, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE ROYAL FOUNDATION CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-CASTRO,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

MRS. H. J. POOLE	*Treble*	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	5
PETER J. STANIFORTH	2	JOHN R. SMITH	6
BRIAN G. WARWICK	3	E. ALAN JACQUES	7
S. ANTHONY JESSON	4	HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a compliment to Father J. R. Collins on the completion of 23 years as Vicar of St. Mary-de-Castro.

ELY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., July 17, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18¾ cwt. in F.

MARION GRAIN	*Treble*	T. REGINALD DENNIS	5
WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	2	JOHN G. GIPSON	6
ERNEST G. HIBBINS	3	JAMES W. R. QUINNEY	7
JOHN A. ACRES	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
Rung previous to a service of thanksgiving in the Cathedral, at which the address was given by the Archbishop of Canterbury, for the successful completion of the Bishop of Ely's Appeal Fund.

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BOURN, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 19, 1952, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. HELEN AND MARY,
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt. in F.

CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON	*Treble*	JOHN G. GIPSON	5
*RONALD D. EDGE	2	*F. ERIC ROBERTS	6
*WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	3	PHILIP A. F. CHALK	7
*JOHN T. HOMFRAY	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by RICHARD F. B. SPEED. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First peal in the method.

EPWORTH, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 19, 1952, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 16 lb.

G. LESLIE A. LUNN	*Treble*	GEORGE W. MOODY	5
GEORGE E. FEIRN	2	JACK BRAY	6
*GWEN RUSBY	3	*PHILIP BARNES	7
*†FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD	4	‡STANLEY E. BENNETT	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.
* First peal of Yorkshire. † 50th peal. ‡ 150th peal.

CHATHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., July 25, 1952, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt.

FRANCIS J. CHEAL	*Treble*	GEORGE KENWARD	5
ERIC NAYLOR	2	TREVOR A. CROSS	6
HARRY SPRINGATE	3	*RONALD E. NORRIS	7
VICTOR A. JARRETT	4	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. J. CARTER. Conducted by VICTOR A. JARRETT.
* First peal of Major 'inside' and has 'circled' the tower.
Rung in honour of the marriage of Miss Gladys K. Jarrett (member of the Chatham band and daughter of the conductor) to Mr. Leslie Pickles, which took place at Kingston, Jamaica, on July 12th, 1952. Also a birthday compliment to Mrs. V. A. Jarrett.

CHESTER, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
On Fri., July 25, 1952, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHIN-THE-WALLS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in F.

*ELIZABETH M. ROBINSON	*Treble*	HARRY W. HOWARD	5
BETTY GRIFFITHS	2	HENRY PARKER	6
SHIRLEY GOLDING	3	HAROLD WORRALL	7
HARRY LEWIS	4	CECIL RADDON	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY O. BAKER. Conducted by HAROLD WORRALL.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

DOUGLAS-IN-PARBOLD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 26, 1952, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

ROGER PRESTON	*Treble*	THOMAS MARSHALL	5
RONALD KENRICK	2	THOMAS HESKETH	6
JULIA PRESTON	3	EDWIN C. BIRKETT	7
PETER COXALL	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
Rung as a 79th birthday compliment to Mr. Santus, of Parbold, donor of the second bell.

DRAYTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Sat., July 26, 1952, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19¼ cwt.

REGINALD BEALE	*Treble*	*GILBERT DAVIS	5
RAYMOND WINTER	2	CLAUDE W. J. TARR	6
FREDERICK WELCH	3	JOHN T. LOCKE	7
DENNIS R. BEST	4	JACK W. DREW	*Tenor*

Composed by G. WILLIAMS. Conducted by REGINALD. BEALE.
* First peal on eight.

GREAT BENTLEY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 26, 1952, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 7¼ cwt.

GEORGE W. MOSS	*Treble*	GEORGE A. ANDREWS	5
CHARLES A. ANDREWS	2	ROY DUESBURY	6
*FELIX H. ERITH	3	ALAN R. ANDREWS	7
*DONALD C. ANDREWS	4	GEORGE N. ORMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.
* First peal on eight bells.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 26, 1952, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Morris's Variation of Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*J. MONICA WHITEHEAD	*Treble*	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD	5
ALAN CATTELL	2	ARTHUR CATTELL	6
MAVIS A. WHITEHEAD	3	SIDNEY HARRISON	7
CHARLES V. CATTELL	4	ALBERT COOK	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN CATTELL.
* First peal of Triples. First peal rung on the eight bells.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the conductor.

SHREWSBURY, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 26, 1952, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 39½ cwt. in C.

MISS B. A. CARTER	*Treble*	JOHN F. BUTLER	5
WILLIAM A. FARMER	2	JOHN N. LINDON	6
CHARLES W. LEE	3	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	7
F. HECTOR BENNETT	4	*RALPH G. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by CLIFFORD A. BARRON.
* 300th peal.
Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar of this church, Rev. F. A. R. Chapman.

ST. NEOTS, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 26, 1952, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's. Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

*FRANK WARRINGTON	*Treble*	JOHN G. GIPSON	5
WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	2	CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON	6
C. HENRY HARDING	3	ROBERT H. BROOKER	7
T. REGINALD DENNIS	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.
* 430th peal. First peal of Cambridge Surprise on the bells.
Rung with half-muffled clappers in memoriam Mr. H. Fields, interred previous day.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

RANDWICK, SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA.
THE NEW SOUTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 9, 1952, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JUDE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Being four callings. Tenor 21 cwt.

*GEOFF. LOGAN	*Treble*	JOHN BOUTLAND	4
†GEOFF. BURDEN	2	WILLIAM M. ROWE	5
ROBERT W. FERRIS	3	KEN G. P. STACEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM M. ROWE.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal of Plain Bob for all except conductor. First peal of Plain Bob as conductor. Fastest peal on the bells.
Rung for Her Majesty the Queen's birthday.

WOODFORD, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., July 11, 1952, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

BRIAN AUSTIN	*Treble*	RONALD C. NOON	4
JOHN KING	2	ERIC NOBLES	5
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	3	GEOFFREY E. WATSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY E. WATSON.

HEYDON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., July 20, 1952, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 66 lb. in B.

Walter Ford	*Treble*	Herbert Laskey	4
*Fred Laskey	2	Bert Gogle	5
William Love	3	Cecil V. Ebberson ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by Bert Gogle.

* First peal.

LEINTWARDINE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
On Tues., July 22, 1952, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 15 methods: (1) College and Wavertree College, (2) Fulbeck, Reverse, Canterbury, Double and Plain Bob, (3) Double Oxford, Thelwall, Childwall and St. Clement's Bob, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) Oxford Treble Bob, (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) Oxford Bob. 128 changes of method. Tenor 13 cwt.

*Frederick A. Jaine ..	*Treble*	Alan R. Pink	4
Leslie Evans	2	*Reginald T. Jones ..	5
*Frederick R. Harris ..	3	Wilfrid F. Moreton ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.

* First peal in 15 methods. Especially arranged and rung on the Patronal Festival.

MUCH MARCLE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., July 23, 1952, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Bartholomew,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 18 methods: (1) Cambridge and Primrose Surprise, (2) London and Lytham Bob, (3) College and Wavertree College, (4) Fulbeck, Reverse, Canterbury. Double and Plain Bob, (5) Double Oxford, Thelwall, Childwall and St. Clement's Bob, (6) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, (7) Oxford Bob. 200 changes of method. Tenor 13 cwt.

*Frederick A. Jaine ..	*Treble*	Alan R. Pink	4
*George Davis	2	*Reginald T. Jones ..	5
*Frederick R. Harris ..	3	*Wilfrid F. Moreton ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.

* First peal of Minor in 18 methods. The most methods rung to a peal for the Guild.

WITHINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., July 24, 1952, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 12 methods: (1) College, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, (4) Double and Reverse Bob, (5) Thelwall and Childwall Bob, (6) Double Oxford and St. Clement's Bob, (7) Oxford and Plain Bob. 60 changes of method. Tenor 16 cwt.

Frederick A. Jaine ..	*Treble*	Wilfrid F. Moreton ..	4
Reginald T. Jones ..	2	Leslie Evans	5
Frederick R. Harris ..	3	Alan R. Pink	*Tenor*

Conducted by Alan R. Pink.

The first peal in 12 methods on the bells.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., July 25, 1952, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford and Kent, and two extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

Gillian Goulding ..	*Treble*	Patricia M. Clarke ..	4
*†Geoffrey Page	2	†Max P. Page	5
Robert E. Lester ..	3	Garnham A. Blaxcell ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by Max P. Page.

* 25th peal. † 25th peal together.

EWYAS HAROLD, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., July 25, 1952, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 4 methods: One extent of Oxford Bob and two each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

Wilfrid F. Moreton ..	*Treble*	Leslie Evans	4
Frederick A. Jaine ..	2	Austin T. Wingate ..	5
Frederick R. Harris ..	3	Reginald T. Jones ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.

GOODRICH, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., July 25, 1952, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Giles,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 11 methods: (1) Fulbeck, Reverse, Canterbury, Double and Plain Bob, (2) St. Clement's Bob, (3) Double Oxford Bob, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) Oxford Treble Bob, (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) Oxford Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

Frederick A. Jaine ..	*Treble*	Frederick R. Harris ..	4
Leslie Evans	2	Reginald T. Jones ..	5
*Austin T. Wingate ..	3	Wilfrid F. Moreton ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.

* First peal in 11 methods. Rung for St. James' Day.

SAPCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., July 25, 1952, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents (C.C.C. Nos. 34, 36, 48, 49, 50, 51, 29).
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in A flat.

*Dorothy Stratford ..	*Treble*	William A. Wood	4
†Nancy E. Markiew ..	2	John A. L. Thompson ..	5
Alfred Ballard	3	Michael E. Brown ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by Michael E. Brown.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 26, 1952, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 Single Court and two 720's each of Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

Katherine Burchnall ..	*Treble*	Grace Burchnall ..	4
Sydney Carnall	2	John Newbert	5
Josephine Salt	3	*Harold Denman	*Tenor*

Conducted by Harold Denman.

* 150th peal. This was the 50th peal on the bells.

MICHAELCHURCH ESKLEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 26, 1952, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 10 extents each of St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob and 12 extents of Grandsire. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

Charles Jones	*Treble*	Leslie Evans	3
Frederick R. Harris ..	2	Reginald T. Jones ..	4
Wilfrid F. Moreton ..	*Tenor*		

Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.

BLYTHBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sun., July 27, 1952, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

Margot Thompson ..	*Treble*	E. Jack Thurlow	4
Alfred H. Watson ..	2	Max Page	5
Richard S. Payne ..	3	John Blythe	*Tenor*

Conducted by John Blythe.

STOCKBURY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., July 27, 1952, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 14 six-scores each of Grandsire, St. Simon's, and Plain Bob Doubles. Tenor 15 cwt.

*Albert J. Dunk	*Treble*	*Francis J. Cheal	3
George A. Naylor ..	2	George Kenward ..	4
Eric Naylor	*Tenor*		

Conducted by George A. Naylor.

* First peal in three double methods.
Rung in honour of the Patronal Festival.

COPT OAK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., July 28, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In two methods, viz.: Three extents of Single Oxford, and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*JUNE M. KNIGHT	*Treble*	ROLAND BENISTON	4
REGINALD T. GOODMAN	2	WILLIAM A. WOOD	5
E. CHARLES TURNER	3	C. WILLIAM HALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

* First peal. Mr. Hall has now 'circled' his home tower of Copt Oak.

RUSHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Tues., July 29, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

DAVID WM. BARR	*Treble*	PETER BERESFORD	4
JOAN BERESFORD	2	WALTER J. COPE	5
CLIVE M. SMITH	3	DENNIS BERESFORD	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOAN BERESFORD.

ST. NEWLYN EAST, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., July 30, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NEWLINA,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in A.

MRS. A. S. ROBERTS	*Treble*	MRS. RALPH BIRD	4
*A. HUBERT EPLETT	2	JAMES P. BLOND	5
†REV. A. S. ROBERTS	3	RALPH BIRD	*Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

* 25th peal. † 150th peal. A compliment to the Rev. G. C. Sara, Vicar, on being elected Rural Dean of Pydar.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., July 31, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven varied extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

GILBERT COWLAN	*Treble*	FRANK SISMEY	4
WILLIAM ROSE	2	GEORGE BUSH	5
JAMES MOUNFIELD	3	HERBERT GOAKES	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

A farewell peal to the Rev. T. W. Jones, who has been the Vicar for the last 25 years.

HANDBELL PEALS

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., July 29, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
AT 29, HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Original.

*FRANK C. PRICE	1—2	JOHN THOMAS	5—6
MRS. J. THOMAS	3—4	*R. ROGER SAVORY	7—8

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First peal of Triples 'in hand.'

WOODDITTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Tues., July 29, 1952, *in* 1 *Hour and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT SUNNY VIEW, WOODDITTON ROAD, NEWMARKET,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 16 in B flat.

ALBERT E. AUSTIN	1—2	PETER C. WRIGHT	5—6
PETER BORDER	3—4	*JOHN A. ACRES	7—8

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.
Contains the full combination of 4, 5, 6 in 5-6 in the minimum number of courses.

* 50th peal of Plain Bob.



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FOR BEGINNERS—AND A WORD TO THE OLDER HANDS

VI.—HOW TO RING 120 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Last week we endeavoured to explain how the Grandsire method on five bells is rung. We showed that the 'work' of the method produced three leads, which is thirty changes, but that, of course, does not exhaust all the possible changes on five bells. As readers well know, the extent of changes on five bells is 120, or a 'six-score,' as old ringers were wont to call it.

To produce a 120 in any method of pure Doubles, as we explained a week or two ago, requires certain departures from the 'method,' and these departures are known as 'bobs' and 'singles.' The proper insertion of these 'calls'—because they are called by the conductor—makes it possible to extend our 30 changes to the full 120.

The 'bob' in Grandsire consists of the introduction of another 3rds place. In the construction of the method itself, as we have seen, 3rds place is made on every occasion immediately after the treble has led. The 3rds place, to make a bob, is made when the treble leads its first blow—that is the two 3rds places, when a bob is called, are consecutive, and they are made by the two bells hunting immediately in front of the treble.

The effect of the actual work of the bells is this: The bob (that is the 3rds place before the treble completes its lead) is made by the bell that passed the treble in 2–3. Having made 3rds, it strikes over the treble and then leads. It is then 'in the hunt,' where the 2nd is in the plain course, and all it has to do is to continue plain hunting until the next call is made.

The bell that makes the ordinary 3rds place does not have its cycle of work disturbed, but the two other bells are detained in the 4–5 dodging place. One of them is the bell which has been 'in the hunt.' The call comes when he is completing his whole pull behind and he makes a double dodge in 5–4 (down).

A single dodge, which occurs in the plain lead, is just one step back in the hunting—into 5ths (from 4ths) if you dodge down; into 4ths (from 5ths) if you dodge up. When you 'double dodge' you step up, or down, twice. so that when you have to 'double dodge down' in Grandsire Doubles you first lay your whole pull behind, step down into 4ths, up into 5ths, down into 4ths, back into 5ths, and then go on down to lead.

Double dodging up is the reverse of this and occurs before lying the whole pull behind. This is done at a bob by the bell that passed the treble in 3–4; and the bell he follows to lead is the bell that dodges with him.

The dodging behind is the same at a single as at a bob, but the other two bells are reversed in their coursing order. Both 3rds places are made by one and the same bell, the bell that passed the treble in 2–3. The other bell—that passed the treble in 1–2—lies a whole pull in 2nds place over the treble, then leads again, and is 'in the hunt.' Now examine the difference in the working of the bells under these three sets of conditions. These figures show the essential work at the treble lead:—

Plain Lead	Bob Lead	Single Lead
45312	45312	45312
54132	54132	54132
51423	51423	51423
15243	15432	15432
12534	14523	15423
21543	41532	51432
25134	45123	54123
52314	54213	45213

The proper place for the conductor to call the bob or single is when the treble strikes in 3rds place on its way down. The dodging bells are then in the place where they have to dodge, the bell in front has sufficient notice to change its course. When you begin calling, however, you may not be able to 'see' the treble, although you want to cultivate the facility to do so as much as possible. It may, therefore, be necessary just at the start to 'call' your 120's by a fixed rule. If you ring the 3rd or 5th you make a call when your bell will have to stop and double dodge in 4–5 up.

In doing this, your only other work will be making 3rds place at alternate leads. As you hunt up and pass the treble in 3–4, make your call as you strike over the treble. Thus you have alternately one plain lead and one lead at which a call is made—that gives you in the 12 leads six calls in all. Two of these calls MUST be singles. You can put your first single at any one of the first three calling places, but the second single MUST come at the corresponding place in the next three.

If you call the first half P.B.P.B.P.S. (P standing for plain lead, B for bob lead and S for single lead), then the second half must be called in exactly the same way.

The 'calls' come at the 2nd, 4th and 6th leads if you use the 5th as the 'observation' bell, and at the 1st, 3rd and 5th leads if you use the 3rd as the 'observation' bell, and with these two forms of calling you can obtain six different 120's—different, that is, in the sequence of the changes.

BARNSLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The annual outing of the Barnsley District Society took place on July 19th when two bus loads of ringers and friends visited East Yorks.

The first call was at Selby for breakfast at the Corunna House at 9 a.m., after which the Abbey bells were rung for about one hour. The ten bells were rung in rounds, then came a touch of Bob Major and touches of Treble Bob Minor on the top six. An hour's ringing followed on the beautiful six at Market Weighton where a good variety of methods was enjoyed.

The next item on the programme was hot lunch at the Market Cross Hotel, Beverley, Here some delay curtailed the time for ringing and to the disappointment of all ringers the visit to St. Mary's Church had to be cancelled. Apologies and thanks were given to Mr. Braithwell who had waited patiently. A visit to the Minster was an enjoyable experience. Ringing on the ten bells was confined to rounds but on the top six a good variety of methods was completed.

The final objective was Hornsea with a sumptuous tea at the Clifton Cafe and about one hour was spent by the seaside with no ringing. It was a pleasant journey home with everyone happy and satisfied.

The organiser would like to thank all the local ringers for the arrangements they had made and the help given, without which the trip would not have been so successful.

5,184 Spliced Plain Royal in 7 Methods

By F. NOLAN GOLDEN

W	M	H	23456	
—		—	45236	A
		—	24536	B
	—	S	56432	A
—		—	43562	B
		—	54362	A
	—		34265	B

Eleven times repeated. SH end of 6th and 12th parts.

Course 'A':—Plain, Little, Wellington Little Bob, St. Clement's, Little.

Course 'B':—Plain, Little, Crayford Little, Reverse, Gainsborough Little Bob, Little.

First rung on handbells at Bournemouth on Saturday, February 23rd, 1952, conducted by D. T. Matkin. The most methods yet rung to a peal of Royal.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World' of August 9th, 1912

CAMBRIDGE

The Middlesex County Association.

On Monday, August 5th, 1912, in 3 hours and 48 minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary the Great,

A Peal of Stedman Cinques, 5,007 Changes.

*Rev. A. H. F. Boughey	Treble
William Pye	2
George R. Pye	3
John H. Cheesman	4
Isaac G. Shade	5
John S. Goldsmith	6
Charles T. Coles	7
Reuben Sanders	8
Keith Hart	9
*Rev. H. S. T. Richardson	10
Ernest Pye	11
Bertram Prewett	Tenor

Composed by C. H. Hattersley.
Conducted by William Pye.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques. This is the first occasion on which a vicar and curate have rung a peal of Stedman Cinques on the bells of their own church.

CAMBRIDGE

The Middlesex County Association.

On Monday, August 5th, 1912, in 3 hours and 38 minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary the Great,

A Peal of Stedman Cinques, 5007 Changes.

Isaac G. Shade	Treble
George R. Pye	2
Bertram Prewett	3
John S. Goldsmith	4
Reuben Sanders	5
Edwin Barnett, jun.	6
John H. Cheesman	7
Frederick J. Pitstow	8
Frederick Pitstow	9
Keith Hart	10
William Pye	11
Ernest Pye	Tenor

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by John H. Cheesman.

[No doubt the first occasion also on which two twelve-bell peals had been rung at the same church in one day. A similar band went one better a year later by substituting Cambridge Maximus for one of the peals of Cinques]

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

The Mid-Devon Branch of the Devon Guild held its quarterly meeting at St. James', Teignmouth, on July 21st, members and friends attending from Littleham, Exeter, Kenn, Teignmouth (St. Michael's), Newton Abbot, Buckfastleigh, Totnes, Dartmouth and Plymouth.

Methods rung during the afternoon were Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Plain Bob Major. The service was held in church, conducted by the Rev. N. F. D. Coleridge, who gave a short and able address.

After tea at the Milestone Cafe, Bishopsteignton, in pleasant surroundings, the usual business meeting followed with Mr. J. E. Lilley in the chair.

Two associate members, Miss Betty Uglow and Mr. Harold Yeo, both of Totnes, were elected.

It was reported that arrangements were in hand for the Branch outing, which is being held on August 16th, and that the next meeting would be held at Stoke Gabriel on Saturday, October 18th, subject to the usual permission being obtained.

The customary votes of thanks concluded the meeting and ringing afterwards took place at Bishopsteignton. A. L. B.

ABBOTSBURY, DORSET.—On July 26th, 1,260 Doubles (being 240 April Day, 360 Bob and 660 Grandsire): Irene J. Cordier 1, Mrs. M. M. Godley 2, H. J. Ford 3, Betty J. Dyke 4, E. J. Ladd (cond.) 5, C. G. J. Ford 6.

ARKLOW, CO. WICKLOW.—On July 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Aunesley 1, Mrs. F. E. Dukes 2, W. Shaw 3, F. E. Dukes (cond.) 4, J. Flight 5, P. Nuzum (first quarter) 6, S. J. Evans 7, J. Nuzum 8. Rung on the front five with 7, 6, 8 covering. In honour of a special service held for the 4th Lurgan Company Boys' Brigade (camping in Arklow) and the local company of Girl Guides.

AXMINSTER, DEVON.—On July 15th, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: A. J. Scott 1, Mrs. T. H. Francis 2, N. Mallett 3, W. R. Grimwood 4, R. Keeley 5, H. G. Keeley 6, G. S. Morris 7, T. H. Francis (cond.) 8.

BANBURY, OXON.—On July 25th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss D. Spokes 1, W. J. Chester 2, E. E. Pearson 3, K. R. Holtom 4, W. J. Cross 5, W. Yates (first quarter of Caters as cond.) 6, J. Stretton 7, G. F. Burton 8, G. W. Holland 9, Miss M. Coleman 10. First quarter of Caters for 1, 5 and 10.

BISHOPS STORTFORD, HERTS.—On July 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Wacey 1, W. T. Prior 2, E. Garbett 3, F. Springham 4, H. Bird 5, R. Hayden 6, F. Bird (cond.) 7, H. M. White 8. A compliment to Mr. H. M. White on his retirement as secretary for 40 years to the local band and a member since 1900.

BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.—On July 21st, at St. Peter's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Gilian Rea (first quarter) 1, B. B. Rogers 2, Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay 3, Miss D. Battersby 4, D. Reed 5, R. Marlow 6, A. V. Davis (cond.) 7, J. Cole 8. Rung in honour of the first official visit of the new Diocesan Bishop of Winchester.

QUARTER PEALS

CHELTENHAM, GLOS.—On July 22nd, 1,299 Stedman Caters: J. S. Hawkins 1, C. W. Martin 2, H. W. Bishop 3, F. G. Nurden 4, W. Dyer 5, W. B. Kynaston 6, G. Kilminster 7, E. J. Berry 8, T. Townsend (cond.) 9, T. Boreham 10. A compliment to Mr. Joe Hawkins on his 73rd birthday, and to Mr. and Mrs. Townsend on their silver wedding.

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.—On July 27th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Rev. H. F. Warren 1, R. J. Crago 2, A. J. Sanger 3, R. March 4, J. D. Nicholls 5, J. Badman 6, H. P. Sparks 7, R. G. Field 8, H. J. Sanger (cond.) 9, I. Whitehead 10. A welcome to the Rev. R. Lee-Dewe, who was inducted Vicar of St. Peter's on July 16th.

FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.—On July 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: L. Knott 1, R. H. Mills 2, R. E. A. Woods 3, L. S. Hallett (first quarter as cond.) 4, C. Turner 5, R. V. Whelpton (first quarter) 6. Rung in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Hallett.

FULHAM, MIDDLX.—On July 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. C. Watts 1, B. Lunn (first in method) 2, E. R. Mackrill 3, A. J. Phillips (first of Stedman Triples 'inside') 4, C. Watts 5, H. M. Page 6, J. Phillips (cond.) 7, H. Belcher 8.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLX.—On July 27th, 1,344 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Mrs. C. C. Mayne 1, Mrs. J. D. Niblett 2, Miss F. Clayton 3, S. A. Warwick (first in the method 'inside') 4, J. D. Niblett 5, H. D. Butler, 6, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 7, C. C. Mayne 8.

HELMDON, NORTHANTS.—On July 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. R. Haynes 1, E. Saunders 2, W. J. Chester (cond.) 3, M. Saunders 4, C. Hinton 5, H. Batchelor 6. Rung for the Patronal Festival.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS. — On July 20th, 1,440 Ipswich Surprise Minor: F. Warrington (cond.) 1, E. J. Parish 2, F. R. Nichols 3, W. Ransom 4, A. Clements 5, H. S. Peacock 6. For the Festival of St. Margaret.

HENBURY, BRISTOL.—On July 27th, 1,260 Grandisre Doubles: B. Frost 1, Miss H. Orchard 2, Dr. G. Watt 3, H. Bromfield 4, B. Huddleston (cond.) 5, F. Brown 6. First of Doubles for 1 and 2. Rung for morning service, and to welcome B. Frost back from the Forces.

HIGHER WALTON, LANCS.—On July 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Calderbank (first quarter) 1, J. B. Clarke 2, R. Price 3, W. Mansley 4, J. E. Briggs 5, F. Stead (cond.) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Greta Taylor, cousin of the treble ringer.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.—On July 20th, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob: P. Elliott 1, J. Papworth 2, F. Whiterod 3, J. Elliott (cond.) 4, J. E. Elliott 5, C. Burton 6. A farewell to P. Elliott on his joining H.M. Forces.

THURNBY, LEICS.—On July 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Wm. Bott 1, M. Roote 2, P. Pawley 3, J. Pawley 4, H. L. Wykes (cond.) 5, K. Rands 6. First quarter since augmented to 6 and by Sunday service band.

TYDD ST. MARY, LINCS.—On July 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. O. Pearson 1, T. Willows 2, H. Pearson 3, T. Dow 4, G. R. G. Butler (cond.) 5, R. Flint 6. Rung fully-muffled as a last tribute to J. W. ('Bill') Kettering-ham, ringer at this church for about 40 years (captain 21 years) and also verger and sexton. A life-long and devoted churchman.

WICKHAM MARKET, SUFFOLK.—On July 27th, 1,440 Minor (being 720 Cambridge Surprise and 720 Double Court): A. Cuthbert 1, G. Berry 2, G. R. Finch 3, I. M. Bailey 4, A. S. Pipe 5, J. W. H. Preastner (cond.) 6.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The first quarter peal to be rung on the five bells in the 12th century tower of Roade Parish Church took place on July 31st and marked the completion of the installation of the new treble bell which had been previously consecrated and anointed by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Gerald Vernon, acting for the Bishop of Peterborough, on July 26th. The tower consists of three pre-Reformation bells of c. 1450 A.D. and a mediæval bell which was recast in 1727 A.D. and the new treble of 5 cwt. 21 lb.

An enquiry from Devon: What famous heavy-bell ringer is now called 'The Chest'?

Coincidence.—Mr. John Blythe conducted a peal at Blythburgh, Suffolk!

Mr. Leslie Evans, by ringing at Michaelchurch Eskley, has rung on all the ringable rings of bells in Herefordshire.

The first peal on the recast bells of Halifax Parish Church took place on July 26th. It was a peal of Plain Bob Royal. And now for the first peal of Maximus.

The first full meeting within living memory was held by the North Western District of the Essex Association at the old church of Matching, near Harlow, recently. Ringers from various parts of Essex enjoyed a good afternoon and evening's ringing.

Mr. Frederick Sharpe asks us to state that the leading article in last week's issue on 'The Preservation of Bells' is not an official statement from the Towers and Belfries Committee of the Central Council. Mr. Sharpe is in correspondence with members of the Towers and Belfries Committee, and also with Dr. Eeles, the secretary of the Central Council for the Care of Churches, concerning the matter, and will report later on the result of their deliberations.

Leicester Cathedral band have added another laurel to their crown with a peal of eight Spliced Surprise Maximus. The methods were York, Pudsey, Leicestershire, Buckinghamshire, Buckingham, Wigston, Yorkshire and Belgrave. This is, of course, a first occasion.

We have many examples of brothers in peals together. Mr. Max P. Page, of Ipswich, has rung in each of his brother's 25 peals and conducted 17 of them.

Miss Dorothy Stratford who was taught to handle a bell at Sapcote, Leics, on January 2nd, has now rung her first peal. Few beginners accomplish this in seven months.

At the first meeting of the Swansea and Brecon Guild at Knighton, Dyffryn tower was also represented. This was inadvertently omitted from the report of the meeting on page 474.

From distant Jamaica comes the news of the wedding on July 12th of Miss Gladys K. Jarrett. A peal in honour of the occasion was rung in her home tower, St. Mary-the-Virgin, Chatham.

Visitors to North Cornwall are reminded that they will be welcome at St. Andrew's, Stratton, where there is ringing from 5 to 6 p.m. on Sundays.

A vice-president of the South and West District of the Middlesex Association asks us to point out that far from being absent (as suggested in a report of the recent joint meeting at Twickenham and Isleworth), he was very much in evidence at the Isleworth end of activities, and, with his wife, enjoyed meeting the Vicar and ringers at the Vicarage garden fete, in addition to enjoying all of the other pleasant occupations described in the report as being available by the river in the evening!

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WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

GEORGE WILLIAMS MEMORIAL BOOKCASE: QUOTATION ACCEPTED — HIGH TRAVEL COST ATTRIBUTED TO FEWER PEALS — GUILD WAR MEMORIAL — CRANBORNE PEAL DISOWNED — CENTRAL COUNCIL AT BOURNEMOUTH

THE 72nd annual meeting of the Guild was held at Basingstoke on July 5th and the glorious weather attracted over 80 ringers from all Districts of the Guild. Before the afternoon meeting many availed themselves of the opportunity to ring at the various towers in the vicinity which had been kindly made available to the Guild.

At the business meeting, which was presided over by the Master (Mr. George Pullinger), a warm welcome was extended to many visiting ringers present. The Master was supported by the hon. treasurer (Mr. W. Linter), hon. secretary (Mr. F. W. Rogers) and hon. auditor and librarian (Mr. A. York-Bramble).

The members stood in silence as a token of respect to the passing of Messrs. C. J. Fray and E. Dumper (North Stoneham), Mr. A. Millard (Swanmore) and the Rev. —. Wells (Basingstoke).

The general secretary apologised to the meeting in respect of the delay in distributing the annual reports, over which he had no control, and asked members to examine copies of the balance sheet which were passed round for inspection. Apologies for absence were read from several members expressing regret at not being able to attend.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

The meeting was particularly pleased to have amongst them one of the oldest members of the Guild, Mr. W. Read (late of Blackmoor), who had travelled from Winchfield. Recently he had had an unfortunate accident in which he had suffered the loss of a leg. It was unanimously agreed that in recognition of his long and loyal service to the Guild he be elected a life member.

The balance sheets, as presented to the meeting, were explained by the hon. treasurer. It was a matter of regret that there was a small deficit on the year's working but it was only fair to accept that sums had been granted for bell restorations and the added cost of printing a full annual report. This last item was causing the Executive Committee some concern and it was felt that if printing costs continued to rise, the production of an annual report in alternate years would have to be considered. The auditor added his observations and thanked the treasurer for the manner in which he handled the finances of the Guild. He pointed out that although the Central Fund showed a small deficit the Districts showed a credit balance. The accounts as presented were unanimously adopted.

REPORT OF THE HON. LIBRARIAN

During the year 1951 the books and handbells, the property of the Guild, have remained at St. Michael's Vicarage, Southampton, by kind courtesy of the Vicar (the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead). Their ultimate resting place is a matter which may be decided when full consideration has been given by the Guild to the form of execution of the George Williams Memorial Scheme.

One or two requests for loans have been received and met during the year. A case in which the handbells may be safely transported seems advisable to be got.

Regulations for the conduct of the Memorial Library and the loan of books and handbells have been drafted and ratified by the Guild Executive Committee.

A welcome addition is a series of Guild reports for the years 1927 to 1945, kindly presented by Mr. J. A. Hill, to fill the gap formerly existing in the collection of Guild annual reports.

Information has been received that several ringing books, formerly the property of the late Mr. J. Andrews, of Winchester, are to be presented to the library and these will form a further welcome addition to the bookshelves.

The Master, on behalf of the members, expressed their thanks to Mr. A. York-Bramble, the hon. librarian, for his work during the year.

THE GUILD'S REPORT

The joint report of the Master, hon. general secretary and hon. treasurer stated that as far as reports from the Districts showed, the year had been one of continual progress and an effort further to consolidate the Guild's position. Membership had maintained a steady level and although honorary membership remained at 84, full members had decreased from 677 in 1950 to 627. This might be partly offset by an increase in unattached membership from 7 to 38. Compounding membership had increased by 23 as against 12 in 1950.

Reports of bell restorations were very encouraging and include Bramley (from 6 to 8), Baughurst (5), Sherfield-on-Loddon (6), Bishop's Sutton (5), Sparsholt (5), where the tenor had been recast, and Arreton, I.O.W. (from 5 to 6). It was understood that restorations were contemplated in the near future at Brading, I.O.W. (8), St. Lawrence's (5) and St. Michael's, Winchester (5). It was also hoped that Winchester College authorities would be able to put the restoration of the College bells in hand when the opportunity arose.

Financially the Guild was still able to show a stable balance. After consideration, the Executive Committee agreed to the printing of a generous annual report for 1951, although rising costs of printing might curtail it in the near future unless members were prepared to pay towards it. (The present report cost over one shilling per copy to print.)

The Dean and Chapter of Winchester Cathedral had given their permission for the names of members who were killed in the 1939-45 war to be added to the existing panel in the Cathedral belfry, and, if required, an additional panel to be fitted. As soon as a complete list of names was obtained inquiries would be made as to the executing of the memorial.

FEWER PEALS

Although there was a decline in the number of peals rung, this was not due to lack of interest but probably for the reason that peal ringing was becoming more expensive with increased travelling costs. Tower-bell peals numbered 37 and handbells 46, a total decrease of 38. Altogether 21 members rang their first peal, three conducted their first peal and 71 rang their 'first peal in the method.' Eighteen members shared the conducting of the tower-bell peals. Mr. J. Hunt leading with eight. The handbell ringing at Bournemouth continued to progress with the splicing of plain methods and they recorded a peal of Spliced Maximus in three methods as well as a peal of Plain Bob Maximus. Mr. D. T. Matkin conducted 43 of the handbell peals rung for the Guild.

Mr. C. H. Kippin, one of the Central Council representatives, presented a detailed account of the Lincoln meeting of the Council. He was congratulated on being elected to fill the vacancy on the Methods Committee.

THE OFFICERS

The election of officers resulted as follows:— Master, Mr. G. Pullinger; hon. secretary, Mr. F. W. Rogers; hon. treasurer, Mr. W. Linter; hon. auditor and librarian, Mr. A. York-Bramble; recorder of peals, Mr. N. Hayes.

It was proposed by Mr. Clift, seconded by Mr. R. Reed, that a letter of appreciation be sent to Mr. A. V. Davis expressing their thanks for the vast amount of work he had done during his term of office as recorder of peals.

GEORGE WILLIAMS MEMORIAL

The general secretary reported that the Executive Committee had examined designs of the proposed bookcase to be erected to the memory of the late Master, and proposed the adoption of the design which was on view at the meeting. An estimate for executing the work had been received from Moorman and Son of Newport (I.O.W.), who were willing to carry out the job for a sum of £73 3s. 6d., and it was recommended that this firm be entrusted with the memorial. The hon. treasurer reported that the Appeal Fund now stood at £48 and it was proposed to issue a further appeal to the Districts to subscribe the remaining £25.

It was proposed by Mrs. C. H. Kippin that this estimate be accepted. Mr. Bailey (Godshill, I.O.W.) assured the meeting that the firm could be relied upon to do a first-class job. It was unanimously agreed that the work be executed by this firm and they be instructed to proceed with the construction of the memorial. When the work was completed it was agreed, subject to permission being given, to erect it in the belfry at St. Mary's, Southampton.

GUILD WAR MEMORIAL

The hon. secretary reported that the Dean and Chapter of Winchester Cathedral had given their permission for additional names of Guild members who lost their lives in the 1939-45 Great War, to be inscribed on the existing panel in the Cathedral belfry or to erect an additional panel if found to be neeessary. As far as can be ascertained 17 members had lost their lives, but to ensure accuracy it was left open to September 1st to receive names of any who had been omitted. It was unanimously agreed that the work be proceeded with after that date and to meet the cost out of Guild funds.

GUILD BADGE

It had been felt for a long time that the Guild should adopt a ringer's badge bearing the Guild's title and date of founding, and the secretary had been instructed to obtain samples to enable a choice to be made. Several designs were on view at the meeting and it was eventually decided to accept the one submitted by Messrs. Fattorini, of Birmingham, and the secretary was instructed to place an order for 200 stud type and 100 brooch type for initial distribution.

CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING AT BOURNEMOUTH, 1953

The Master pointed out that the Council had accepted his invitation to hold their 1953 meeting at Bournemouth and he proposed a select committee be appointed and the Salisbury Guild be invited to co-operate in order to ensure the success of the gathering. It was decided, up to a limit to be agreed, if possible, between the two Guilds, to support financially the arrangements to be made.

THE CRANBORNE PEAL

Several members asked what was the reaction of the Guild to the recent incident of the peal rung at Cranborne which the Salisbury Guild, owing to breach of rules, would not accept and the conductor's wish for it to be accepted by the Winchester Guild.

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WINCHESTER GUILD—Cont.

After a varied discussion it was eventually proposed by Mr. J. A. Hill (Andover) and carried unanimously: 'That after due consideration the meeting feels that the implied intention of this band was to ring the peal for the Salisbury Diocesan Guild and, in the circumstances, cannot accept the performance for this Guild, and that this statement appear in "The Ringing World" in the name of this Guild.'

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Petersfield in July, 1953.

Mr. C. H. Kippin proposed, and Mr. Bailey seconded, that the District secretaries be urged to invest the accounts in preference to having 'money in hand.'

Votes of thanks were accorded Mr. J. Chesterman for making all arrangements for the success of the meeting and to all the incumbents who had placed their bells at the disposal of the Guild that day.

The service was held in St. Michael's Church at which the Archdeacon of Basingstoke officiated and preached, after which tea was partaken of in Church Cottage. Ringing continued at the various towers in the evening, which included All Saints' (9), St. Michael's (8), Bramley (8), Oakley (6) and Deane (6).

NORWICH ASSOCIATION

South Norfolk Branch Entertained at Long Stratton

Eighteen parishes were represented at a meeting of the South Norfolk Branch at Long Stratton on July 19th. The service at 4.15 was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. A. St. Leger-Chambers) in St. Mary's Church.

At tea in the Village Hall the ringers were the guests of Mr. William L. Duffield, vice-president of the Association.

The Rev. E. Vokes was in the chair for the meeting, supported by the Rev. A. St. J. Heard (president), Mr. W. L. Duffield, the Rev. A. St. Leger-Chambers, Mr. E. Whiting (Branch Ringing Master), Mr. A. G. Harrison (Branch secretary) and Messrs. W. A. Lock, F. C. W. Phillippo, H. Moss and W. G. Saunders, members of the committee.

It was decided to visit North Lepham for the September meeting. The usual votes of thanks were passed to the Rector. Mr. Duffield, for the excellent tea, the organist and the ladies who served the tea. During the evening the bells of the adjoining parish of Forncett were also rung.

A. G. H.

JOINT MEETING AT COLE-ORTON

Cole-Orton was the venue of a joint meeting of the Midland Counties Guild and the Loughborough District of the Leicester Diocesan Guild and some 50 members and friends were present from Cole-Orton, Copt Oak, Oaks-in-Charnwood, Ibstock, Hugglescote, Whitwick, Overseal, Lullington, Ashby, Measham, Loughborough, Repton, Netherseal, Barton (St. Modwen's), Breedon and Enfield (Middlesex).

The spacious grounds of the hall adjoining the church were thrown open (by kind permission of the National Coal Board who now occupy the hall for offices) and were a great attraction for those who were making this first visit. As there is no incumbent or priest-in-charge at this church, a short service was conducted by the churchwarden, Mr. J. Capner, and was followed by tea in the hall.

Mr. A. E. Rowley, in proposing a vote of thanks to the local ringers for the arrangements made, said it was good to hold these joint meetings. Mr. W. H. Curzon, supporting, said that although this was a joint meeting it was not long since they were all members of one family (a reference to the days of the Midland Counties Association).

Further ringing concluded a very enjoyable meeting and as the later members were wending their way home they could still hear the local ringers holding the fort

PRESTON, DORSET, HAS NOW SIX BELLS

Two New Trebles Added to Ancient Four

Following the usual campers' service on Sunday morning, July 27th, the Church of St. Andrew, Preston, near Weymouth, was again filled to capacity when the Bishop of Salisbury, the Rt. Rev. W. L. Anderson, dedicated the new vestry and two new bells.

Preston has had only four bells until now and the new treble and second, cast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, have been given by parishioners in memory of their loved ones.

The treble is inscribed:—'In memory of my Wife and Son, Charlotte and Stanley Slade. God calls.' The second bears the inscription:—'In memory of our Parents, Hugh and Emily Diment. God calls.'

These two additions make a lovely ring of six and help to send the Christian message out to the world in company with the four ancient bells which have sounded so proudly from the tower for centuries.

The third (or the old treble) was cast in 1671 by Thomas Purdue, of Closworth, Somerset, and bears no inscription, and the remaining three were cast in 1629 by an unknown founder and bear respectively the following inscriptions:—

Fourth.—'Repent, I say, be not too late, Thyself att al times redy make.'

Fifth.—'To see in what estate they live, Nothing to the poor they give.'

Tenor.—'At thy departure I shall sound, And ring to bring thee to ground.'

The two new bells and the old treble are now in a steel frame and the back three are in a wooden frame which has been secured to the tower walls.

After dedicating the new vestry and the bells the Bishop gave the address, speaking on a text from the Book of Isaiah, chapter 54, verse 2: 'Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations: spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes.'

It was a different Preston now, said the Bishop, than the one which he knew when he lived there 30 years ago. Instead of a village with green fields stretching to the sea, it now helped to contain a large overspill of the ever-growing town of Weymouth.

The new bells and the vestry could both play their part in reaching out to this larger and still spreading population to remind them of their duty to God.

The Church, the Bishop went on, could not be static but some congregations were so snug in their comfortable churches that they forgot those outside, therefore we must not be content with churches to hold 400 or 600 people, but should be always prepared to extend our buildings to hold still more worshippers.

Dr. Anderson said that he would like to congratulate Preston on raising over £2,500 for this very necessary work.

The vestry is built of Portland stone, and sliding panels have been utilised to make a very efficient and roomy place.

Visiting clergy included the Rural Dean of Weymouth, the Rev. T. C. C. Brockner, the Bishop's Chaplain, the Rev. E. V. Tanner, the Rev. E. Jones and Mr. W. Ager, secretary to the Diocesan Branch of the C.E.M.S.

Preston ringers, under their captain, Mr. H. Corbin, rang the first touch of rounds after the dedication, and also the first touch of changes, Grandsire Doubles, after the service.

Mr. H. Diment and Mr. John Slade, who rings at Preston, took part in the dedication ceremony.

Ringers were present from St. Peter's, Dorchester, Abbotsbury, Upwey, Yetminster, Wyke Regis and Gloucester, and they all took part in ringing after service, when the methods rung included Stedman Doubles and Plain Bob Minor.

The service was conducted by the Vicar of Preston, the Rev. P. W. H. Isdell-Carpenter, M.A., who expressed his pleasure in welcoming the Bishop on this memorable occasion.

J. H. H.

A REUNION AT AN AUSTRALIAN DEDICATION

On July 19th, 12 Sydney ringers travelled the 125 miles to West Maitland to be present at the dedication of the rehanging of the bells at West Maitland on roller bearings. Only those ringers who had the rather doubtful pleasure of ringing these bells before they were rehung can appreciate the great job done by Mr. J. E. Arkell vice-president of the tower, and his enthusiastic band of helpers. The only fault that could be found with the bells was that they were a little odd struck, and this failing is now being rectified by Mr. Arkell.

Canon Stretch, Rector of St. Paul's, rededicated the bells to the service of the Church with a simple but no less impressive service. The St. Paul's band then rang the bells in rounds, following with an extent of Old Doubles, conducted by J. E. Arkell. The members of the band of St. Jude's, Randwick, then took over and rang 1,440 changes of Plain Bob Minor. The band stood in as follows: John Sloan 1, Ruth E. Donnelly 2, Ross L. Altass 3, Ronald S. Rove 4, John Duncan 5, William M. Rowe (cond.) 6. After this quarter in honour of the event all ringers present joined in general ringing until 6.30 p.m.

The members of St. Paul's made this occasion one for a reunion of their former ringers, and it was grand to see these old time ringers stand in to call changes and strike and handle their bells as well if not better than the present day vintage. A number of these gentlemen came from Sydney for the event, and others from even further afield. Some had not touched a bell for over 40 years, but to see them at work seemed to belie the fact. Whoever was responsible for the suggestion showed rare understanding, and is to be heartily congratulated.

Dinner was taken at 6.30 p.m., and was prepared and served by the Ladies' Guild of the parish. Canon Stretch was in his usual good form in charge of the proceedings, and toasts were proposed and honoured in the traditional manner. Mr. Ron Rowe had, it would seem, the most popular toast of the evening, and it was honoured with great enthusiasm, that of 'The Ladies' Guild. It only goes to show that the speaker who stated that 'bellringers do not seem to be human beings' could have been wrong.

After dinner all adjourned to the belfry once more and ringing continued until 9.30 p.m., when the Sydney people prepared to depart. Good-byes were said by 10 p.m. and the travellers left on their journey, arriving home again at 4 p.m., after a most memorable and enjoyable day in the bellringing history of N.S.W.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

LONG CRENDON RINGERS AND CORONATION FILM

Dear Sir,—As already stated in the daily Press, the village of Long Crendon, in Buckinghamshire, has been chosen by the B.B.C. for the Coronation film next year. This beautiful village, set upon a hill two miles from Thame, Oxon, has a lot of beautiful cottages. In the High Street these cottages are all different—thatch, tiles, slates, etc., and painted in nice mellow colours, down at the end of this charming street, lies the Church and old Court House, open to the public.

It is a beautiful stone church in a beautiful setting, and one can visualise a packed congregation in the old days filing out of church and walking up the street, in their Sunday best, with plenty of time, in the sunshine, for a chat to hear the village news.

The B.B.C. have been busy filming the village, and requested the local bellringers, of whom I am a member, to be at the belfry at 4 o'clock last Saturday, July 26th. We have a ring of eight bells, tenor 19¼ cwt. The B.B.C. arrived with their television units and prepared to get their cameras and lights into the belfry, a spacious one. Of course, this took some time; also they had to arrange their sound units in the village best suitable for the sound of the bells. Eventually we were all set to go, and our conductor, Mr. H. Buckle, gave the word, and we rang a few changes with the cameras working, and all went well. I was on the tenor and had the powerful lamp just by my face, and, with the weather being warm also, I perspired freely. They also took shots of us singly.

We understand this film is going all over America and then round the world. We hope we shall not be criticised too much by our British listeners afer having seen and heard us on television.

V. HOLLOWAY.

Long Crendon, Bucks.

A LESSON IN GEOGRAPHY

Dear Sir,—The claim that North Petherwyn is in Devon is correct. The Devon border follows the Tamar, but it leaves to follow the River Ottery, and so bulges into Cornwall. But the Diocese of Truro covers the whole county of Cornwall, crosses the Ottery, climbs the bulge, and also goes a little way over the Tamar. In this area are the parishes of Werrington, North Petherwyn and St. Giles-in-the-Heath with Virginstow (a united benefice). It is easy to see how such a simple error can occur as the faculty for the restoration would be recommended from Truro and not Exeter. Peal ringers will, no doubt, take note, and credit any peals rung at these towers on the eight, six and five bells respectively to the Truro Guild and not the Devon Guild!!—Yours faithfully,

A. S. ROBERTS.

Carbis Bay.

ONE-HAND CLOCKS

Sir,—The best-known one-hand clock is at Westminster Abbey, with three dials. There is, or used to be, one at Wood Eaton Church near Oxford and at Groombridge, in Kent. In Cornwall there is one at Antony Church, Torpoint, one at the Nunnery R.C. at Mawgan, one at Calenick House, near Truro. A lovely one at St. Ives Church was shamelessly destroyed about 1934. It was in working order; an outside dial showed the hours and inside a brass dial showed the minutes. It is about 250 years old and made in Truro. It is curious that while grandfather clocks are so much prized, these interesting old tower clocks are held of no account.—Yours truly,

W. H. R. TREWHELLA.
Secretary of Truro Diocesan Guild of Ringers.

COLLECTION OF PLAIN MAJOR METHODS

Dear Sir,—On behalf of the Methods Committee, I would like to express regret at the omission of the date of the first performance of Wymondham Bob (No. 51), and to apologise to Mr. Feirn for that error which will be corrected in future editions. One of the committee, Mr. C. K. Lewis, has spotted another mistake which I hasten to point out (the original manuscript is correct and we must have missed it in the proof). This is in the composition section on page 44—the 5,040 by Cornelius Charge should read in the last line 3645, 2W, 1H and **not** 2M, 1H, i.e., the 2 should be in the first column and not the second.—Yours faithfully,

K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

Southampton.

PLAIN COURSE LEAD ENDS OF MINOR

Dear Sir,—As far as I can see, in Minor there are only 25 plain course lead ends (including rounds) available if the following two rules are observed:—

(1). That these lead ends must be in-course.
(2). That treble being the only hunt bell, each bell must find its way into the five lead end places during a plain course.

The 25 in six groups are:—

A	B	C
23456	23456	23456
35264	34625	36245
42635	46532	42563
56342	52364	54632
64523	65243	65324
D	**E**	**F**
23456	23456	23456
35642	34562	36524
46325	45623	64235
54263	56234	45362
62534	62345	52643

A plain course in any method must produce lead ends in any one of these groups in any four different orders.

If that is so, and the methods having 4ths place bobs comply to certain rules and will produce true 720's, I cannot see why we must only ring those with lead ends of the first (A) group simply because that is the only set that produces Plain Bob lead ends.

No doubt this has been thoroughly explored before but perhaps someone will explain it fully to us average ringers.—Yours faithfully.

W. PARKER.

Camberley.

REMINDER TO STEEPLEKEEPERS

Dear Sir,—May I remind all steeplekeepers and others who are entrusted with the well-being of the bells that now is the ideal time to tighten all bolts of wooden frames and headstocks.

The spell of warm, dry atmosphere has produced much slackness through shrinkage. To those who are not sure how to proceed, get a copy of the handbook on 'The Preservation and Repair of Bells,' it gives full particulars on this, besides other valuable information.—Yours faithfully,

W. A. OSBORN.

Yeovil.

RECORDINGS OF LAVENHAM BELLS

Dear Sirs,—The B.B.C. engineers have just made five additional recordings of Lavenham bells:—A course of Bob Major; a course of Grandsire Triples; a course of Stedman Triples; 'Firing'; and Lavenham tenor.

If any of your hearers should hear any of the above 'on the air' in the near future I would be pleased to know of it through the medium of 'The Ringing World.'

STEDMAN H. SYMONDS.

Lavenham.

SUNDAY PEALS

Dear Sir,—With regard to the recent controversy over Sunday peal-ringing, it would appear to be rather useless to try to make rules to overcome human feelings. Mr. Stafford Green suggests no Sunday peals; some clergy even would not agree with him.

The late Maurice Child, beloved Rector of Cranford, was one who thought that there was no finer gesture than for ringers to put in the effort required to ring a peal for Sunday service. Of course it is really the thought behind the performance that counts—as Mr. C. W. Roberts remarked at the Eastbourne Central Council meeting when discussing freak peals: 'In ringing, as in other arts, there are certain things which are just not done.'

The answer to the problem is simple—'Do unto others,' etc. If ringers always remembered that wherever they go, they should bring credit upon the Exercise, and particularly to the Associations to which they belong, we should not hear of certain unfortunate misunderstandings. Perhaps it is sometimes a case, as Somerset folk would say, 'Thee casen't put old heads on young shoulders.' Let us hope it is not often the case, as the same folk would say. 'Thee casen't make a silk purse out of sow's ear.'—Yours truly,

W. H. COLES.

Hayes End Drive, Middlesex.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

Dear Sir.—I observe that the members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild have rejected a proposal to increase the annual subscription from 2s. 6d. to 3s. (total cost less than one packet of 20 cigarettes). Other Associations also have met with opposition when an increased subscription has been suggested.

I am at a loss to understand the attitude of those ringers who are not prepared to increase the amount of their subscription by a paltry sixpence. Is there any other organisation in the country to-day, sporting or otherwise, which offers more to its members at such little cost as a ringing Association? Ringers have the use of instruments worth thousands of pounds, plus that social side of the Exercise which is the envy of many outside ringing circles.

Surely such things are well worth paying for.

An annual subscription of 5s. (less than 2d. per week) would hurt no one and what a difference this odditional revenue would make to the funds of the various Associations up and down the country. In addition to paying their way such Associations would be in a position to make really worth-while contributions (instead of the usual £2 2s.—£5 5s.) when appeals were received for bell restorations.—Yours very truly.

F. C. A. BENNETT.

Wombourn, near Wolverhampton.

BIBLICAL SILVER TRUMPETS

Dear Sir.—The letter from Gwent Sassanach in 'The Ringing World' of July 11th reminds us how liable we all are to overlook the interest lying in some of the familiar phrases of the Bible.

In reference to the trumpets I find that Moffat in his modern translation sheds very little light, but the Revised Version says distinctly: 'Of beaten work shalt thou make them,' and this is possibly compatible with the process of working in one piece. Authorities would seem to agree that the instruments were actually wind instruments, complete with mouthpiece, but in view of the racial interdict of molten images' is is unlikely that the trumpets were cast.—Yours faithfully,

EDGAR C. SHEPPARD.

Solihull.

THE HAPPY DISCOVERY; or, THE CULPRITS FOUND OUT

On Tuesday night not long ago,
My mind to disencumber,
I took a solitary walk,
Upon the banks of Humber.

While musing there of by-gone days,
With thoughts delight to cherish,
Of early friends, whose once lov'd forms
From memory ne'er can perish.

At once I paused, dismiss'd my thoughts,
And put them to the wing,
As well I might, when suddenly
The bells began to ring.

The sound was sweet, the music full,
The notes distinct and clear,
A gentle breeze conveyed the tone,
And brought them to my ear.

I lingered on the water's brink,
And heard the careful rise,
That's good, thought I, it merits praise,
And censure it defies.

The bells they paused a little while,
And then they made a start
With beat so true, as proved them rung
By men who knew the art.

The dulcet changes soon struck off,
In regular succession,
Like soldiers trained or lodges taught,
To move in due procession.

The peal was 'Grandsire Tripples' called,
So termed by all our ringers,
For they have names for every peal,
As tunes have names for singers.

It sounded well and promised fair
To reach its destined round,
Twas like a vessel gliding soft,
And to haven bound.

When lo! a misadventure came,
I cried, What's now the matter?
For all at once the music ceased,
And all was jar and clatter.

The bells were jumbled in the peal,
And no one knew its place,
The dogs came falling on the fox,
And finished up the chase.

And now a silence interven'd,
And all was still and quiet,
Dear me, thought I, how sweet the calm
That supersedes a riot.

But since I know those worthy,
Who labour in the steeple,
I'll e'en go in and ask them,
Why thus annoy the people?

The resolution form'd—I went,
A private key befriending,
And as I mounted up the steps,
Kept bending—bending—bending.

At length I reach'd the door I sought,
And lifting up the latch,
I found the youths assembled there—
A neat and goodly batch.

How's this, my lads? I soon exclaimed,
Why, don't you know the peal?
Ben T..k..h taught you how to ring,
And that you know and feel.

The first that spoke I long had known,
His name was William P....,
His words were few, he merely said,
I'm sure it is not me.

Nor me said Joseph H...., I'm sure
My bell ne'er left its place.
When I was clearly in the hunt,
How could it be the case?

Said Thomas S...., I made my thirds,
And down again to lead,
In one I met the treble bell—
So I'm from censure freed.

The next to speak was Thomas N....,
And he expressed no doubt,
That some near neighbour, not himself,
Had put the 'Grandsire' out.

It was not me, said Edward A....,
I met the bell in two,
So I was dodging four and five,
What ought I else to do?

Come, come, said Charley P...., be still,
We some of us were wrong,
The fault, however, let me say,
Does not to me belong.

James A.... was equally convinced
That he was in the right,
He always counted up and down,
And kept the ropes in sight.

The last to speak was Joseph B....,
Upon the platform mounted,
The Tenor Bell of all the peal,
Most worthy being accounted.

To clear himself he neatly said,
Of order I'm a lover,
I never wander up and down,
But always wait to cover.

Well, this is passing thought,
A singular affair,
The men were all so confident,
It made me stand and stare.

At length a lucky thought occurred,
Which show'd the matter clear,
And proved a fact which should be known,
By ringers far and near.

Now, gentle reader, don't be stunn'd,
While I this fact unfold,
Altho' it be the strangest thing
That poet ever told.

As sure as mourner ever wept
Or singer ever sang a song,
Altho' the ringers all were right,
The bells themselves went wrong.

There! every voice at once exclaimed,
When once they saw the matter,
'Tis plain enough where lies the blame,
Of all this noise and clatter.

'Twas not with us who pulled the ropes,
And pulled them so true,
The culprits are above our heads,
As sure as blue is blue.

The rascals are on mischief bent,
They've joined in firm alliance,
To play the master when they please,
And set us at defiance.

And now from henceforth be it known,
Whene'er a peal turns lame,
The RINGERS never are in fault,
THE BELLS are all to BLAME.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION

Unique Six at Penyfai

The Vicar and newly-formed band of ringers of Penyfai entertained the meeting of the Association right royally on July 19th when the first meeting ever to be held there took place.

The bells are probably unique, being a ring of five bells consisting—1, 2, 3, 5, 6 of a ring of six; they sound a bit odd in rounds but when they go into changes the other bell is not so greatly missed. The story goes that the donor wanted the bells for the clock to chime the Cambridge quarters but would not stand the expense for the extra bell to complete the six.

Rounds and various Doubles methods were rung during the afternoon. The service was conducted by the Vicar, who, during his address, gave an outline of the history and points of interest in the church, which is quite modern and very beautiful.

A bountiful tea was provided by the ladies of the parish and was much appreciated.

The Vicar took the chair for the business meeting. Mr. J. W. Jones apologised for not being able to attend the Central Council meeting at Lincoln. Mr. T. Roderick gave his report, for which he was duly thanked. It was reported that the Llandaff bells would be ready early in the New Year and that the contract for rehanging Coity bells had been placed.

New members elected included the whole of the Llangynwyd band where a revival of ringing has taken place, also three from Caerleon, where Mr. S. Jones has got a promising band coming along.

Bridgend was selected as the place of the next Glamorgan quarterly meeting, with Merthyr as an alternative. Mr. J. Worrall moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for his kindness.

The next meeting will be held at Monmouth on September 27th.

BEVERLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Forty-five members and friends attended the annual meeting of the Beverley and District Ringing Society held at Hutton Cranswick at the invitation of the Vicar, the Rev. G. Storer, to coincide with the anniversary of the rehanging of the bells.

The bells, a fine ring of six, were raised and rung to standard methods during the afternoon till service time.

The service was held in the Parish Church conducted by the Vicar, who gave a short sermon—a five-minute gem. Transport was provided to convey the ringers to the Church Hall, a mile away, for the tea.

At the meeting the annual report and accounts were discussed and accepted. The officers and committee were elected for the forthcoming year; the only changes from the previous year were: Mr. P. H. Speck became the Assistant Ringing Master, and Mr. R. Ducker joined the committee.

Further ringing took place until 9 p.m.

SCRAP-METAL THIEVES STOLE LEEDS TREBLE

Scrap-metal thieves are believed to have stolen a 2-cwt. treble bell from the ring of the Roman Catholic Church of St. Francis of Assisi, Holbeck, Leeds.

The bells had been taken out of the tower preparatory to being removed to Loughborough for recasting and were stored nearby. The missing bell, marked 'St. Michael,' was cast by a Dublin foundry nearly 60 years ago. It is 20½in high and 20in. in diameter.

Since the theft parishioners and police have been watching the remaining bells. The cost of recasting the ring is about £1,400.

OUTINGS IN BRIEF

STRATTON, CORNWALL

An enjoyable day was spent in Exeter by the ringers and friends of St. Andrew's, Stratton, on July 19th on the occasion of their annual outing. En route the party, numbering 33, stopped at Crediton to test the fine eight, to sample coffee and also for some to bump their heads in climbing to the ringing chamber.

The Vicar (the Rev. T. Gilbert) left the party near Exeter Prison, a departure which caused the tower's wit to extemporise. A touch of Stedman was rung at Heavitree before lunch at the Queen's Hotel. In the afternoon, at Alvington, an old friend, Mr. Brewer, greeted the visitors with many inquiries for the Strattonians. There was more ringing at St. Mark's, where everything was in good order, and after tea came the visit to the Cathedral and the privilege of ringing on the 12. One member stood in for a touch of Grandsire Cinques and another rang the tenor with the help of a strapper.

On the homeward journey a 'night-cap' was taken at Okehampton, and Stratton reached at 11 p.m. after a very enjoyable trip

GRAPPENHALL BRANCH

The Grappenhall Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild of Ringers held their annual outing on Saturday, July 19th, when the ringers, wives and families toured Shropshire by coach.

As is customary on these occasions, the outing was a well-arranged tour of various churches where provision had been made to ring the bells. The first stop was at the village of Cheswardine, arriving there at 10.30 a.m. (the villagers wondered why their bells were active so early), then on to Chetwynd to ring at another tower of six bells.

Lunch time was approaching, so at Newport a stop was made. At Broseley the ringers again took over the ropes at the Parish Church belfry. A beautiful drive followed in Church Stretton, which was reached in time to ring the bells warning the caterers the ringers had arrived for tea.

Refreshed once again, the homeward journey began with a call at the Parish Church, Condover, where the ringers again made their presence known to the inhabitants. A visit to a home for defective children was very much appreciated, the visitors being interested by the patience and teaching of the staff. The little church of Berrington was the last tower to be visited, then homeward bound to their own parishes, after a wonderful tour enjoyed by all, and well organised by Mr. Cecil Raddon, of Stockton Heath, near Grappenhall.

GREAT TEY

With wives and friends a party numbering 70 left at 8 a.m. on July 19th for the annual outing of the ringers of St. Barnabas', Great Tey.

The first halt was at Mildenhall (St. Andrew's), where the local band made them welcome and a good pull was enjoyed. A wedding prevented the bells of St. Mary's, Baldock, being available, but the very light eight at Norton (tenor 9 cwt.) was an alternative and here they were met by Mr. Buck, who had made the arrangements.

Lunch was in readiness at Heath Hall, Baldock, when the party arrived. The afternoon was spent at St. Albans with enjoyable touches on the ten bells at St. Peter's. After tea another ten-bell tower, St. Etheldreda's, Hatfield, was visited, and local ringers met.

Owing to the lateness of the hour ringing was cancelled at Dunmow and home was reached at 11.15 p.m.. To all secretaries and steeplekeepers who had everything in readiness Great Tey expresses its sincere thanks.

LAVENHAM

Ringers of SS. Peter and Paul's Society, Lavenham, with their wives and friends, held their 26th annual outing on July 19th.

Starting at 7.30 a.m. the first halt was made at Brentwood to pick up 'John, Mum and Dad'; thence on to Immanuel Church, Streatham, where Mr. J. Chapman and J. Euston welcomed the party. After enjoying some well-struck touches a move was made for Bromley Parish Church, where our old friend 'Ike' Emery joined us for the day. After some excellent ringing, the party did justice to a well-provided lunch.

The next halt was at St. Mary's, Lewisham, where Mr. J. Dafters extended a hearty welcome, followed by some well-struck courses in various methods. Tea was served on Camberwell Green and then came a visit to the Botolph's, Bishopsgate, where Mr. Davis welcomed the ringers. Here Mr. J. Euston, after an exciting chase from Lewisham, again 'popped up' to augment the party and join with them in some real Lavenham 'striking'!

After saying goodbye to Mrs. Davis, friends Ike and J. Euston, tracks were made for home with a wayside halt for refreshments, plus handbell swinging, including a selection of traditional airs by the 'Bell-chords Trio.' Methods rung during the day were Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Cambridge and Superlative.

The party herewith express their thanks to incumbents and members of the towers visited for their kindly help in this most successful tour. S. H. S.

First Peal at Enstone

Dear Sir,—Would you please make it known in 'The Ringing World' that with reference to the peal of Minor rung at Enstone (Oxon) by Mr. Pink and his band, the claim that it is the first peal of Minor on the bells is wrong. The first peal of Minor was a peal of Grandsire Minor on February 1st, 1906, by the local ringers, three of whom are still living, including the conductor.—Yours truly,

R. TAPLIN.

Enstone, Oxon.

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QUARTER PEALS

HENLOW, BEDS.—On July 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. A. Bywater 1, J. Dear 2, J. Harland 3, P. Mehew 4, L. H. Bywater 5, P. Tompkins 6. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to John Church (sen.), for 65 years a ringer at this church, who was interred this day.

LANCASTER.—On July 20th, at the Roman Catholic Cathedral of St. Peter, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Pye 1, J. Woods 2, R. Warden 3, R. Rainford 4, F. Hornby 5, S. Jeffery 6, H. Rainford (cond.) 7, A. Hornby 8. A wedding compliment to the tenor ringer. All are Sunday service ringers.

OLD WOLVERTON, BUCKS.—On July 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. J. Lambert 1, C. Beale 2, J. Higgins 3, S. Miller 4, E. R. Lambert (first quarter as cond.) 5, F. Tustain 6.

OSSETT, YORKS.—On July 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. Duffin 1, F. Bennett 2, T. Duffin (cond.) 3, M. Lockwood 4, G. Pickles 5, D. Lockwood 6, L. Fisher 7, W. Lockwood 8.

SALISBURY, WILTS.—At St. Thomas's, on July 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. Page 1, H. Abrahams 2, Miss Y. Eloie 3, W. Theobald (cond.) 4, L. Page 5, J. Mussell 6, R. Marlowe 7, E. Doel 8. First quarter Stedman 1, 3 and 8. First quarter Stedman on the bells since rehanging. A compliment to the Bishop of Salisbury on the third anniversary of his enthronement.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On July 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Scott 1, Miss R. Tabraham (first in method) 2, J. Birt 3, W. Butler 4, E. L. A. Hudson 5, W. Birmingham 6, J. M. Ellwood (first in method, cond.) 7, A. D. Rivers 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of 2 and 7.

SHRIVENHAM, BERKS.—On July 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. Strange 1, Miss E. Lloyd Roberts (cond.) 2, Miss P. Manning 3, B. Bladon 4, A. Peake 5, W. T. Daniell 6, W. Carter 7, T. Stone 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. C. Anger, wife and mother of members of this tower, who was interred this day.

SOUTHWARK, LONDON.—On July 20th, at the Cathedral, 1,455 Stedman Cinques: J. Phillips 1, J. Chilcott 2, Mrs. E. E. Davis 3, H. Langdon (cond.) 4, H. Belcher 5, R. F. Deal 6, J. B. Sansom 7, M. V. Chilcott 8, A. J. Phillips (first of Stedman and on twelve) 9, C. G. J. Watts 10, A. B. Peck 11, R. E. Price 12.

SPARSHOLT, HANTS.—On July 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. A. C. King 1, R. Brewer (first 'inside') 2, W. A. Theobald 3, P. N. Bond 4, R. M. Currie (cond.) 5. Rung as a farewell to Mr. P. N. Bond, who is leaving the district.

STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL.—On July 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (ten different extents): R. J. Brocklehurst (cond.) 1, Miss M. M. Polkinghorne 2, H. S. Gregory 3, K. Grey 4, J. G. Brocklehurst 5, M. Dixon 6. First quarter for 2, 4 and 5. Rung for the Patronal Festival.

First Peal of Wymondham Bob Major

Dear Sir,—Mr. G. E. Feirn is quite correct in assuming that the peal of Wymondham Bob which he called in 1937 was the first in that method.

In preparing the Table of First Performances from details I had recorded in the first edition of the Plain Major book, I accidentally omitted this peal, and would like to apologise both to Mr. Feirn and the members of the Methods Committee for my carelessness.—Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT.

Crayford, Kent.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

Hon. Treasurer's Statement of Receipts and Payments for Year Ended 31st December, 1951

RECEIPTS

	Reports. s. d.	Subs. £ s. d.	£ s. d.
Balance at Lloyds Bank, Jan. 1st, 1951			48 18 4
Balance in Treasurer's hands			2 4 5
Branch Contributions to General Fund			
Chipping Norton Branch, arrears for 1950		5 5 0	
Banbury and District Branch		10 0 0	
Bicester Deanery Branch		7 7 0	
Bradfield Deanery Branch		2 10 0	
Central Bucks Branch		10 15 0	
Chipping Norton Branch		5 15 0	
East Berks and South Bucks Branch		25 6 3	
North Berks Branch		12 14 9	
North Bucks Branch		12 2 6	
Newbury Branch	3 0	10 3 6	
Oxford City and District Branch		4 15 0	
Reading Branch		12 2 9	
Sonning Deanery Branch		11 2 6	
South Oxon and Mid-Bucks Branch		7 12 6	
Vale of White Horse Deanery Branch	4 0	2 5 0	
Witney and Woodstock Branch		15 7 3	
Life Members		8 15 0	
			163 19 0
Annual Reports 5/6	7 0		12 6
Stationery			1 5 0
Receipts for Festival Lunch			39 0 0
Receipts for Adverts in Report			3 0 0
			£258 19 3

PAYMENTS

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
General Expenses		
Master Travelling Expenses, 1950	7 17 8	
Master Travelling Expenses, 1951	6 19 9	
Deputy Master Travelling Expenses to July 21st	1 4 0	
Hon. Treasurer, Postage, etc.	1 8 1	
Secretary, Postage, etc.	5 19 1	
Secretary's Salary	20 0 0	
Librarian (R.W. for Library)	1 2 6	
Librarian (Binding R.W.)	1 5 0	
War Memorial Book	1 15 0	
Certificates	4 11 11	
General Printing	8 12 3	
		60 15 3
Committee Meeting		
Printing	4 3 0	
Hire of Halls	2 6 0	
		6 9 0
Central Council		
Subscriptions	1 0 0	
Representatives' Expenses	13 17 9	
		14 17 9
Printing Annual Report		96 5 7
Annual Festival Expenses		38 17 0
25 per cent. of Hon. Members' subscriptions transferred to Restoration Fund		2 10 0
Balance at Lloyds Bank (Dec. 31st, 1951)		39 4 8
		£258 19 3

RESERVE FUND

		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Jan. 1st.	Balance brought forward	11 8 0	Dec. 31st. Balance at Savings Bank	11 13 6
	Savings Bank Interest	5 6		
		£11 13 6		£11 13 6

RESTORATION FUND

		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Jan. 1st.	Balance brought forward	284 5 7	Grant to Lewknor	10 0 0
	Collection at Annual Festival	4 12 3	Grant to Fulmer	10 0 0
	Bradfield Branch	15 6		
	North Bucks Branch	1 16 9	**(£100 earmarked for Coleridge Memorial Fund)**	
	Donation	1 0 0		
	Parochial Church Councils	22 18 0		
Dec. 31st.	25 per cent. of Hon. Members' subscriptions	2 10 0		
	Savings Bank Interest	6 18 0	Dec. 31st. Balance at Savings Bank	310 4 7
	War Loan Interest	5 8 6	War Loan at cost (to-day's value £114 17s. 10d.)	155 11 7
	War Loan at cost	155 11 7		
		£485 16 2		£485 16 2

COLERIDGE MEMORIAL FUND

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Donations	40 19 6	Postages, etc.	5 10
Savings Bank Interest	7 10	Dec. 31st. Balance at Savings Bank	40 16 10
		Cash in hand	4 8
	£41 7 4		£41 7 4

GENERAL GUILD FUNDS

	£ s. d.
Balance at Lloyds Bank	39 4 8
Restoration Fund—Savings Bank	310 4 7
Restoration Fund—£155 3½ per cent. War Loan at cost	155 11 7
Reserve Fund	11 13 6
Coleridge Memorial Fund—Savings Bank	40 16 10
Coleridge Memorial Fund—Cash in hand	4 8
	£557 15 10

I have examined the foregoing Accounts with the Books and Vouchers, and find same to be in accordance therewith.

8, Forbury, Reading.
February 21st, 1952.

OSWALD S. FRANCIS,
Chartered Accountant,
Hon. Auditor.

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MEETINGS

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—A joint meeting with the Shropshire Association will be held at Much Wenlock on Saturday, August 9th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at Stork Hotel 5 p.m. 1111

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bodenham, Saturday, August 9th. Bells (6), 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—J. W. Downes. 1114

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting at Wheathampstead (6), Saturday, August 9th. Bells 2.30–8.30. Tea and meeting 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to T. J. Southam, 17, Upper Heath Road, St. Albans. 1118

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AND LONDON GUILD.—Meeting at Harrow Weald on Saturday, August 9th. Ringing 4 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow. Stanmore bells available 3 to 4 p.m.—T. J. Lock, Sec. 1109

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting with Bridgnorth Branch of HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD at Much Wenlock (8). Saturday, August 9th.—G. C. Bagley. 1127

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting Fareham (not Soberton), August 9th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4. Meeting 4.30 in vestry. No tea.—John H. Hunt, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1115

1952 FOUR GUILDS FESTIVAL

Ladies' Guild (Southern District), **Guildford Guild, Winchester and Portsmouth Guild** (Basingstoke District), **Oxford Guild** (Sonning Deanery Branch)

Saturday, Aug. 23rd. Service at Aldershot 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.

The following towers are available:—Bagshot (8), Hawley (8), Pirbright (6) and Worplesdon (8), 2-3.30 p.m.; Yorktown (8), 3–4 p.m.; Ash (6), Farnborough (6) and Farnham (8), 2–4 p.m. and 6.30–9 p.m.; Aldershot, 2–4.30 p.m. and 6.30–9 p.m.; Bentley (6), Frensham (6) and Seale (6), 6.30–9 p.m.

All names for tea to R. H. Mills, 35, Fowler Road, West Farnborough, Hants, by Monday, August 18th. 1107

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Deanery.—Meeting, Weston-in-Gordano, Aug. 16th, 4 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 1146

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Marbury, Aug. 16th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea MUST be received by Aug. 13th.—W. Kerr, 26, Davenham Crescent, Crewe. 1144

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Meeting, Bidston (6), Saturday, Aug. 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea provided free only for those notifying by 13th Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 1139

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—South Shields, Saturday, Aug. 16th, 2.30. Names for tea to Mrs. Nancy Lea, 9, St. Vincent Street, South Shields, by Aug. 14th. 1134

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District. — Saturday, Aug. 16th, meeting at Somersham (6). Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m.—H. S. Peacock. 1136

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Meeting, Linton (8), Aug. 16th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by Aug. 13th to G. Billenness, 3, Grasmere Terrace, Hawkhurst. 1132

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—By-meeting Newington, near Folkestone, August 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 1119

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.— Meeting at Tunstall (8) on Saturday, August 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea in the Parish Room. Names for tea to me on or before Tuesday, August 12th.—B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, near Sittingbourne, or phone Newington 350. 1116

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Practice meeting at Burton-in-Kendal, Westmorland (6), on Saturday, Aug. 16th, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Casson, 5, Barton Row, Burton, near Carnforth.—R. F. Eccles, Branch Sec. 1137

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Ringing meeting at Mottram, August 16th, 3 p.m. Tea provided. Names before August 2nd. Buses from Piccadilly. All welcome.—R. Benson, 43, Highbank Drive, Manchester 20. 1147

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—Next meeting at Haslingden on Saturday, August 16th. Bells from 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. 1149

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, August 16th, at Winwick. Bells 2.30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Tea at Newton and bells afterwards. Names for tea to Mr. J. Mawdsley, 51, Birley Street, Newton-in-Makerfield, near Warrington.—W. Farrimond, Branch Sec. 1148

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Gainsborough District.—Meeting at Epworth, Saturday, August 16th. Bells afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea for those who notify me by Tuesday previous.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lee, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 1130

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Diseworth, Aug. 16th. Ringing 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 in Vicarage. Names to Mr. J. W. Fletcher, Hallgate Lane, Diseworth, Derby, by 13th.—C. W. Hall. 1087

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION. — Aug. 16th, Cranford (6) 11 a.m.–2.30 p.m., Harlington (8) 3—5.15, tea and business. Names, please, by Wednesday. Harmondsworth (6) 7–8.30. — F. W. Goodfellow, Iver Heath, Bucks. 1142

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting, Hoar Cross, Saturday, Aug. 16th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea by Aug. 14th to T. G. Pott, Maker Lane Farm, Hoar Cross, Burton-on-Trent. 1138

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Central Branch). HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Western District).—Meeting at Ivinghoe (6), Saturday, August 16th, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by August 14th to Mr. D. Cartwright, 56, Longfield Road, Tring, Herts.—E. F. Gibbard and P. A. Martin, Dis. Secs. 1120

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD — Rutland and Melton Branches.—Joint meeting at Oakham on Saturday, Aug. 16th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Notify for tea to S. H. Towell, 25, West Road, Oakham. 1143

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION. — Dilhorne, Saturday, Aug. 16th. Names for tea to Mr. J. H. Bentley, South View, Boundary, near Cheadle, Staffs.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 1131

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Aldrington (6), Saturday, Aug. 16th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. W. Brown, 46, The Crescent, Southwick, by Aug. 13th. 1141

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Quarterly meeting, Aug. 16th, Lyndhurst (8 bells) from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., New Forest Cafe. Business meeting follows. Brockenhurst (6) after tea.—Arthur V. Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 1140

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—Joint meeting with Selby and District Society at Selby, Saturday, Aug. 16th. Bells (10) available from 1 o'clock. Service in Abbey 4.30. Tea, moderate charge, 5 o'clock. Please notify Mr. T. H. Foster, 15, Portholme Drive, Selby, by Aug. 14th.—H. S. Morley, 28, Church Hill, Selby. 1133

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Meeting, Catterick (8), Saturday, Aug. 16th. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Aug. 14th to Edward Hudson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Lister Cottages, Sharow, Ripon. 1145

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Ringing Festival at Westhoughton on Sunday, August 17th. Tower open at 1.30 p.m. Service at 3 p.m.; preacher Rev. F. F. Rigby, M.A.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec. 1150

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Meeting at Old Coulsdon, Aug. 23rd. Bells (5) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by Aug. 20th to Miss A. Read, 6, Marlpit Lane, Coulsdon. 1135

MUSKHAM, NOTTS.—On July 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Copp 1, Miss B. White 2, G. Foster 3, F. Veron 4, W. Midwinter 5, F. Hoorer (cond.) 6. First quarter of Minor for 1 and 2.

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LLANBEDR, BRECON.—On July 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss D. Evans (first quarter) 1, T. Stephens 2, Miss A. Stephens 3, A. Evans (first quarter as cond.) 4, B. Werry 5. First quarter in the method for 1, 3, 4 and 5.

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DEBENHAM TOWER

BY A ONE TIME RESIDENT

MANY ringers have praised the tone and 'go' of the ring of eight bells at Debenham, Suffolk, famous for long peals and gallant attempts. Few, however, know anything of the history of the ancient tower in which the bells are housed. Claude Morley, in his pamphlet, 'Debenham: it halls and antiquities,' bids his readers to take more than a glance at the church tower, which is the oldest thing standing above ground for miles around. According to archæologists, three churches once stood in Debenham; now St. Mary's alone remains, standing on a small eminence set in the middle of a large depression in the surrounding countryside, so that all roads out of the village run uphill for a mile or two. Thus, according to Morley, the name Debenham is derived from an old Saxon word meaning 'in the deep hollow.'

The tower is built of local flint stones with no buttresses, but with long and short quoins at the corners, and it will be observed that those at the bottom are much longer, and older, than those farther up the corners; these older stones extend to about 30ft. from the ground. A small round-headed Saxon window in the south wall expands to a much larger opening inside the ringing room, which is on the ground floor. A similar window is directly above the first in the clock room stage of the tower, and a third in the east wall looking into the nave from the clock room. Between the ringing room and the nave is a large Saxon arch about 18ft. high, filled in with a wooden screen and doors giving access to the church. This screen is of special interest to ringers, being covered with peal boards. Morley states that this arch, the windows and the long and short stones before referred to can be dated not earlier than 860 A.D. and certainly not later than 980.

What happened to church and tower some seven centuries ago is not certain, but considerable rebuilding took place, as the chancel has 13th century work mixed with modern restoration. The nave is largely of the 14th century, and the Galilee porch and priest chamber above are different again and appear to be later still.

The upper part of the tower has also been rebuilt with the nave, for the belfry louvred windows are similar to the clerestory. In the 17th century lightning cracked two walls from the top and long iron rods were run through the walls across the interior to hold them together. Visitors to Debenham soon notice the large iron S-shaped plates that disfigure the south and west walls near the top.

To ringers the bells and frame are of special interest. This frame was originally for five bells and was supported on long legs of oak that started from a heavy sill at ground level. In 1761 an eight-bell frame was substituted for the first one, but still resting upon the old 'stool' that had supported the old frame. The 'stool' was a very ancient structure and its timbers of large section had evidently come from some other large building, or, as the present writer conjectures, were remains from the original church roof, left over when the nave was rebuilt. Confirming this view are the various timbers pierced here and there with mortices and pin holes that had nothing to do with the purpose of serving as a bell frame support. Much of this is visible in the ringing room portion, which supports the clock chamber floor, as of yore.

In 1761 eight bells were installed, the metal for the extra three being obtained, it is said, from a church in Ashfield, a nearby village. Dr. Dove, a one time resident, conjectured in his history of Debenham, a manuscript still in the village, that these bells may have come from the old ruined tower that is still standing in the grounds of Thorpe Hall, a hamlet of Ashfield in bygone days. These eight bells did yeoman service, the 5th being recast in 1794 and, if legend has it right, was filled with ale before being hoisted into the tower, and presumably emptied too! The treble was recast in 1891.

The frame stood up to its task through many peals, including the 16,608 and at least two 10,000's, with countless touches. The old tenor, a beautiful bell, had a canon wrenched off by an unskilful hanger in the 1860's which caused the late Fred Day or his father, George Day, to rehang her with bolts through the crown, retaining the remaining canons. This probably saved the bell until the restoration of 1932, when cracks in the crown of the tenor and three other bells caused them to be recast, and with a general retuning produced the present glorious ring, surely one of the best blending of old and new that has ever been accomplished.

There is a legend that the old tenor was once rung to a peal by a murderer, but that is another story. In any case, some might say, in another sense, that many tenors have been rung by 'murderers.'

In the 1932 restoration, it was soon discovered that the old 'stool' was feeling the weight of its years, being badly

decayed in its upper members, so a clean sweep was made, the 'stool' being dismantled to the clock chamber floor, leaving the lower and now unimportant part, from the bell hanger's point of view, to remain for all to see what it had been above. A concrete roof had been put on the tower reinforced with rods to hold the top together, and it seems a pity that the ugly iron rods and plates were not removed from the walls at this time; instead another was added. The new steel frame was placed 14ft. lower than the old timber frame and made a great improvement, both to stability and sound.

A tale of woe had yet to come to the old tower. During the last war a land mine which fell in the vicinity shook everything in the district, and among the buildings which felt the shock was the church standing on its little hill 'in the deep hollow.' The fact that the peal boards fell off the tower screen shows the force of the concussion. For a time, however, nothing visible showed itself until a few years ago, when a distinct bulge appeared in the tower wall above the old Saxon arch, which also developed a crack in the drum of the arch. This was visible inside the church.

Early in the present year it was decided to investigate, largely at the instigation of the writer. Working on the bulge, builders soon found a mass of loose flints had fallen from the wall and the only remedy was to take down and rebuild the upper part of the ancient arch. The arch rings were found to be, not solid stone bonded through the wall, but separated by the wall thickness, about 4ft. This is probably due to the fact that no building stone exists in Suffolk, and in ancient times builders were obliged to use it sparingly. The majority of old Suffolk churches are thus built with local flint rubble, with the barest amount of block stone for angles, pillars, window and door jambs. Beautiful as the flint towers are, there is no doubt that the unbonded rubble necessitated very thick walls, and, even so, they are easily cracked, as can be seen in many of these towers.

Quite recently the writer had the pleasure of viewing the completed repairs, which entailed the use of much new stone in the ancient arch and girders in the wall above it to carry more effectively the great weight above. Fortunately the damage did not reach up to the bell frame height. Except for one or two occasions, Debenham's bells have been silent all this summer, but it should soon be possible, without damage to the new work, to ring them as before. The cost of these renovations is £1,000, and the writer hopes that any ringer having had the pleasure of ringing at Debenham will not leave without making a small contribution towards the fabric fund, and remember that the Vicar, the Rev. T. Musgrave Brown, never refuses the use of his bells, housed in a tower that had really done its duty centuries before they were cast.

QUARTER PEALS

ARRETON, I.O.W.—On July 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Yates 1, L. Bailey 2, R. Cheek 3, C. Champion (cond.) 4, J. Cheek 5, S. Moody 6. First quarter for 1, 3 and 5.

CLIFTON-UPON-TEME, WORCS.—On Aug. 4th. 1,260 Grandsire and Bob Doubles: Miss E. Yardley 1, Mrs. E. G. Lewis 2, P. Arrowsmith 3, J. Gilbert 4, E. G. Lewis (cond.) 5, A. Fuller 6. First quarter for all in two methods.

HOLLOWAY, LONDON.—On Aug. 3rd. at St. Mary Magdalene's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. A. Deverell 1, A. E. Hoare 2, E. F. Pryor 3, E. E. Pratchett 4, E. J. Rowe 5, D. H. Harman 6, R. H. Begrie (cond.) 7, H. W. Barnard 8. For the church's 138th anniversary.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

CANTERBURY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., August 2, 1952, in 3 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL AND METROPOLITICAL CHURCH OF CHRIST,
A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 32 cwt. 6 lb. in C.

MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH	*Treble*	†ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	7
PETER J. STANIFORTH	2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	8
MRS. H. J. POOLE	3	JOHN S. MASON	9
HAROLD J. POOLE	4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	10
FRANK E. DARBY	5	GEORGE E. FEARN	11
*RICHARD E. PRICE	6	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
* First peal of Surprise Maximus. † First peal of Maximus. First peal of Yorkshire Maximus in the county and for the Association.

TEN BELL PEAL

BECCLES, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 2, 1952, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb.

HENRY TOOKE	*Treble*	ERNEST WHITING	6
MRS. EDITH K. FLETCHER	2	*GEORGE SAYER	7
MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS	3	GEORGE W. FLETCHER	8
EDWIN R. GOATE	4	*CHARLES W. LOOME	9
NOLAN GOLDEN	5	HAROLD W. ROGERS	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES SEDGLEY. Conducted by HAROLD W. ROGERS.
* First peal of Surprise Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, July 28, 1952, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 5 lb. in A flat.

JOHN ANDERSON	*Treble*	*ERIC N. HARRISON	5
MARGARET FIDELL	2	†KENNETH ARTHUR	6
CHARLES MCGUINESS	3	HAROLD WALKER	7
JOHN WALDEN	4	DENIS A. BAYLES	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.
* First peal of London 'inside.' † First peal of London.

PUDSEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Western Division).
On Tues., July 29, 1952, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. in F sharp.

BARRY SULLIVAN	*Treble*	MARY SHEARSMITH	5
NORMA BICKERDIKE	2	GORDON BENFIELD	6
PATRICIA E. M. BARTON	3	JOHN W. GIBSON	7
MRS. MOLLY MARSH	4	JOHN AMBLER	*Tenor*

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by PATRICIA E. M. BARTON.
Rung in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. William Barton.

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
On Wed., July 30, 1952, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN J. L. GILBERT	*Treble*	JACK G. BROTHWELL	5
*ELISABETH BATE	2	FRANK REED	6
HERBERT E. TAYLOR	3	NORMAN CHADDOCK	7
JOHN H. BROTHWELL	4	JOHN E. TURLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JOHN E. TURLEY.
* First peal of Major 'inside.' A farewell peal to the ringer of the 6th. A birthday compliment to the Rector of Handsworth.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 30, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

CHARLES H. MOORE	*Treble*	ARTHUR G. BASON	5
H. WILLIAM BARRETT	2	BERT GOGLE	6
F. CHARLES GOODMAN	3	NOLAN GOLDEN	7
GEORGE SAYER	4	*FRANK V. GANT	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal in the method.

WESTHOUGHTON, LANCS.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 30, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Rev. C. D. P. Davies' Five-part. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

ALBERT GREENHALGH	*Treble*	FRED BROWNLOW	5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	2	JAMES GROUNDS	6
MURIEL REAY	3	JOHN ASHCROFT	7
ALAN PENDLEBURY	4	JOHN F. WOOD	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

HAWKLEY, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., August 2, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Pitstow's Variation of Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 10 cwt.

*RICHARD M. CURRIE	*Treble*	*E. JOHN WELLS	5
CHARLES W. DENYER	2	*ROY COLLINS	6
RICHARD SMITH	3	WILLIAM J. PAICE	7
†JACK A. C. KING	4	‡ROBERT W. POUND	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. PAICE.
* First peal of Stedman. † First peal on eight bells. ‡ First peal. First peal of Stedman on the bells.

MARSHFIELD, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 2, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

*RONALD C. LUCAS	*Treble*	FREDERICK J. BAILEY	5
†JACQUELINE S. EVANS	2	ROBERT E. COLES	6
†YVONNE PORTER	3	†DAVID J. KING	7
†THOMAS YEOMAN	4	JACK R. WORRALL	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Kent Major. Specially arranged and rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Jack Hann and Miss Mary Richards, both very active church workers.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Sat., August 2, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Washbrook's Variation. Tenor 16¼ cwt.

*HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	*Treble*	STANLEY B. DOBBIE	5
GEORGE A. NAYLOR	2	GEORGE KENWARD	6
FREDERICK J. CULLUM	3	*GEORGE J. BUTCHER	7
ALBERT E. BEANEY	4	THOMAS E. TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.
* 100th peal together. 200th peal and 50th as conductor. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. D. G. Glanfield on his appointment as Vicar of Northfleet.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 2, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

JAMES A. MILNER	*Treble*	BARRY CORBISHLEY	5
JAMES FERNLEY	2	DEREK OGDEN	6
*MARJORIE LEGG	3	JAMES S. WEBB	7
BASIL JONES	4	JOHN WORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
* First peal of Major.

TRURO, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., August 2, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUBY, KENWYN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

*HENRY TAYSOM	*Treble*	JAMES P. BLOND	5
*MARION L. LIDGEY	2	A. HUBERT EPLETT	6
HARRY MILES	3	*ALAN CARVETH	7
GEOFFREY W. TAYSOM	4	WALTER AYRE	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by WALTER AYRE.
* First peal of Major.

WHITTLESEY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 2, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt.

*THOMAS PALMER	*Treble*	TREVOR A. BEVIS	5
WILLIAM SMITH	2	FRANK W. LACK	6
FRANK WARRINGTON	3	HERBERT GOAKES	7
JOHN BARRETT	4	FRANK H. NEWMAN	*Tenor*

Composed and conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.
* First peal, aged 66. Rung to celebrate the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. James Oldfield. Mr. Oldfield and Mr. T. Palmer are churchwardens at this church.

BROMHAM, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., August 4, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OWEN,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt.

SYDNEY FOSKETT	*Treble*	*C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	5
FRANK WARRINGTON	2	LEONARD H. BOWLER	6
ROBERT M. BROOKER	3	BRYAN F. SIMS	7
G. HENRY DUNNINGTON	4	LEWIS H. BYWATERS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.
* 200th peal and 100th as conductor.

HEDON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 4, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Pitstow's Transposition. Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb.

CLEMENT GLENN	*Treble*	LEONARD RODMELL	5
*PAT DUFFIELD	2	PHILIP H. SPECK	6
†C. THOMAS BARKER	3	CHARLES BARKER	7
†JOHN M. HARROP	4	RONALD DUCKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
* First peal. † First peal in the method.

HOWDEN, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 4, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5000 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. in E flat.

LEONARD RODMELL	*Treble*	*†JOHN A. BROUGHTON	5
*C. THOMAS BARKER	2	PHILIP H. SPECK	6
CLEMENT GLENN	3	*RONALD DUCKER	7
*JOHN M. HARROP	4	CHARLES BARKER	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
* First peal in the method. † First on eight.

WALMER, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 4, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's 12 part. Tenor 18¼ cwt.

*FREDERICK W. LAWRENCE	*Treble*	‡JOHN F. PENFOLD	5
*MYLES R. HAWKINS	2	GEORGE E. RUCK	6
FREDERICK A. RYE	3	FRANK B. LUFKIN	7
†ANN VINE	4	EDWARD A. DIXON	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
* First peal. † First peal of Triples 'inside.' ‡ First peal of Triples. Rung as a birthday compliment to H.M. Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, and a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Dixon on their 7th wedding anniversary.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., August 5, 1952, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 lb.

CHARLES A. BASSETT	*Treble*	ROBERT COLLINS	5
BERNARD V. COLLISON	2	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	6
DORIS E. COLGATE	3	FRANK H. HICKS	7
ARTHUR F. LEWRY	4	ERNEST J. LADD	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

Charles A. Bassett has now completed the 'circle' at this tower.

Rung on the birthday of the 7th and tenor ringers. Also a birthday compliment to Mrs. W. A. Kitchenside, and Miss Kitchenside on attaining her majority.

SIX BELL PEALS

WEOBLEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., July 28, 1952, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Consisting of 4 Pitman"s 240's, 4 Morris's 240's, 2 Price's 240's and 22 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 20 cwt. in E flat.

*DESMOND NEWMAN	*Treble*	HARRY PRICE	4
VICTOR RAWLINGS	2	THOMAS BOUND	5
CHARLES WILLIAMS	3	REGINALD FARMER	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY PRICE.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss F. Greenwood and John Griffiths.

WHETSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., July 29, 1952, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 1,440 Plain Bob (4 callings) and 3,600 Grandsire (10 callings). Tenor 8¼ cwt. in A.

GEORGE H. WILKINS	*Treble*	FREDERICK WATSON	4
PETER J. THOMAS	2	KENNETH H. ROWLAND	5
GEORGE PICKERING	3	JOHN H. BURBAGE	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER J. THOMAS.

HUNTINGDON.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 30, 1952, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different callings. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

FRANK WARRINGTON	*Treble*	JOAN R. G. SPICER	4
*MICHAEL DYER	2	FRANK W. LACK	5
WALTER WHITEHEAD	3	HAROLD S. PEACOCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First peal 'inside.' Rung with half-muffled clappers as a tribute of respect to Mr. Herbert Fields, for 14 years Hunts Branch ringing master.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD
On Wed., July 30, 1952, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents each called differently.
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

DONALD H. METTAM	*Treble*	HENRY P. COLLIN	4
HARRY BARNES	2	BRYAN D. HILL	5
WILLIAM H. DALE	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

Rung with the best wishes of the company to Mr. Denis A. Frith, a ringer at the above church, and Miss Gillian Howard, whose wedding was solemnised in the afternoon. Also a 39th wedding anniversary peal for Mr. and Mrs. H. Baines, who hail from Stainton, Rotherham.

COALPIT HEATH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., July 31, 1952, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Consisting of seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

*CYRIL BATTEN	*Treble*	P.C. WM. F. SCUDAMORE	4
RALPH E. SCUDAMORE	2	*RAYMOND WILLIAMS	5
HERBERT T. FERRIS	3	HARRY W. HOWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

* First peal.

Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the 2nd on his recent installation as Master of St. David's Diocesan Guild.

WICKWAR, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., August 1, 1952, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Consisting of seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

DORIS SHEPPARD	*Treble*	A. DOREEN EDWARDS	4
FREDERICK ROBERTS	2	LESLIE BARRY	5
HORACE V. ROBINSON	3	HARRY W. HOWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

CHURCH LAWFORD, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., August 2, 1952, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being five 120's each of Stedman, St. Nicholas', Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Old Bob, St. Simon's, April Day and Plain Bob, and seven 120's of Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb.

MALCOLM J. V. CHOWN	*Treble*	†CLAUDE UNDERWOOD	4
*JOHN G. UNDERWOOD	2	ERNEST G. ORLAND	5
RONALD W. GIBBONS	3	ALBERT W. GIBBONS	*Tenor*

Conducted by RONALD W. GIBBONS.

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

SHARESHILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Aug. 2, 1952, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES
Being 42 six scores, 11 different callings. Tenor 9 cwt.

*ERNEST STITCH	*Treble*	*‡J. NORMAN HADLEY	4
†JOHN H. GILBERT	2	HOWARD HOWELL	5
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	3	‡MAURICE G. TURNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

* First peal of Stedman Doubles and completes Doubles to Cinques in the method. † First peal of Doubles and in the method. ‡ 100th peal together.

STOULTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 2, 1952, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND, KING AND MARTYR,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six scores, 10 callings. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

CHARLES CAMM	*Treble*	DOREEN JOPP	4
JOHN MOULE	2	ERNEST CUBBERLEY	5
ARTHUR JOPP	3	GEORGE MOORE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST CUBBERLEY.

Ad Gloriam Deo.

THURMASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat. Aug. 2, 1952, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb.

*C. SHEILA M. PEARN	*Treble*	†HATTY MOTTON	4
MARY C. PAYNE	2	ERNEST F. PAYNE	5
GEOFFREY J. LOWE	3	B. STEDMAN PAYNE	*Tenor*

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. Rung in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Leader, married at this church.

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TRULL, SOMERSET
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 2, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

GEORGE PERRY .. ..*Treble*	CYRIL J. STEPHENS 4
*GERALD A. UGLOW.. .. 2	GORDON WALFORD 5
†ROBERT W. SHIRE.. .. 3	WILLAM G. GIGG .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM G. GIGG.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor 'inside.' The peal was arranged and rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Churchill.

BATHFORD, BATH.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 4, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minuts.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 7 lb. in A flat.

WALTER STARR .. .. ..*Treble*	*SEALY S. WOODBURN .. 4
HAROLD L. PARFREY 2	*TREVOR J. HAYWARD .. 5
PHILIP W. WEEKS 3	ROGER O. FRY .. .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.
* First peal of Minor.

CHIPPING SODBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., August 4, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

MARY DREW .. .. ..*Treble*	CHARLES WATTS 4
A. DOREEN EDWARDS .. 2	J. WALTER SMITH 5
CHARLES ROUSE 3	HARRY W. HOWARD .. *Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Her Majesty the Queen Mother.

CHURCH EATON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Mon., Aug. 4, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDITHA,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In four methods, being one extent of London Surprise and two extents each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt.

CLIVE M. SMITH .. ..*Treble*	PETER BERESFORD 4
NEVILLE R. HOLLAND 2	WALTER J. COPE 5
JOAN BERESFORD 3	DENNIS BERESFORD .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by DENNIS BERESFORD.
First peal of Treble Bob Minor in four methods as conductor. First peal of Treble Bob Minor in four methods on the bells. Rung in honour of the birthday of the Queen Mother.

DEVYNOCK, BRECONSHIRE.
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 4, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CYNOG.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being five 240's and 32 six scores. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

DAVID J. LEWIS .. .. ..*Treble*	J. ARTHUR HOARE 4
JOHN T. WILLIAMS 2	GWYN I. LEWIS 5
ALFRED HANNINGTON .. 3	EDMUND MORRIS .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.
Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

GNOSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Mon., Aug. 4, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, being one extent each of Double Court, Oxford Bob and Kent Treble Bob, with two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 17 cwt.

CLIVE M. SMITH .. ..*Treble*	*NEVILLE R. HOLLAND .. 4
JOAN BERESFORD 2	WALTER J. COPE 5
PETER BERESFORD 3	DENNIS BERESFORD .. *Tenor*

Conducted by DENNIS BERESFORD.
* First peal of Minor in five methods. First peal of Minor in five methods as conductor. First peal in five methods on the bells. Rung in honour of the birthday of the Queen Mother.



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FOR BEGINNERS—AND A WORD TO THE OLDER HANDS

VII.—TRY TREBLE BOB

There are always a number of six-bell ringers who, either by lack of opportunity or want of initiative, seem to stick at Bob Minor. They seldom go to other towers, and if they do are not prepared to try anything beyond what they already know; indeed, it is often because their knowledge is so restricted that they will not go to other towers for fear of showing up their limitations.

Well, this inferiority complex is all wrong. It discourages effort to make progress. There are lots of things that Bob Minor ringers could ring, with very little difficulty, if they would put their minds to it, but steps in ringing seem to be standardised to some extent, and the next step to Bob Minor, in six-bell ringing, is usually Treble Bob.

The man who can ring an inside bell to Plain Minor should be able with very little study to ring Treble Bob. When ringing the plain method he knows how to dodge in 3-4 or 5-6 when he comes to the proper positions; he knows, also, how to lead and make 2nds place.

If he wants to ring Treble Bob—and no one should stagnate on Bob Minor—this knowledge can be usefully applied, and can form the basis of the new work.

In Plain Bob the dodging comes once in every lead; in Treble Bob there is a continuous succession of dodges. In a sense, therefore, the dodging is easier, because instead of having to find the right position once every lead, in Treble Bob you just dodge in every dodging place, as you come to it—what you really have to learn is when NOT to dodge.

A dodge in Treble Bob is exactly the same as a dodge in Plain Bob, that is you go back one step, when you reach 4ths or 6ths going up, and 5ths and 3rds coming down. In certain circumstances also, you dodge in 1-2, or 'on the front' as it is sometimes called.

If you are practising Treble Bob as a band of beginners it is not a bad thing to grasp the general idea by ringing a 'dodging lead.' You may, perhaps, have got your first ideas of Plain Bob by ringing a 'plain hunting course': apply this to the Treble Bob principle. All the bells (treble included) dodge in every dodging place as they come to it. The treble, for example, begins by dodging in 1-2 up, then in 3-4 up then in 5-6 up, before lying a whole pull behind; then in 6-5 down, 4-3 down and 2-1 down before leading a whole pull. The other bells do the same from their respective positions, the 'odd' bells (3 and 5) going up and 'even' bells (2, 4 and 6) down. This 'dodging' lead will give a repetition of changes, but for the purpose of practice it will not matter; it will teach you how to find your way from one dodge to the next.

The easiest of the Treble Bob methods to ring is Kent. It is produced by two deviations from the continuous dodging which you had in the 'dodging lead': one is that a bell stays 'on the front,' alternately leading a whole pull and lying a whole pull in 2nd's place, from the time the treble goes away from its dodge in 1-2 until it returns to dodge in 2-1. The other deviation is that, while the treble is 'on the front' (dodging down in 2-1 and then, after leading, up in 1-2), the two pairs of bells which come together in 3-4 make places instead of dodging; the bells going up making 3rds and 4ths, and the bells going down making corresponding places in 4ths and 3rds.

To begin with it may be as well to remember that the places down are made after dodging 5-6 up with the treble, or passing the treble in 4-5. The places up are made after passing the treble in 2-3 or dodging with the treble in 1-2 up—this latter you do after you come out of the 'slow work,' as the alternate leading and 2nd's place-making is called.

And one other thing. The slow work prevents any dodging on the front except with the treble, so that after dodging in 4-3 each bell goes straight to lead and straight out to 3-4.

All this may seem rather a lot to remember, but we have gone into some detail with the explanation because we want you to understand how the method is made up. Try and write out a lead or two to see how it goes. Here is half a lead to give you a start:—

1 2 3 4 5 6
2 1 3 4 6 5
1 2 4 3 5 6
2 1 4 3 6 5
2 4 1 6 3 5
4 2 6 1 5 3
4 2 1 6 3 5
2 4 6 1 5 3
2 6 4 5 1 3
6 2 5 4 3 1
6 2 4 5 1 3
2 6 5 4 3 1

Briefly put, the rules for ringing the method are: When you dodge in 2-1 with the treble, stay in the 'slow' until the treble returns to you. Then, having dodged with the treble in 1-2, make 3rds and 4ths going out.

In the next lead, pass the treble in 2-3, and again make 3rds and 4ths. Except for this always dodge in 3-4 and 5-6 both up and down until you pass the treble in 4-5, then make 4ths and 3rds coming in; and again in the next lead, having dodged in 5-6 up with the treble, make 4ths and 3rds, which brings you to dodge on the front with the treble and so into the 'slow.'

There is NO dodging in 1-2 except with the treble. The places in 3-4 are made the 'wrong way,' that is backstroke and handstroke.

5,184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

By D. W. BEARD

I.

M	W	H	23456	
3	1	1	45236	L B B Y L
2	1	2	64352	L B X R B
1	2	2	52436	L X B R B
1	2	2	36245	L X B R B
1	2	1	56423	R X B L
1	1	1	32465	R Y L

Five times repeated, omitting H in 5th course in alternate parts.

II. (Reversed)

M	W	H	23456	
2	1	2	62534	L B X R B
2	1	2	46325	R B X L B
2	1	2	54263	R B X L B
1	2	1	34625	R X B L
1	3	1	56423	L Y B B L
1	1	1	32465	L Y R

Five times repeated, omitting H in 6th course in alternate parts.

First rung at Harlow Common, Essex, on May 10th, 1952. Conducted by the composer.

PRESTBURY BELLS SILENT

There will be no more ringing at Prestbury, Glos., until the bells have been rehung. It is hoped that the work will be ordered to be done by the Church Council soon. The ringers have already raised nearly £130 towards the cost by their own efforts.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World,' August 16th, 1912

CAMBRIDGE

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD

On Wednesday, August 7, 1912, in 2 hours and 55 minutes.

In the President's Rooms, Trinity College.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS

5,057 changes

Rev. A. H. F. Boughey	1-2
Rev. E. Bankes James	3-4
Rev. H. S. T. Richardson	5-6
Rev. H. Law James	7-8
Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake	9-10

Composed by J. Carter. Conducted by Rev. H. S. T. Richardson

The first clerical peal on handbells.

CAMBRIDGE

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD

On Thursday, August 8, 1912, in 2 hours and 25 minutes.

In the President's Rooms, Trinity College.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5,024 changes

Rev. A. H. F. Boughey	1-2
Rev. H. S. T. Richardson	3-4
Rev. E. Bankes James	5-6
Rev. H. Law James	7-8

Composed and conducted by Rev. H. Law James,

The first clerical peal of Major on handbells.

[A leading article congratulated the participants and referred to the increasing amount of handbell peal-ringing then being performed.]

BELL FEVER

(A Beginner's Soliloquy)

I must go down to the lead again,
When I've had my two blows behind,
And all I ask is that when I hunt up,
I shan't lose my presence of mind,
And a slower beat, and a firmer pull,
While I pass the treble two-three,
And a four-five dodge up with the third at the back,
And then only plain hunting for me.

I must go down to the lead again,
(Or at least, have a jolly good try!)
But 'Bob' comes the cry of the captain,
I tremble, and heave a sigh,
I sweat and make thirds and lead again,
And hurrah—I've done the deed!
Then a slow hunt up to the back again,
When the treble turns me from lead.

I must go down to the lead again,
(But by this time I cannot tell why)
Four Bobs and a Single!—I'm hopelessly lost,
And it's practically useless to try.
I've lead and made thirds, hunted up, hunted down,
Passed the treble four-five and two-three,
And I've tried to dodge, Lord knows how many times;
Only nobody dodges with me.

No more will I go down to the lead again,
(Blow, that blister has burst on my hand!)
Just a dodge with the fifth when the Single's called,
And then comes that blessed word 'Stand!'
Then all I ask is some peace and quiet,
And a prayer that I may recover,
And dreams unhaunted by dodges and bobs,
When this course of Grandsire's over.

ROSEMARY LURCOCK.

(From 'The Belfry')

As our peal columns show, Mr. H. Howard, of Davenham, Northwich, had a peal-ringing holiday in Gloucestershire. Through the 'Ringing World' he desires to thank all those who made his holiday such a pleasant one.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX. — On July 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Valerie Mepham (first of Minor) 1, Mary W. Brown 2, Wendy E. Turnbull (first of Minor 'inside') 3, B. K. Turnbull 4, H. W. Brown 5, S. W. Brown (cond.) 6. First of Plain Bob Minor by all. Rung by the local band as a farewell to the Turnbull family.

BURES, SUFFOLK. — On Aug. 1st, 1,256 Little Bob Major: S. T. Hume 1, D. L. Mills 2, Mrs. L. D. Mills 3, A. W. Cansdale 4, C. Bower 5, J. Pell 6, L. D. Mills 7, E. C. Hynard (cond.) 8. All local ringers. First in method 1, 2, 5, 6, 8. A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Mills.

CHERITON, KENT.—On July 26th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss R. P. Longhurst 1, M. J. Martin 2, G. F. Gray 3, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 4, J. Chittenden 5, E. J. Walker 6.

COPPULL, LANCS.—On Aug. 2nd, 1,440 Cambridge Minor: Roger Leigh 1, Ian Jones 2, James Blackburn 3, Thomas Barker (cond.) 4, John Charnock 5, Arthur Hatch 6. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Joyce Constance Howcroft to Graham Carpenter, a former ringer at this tower.

CRANFORD, MIDDX.—On July 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Marian A. Edwards (first quarter) 1, M. V. Chilcott 2, J. Chilcott (cond.) 3, D. Fowles (first of Grandsire) 4, W. H. Coles 5, Barbara Thrush 6. Rung for the consecration of the Rev. Humphrey Beevor, M.A., as Bishop of Lebombo.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—On Aug. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. J. Fleetwood 1, J. Armstrong (cond.) 2, Miss R. L. Hopkins 3, Miss D. J. Fleetwood 4, A. C. Chaplin 5, R. J. Funnell 6, J. R. Fleetwood 7, L. J. Woods 8. First in method for 1 and 8. Rung as a token of respect to the Vicar, the Rev. H. Siviter, who was interred earlier in the day.

QUARTER PEALS

DAYBROOK, NOTTS.—On Aug. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original): H. Cawthorne 1, Joan Hoodless (first quarter 'inside') 2, B. M. Buswell (cond.) 3, A. Simpson (first quarter) 4, J. Troughton 5, E. Clemence 6, P. A. Preston 7, W. Perkins 8.

FAIRFORD, GLOS. — On July 27th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: G. Freebrey 1, Miss J. Morse 2, Miss E. Morse 3, R. Wenban 4, W. Godwin (cond.) 5, G. Burge 6. First quarter of Stedman Doubles for 2 and 4.

HALIFAX, YORKS.—On July 31st, at All Souls', Haley Hill, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: K. Palmer (first quarter) 1, J. F. Bryant (first quarter 'inside') 2, H. Brown 3, C. Sweeney 4, R. Beaumont 5, J. H. Fielden 6, G. F. Bryant 7, R. E. Mould (first quarter as cond.) 8.

KINGTON MAGNA, DORSET.—On June 28th, 1,260 Doubles (being 600 Plain Bob and 660 Grandsire): Miss G. I. Edwards 1, Mrs. M. M. Godley 2, W. A. Damen 3, H. J. Ralph 4, W. C. Shute (cond.) 5. Rung in honour of the 50th anniversary of the ordination of the Rector (the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards).

LAMBETH, LONDON.—At St. Mary's on August 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. J. Rowe 1, T. H. Taffender 2, Miss M. J. Freer 3, C. A. Hughes 4, N. G. Hollingworth (cond.) 5, G. W. Frayne 6, C. W. Ottley 7, F. R. L. Blewer 8.

NEWINGTON (FOLKESTONE), KENT. — On July 26th. 1,260 Doubles (720 Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire): Miss R. P. Longhurst 1, G. F. Gray 2, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 3, J. Chittenden (first in two methods) 4, E. J. Walker 5, M. J. Martin 6.—Also, on July 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. J. Martin 1, W. C. Chandler 2, F. W. Garner 3, C. A. Wratten 4, F. C. W. Knight 5, P. N. Bond (cond.) 6.

PRESTON, SUFFOLK.—On July 27th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: H. Wymark 1, V. Ambrose 2, F. Hunt 3, F. Day (cond.) 4, W. Shorter 5, V. Chambers 6.

ROADE, NORTHANTS. — On July 31st, 1,260 Doubles (300 St. Simon's and 240 each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, Old Bob, April Day and Plain Bob): H. Myatt 1, K. Perkins 2, T. Baker 3, A. Cozens 4, I. Dickin (cond.) 5. Rung to mark the completion of the installation of the new treble.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Peter's on July 27th, 1,287 Stedman Caters: D. G. Clift 1, C. F. Sayer 2, T. J. Southam 3, M. Horsman (first on ten) 4, H. G. Mason 5, D. Yoe 6, W. J. Southam 7, L. Derrick 8, G. W. Debenham (cond.) 9, M. Webb 10.

ST. IVES, HUNTS. — On July 28th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: F. Warrington (cond.) 1, H. S. Peacock 2, A. Clements 3, C. H. Harding 4, W. Ransom 5, F. W. Lack 6, S. Gilbert 7, G. H. Dunnington 8. Rung half-muffled, Mr. H. Fields, R.I.P.

STOKE GOLDINGTON, BUCKS.—On Aug. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Whiting 1, E. Shouler 2, R. Croot 3, F. Stanton 4, O. G. Warren (cond.) 5, E. Carrol 6. Rung to celebrate the 85th birthday of Mr. W. Pallet, 56 years a ringer at this tower.

UPWEY, DORSET. — On Aug. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: I. J. Cordier 1, H. J. Gladwyn 2, B. J. Dyke 3, J. Coombes 4, H. J. Ford (cond.) 5, C. G. J. Ford 6.

WALTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY. — On July 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Cave 1, R. Lathbury (cond.) 2, Miss J. Smith 3, Mrs. V. Lathbury 4, L. Houghton 5, G. Curtis 6, G. Barnett 7, W. Alderton 8. For the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Smith, Oatlands Park, and a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Joyce Curtiss, daughter of the ringer of the sixth.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

It was a great day for ringing at Marshfield on August 2nd when Miss Mary Richards, a ringer and deputy organist, was married to Mr. Jack Hann, a fellow-member of the choir. Practically all who took part in the service were ringers, including the Vicar (the Rev. R. E. L. Jones), the organist, the bride's brother, who gave her away, and the bride's sister, who was one of the bridesmaids.

Ringing took place before and after the service and the band was invited to the reception. Before leaving the convivial gathering with reluctance, to attempt a peal, a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells, which was greatly appreciated by the guests.

Despite the conductor (Mr. Jack R. Worrall) having snatched but three hours' sleep between returning from a 24-hour shift at a local steel works where he is temporarily employed and going to the church, a very good peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung. After the peal the band were kindly entertained to tea by the bride's parents.

Will the reader who has the manuscript of 'Carol Tunes on Eight Handbells' please return the same to the Editor without delay? We have still a long list of readers anxious to copy the same.

Northfleet, Kent, has now a ringing Vicar. He is the Rev. D. C. Glanfield, who was curate at Northfleet prior to the war and there learnt to handle a bell. During the war years he saw service ts a war chaplain. Mr. Glanfield is now picking up the threads of ringing.

One never knows who may be listening. At St. Ives, Hunts, within three minutes of finishing a quarter peal of Cambridge on July 28th, Mr. E. C. Jeffries, of Bedford, walked into the church and handed the conductor the correct lead-ends of the ringing.

By kind permission of the Dean and Chapter and through the courtesy of the local ringers, twelve visitors were privileged to ring a peal of Yorkshire Maximus at Canterbury Cathedral on August 2nd. The peal is the first on the bells since they were rehung and the tenor recast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. None of the band had previously rung a peal in the tower. The ringers were hospitably received by Mr. J. W. Unwin, who escorted them to the tower, locked them in and kept watch and ward against would-be intruders throughout the peal. It was the first peal of Yorkshire Maximus in the county and for the Kent County Association.

Miss Patricia M. Clarke, of the Suffolk Guild, has rung peals of Minor in one to seven methods.

Mr. W. H. Male, of Warwick, has again tapped 'Holt's Original' on his chime of bells. This was on July 28th, in 3 hours. On October 13th he tapped 'Holt's Ten Part' in 2 hours and 59 minutes. These peals were accomplished without manuscript or figures as a guide, and witnessed by T. Male.

Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, hon. librarian to the Central Council, writes asking to be spared, during his holidays, from orders for Central Council publications between August 10th and September 10th. He will, however, have with him a supply of the Major methods (Plain) and will be pleased to execute orders for these

The peal at Trull, Somerset, on August 2nd. was arranged and rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Churchill. Mr. Churchill serves the church in a dual capacity at Trull as churchwarden and captain of the ringers. After the peal the ringers were entertained to tea by Mr. and Mrs. Churchill. a gesture which was much appreciated after a very warm afternoon's ringing.

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AN EAST ANGLIAN TOUR

Memories of Tall Towers and Kind-Hearted Ringers

THE morning of Saturday, July 19th, saw three Ford cars and one motor-cycle heading towards Norwich carrying seven members of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild and three members of the Coventry Diocesan Guild to begin a week's tour of East Anglia.

The first tower was Swaffham (8, 15¼ cwt.) where, despite the go of the tenor we rang Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major. From Swaffham to East Dereham (8, 23¼ cwt.) with the detached bell tower and a good octave hung anti-clockwise. Here the Daventry people felt quite at home and some good striking in the standard methods resulted.

Having 'broken ourselves in,' we went on to Norwich, arriving at the week's 'headquarters,' St. Lucia Hotel, at Thorpe, at 5 p.m. The evening was spent in discovering the 'inns and outs' of the neighbourhood!!

On Sunday morning Mr. Goodman was waiting to receive some of us at St. John-de-Sepulchre (8, 10 cwt.) whilst others joined the band at St. Giles-on-the-Hill. Afterwards we all attended the Cathedral for the privilege of hearing the Precentor and the choir sing the Eucharist.

By kind invitation of the Vicar, we rang at St. George's Colegate for evensong. It was here that we first met David Heighton, who, being on holiday, was promptly enrolled as the eleventh member of the party. Ringing at St. George's consisted of Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise.

'IN BROADLAND'

The first tower on Monday was Blofield (6, 17½ cwt.) where the fifth requires a 'bit of ringing.' Then to Ranworth (6, 12½ cwt.) with the Church of St. Helen standing on a small hill overlooking the neighbouring broad. From the top of the tall tower a fine view was obtained of yachts and cruisers along several miles of the rivers Bure and Aat. The church itself contains a well-preserved chancel screen, reputed to be one of the best examples in the country; also, in the priest's room, can be seen a priceless antiphonal—a book written and illuminated in colours which are as brilliant today as when painted centuries ago by the monks of nearby St. Benet's Abbey. We were met by the Vicar and Mr. Ford, and our only regret was that our stay in this charming village was so short, but ringing made time-tables decree that we must be on time and a move was made to Wroxham (6, 9½ cwt.), 'The Capital of Broadland.' Here we rang Double Oxford, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. A break was made for lunch at the King's Head.

TWO DISAPPOINTMENTS

The first tower after lunch should have been Coltishall, but owing to the state of the tower the bells were not available. After an unsuccessful attempt to obtain Ludham bells, we journeyed to Scottow (6, 10½ cwt.). On this fine six we rang, amongst other methods, Double Court and St. Clement's. After ringing at Buxton (6, 12½ cwt.), where the tenor needed 'ringing,' and Stratton Strawless (6, 12 cwt.), we were kindly entertained to tea by Col. Shaw at Scottow Hall.

Having had a day of 'sixes' on Monday, three eights were scheduled for Tuesday, and at the first, Hethersett, we made the biggest mistake of the tour by arriving late, and thus curtailing the ringing on what surely is one of the finest of the light eights anywhere. We arrived at Wymondham (8, 25¼ cwt.) on time, and crawled up those 92 steps to the ringing chamber to find an octave which refused to be hurried. Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major were rung and duly entered in the tower records.

THE 'FALL' AT ATTLEBOROUGH

The last tower of the morning was Attleborough (6, 16 cwt.). The tower here is at the east end of the church and access to the ringing chamber is by a steep and narrow stairway. After some good ringing, Eric Nobles led the 'fall'—further than intended, ending on the floor with the treble rope on top of him. This was very amusing for those watching but very painful for the victim. After lunch a trip was made to Caston (6, 8¾ cwt.) where, through the good offices of David Heighton, we obtained permission to ring. These handy little bells were rung to Plain Bob, Little Bob and Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. A hurried call was made at Hingham, but the Vicar, who was out visiting, could not be found, so we drew a blank. A journey across country brought us to Bunwell (6, 10 cwt.), the special methods here being Childwall, which was accomplished, and Reverse Stedman Doubles, which was not. On the way back to headquarters a visit was paid to the famous eight at St. Michael-at-Coslany, Norwich (14 cwt.), with its many peal boards recording great deeds of former days, and if our efforts did not deserve such commemoration, they were quite up to standard.

On our ringing tours we arrange that Wednesday is the day 'off,' only one tower being arranged, in this case Acle (6, 9¼ cwt.). This church possesses a round tower obviously not strong enough to support a ring of bells, so the bell frame is built up from the ground inside the tower. All this, however, does not effect the 'go' which is very good indeed. Here the 'new methods' man (V. Perry) excelled himself and the band obliged by ringing Double Bob, College Single Reverse and Crayford Little Court, but 'fell down' on Brentford Bob.

The 'Call of the Sea' grew stronger, and a course was set for the coast and we soon found ourselves at Winterton, where the sight of the fine tower, 134 feet high, was too much for some members of the party and after consulting Mr. Dove's book, a visit was made to the Vicarage, with the result that the ring of six (7¼ cwt.) was soon going to Plain Bob and Kent, and to end a short ring, a touch of Double Grandsire Doubles. The remainder of the day was spent on the beach, and in the evening a trip was made to Yarmouth.

RAVENINGHAM SLOW COURSE

Making a fresh start on Thursday we travelled south to Loddon (8, 11 cwt.) a ring which really needs striking; here the four standard methods were rung with varying success. The next tower was Norton Subcourse (6, 10 cwt.) where Cambridge just would not go, which was our fault and not the bells. The last tower of the morning was the only five in the programme, Raveningham (8 cwt.), another round tower, which is a little out of the vertical. What method could we ring here but Nolan Golden's 'Raveningham Slow Course' 120 being brought round in good style.

Lunch was taken in Beccles, and afterwards the ring of ten at the Parish Church (25¼ cwt.) in their detached bell tower were rung to Grandsire and Stedman Caters and three leads of Treble Bob Major. We were not however, allowed to leave before giving all the facts to the local newspaper reporter. Imagine the writer's surprise when arriving home on Saturday to find his conversation with this gentleman faithfully reported in a Northampton paper: such is the power of the Press!

The next tower on the list was Bungay (8, 16¼ cwt.). Here we were greeted by the Vicar with the news that his first grandchild had been born that day; we celebrated the occasion with the appropriate touch of Grandsire Triples. This ringing chamber has a good selection of peal boards recording the great deeds of Samuel Thurston in no uncertain terms, the boards themselves being presented by—Samuel Thurston.

ST. PETER MANCROFT

A call was made at the pleasant village of Ditchingham (6, 12¼ cwt.) and on this fine six methods rung for the first time were Wavertree College Bob and Double Stedman Minor. Ringing in the evening was at the Church of St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich (37¼ cwt.), our only regret being that owing to insufficient ringers we were unable to hear the twelve, but rounds on ten, Bob Major on the back eight and Grandsire on the 'Gabriel eight' sufficed to show us what a magnificent twelve they are, set in a tower with long associations with the art, containing, as it does, the peal board recording the first peal ever rung.

On Friday morning we set out for Pulham, and at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene a good eight (13¼ cwt.) was soon going to Grandsire Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major, and afterwards a course each of Oxford Bob and St. Clement's Triples.

At Pulham St. Mary-the-Virgin (8, 14 cwt.) there is a ringing chamber approached by a long wooden staircase inside the church; Bob Major, Stedman and Duffield went well here. After lunch we rang an two magnificent eights—Redenhall (24 cwt.) and Diss (23½ cwt.); at both we rang the four standard methods. The last tower was Mulbarton (6, 8¼ cwt.), where we were met by the Vicar. The Rev. A. St. J. Heard, who is the president of the Norwich Diocesan Association. Here a touch of Oxford Bob brought our total of Minor methods rung to 15.

Dinner that evening was graced by the presence of the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow and David Heighton. The worthy cleric arrived with a good supply of literature, several copies of which changed hands during the evening, and it is reported that the reverend gentleman travelled to London the following day on the proceeds!

Our way back on Saturday morning was via Newmarket where the six at St. Mary's (21 cwt.) provided good ringing for an hour.

Our memories of Norfolk are of tall towers and kind-hearted ringers who everywhere gave us a warm welcome to their towers, and, above all, the excellent arrangements made for us by Mr. Nolan Golden, for which we are very grateful.

E. G. ORLAND.

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY

The August meeting at Sandal near Wakefield, was well attended, ringers coming from towers covering a large area. The following towers was represented: Brighouse, Cawthorne, Crofton, Darfield, Earlsheaton, Elland, Falkirk, Handsworth, Liversedge, Pudsey, Rothwell, Shelley, Thorner, Leeds Parish, St. Michael's, Headingley, Leeds, Sherburn-in-Elmet and the local company. There were also welcome visitors from North Notts, Leicestershire and Devon.

Ringing commenced about 2.30 p.m. and tea was served at a nearby cafe at 5 p.m. The business meeting was held in the Parochial Hall, the Vicar, the Rev. F. H. Outram, presiding, supported by the president. Two new members were elected—Mr. H. Denman, of North Notts, as a life member, and Mr. P. Fawcett of Darfield, as a ringing member.

Arrangements were made for the cup contest to be held at Barnsley on September 13th and the annual dinner also to be held at Barnsley on October 11th. Both these functions will take the place of the usual monthly meetings. The usual votes of thanks to all concerned brought the meeting to a close.

Further ringing followed until 8.30 p.m., good use being made of the bells during the afternoon and evening. A good variety of methods was rung ranging from Stedman Doubles to Cambridge Surprise Minor. Time to depart came too soon, thus bringing to a close a very happy and successful meeting.

BELLS IN ENGLISH LIFE

By ERNEST MORRIS

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 476)

ANOTHER secular use for church bells must be mentioned—and that is their employment to rouse the citizens in case of danger, especially to give warning of fire. The accepted way of ringing at such times was to ring backwards. Thus were they rung at Barrow-on-Soar, Leics., and at Peterborough.

'When backwards rung we tell of fire,
Think how the world shall thus expire.'

This is inscribed on the seventh bell at St. Ives, Hunts. In pre-telephone days this was undoubtedly an excellent method of notifying the inhabitants of the impending danger to life and property. Ordinarily, 'when bells ring round, and in their order be' (as an old rhyme has it), they strike in strict rotation from the smallest (highest note) to the largest (lowest note), and we can well imagine the bustle and stir created when the villagers heard the bells ring out in the reversed order. Allusion to this custom is made in an old play, 'The City March':—

'Then, sir, in time you may be remembered at the quenching of fir'd houses, when the bells ring backwards, by your name upon the buckets."

It may not be amiss to give an explanation from Sir Walter Scott describing in Chapter XVIII. of 'The Fair Maid of Perth,' the excitement due to the supposed misadventure of Hal of the Wynd. He thus writes:—'One or two neighbouring steeples of which the enraged citizens possessed themselves, either by consent of the priests or in spite of their opposition, began to ring out ominous alarm notes, in which, as the ordinary succession of chimes were reversed, the bells were said to be rung backwards." Sir W. Scott has other references —thus

'Dundee he is mounted, he rides up the street,
The bells are rung backwards; the drums they are beat.
But the Provost, douce man, said "Just e'en let him be,
The gude town is weal quit of that Deil of Dundee,"'
('The Doom of Devorgoil.' Act II., Sc. 2).

'The Castle Bell, with backward clang,
Let forth the 'larum peal."
('Lay of the Last Minstrel,' Canto 3, xxx).

On Luke 21-26, John Trapp has this comment:—

'What marvel though wicked men be dispirited and even ring their bells backward when they shall see all on a light fire.'

NOT A MUFFLED PEAL

Brewster's 'Dictionary of Phrase and Fable' points out that 'bells were rung backwards—a muffled peal—to indicate sorrow—the opposite of joy, or in olden times as a notice of danger, as in the mention in Scott's novel, "The Betrothed" (chap. III.).' This is surely a mistake to call it a 'muffled' peal, for whatever meaning may attach to the phrase in a modern belfry, does it seem probable that originally it implied ringing the bells in reverse order to the usual one, i.e., from tenor up to the treble. Such a peal would have a singular startling effect, which is just what a fire alarm aims at.

In Thomas Fuller's 'Profane State' which follows his 'Holy State' is the following:—

'Thus the Barretour posts to the houses of his neighbours lest the sparks of their small discords should go out before he brings them fuell, and so he be broken by their making up. Surely he loves not to have the bells rung in a peal, but likes it rather when they are jangled backwards, himself having knowled the fire of dissension amongst his neighbours.'

In some cases a single bell was rung as an alarm in case of fire. At Barkston, Hale Magna and Thornton-le-Moor, Lincs, they rang the treble; at Walton, Northants, it was the 3rd bell; at Finedon the 5th; at Culworth the tenor. Sometimes two bells were rung as at Caythorpe, Lincs (1st and 2nd), at Caistor, Market Rasen, Swineshead and Louth they rang the treble and tenor. At the Guild Chapel, Stratford-on-Avon, the Great and Small bells, and at Sutterton, Lincs, the Priest's bell and the tenor.

One of the original ten at Coventry bore the inscription:—

'I am, and have been called the common bell
To ring when fire breaks out to tell.'

Other instances occur, the most notable at Sherborne Abbey, Dorset:—

'Lord, quench this furious flame,
Arise, run, help, put out the same.
J. W. I.C. 1652.'

ROLAND OF GHENT

The famous alarm bell in the belfry tower of the once powerful city of Ghent has this:—

'My name is Roland: When I toll there is fire,
And when I ring there is victory in the land.'

At St. Peter at Arches, Lincoln, the priest's bell is called the fire bell; so, too, is the now disused priest's bell at Higham Ferrers, Northants. At Horncastle and St. John-the Baptist's, Peterborough, a similar bell was rung in case of fire. At Sleaford they rang a small bell which now hangs in a canopied niche on the west front of the south aisle, and which may possibly have belonged to a chapel of a local Guild.

'JANGLED THE BELLS'

At Swaton, Lincs, and formerly at Stamford, they jangled the bells in case of fire. Bishop Hall, 'Occasional Meditations,' LXXX., refers to this custom when he says: 'So when we would signify that the town is on fire we ring confusedly.' As St. Mary's, Warwick, there is a small disused bell dated 1670 which is called the Fire Bell: at St. Albans and at Hoddesdon, Herts, the town clock bell was used in case of fire: while at Great Missenden, Bucks, the fire bell did not hang in the church tower but on the wall of the Red Lion Inn, where its clanging noise used to summon forth the local brigade to their fire-fighting duties.

LOYAL PEALS

We shall soon be thinking of the Coronation peals, and in this connection it is interesting to note that these are twice noted by Shakespeare, thus:—

'And bid the merry bells to ring in thine ear
That thou art crowned.'
(Henry IV., Part II., Act IV., Sc. 4.)

'Bull-calf . . . A cough Sir, what I caught with ringing in the King's affairs upon his Coronation day, Sir.'
(Ibid, Act III., Sc. 2.)

Such peals are often referred to in churchwardens' accounts. At St. Mary-at-Hill, London, was:—

'1509 Paid to sevyn men that rong the bellis when the Kingis grace went to Westmyster to be crownyd, 1s.'

The accounts of Wakefield allude to the Coronation of King Charles I.:—

'1624 Item at the first ringinge for the Kinge, and other things at that tyme — 0 . 2 , 2.'

It is not a little remarkable that the bells of Newbury, Berks (as proved by the parish accounts), rang for the anniversary of that ill-fated King's accession throughout the time of the Civil War, the last entry being only the year before his death, and despite the fact that Cromwellian forces occupied the town, and Presbyterian ministers the pulpit of the church. The execution of the King was also commemorated in the loyal town of Newcastle-on-Tyne, and at Colne, in 1710, they expended 1s. for 'ringing on ye martyrdom of King Charles.' At St. Giles', Northampton, we find in the 1630 accounts:—

'Spent of ye ringers when ye prince was borne. 2s. 6d.'

(Prince Charles, afterwards Charles II., born May 29th, 1630.)

'1634 Given to the ringers on the 27th of March being the day of his majesties initiation to ye crowne , , 2s. 6d.'
(Anniversary of Accession.)

LOYAL INSCRIPTIONS

Many bell inscriptions are of a loyal character, as at East Farndon, Northants:—

'God bless our Queene Elizabeth 1587.'

At Bugbrook, Northants:—

'God save our Queen and her preasarve 1599.'

The 4th bell at Banbury (now recast) used to bear:—

'Diu et feliciter vivat Carolus Secondus Rex sie precor et opto 1664.' (Long and happily live King Charles II., so I pray and hope.)

Queen Anne is mentioned by name at Bottesford, Leics. Bromham, Melksham, Wilts, and other places, and referred to by title only at Magdalen College, Oxford. Others throughout succeeding reigns might be mentioned right down to our own times. Queen Victoria's sexagency is shown at Upottery, Devon, in these lines:—

'To-day for sixty years we've been
The subjects of our gracious Queen:
So as those days are ended now
With thanks to God this bell we vow.
June 22nd, 1897.'

One of the very few (if not the only) bell bearing the name of King Edward VIII. is at Anstey, Leics, the tenor quoting:—

'Recast in the year of the accession of King Edward VIII.'

Leicester Cathedral formerly bore Edward VIII.'s name but this was carefully filed off, and it is now inscribed:—

'The Coronation bell of King George VI.'

(To be continued)

DEDICATION

ROADE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

On July 26th a new bell cast by Messrs. J. Taylor, of Loughborough, was consecrated at Roade Parish Church, Northamptonshire. The bell a treble to a ring of four pre-Reformation bells (one recast), was given by Mr. C. T. Cripps, the people's warden of the church, and is inscribed:—'Roade Parish Church, Restored 1950.—Cyril Thomas Cripps, Esq., M.B.E.'

The service was held in the nave of the church, the Bishop of Peterborough was represented by the Rt. Rev. G. R. Vernon (Vicar of Finedon) and assisted by the Rev. N. Husbands, Rector of Roade. The bell was cleansed with holy water, anointed with holy oils and blessed with incense, inside and out, and dedicated to St. Cecilia.

The Northampton Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild was represented by Mr. B. O. Soden (president), Mr. E. Nobles (secretary) and Mr. B. E. Frost (Branch Ringing Master).

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE NEW TWELVE AT LIVERPOOL

Dear Sir,—The rehanging of the bells in the Parish Church of Our Lady and St. Nicholas, Liverpool, is now in progress, and will be completed in plenty of time for the Consecration day. Preliminary notice has already been given of the open ringing day on October 25th, and a detailed announcement will be made in September. Meanwhile, it may be of interest to indicate the scope of the arrangements.

The new church is to be consecrated on Saturday, October 18th, and this will be the beginning of the Consecration Festival, which will last for a fortnight. During the first part of the Consecration service, the font, organ, bells etc., will be dedicated, but neither bells nor organ will sound until the Bishop of Liverpool pronounces the main formula of Consecration of the whole church from the steps of the High Altar. This will be greeted with a fanfare of trumpets, with the full organ, and with a few rounds on the new bells. The bells will also be rung for some time after the service, but there will be no general ringing on this day.

On most weekdays during the Consecration Festival there will be special services at 7.30 p.m., before which there will be ringing. We hope that individual ringers, and, if possible, complete bands, will come from the surrounding districts of Lancashire and Cheshire and help us on these occasions

Saturday, October 25th, has been set apart as 'Ringers' Day,' when we hope to welcome a record number of ringers from all parts of the country. The bells will be available for most of the day, and during the afternoon there will be a service, followed by a high tea. Arrangements are also being made for luncheon. At the service the preacher will be the Rev. David Railton, a former Rector of Liverpool, during whose incumbency the bells were removed to Loughborough.

We are issuing no specific invitations, but we hope that several complete twelve-bell bands will be present. Given due notice, we shall allot definite periods to such bands.

J. E. SPICE,
Hon. Sec., Our Lady and St. Nicholas' Society of Ringers.

30, Glenmore Avenue,
Liverpool, 18.

'PEGGY' OF FRIEZLAND

Dear Sir,—For many years I have had a small black dog named 'Peggy' and whenever I went ringing I took her with me. She was part and parcel of the Halifax Association and Barnsley Association and had been to numerous meetings in both Lancashire and Cheshire and climbed dozens of towers.

She was given affection by every one of my fellow ringers, for which I thank them, and never did I get a letter from any of our fraternity but mention was made of 'Peggy.'

It is with regret that I announce the death of 'Peggy' on August 4th, a faithful friend of all ringers who met her.—Yours sincerely,

JOSEPH BURGESS.

Friezland.

LONGEST PEAL BY A LADY

Dear Sir,—On Saturday, May 9th, 1925, at the Church of All Saints, Longstanton, Cambs, a peal of Bob Major, 8,112 changes, was rung in 4 hours and 35 minutes. The second bell was rung by Miss C. Fields (now Mrs. Ibbett). This is the longest peal rung by a lady.—Yours sincerely,

E. G. HIBBINS.

Cambridge.

SUNDAY PEALS

Dear Sir,—Mr. Cole's letter in last week's edition is a welcome one, albeit one which deals favourably with Sunday peal ringing from an uncommon viewpoint, but it seems to me that there is the increasing necessity to consider also the views of potential trouble fomentors, who also must be considered and are perhaps definitely hostile, but have rights.

To an increasing extent, unfortunately, there are those in most towns and villages to whom Sunday is a day for the exercise of strenuous and masterly inertia up to 'opening time' and following what is technically described as a good 'lay in.' In many cases this is well and truly earned by a week of hard work well and faithfully done and very often a prelude to attendance at an evening religious service—to many others merely an interregnum, between five day periods of 'boss-watching' and game-watching, etc. All these types have their points of view, and, whether one agrees or not with their outlook, are entitled to consideration.

There are also invalids and hospital patients to be thought of.

Three to four hours of continuous bell-ringing, even if good, react differently upon unwilling and uninterested hearers, even on what may be termed legitimate occasions, and, unfortunately, few towers now are to be found away from the most populous parts of our towns and villages.

It seems to the writer, therefore, that at least the one day in the week should be carefully respected by those of us who do not indulge in peals as a prelude to church attendance but from less worthy motives.—Yours faithfully,

STAFFORD H. GREEN.

Sampford Peverell, Devon.

PROBLEMS OF AN EDITOR

Dear Sir,—May I, through your columns, thank the writer, J. T. D., of the leading article in last week's 'Ringing World'?

It is, in my opinion, one of the best on the subject ever written and should be read by every ringer who has the true interest of our only weekly journal, 'The Ringing World,' at heart.

Each sentence is worded correctly and to the point and it is to be hoped that every effort will be made, by those capable, to send to the Editor artices of interest and so provide a constant supply of good copy and, furthermore, to encourage more ringers to take a greater interest in the paper by purchasing a weekly copy,—Yours faithfully,

ALBERT WALKER.

Birmingham.

TENOR BELLS

Dear Sir,—It is both amusing and confusing the way tenor bells increase in weight and deepness of tone, for according to the notes of the London County outing, Maidstone tenor is now in the key of B natural.

At Lincoln during Whitsun a well-known ringer was quite sure that Southwark Cathedral tenor is in the key of B flat while Cornhill was B, and in order to settle the argument, a bell-founder was asked, who agreed that such was definitely the case. I am, however, still of the opinion that Southwark tenor is B, and Cornhill C.

There are, of course, many exceptional bells with a deep note for a light weight such as Ewerby (15 cwt.), Leatherhead (19 cwt.) and Coalbrookdale (19½ cwt.) all in D. Purton (20 cwt.) and Lavenham (23 cwt) in D flat and even bells such as Shrewsbury and Sheffield tenors in B and Sherborne in B flat are more the exception than the rule.

I am sure there are many ringers who would like to hear more of these unusual bells.—Yours faithfully,

CECIL W. PIPE.

ONE-HAND CLOCKS

Dear Sir,—In reply to the Rev. A. J. Nixseaman's inquiry about one-handed clocks, there is a good example of one some ten miles from Northill at Guilden Morden, Cambs.

Whilst cycling through Witney three weeks ago I noticed such a clock in the pediment of a secular building, but I cannot state for what purpose the building is used.

I seem to remember reading an interesting article on one-handed clocks in 'Country Life' about two years ago in which numerous examples were quoted and several photographs were reproduced. Without doubt the inquirer is aware of this article, about which I am afraid I am rather vague.—Yours sincerely,

ERIC EDMONDSON.

Bootle, Liverpool 20.

Dear Sir,—There is a one-handed clock in the bell tower of St. Michael and All Angels', Coningsby, the village next to where I live. This clock is a blacksmith-made clock. Recently it was overhauled and an expert from London came to do the work. I gather from the history of this clock that it is the most famous one-handed clock in the country.

DORIS FLINTHAM.

Tattershall, Lincs.

KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB

Dear Sir,—I have several compositions of combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major. Some of these have bobs and others are composed without bobs. I understand that various names are given to the variations of Treble Bob so rung and I should be grateful if one of your readers could give me some help in this matter.

I also believe that Kent and Oxford so rung is not a 'splice' since the change of method takes place when the treble is dodging 3-4 down. I have heard the words 'combined' and 'allied' used in this respect. Which, if either, of these is correct?—Yours faithfully,

JACK R. WORRALL.

St. Mellons, Cardiff.

7,168 TREBLE BOB

By A. WILSON, of Dronfield, near Sheffield.

23456	M	B	W	H
36452	2	—	1	2
23564	2		1	2
65324			2	2
56423	2			2
24653	1	—		2
63542	1		1	2
52436	1		1	2
54326			1	2
36245	1		1	2
32465			1	2

32465	M	B	W	H
25463	1			2
32654		—	2	2
56234	1	—		2
65432		—	1	2
34562			2	2
52643	2	—	2	2
63425	2	—	2	2
64235	1	—	2	2
25346	2	—	2	2
23456	1	—	2	2

The above peal was sent to me in the early twenties. It contains the 60 course ends in 20 courses in two parts of 10 course each. Alternate calling is used for each course in the 2nd part; if not eight courses in each part are false in the interior. The peal has not been rung to my knowledge.

Ilkeston. E. C. GOBEY.

'METROPOLITAN'—ROYAL & MAXIMUS

('THIS IS LONDON'—B.B.C.)

Dear Sir—All fair-minded ringers, (and there must be very few that are not.) will surely sympathise with one aspect of Mr. Worth's plaint as to the recent non-recognition for record of a peal rung as 'London Royal No. 3 version,' namely the regrettable lack of consistency of attitude. This is, of course, quite apart from the point as to whether 'No. 3' is or is not a version of the London method on 10 bells, which point is slowly but surely settling itself!

The occasion, however, seems to call for the closing of a chapter, as it were, in the three-decade controversy about extension of this method. Ernest Morris, in his classic work, 'The History and Art of Change Ringing,' refers on page 415 to the controversy initiated in 1921 (in the pages of 'The Ringing World') by Geo. Baker, Wm. Taylor, Rev. E. B. James and the writer, with examples of extensions. There have been published, in fact, some 15 versions (perhaps more) of the method on 10 bells: the latest, called 'U.A.,' being claimed as the 'proximate' or nearest to given requirements, and of which a 'peal'—unfortunately false in execution—was rung at Rickmansworth in 1949.

The residual fact, however, is that none of these versions can be claimed as the true and correct form of the London method on 10 bells. Continued work on method structure has enabled us, within the past year or so, to see why: we have, in fact, been looking at the method 'through the wrong end of the telescope.'—And other methods, too!

Briefly, it is now established that many (not all) methods run in 'families' of stages. For example, the Plain Bob family, in its natural form, runs on five stages—from Minimum to Maximus. (The odd-bell stages may be considered as 'adapted' or even 'distorted.') What the Methods Committee calls the 'parent form' of a method, that is to say, the stage in which it is first published, is now seen to be not necessarily that method's basic stage. In other words the parent form might be the basic, or it might be either an extension or a contraction of it.

The vital importance of the distinction cannot be under-estimated. Its non-discernment is responsible for much wasted argument and misunderstanding. In short, the basic stage is the lowest exhibiting all the characteristic attributes or features of the method-pattern. If the method is stage-variable, (i.e. if it can be extended and/or contracted, or in other words if it 'runs in a family') then its stages above the basic will exhibit the same basic pattern with expansion to accommodate the additional rows and columns: while its stages below the basic may exhibit contraction of the pattern, i.e. some feature may be omitted. In such case the contraction may be considered as theoretic rather than practical. But the point that emerges is that two basic methods may thus, have a common contraction. Whereas two different extensions, correctly developed, cannot arise from a common basic. Put another way, there is one form and one only, of any given stage in a method family.

Once this fact of method structure (scientifically considered) had been realised, investigation showed that in several methods, stages hitherto considered as basic are, in fact, not so, being either extensions or contractions: and in some cases only 'versions' (i.e. not to be included in the family) at that! Mr. Worth's list, indeed, includes such.

Such investigation became practicable through a process of test which applies the commonly accepted principles of method structure, in conjunction with factors inseparable from the placing of a method in its appropriate 'Development Group.'

In the case of the London method, the 'parent form'—the Minor, first published in 1734—emerges from the test as a contraction. So also does the Major, published in 1788. The basic stage now appears as the Royal, with a natural extension to Maximus. These two forms are given in the Memorandum on Method Structure—lodged in the Central Council's Library. The four stages are seen to be in 'family' relationship. A ringer who knows and rings London Major, for example, will find himself traversing the same path, or blue line, in the Royal (with extra dodges and with the two extra 'leads'). And a ringer who knows and rings the Royal will find himself traversing the same path in the Maximus (with extra dodges and with the two extra 'leads'). Conductors, likewise, will find familiar signposts.

These facts are self-evident. These method-forms cannot be ostracised by arguments as to family name and the like, because, for the time being, these stages of Royal and Maximus are being known as 'Metropolitan.' (No doubt posterity will recognise their claim to another title!) In being rung they will be found both delightfully difficult and difficultly delightful.

And good luck to Mr. Worth and to others who may first attempt to ring either or both of Metropolitan Royal and Maximus.—Yours faithfully,

A. YORK-BRAMBLE.

Netley Abbey.

JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS AT BUCKLEY

On July 23rd, 1902, the Bishop of St. Asaph dedicated the new ring of bells at St. Matthew's Church, Buckley, Flintshire. The bells were the gift of Mary Drew, wife of the Vicar, Canon H. Drew, and were cast by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. of Loughborough.

On July 23rd, 1952, a Sunday service band met to ring a peal of Stedman Triples but had to give up after six parts because the tenor began to go so badly that good ringing was impossible. A second attempt, a week later, also failed for the same reason.

On Sunday, July 27th, all available ringers attended a corporate Communion at 8 a.m. when special prayers were said and those present rededicated themselves to the work of the Church, particularly to ringing.

A more comprehensive celebration was held on August 2nd. It was decided that it would be most fitting if all the old ringers and their wives, or widows in some cases, were invited to a service which followed ringing from 2 to 4 p.m. Tea was provided by a local caterer and a social gathering followed. Although it was regretted that all the old ringers were unable to be present, the gathering was pleased to have with them Mr. W. Lloyd, of Doncaster.

About 60 sat down to tea and in that number were five of the original band which was formed in 1903, with Mr. Henry Dew as instructor. Unfortunately, to the regret of everyone, Mr. Dew was unable to be present. After tea, speeches recalled much of local interest and particularly stressed the goodwill and real Christian fellowship that existed between ringers throughout the land.

The social evening was a great success and was brought to a close by all gathering round the piano to sing 'Goodnight, Ladies' and the National Anthem.

D. H. B. M.

A PEN PICTURE

The Bellringers, by an Observant Layman

The following pen picture of 'The Bellringers' appeared in 'The Times' of July 30th from Mr. Kirkland Bridge in a series of articles entitled 'Pillars of the Parish Church':—

The rugged tower, bleached and scoured by the sun, wind and rain of centuries, keeps watch over the sleepers in the churchyard below: a haunt of ancient peace gently drowsing time away as the old clock chimes the passing hours.

And in the belfry, mute, motionless, waiting, hang the bells.

Old Granfer Higgs, eighty last birthday, trudges up the churchyard path with the great iron key of the tower door; and in ones and twos the bellringers gather in the cool, dim tower, and after 'ringing up' stand by their ropes for the words, 'Treble's going—Gone,' when one by one the great bells 'speak.'

Their tumultuous, tumbling, overture echoes across our fair and green England, making Sunday into Sabbath; inviting the faithful to worship; entering homes, hospitals and even prisons, and perchance, rebuking some who no longer pray.

There is something in bellringing that gets a man or woman; a quiet enthusiasm they catch for life, and the Master of the tower will tell you there is more to it than just pulling a rope; all the 24 changes on four bells can be rung in just one minute, yet the 40,320 changes on eight bells take 28 hours; and, believe it or not, if all the 479,001,600 possible changes on twelve bells could be rung it would take 37 years and 355 days—without a 'tea interval' at that.

Bellringers have a language, a literature, and a newspaper—'The Ringing World'—of their own. Such terms as 'hunting,' 'dodging,' 'make a clean dodge,' 'go out at the back,' 'keep over me,' are only a little less confusing to the layman than, say, peals of Grandsire Triples, or Stedman, Kent, Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, London Surprise. And, if you want start an argument in the tower, just talk about 'plain bearings' versus 'ball bearings' and then listen.

Twice on Sundays; at weekly practice: at weddings; when a king dies, a queen is crowned, or a prince is born; the bellringers stand at their ropes, and 60 feet up in the tower the bells ring loud and clear.

Through the long history of Church and State, in our literature, poetry and drama, the Church Bells of England have played their part; calling the good wife to put out her fires at curfew; waiting to warn of invasion; summoning the soldiery; greeting a Royal progress; welcoming home the fighting men; ringing out the old year, ringing in the new.

And in the minor and major towers of our cities, towns and countryside, the bellringers have been faithful—from 'Ringing Up' to 'Stand'—'Stand' is, I suppose, the bellringers' word for 'Amen.'

RINGERS CLASSIFIED

High Ringers.—These hold that ringing is worship. It is to be observed that one may speak also of High Cricketers or High Fruit Pickers or High Tea.

Low Ringers.—These ring with much more heart than head.

Modernist Ringers.—These ring with much more head than heart.

Liberal Ringers.—These hold that all ways of ringing are much the same, and refuse to be tied to dogma in the matter.

Free Ringers.—These hold that ringing secretly, in spirit, is just as acceptable to God and far less prejudicial to the muscles.

C. F. B. (In 'The Belfry.')

THE BANK HOLIDAY AT LEATHERHEAD

With Varying Degrees of Syncopation

Grave old plodders and gay young friskers from a dozen fair counties were attracted to Leatherhead on August Bank Holiday by the joint meeting of the North Western District of the Surrey Association and the Leatherhead District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild.

This joint meeting has now become an annual event and annually Mr. George Marriner, of the Leatherhead band and organiser-in-chief of the event, spends an anxious week wondering if the weather is going to be fine because, of course, on that glorious uncertainty depends whether or not the bellringing part of the suburban population of South London will decide at the last moment to descend on Leatherhead bells without having previously notified for tea.

On this occasion 38 sent in their names and, the weather being good, more than double that number turned up at the church during the afternoon and evening. Most of the company were supplied at the Leatherhead Institute with a bountiful tea but some, who had not given warning of their intentions, found sustenance at other places.

The Rev. F. A. Page, Vicar of Leatherhead, conducted a short service at which the Guildford Guild's new form was followed, and in his address the Vicar took for his theme the manner in which Sunday by Sunday the bells of this land bear witness to the faith.

The spacious ringing room was crowded before and after the service by ringers of both sexes, all ages and in all stages of advancement. Under the direction of Mr. A. Harman, Master of the Guildford Guild, the ring of ten was kept busy sounding out, in the words of the Charge to Ringers contained in the Guild's new service form, their 'Rounds and changes unto the Glory of the Lord,' until the shadows lenghthened and the evening fell.

In addition to rounds for ten-bell tyros various methods were rung or attempted with more or less success and with varying degrees of syncopation including Yorkshire Surprise Royal—a method which is, or should be, well-known to the bells, the local band ringing it with that seemingly casual indifference that many of us lesser fry are scarcely able to apply to the production of Grandsire Doubles.

Reluctantly at last the assembled host (for that is what they looked like packed two-deep around the walls of the ringing room) took leave of each other and the bells, and wended away each to his or her home. At least those words round off the stilted style of the paragraph, but it is rumoured that a Guild official, searching for matches, discovered some members of the local band and (print it very small, Mr. Editor) visitors, too, who had not wended with expedition but were tarrying on the way or rather out of their way.

Bells Silent for 30 Years

The beautifully-toned six bells at Devynock, Breconshire, have been silent since 1922 and few in the village remember them being rung. Many expressed delight after the peal on August 4th. Before the peal could be started Mr. J. T. Williams spent some hours cleaning the ringing chamber and overhauling the bells. There were muffles on the clappers for half-muffled ringing, the tenor was minus a stay and there were no ropes, which were supplied by the band. Nevertheless, the bells, wheels and frame were in excellent condition. Mr. D. J. Lewis, who rang the treble in the peal, rang on the bells over 50 years ago. They were recast in 1897. After the peal the band were entertained to lunch by the Vicar.

OBITUARY

MR. HARRY DOICK

Another link with the past has gone with the passing of Mr. Harry Doick, of Pulborough, Sussex, who died on July 30th, aged 71 years.

His father, uncle and brothers had been ringers here for nearly a century and the bells had been in charge of Percy and Harry for 50 years with such care that they have had no outside attention since they were rehung in 1897 and still go like tops.

Harry was an excellent tenor man and rang a number of peals, and the sound of the bells gave him much pleasure during his last long illness.

L. S.

MR. JOSCELIN M. TURNER

The Christchurch Priory ringers have lost a much respected member of their band by the death on July 4th at his residence, 55, Harland Road, Bournemouth, of Mr. Joscelin Maitland Turner.

Mr. Turner commenced his ringing career at Ashleworth, Gloucestershire, in 1902, and later rang many peals in various towers of England. He was elected a College Youth in 1936. Although his love of the art remained steadfast throughout his life, the opportunity for practice was interrupted first by a sojourn in South Africa, and later when he was attached to H.M. Legations in Stockholm and Copenhagen for almost 25 years.

Ill-health compelled Mr. Turner to retire prematurely when he returned to England and joined the Christchurch Priory ringers in 1939. For a time he acted as their chairman and later was made secretary to the Christchurch Branch of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild.

Mr. Turner's funeral service took place at the Priory on July 8th and among the floral tributes was one from the Christchurch Branch of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild. The bells were rung half-muffled before the service and as the cortege left for Bournemouth Crematorium.

A kindly, generous, unassuming gentleman, a devout churchman, a friend of all ringers, we who were privileged to know him deeply mourn his loss.

MR. EDWARD VICTOR HINTON

The band of Christchurch Priory, Hants, has recently lost by death two of its members—Edward Victor Hinton and Joscelin Maitland Turner.

Mr. Hinton had been a regular service ringer at the Priory for over 60 years, and was taught by the present captain of the band, George Preston.

Mr. Turner, on retiring from diplomatic service in many parts of the world, attached himself to the Christchurch band.

Both had been ill for some time and will be missed by many friends.

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QUARTER PEALS

DAMERHAM, HANTS.—On Aug. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Sheppard (first quarter) 1, Miss M. T. Mackenzie 2, Miss E. Brown 3, Miss J. M. Gray 4, P. K. Waterman (cond.) 5, J. Baverstock 6. Rung for the 30th anniversary of the Rev. H. W. Maule becoming Vicar of the parish.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX. — On July 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss J. Peacock 1, A. H. Worboys 2, A. J. Salisbury 3, D. M. Salisbury 4, S. Penfold 5, T. East 6, C. E. Wright (cond.) 7, G. Proctor 8.

IFFLEY, OXON. — On Aug. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 360 April Day, 420 Grandsire): B. Baker 1, Miss Christine Hall 2, L. Busby 3, C. Bennett 4, T. Bowles (cond.) 5, M. Harding 6.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK. — On Aug. 3rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. T. Symonds (cond.) 1, V. Ambrose 2, S. Smith 3, L. Poulson 4, S. H. Symonds 5, F. Boreham 6, D. A. Symonds 7, L. Pryke 8. Specially rung to celebrate the silver weddings of the ringers of 3 and 4.

LEAMINGTON, WARWICKS. — At All Saints' on July 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. Collett 1, E. H. Adams 2, J. R. Ball 3, A. J. Price 4, R. J. Edden 5, C. H. Grindley (first quarter Stedman) 6, H. C. Burt (cond.) 7, E. H. Bosworth 8.

MARGATE, KENT.—On July 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. Page 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, L. L. Wyman 3, A. J. Smith 4, L. Everest 5, B. W. Aldridge 6, F. J. Gadsden (cond.) 7, O. Davis 8.

NYNEHEAD, SOMERSET.—On July 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Pike (first of Minor) 1, D. North 2, D. Slocombe 3, W. G. Gigg 4, D. Bellamy 5, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 6. The first quarter peal of Minor on the bells.

ROTHERSTHORPE, NORTHANTS. — On July 29th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, Old Doubles, April Day and 540 Plain Bob): J. Harrold 1, K. Perkins 2, T. Baker 3, A. Cozens 4, I. Dickin (cond.) 5. Rung as a farewell to Miss Wilson after 22 years' service as headmistress at Rothersthorpe School.

SALTWOOD, KENT.—On July 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss R. P. Longhurst (first in method) 1, M. J. Martin (first in method 'inside') 2, J. Chittenden 3, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 4, E. J. Walker 5, G. F. Gray 6.

SAWLEY, DERBYSHIRE. — On July 20th, 1,260 Doubles (120 Reverse St. Bartholomew, 120 April Day, 480 Grandsire, 540 Plain Bob): O. Cripps 1, Miss S. Kilbourn 2, W. E. Simpson 3, D. J. Marshall 4, W. R. Harrison (cond.) 5. R. G. Newsum 6.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On July 29th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal: Mrs. C. C. Mayne 1, T. W. Sheppard 2, W. Wenban 3, G. W. Seaman 4, D. K. Adkins (first of Cambridge Royal) 5, S. H. Hoare 6, R. G. Bell 7, C. C. Mayne 8, H. G. Cashmore 9, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 10.

WEOBLEY, HEREFORDS.—On Aug. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: V. Rawlings 1, Harry Price (cond.) 2, C. Williams 3, A. Webb 4, T. Bound 5, R. Farmer 6. Rung for the baptism of the daughter of the ringer of the third, who is captain of the local band. Also for evening service.

A Loss to Aldrington, Sussex

Owing to the Turnbull family moving to Devonshire the Aldrington band in Sussex lose three good ringers and a learner. Bryan and Wendy have made great progress and having rung a quarter of Cambridge Minor are now ringing plain courses of London. Their enthusiasm has brought Father to ring and also 'Little John,' who although only 11 years old, handles his bell in manly style. Aldrington appreciates their loyalty and wishes them good ringing in their new surroundings. A quarter of Plain Bob Minor was rung as a farewell on July 29th by the local band.

THE HOW AND WHY OF FLIGHT

Mr. York-Bramble's Contribution to Modern Aviation

READERS of 'The Ringing World' are familiar with Mr. A. York-Bramble, of Netley Abbey, as the inventor of a new system of method extension, but he is equally well known in the R.A.F. and his publication of 'Airplane Flight' (Pitmans 35s.) has gained for him widespread recognition. His book has been described as an encyclopædia of flight.

Member of a well-known Cotswold family, Mr. York-Bramble was at Bristol University when the first world war broke out and was soon commissioned in the R.F.C.. His inventive genius contributed much to the perfection of observation balloons and the designing of packing parachutes for use in aircraft.

Invalided from the R.A.F., he took up schoolmastering and found time to be an active pioneer in the inter-war gliding movement, becoming a member of the Council of the British Gliding Association. Mr. York-Bramble was a flying member of the Civil Air Guard in 1939, and did much lecturing to pilots in training in the R.A.F.V.R. at that time.

Early in the second world war he became a staff officer (Technical Branch)) in the R.A.F., and was the Officer Commanding the original Research and Technical Publications Unit of the R.A.F. His war-time inventions included the non-toppling gyroscope and the volarium (a flying training machine, in which the pupil could even perform an inverted spin).

Since the war, Mr. York-Bramble has devoted much of his time to technical research and authorship but, as our readers know, he still finds opportunity to take a keen interest not only in aviation, but also in change ringing.

LORD BRABAZON'S PRAISE

In a foreword to 'Airplane Flight,' Lord Brabazon of Tara writes: 'Mr. York-Bramble is very much to be congratulated on doing for aviation what Dr. Johnson, in his dictionary, did for our language. He has also—at any rate relative to aerodynamic flight—fulfilled the promise that one day all things should be made clear.'

Apart from its purely technical value, the book represents a considerable literary achievement, writes another authority on the subject. Author and reader find themselves hand-in-hand, as it were, and the confidence which comes from that relationship is not the least notable result of the new methods which Mr. York-Bramble has brought to his task. Here is a remarkable lesson in visual interpretation. The letter-press is clear enough, for the author is a most precise writer, but where the book gains immeasurably is in the simplicity and clarity of the explanatory sketches and diagrams which appear on every page. Here are new ideas which bring the practice of visual teaching on to an entirely new plane. In this respect, the book is surely one of the most remarkable technical productions published since the war.

This is not only the work of an expert. It is that of an author who has a special genius for so symbolising difficult problems that they become reasonably easy to understand. The book was obviously written not only with purpose but also with determination and it is clear that there must have been the most rigorous revision on the part of the author to achieve the perfect consistency of pattern which persists from first page to last.

This is probably the first time that the full technique of the subject has been compressed into one book, which has been designed to be equally helpful to the aviation cadet and to the pilot in training. It should be welcomed by both these types of pupils, as well as by all classes of air training organisations, both service and civil. In fact, this looks like the text book for which they have been waiting.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Lewisham District

St. Martin-of-Tours' (Chelsfield) Church, prettily embowered in its little copse of trees on the exact fringe of Suburbia, was visited by 60 members and friends of the Lewisham District, together with very welcome visitors from Twyford for the purpose of the quarterly meeting on July 26th.

The handy ring of six was kept busy throughout the afternoon under the direction of Mr. H. E. Audsley, deputising for Mr. L. Hoverd (Ringing Master) who, unhappily, was unavoidably absent.

The service was held in the church, conducted by the curate who, during his address, which gave cogent reasons for attending Divine Service, extended a warm welcome to the congregation. Mr. J. Wade, a member of the local band, led the singing at the organ.

Tea followed, generously provided by the Chelsfield ringers and tastefully served on the Rectory lawn by kind permission of the Rector, the Rev. N. J. Woodhall, and Mrs. Woodhall, who were present to welcome individually their many visitors.

The business meeting followed, the Rector presiding. A warm welcome by the chairman, endorsed by Mr. P. M. Sharp (churchwarden) prefaced the meeting proper.

Cordial congratulations accorded to Mr. and Mrs. Hurrell, of Eltham, on the recent celebration of their golden wedding, were charmingly acknowledged by the recipients.

Fourteen ringers were elected members of the Association and the elections of two others were ratified.

St. John's, Erith, was chosen as the place of the annual District meeting to be held on Saturday, October 25th.

Mr. E. A. Barnett was congratulated on his recent election to the office of secretary of the Central Council, and gave much pleasure with his witty response.

Mr. E. Barnett informed the meeting that an obituary notice had recently appeared in 'The Church Times' referring to the late Rev. Canon Teignmouth-Shaw, who was the first secretary of the Lewisham District and invited the members to pay tribute to his memory. This was unanimously agreed to.

The District secretary was instructed to write to Mr. H. Hoverd, conveying the members' sympathy to him and Mrs. Hoverd in their great trial and anxiety; also to Mr. J. Bennett, late of Beckenham and Lewisham, wishing him a long and prosperous retirement.

Mr. I. Emery was commended, as the representative of the band of octogenarians, on their splendid performance at St. John's, Deptford, on April 26th.

Votes of thanks to the Rector, curate, organist the local ringers and their captain were carried enthusiastically, with added reference to the successful efforts by the local band to attain, almost unaided, proficiency in change ringing.

A reminder that the joint meeting with the Surrey Association (N.W. District) was to be held at Eynesford on Saturday, October 11th, concluded the business.

Further use of the bells followed before the representatives of 14 towers dispersed, qualified to report to their fellows a very happy, successful meeting and to recall agreeable memories of a Kentish scene and the kindliness of its people.

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DEATH

FARR.—ON Aug. 4th, 1952, at Burton-on-Trent, Rachel, wife of A. J. Farr, of Greenways, Halmer Gate, Spalding; sister of the late Rupert Richardson. Aged 68 years. 1153

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MEETINGS

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District. — Saturday, Aug. 16th, meeting at Somersham (6). Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m.—H. S. Peacock. 1136

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Meeting, Linton (8), Aug. 16th. 3 p.m. 1132

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—By-meeting Newington, near Folkestone, August 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. 1119

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.— Meeting at Tunstall (8) on Saturday, August 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea in the Parish Room. 1116

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION. — Aug. 16th, Cranford (6) 11 a.m.-2.30 p.m., Harlington (8) 3-5.15, tea and business. Harmondsworth (6) 7-8.30.—F. W. Goodfellow. 1142

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting, Hoar Cross, Saturday, Aug. 16th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. 1138

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland and Melton Branches.—Joint meeting at Oakham on Saturday, Aug. 16th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. 1143

1952 FOUR GUILDS FESTIVAL

Ladies' Guild (Southern District), **Guildford Guild, Winchester and Portsmouth Guild** (Basingstoke District), **Oxford Guild** (Sonning Deanery Branch)

Saturday, Aug. 23rd. Service at Aldershot 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.

The following towers are available:—Bagshot (8), Hawley (8), Pirbright (6) and Worplesdon (8), 2-3.30 p.m.; Yorktown (8), 3-4 p.m.; Ash (6), Farnborough (6) and Farnham (8), 2-4 p.m. and 6.30-9 p.m.; Aldershot, 2-4.30 p.m. and 6.30-9 p.m.; Bentley (6), Frensham (6) and Seale (6), 6.30-9 p.m.

All names for tea to R. H. Mills, 35, Fowler Road, West Farnborough, Hants, by Monday, August 18th. 1107

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Aldrington (6), Saturday, Aug. 16th, 3 p.m. 1141

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—Joint meeting with Selby and District Society at Selby, Saturday, Aug. 16th. Bells (10) available from 1 o'clock. Service in Abbey 4.30. Tea, moderate charge, 5 o'clock.—H. S. Morley. 1133

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Ringing Festival at Westhoughton on Sunday, August 17th. Tower open at 1.30 p.m. Service at 3 p.m.; preacher Rev. F. F. Rigby, M.A.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec. 1150

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—Practice meeting, Bleadon, Aug. 23rd, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.—E. J. Avery, Hon. Local Sec. 1157

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Barley, Saturday, Aug. 23rd, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special method, Single Court.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 1169

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak and Chesterfield Districts.—Joint meeting at Ashover, Saturday, Aug. 23rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 Names for tea, not later than Aug. 20th, to Mr. E. Hopkinson, Rectory View, Ashover, near Chesterfield. 1156

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION. — Western District. — Hexham Abbey, Saturday, August 23rd, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea, by August 18th, to C. T. Lamb, 26, St. Mary's Crescent, Blackhill, Co. Durham. 1151

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Fenny Drayton, Aug. 23rd. Bells (5) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please notify, by Aug. 20th. Rev. H. Baylis, The Rectory, Fenny Drayton, Nuneaton. Sheepy Magna bells (6) available after tea. 1168

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Hallaton, Aug. 23rd. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Outing, Aug. 30th. Fare, including tea, etc., 11s. 6d. each, to be paid by Aug. 23rd.—L. W. Allen. 1167

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Birstall, Aug. 23rd. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in Reading Room 5 p.m.—B. Stedman Payne. 1163

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Meeting at Peasmore, Aug. 23rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, before Aug. 20th, to M. Rosier, Peasmore. Newbury. 1164

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Meeting, Abbotsbury, Aug. 23rd. Usual arrangements. Names, by Aug. 19th, please, to J. H. Payne, Vert Street, Abbotsbury. 1155

SALISBURY GUILD. — Calne Branch. — Meeting, Bremhill (6), Aug. 23rd. Usual arrangements. Names for tea G. Freeyard, 30, Bremhill, Calne, Wilts.—W. Hacker, Hon. Sec. 1171

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Meeting at Old Coulsdon, Aug. 23rd. Bells (5) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by Aug. 20th to Miss A. Read, 6, Marlpit Lane, Coulsdon. 1135

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Bury St. Edmunds District.—Meeting at West Stow, Saturday, Aug. 23rd. Bells (6) 3. Tea, etc.—W. Stannard, Dis. Sec. 1152

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. —Quarterly meeting, All Saints', Hastings, Saturday, Aug. 23rd. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea only for those who notify by the 20th.—P. H. Rollison, Hon. Div. Sec., 313, Victoria Drive, Eastbourne. 1158

NORWICH ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Meeting, Sculthorpe (6) Aug. 30th. Service 4.30; preacher Rt. Rev. Bishop of Thetford. Tea after, at which top priority for those who notify R. Lingwood, Creake Road, Sculthorpe. Fakenham. 1160

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Summer meeting Enville. Aug. 30th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 4.45. Service 6 o'clock. Important committee meeting to discuss the Society's finances 3.30. All committee members are asked to make a special effort to attend. Names for tea not later than Aug. 26th. —Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourn. 1162

SWANSEA AND BRECON — Southern Section. — Quarterly meeting, Cadoxton (Neath), Saturday, Aug. 30th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea, by August 23rd, to J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Fforestfach, Swansea. 1159

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Ropley, Saturday, Aug. 30th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 in Village Hall. Look up York Minor. Names, by previous Wednesday, to Mr. J. A. C. King, 29, Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester. 1166

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—Half-yearly meeting at The Marble Church, Bodelwyddan, on Saturday, Sept. 6th. Bells (8) available 3 o'clock. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Sept. 2nd, please.—W. Cathrall, 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham. 1154

Kington Ringers' Outing

On August 2nd the ringers of St. Mary's Church, Kington, Herefordshire, held their annual tour. The towers visited were Ledbury (8), Pershore Abbey (8), Holy Trinity, Stratford-on-Avon (10), Church Lench (6), Bishampton (6) and Upton Snodsbury (6). The methods rung included Grandsire Caters, Triples and Doubles, with Stedman Triples and Doubles and Bob Minor. Everything went according to plan, thanks to the excellent organization by Mr. L. Miles. D. J. R.

Universities Association at Nottingham

To-day (Friday) the Universities Association summer week open at Nottingham with headquarters at Wortley Hall. Taking part will be 35 members representing twelve universities, and during the week visits will be made to Leicester, Derby, Loughborough, Southwell, Newark and Chesterfield, altogether ringing at about 40 towers. This is the eighth such week since the Association was founded.

CLAPHAM COMMON, LONDON.—At the Redemptorist Church of Our Immaculate Lady of Victories, on Aug. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. J. Farmer (first away from tenor) 1, Miss M. Powell 2, B. C. Snipe (first 'inside') 3, C. S. Rew 4, P. J. Hutchings (cond.) 5, A. J. Clifford 6. Rung to commemorate the feast of St. Alphonsus, the founder of the Redemptorist Order.

5,008 DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR

By F. WARRINGTON

23456	1	4	5	6
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43256	1			2
35246	1			3
42536	1			1
24635		1		1
64325	1			2
42365	1			3
26345	1			3
65423	1	1		2
52463	1			3
42653	1			2
62543	1			2
43265	S	1		2
36245	1			3
26435	1			2
63425	1			3
35426	1	1	1	
45236	1			2
53246	1			3
23456	1			2

5,024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

By WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN.

23456	1	5	6	
42635		—		
46235			3	(— S —)
63245	—		6	(— — S — — S)
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42536		—		
54236			2	
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TO THE GLORY OF GOD

'EVEN a small boy carrying a lighted candle in church is doing so to the glory of God,' said a Rector. Yes, that is so, even if he insists on carrying his candle upside down, I thought. 'Rung to the glory of God' is the footnote to a recent peal. This is unique and seems to imply that other peals are not rung to the glory of God. This theme is one much used by clergy when addressing ringers' services and at least avoids their floundering in the intricacies of ringing of which many know but little. Do we really ring our bells to the glory of God? I often wonder, or is it just a pose because we are dependent on the church for our bells? Of late years I have given this matter much thought.

For the first six years of my ringing life our Rector never failed to come to the tower and offer a short prayer at every service, even early celebration, for which we always rang, and although we all invariably attended the service. This is now seldom done. Most associations have a belfry prayer to be used prior to ringing, but it is many years since I have heard one used either by the Rector or other appointed ringer. Yet its use would undoubtedly impress all that we were ringing to the glory of God.

Most of my ringing life was spent in London, where a ringer does not often come into close contact with either clergy or the rest of the laity. I do not know why, but it is probably as much the fault of the clergy as the ringers. It is so in many large towns. I once met a Rector who had been for 15 years a curate at St. Peter's, Brighton, at the ringers' zenith. He did not know it had a ring of bells. I look back to the early years of this century and recall the strict but self-imposed discipline then obtaining in most London towers, the atmosphere of quiet reverence and regard for the art and the obvious pride in good ringing. There were no long breaks for local gossip or talking in corners, everyone's attention was on the ringing. At that time it was unusual to ring either a peal or quarter without several critical and capable ears outside. Many of these listeners could take down lead and course ends and calls from outside the tower and would detect a repetition immediately. It would have been very unwise to 'cook' a peal. There are but few such now, but it would then have been very unusual not to find several outside during a peal.

My later years have been spent in various country places with an occasional visit to London, and I cannot help feeling that we have lost something of great value. Values everywhere have steadily declined, in our work, our pleasures, our moral outlook and our conduct to each other. This has permeated the belfry. The urge is now to climb quickly, to learn new methods, to achieve some feat before our fellow, often regardless of quality. But few have any thought of God, either at service, practice or in a peal. Most peals to-day are rung without any capable and critical ear outside, therefore the unscrupulous can take a chance. We do not to-day advertise our intention to attempt a peal, and none but the actual ringers know whether a peal has been rung or not. I have heard some very doubtful ones recently which have been acclaimed as meritorious by those who did not hear them. We are all carrying our candle to the glory of God, but some are carrying it upside down.

What of our conduct each to the other? A churchwarden recently said, 'Most church work is voluntary and one has in these days to be very careful; people are so easily offended.' That is very true and is the bane of the clergy. It is authoritatively stated that in this Christian country 85 per cent. are pagan, and no wonder. Some professing Christians would question the fitness of Bunyan's Shining Angels at the Gates of Heaven. How often do we hear a threat to leave by one of our number if the inclusion of someone else is suggested? (I recall the words to me at our foremost cathedral, 'Don't come next week. We may refuse you permission to ring.') Or the tower secretary who wrote a promising young ringer, 'Do not come any more; we do not like you'? Or the towerkeeper in sole charge whom no one dare offend, appointed by the Rector not for his ringing ability, but because he puts the flag up and the Rector likes him, who refuses permission for anyone in his bad books to ring **his** bells to the glory of God?

I listened during Lent to the radio play, 'The Man Born To Be King,' by Dorothy L. Sayers, who is an honorary member of the College Youths. It was most inspiring. Each time I now hear the cock crow I can see our Lord carrying His cross to the execution. I can hear the High Priests and the mob shouting, 'Crucify Him! Crucify Him!' Yet these were his own folk. How many Christians to-day do the same? That is why our churches are empty. Indeed and indeed, I say unto you, 'Love the Lord thy God with all thy strength and thy neighbour as thyself.' Who is my neighbour? Surely my fellow-ringer is.

We are but a fraction of the community. We are often dubbed 'funny folk.' If we ring thousands of peals or turn

in Liverpool tenor every week we shall not arouse half the public interest as a woman in a bikini in Piccadilly. The Press will give us no headlines. We have no commercial value. No one will bet on our prowess. Our performances are of interest only to ourselves. Many who ring hundreds of peals are not so good as they think, whilst many who ring none are better than they know. Let us not be dazzled by diagrams in the interests of quality, to ring which is largely a matter of opportunity.

Let us then be tolerant one to the other, remembering that our bells are dedicated to God and that our churches are not of our building, but the heritage of a more Christian and leisurely age, and that both saints and sinners may enter. Let us carry our candle the right way up so that its light may shine before us to the glory of God. Do not throw it down if asked not to spill the wax on the floor.

W. B.

A TOUR OF SOUTH DEVON

All peals rung for the Guild of Devonshire Ringers.

CHAGFORD, DEVON.
On Mon., July 28, 1952, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt.

JACK MUSSELL	*Treble*	RONALD N. MARLOW	5
BRIAN BLADON	2	DAVID R. REED	6
REGINALD W. REX	3	FRANK L. HARRIS	7
HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PRITCHARD. Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.
First peal of Major on the bells.

MORETON HAMPSTEAD, DEVON.
On Mon., July 28, 1952, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

A. PATRICK CANNON	*Treble*	DAVID R. REED	5
BRIAN BLADON	2	REGINALD W. REX	6
JEAN M. HARRIS	3	*FREDERICK WREFORD	7
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD	4	FRANK L. HARRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILLIAM A. THEOBALD.
* First peal of Surprise Major 'inside.'

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.
On Tues., July 29, 1952, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 35 cwt. in D flat.

JACK MUSSELL	*Treble*	REGINALD W. REX	6
JEAN M. HARRIS	2	DAVID R. REED	7
*BRIAN BLADON	3	FRANK L. HARRIS	8
HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	9
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD	5	RONALD N. MARLOW	*Tenor*

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.
* First peal of Royal. Mr. A. P. Cannon's 275th tower for a peal.

IPPLEPEN, DEVON.
On Thurs., July 31, 1952, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. in E flat.

*FRANK L. HARRIS	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. THEOBALD	5
JEAN M. HARRIS	2	RONALD N. MARLOW	6
†BRIAN BLADON	3	REGINALD W. REX	7
HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS	4	*A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* 25th peal together. † First peal of Yorkshire. First peal of Major on the bells.

BUCKFASTLEIGH, DEVON.
On Sat., Aug. 2, 1952, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in F.

A. PATRICK CANNON	*Treble*	DAVID R. REED	5
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD	2	REGINALD W. REX	6
*JEAN M. HARRIS	3	FRANK L. HARRIS	7
HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS	4	RONALD N. MARLOW	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.
* 50th peal. First peal of Cambridge on the bells.

MIDLAND COUNTIES TOUR

All peals rung for the Midland Counties Guild.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
On Sat., Aug. 2, 1952, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6¼ cwt.

EDWARD C. GOBEY	*Treble*	*RODNEY HARRISON	5
FREDK. E. WILSHAW	2	JOSEPH WM. COTTON	6
ALBERT E. THOMPSON	3	SIDNEY H. JONES	7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	4	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. MIDDLETON. Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD.
* First peal of Surprise Major.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
On Sat., Aug. 2, 1952, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6¼ cwt.

JOSEPH WM. COTTON	*Treble*	*WILLIAM YATES	5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	2	*GEORGE W. HOLLAND	6
ERNEST MORRIS	3	FREDK. E. WILSHAW	7
ALBERT E. THOMPSON	4	SIDNEY H. JONES	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDK. W. GROCOTT. Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD.
* First peal of Bristol Surprise.

ROLLESTON-ON-DOVE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
On Mon., Aug. 4, 1952, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in F sharp.

WILLIAM F. WOODWARD	*Treble*	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	5
EDWARD C. GOBEY	2	JOSEPH WM. COTTON	6
SAMUEL PINDER	3	FREDK. E. WILSHAW	7
*RODNEY HARRISON	4	SIDNEY H. JONES	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDK. W. GROCOTT. Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD.
* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise. First peal of Yorkshire on the bells. Rung to mark the birthday of H.M. Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.
On Tues., Aug. 5, 1952, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.
A PEAL OF 5088 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. in F sharp.

WILLIAM F. WOODWARD	*Treble*	ERNEST MORRIS	5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	2	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	6
RODNEY HARRISON	3	JOSEPH WM. COTTON	7
*GORDON H. LANE	4	FREDK. E. WILSHAW	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDK. W. GROCOTT. Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD.
* First peal of Surprise Major.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
On Tues., Aug. 5, 1952, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
J. W. Washbrook's Variation of Thurstans' Four-part.
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in G.

ERNEST MORRIS	*Treble*	FREDK. E. WILSHAW	5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	2	JOSEPH WM. COTTON	6
*GORDON H. LANE	3	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	7
WILLIAM F. WOODWARD	4	ARTHUR YATES	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
* First peal of Triples.

OVERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
On Wed., Aug. 6, 1952, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

PETER BERESFORD	1-2	FREDK. E. WILSHAW	5-6
JOAN BERESFORD	3-4	DENNIS BERESFORD	7-8

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by DENNIS BERESFORD.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
On Sat., Aug. 9, 1952, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 28 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

SIDNEY H. JONES	*Treble*	ALBERT E. THOMPSON	5
FREDK. E. WILSHAW	2	HAROLD TAYLOR	6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	3	*BARNABAS G. KEY	7
PHILIP H. WHITAKER	4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	*Tenor*

Composed by F. W. GROCOTT. Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
* First peal of Bristol Surprise.

TEN BELL PEAL

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Thurs., Aug. 7, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 26¼ cwt. in D.

*CLIVE M. SMITH	*Treble*	†JAMES S. EASTWOOD	6
†RICHARD J. WARRILOW	2	†J. NORMAN HADLEY	7
NEVILLE R. HOLLAND	3	†WILLIAM DAVIES	8
ERNEST STITCH	4	MAURICE G. TURNER	9
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	5	HOWARD HOWELL	*Tenor*

Composed by J. H. TUCKER. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.
* First peal on ten bells † First peal of Bob Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., July 31, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 10 lb.

ANTHONY AGER	*Treble*	GEORGE E. FEARN	5
JOHN MCDONALD	2	JOHN PINFOLD	6
MURIEL REAY	3	HENRY H. FEARN	7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	4	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

CHATHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat. Aug. 2, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt. in E flat.

CYRIL S. JARRETT	*Treble*	MARK W. MARSHALL	5
WILFRED W. RING	2	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	6
WILLIAM C. MARSHALL	3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	7
RONALD J. SHARP	4	HARRY PARKES	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

QUEDGLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 4, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

DOREEN EDWARDS	*Treble*	HARRY W. HOWARD	5
*DORIS H. SHEPPARD	2	FREDK. ROBERTS	6
MARY DREW	3	LESLIE BARRY	7
TREVOR PRITCHARD	4	CHARLES ROUSE	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.
* First peal of Triples 'inside.'

BARWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Aug. 5, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
M. J. Morris's Variation of Parker's Twelve-part.
Tenor 15 cwt. 11 lb. in F sharp.

THOMAS C. BELTON	*Treble*	T. KELHAM DEACON	5
BARBARA COLVER	2	ALAN H. HOUGH	6
ALBERT A. LUCAS	3	C. RICHARD BELTON	7
DAVID PRICE	4	W. ROLAND PROUDMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN H. HOUGH.
Mr. C. R. Belton has now 'circled' the tower. Rung as a birthday compliment to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Tues., Aug. 5, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN MCDONALD	*Treble*	WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT	5
MURIEL REAY	2	CHARLES T. RICHARDS	6
BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	3	HENRY H. FEARN	7
TERRY R. HAMPTON	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Aug. 5, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Washbrook's Variation. Tenor 12¾ cwt.

RALPH BIRD	*Treble*	JAMES W. EDEN	5
EDWIN BARNETT	2	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	6
*BARBARA A. MITCHELL	3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	7
†MARY FULLER	4	JOHN E. CANNELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Triples and first in the method.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs. Aug. 7, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

MURIEL REAY	*Treble*	*ANTHONY AGER	5
*JOHN MCDONALD	2	†ERIC E. SPEAKE	6
*BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	3	JOHN PINFOLD	7
TERRY R. HAMPTON	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
* First peal in the method. † 100th peal.

ENDERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 7, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
F. H. Dexter's Variation of Thurstans' Four-part.
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in G.

W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	*Treble*	SHIRLEY BURTON	5
LAWRENCE GREENHOW	2	WILLIAM A. WOOD	6
WINIFRED M. BURTON	3	BRIAN G. WARWICK	7
DEREK G. GOODMAN	4	ERNEST MORRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Aug. 8, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6½ cwt.

JOHN J. MORRIS	*Treble*	MRS. H. J. POOLE	5
WINIFRED M. BURTON	2	HARRY POYNER	6
S. ANTHONY JESSON	3	BRIAN G. WARWICK	7
ERNEST W. RAWSON	4	HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
A compliment to Michael D. Staniforth on his birthday.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Aug. 9, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS.
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¾ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT	*Treble*	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	5
*WILFRID G. WILSON	2	LEONARD H. BOWLER	6
DANIEL D. COOPER	3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	7
RALPH BIRD	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS	*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.
* First peal in the method.

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GILLINGHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 9, 1952, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12½ cwt.

*CECIL C. BISHOP	*Treble*	HARRY SPRINGATE	5
VICTOR A. JARRETT	2	FRANCIS J. CHEAL	6
WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT	3	†PETER F. BORER	7
CHRISTOPHER T. LAMB	4	CYRIL S. JARRETT	*Tenor*

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by CYRIL S. JARRETT.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major.

GREAT DUNMOW, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 9, 1952, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 21¼ cwt.

ROBERT C. HEAZEL	*Treble*	*JOSEPH C. JENNINGS	5
MRS. R. F. DEAL	2	H. WALTER SMITH	6
GEORGE SAUNDERS	3	CHAS. E. WILLMINGTON	7
DAVID W. BEARD	4	JOHN H. CRAMPION	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID W. BEARD.
* 100th peal. First peal in method as conductor.

LOWER MACHEN, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Aug. 9, 1952, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

*DOROTHY A. ATWELL	*Treble*	FREDERICK J. BAILEY	5
JACQUELINE S. EVANS	2	THOMAS YEOMANS	6
†YVONNE C. PORTER	3	ROBERT E. COLES	7
JACK R. WORRALL	4	DAVID J. KING	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by DAVID J. KING.
* First peal. † First peal of Plain Bob Major. First peal of Major as conductor. Arranged and rung for the wedding of Mr. John Stephen and Miss Margaret Oswell, daughter of the Rev. F. A. Oswell, Rector of the parish.

MOSSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 9, 1952, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

OGDEN MOORES	*Treble*	ARTHUR F. TAYLOR	5
JOAN CORDWELL	2	DEREK OGDEN	6
JOAN CARTER	3	JAMES CARTER	7
JOHN T. WALMSLEY	4	FRED PRITCHARD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by FRED PRITCHARD.
First peal in the method as conductor.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Aug. 9, 1952, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM C. WEST	*Treble*	GEORGE J. HAWKINS	5
PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING	2	ROGER O. FRY	6
*LAURENCE E. HITCHINS	3	FREDK. S. SLATFORD	7
†GRAHAM R. EYLES	4	CHARLES F. ANDREWS	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES F. ANDREWS.
* First peal of Surprise Major. † First peal of Surprise. First peal of Surprise Major on the bells.

PATTINGHAM, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Aug. 9, 1952, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

J. NORMAN HADLEY	*Treble*	*CLIVE M. SMITH	5
WILLIAM DAVIES	2	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	6
EDWARD V. RODENHURST	3	†JOHN H. GILBERT	7
HOWARD HOWELL	4	MAURICE G. TURNER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.
* First peal of Major 'inside.' † First peal of Major in the method. 100th peal for the Society by the treble ringer.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 9, 1952, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

*BETTY GRIFFITHS	*Treble*	PETER E. PARRY	5
JOHN W. BEST	2	WILFRED L. ROBINSON	6
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	3	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	7
J. BENJAMIN BUDD	4	PERCY SWINDLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS (No. 31). Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
* First peal in the method.

THROWLEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 9, 1952, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5184 WATFORD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

MICHAEL FULLER	*Treble*	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	5
ROBERT COLLINS	2	REGINALD L. SILLS	6
BARBARA A. MITCHELL	3	RICHARD E. PRICE	7
DORIS E. COLGATE	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by M. HODGSON. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
First peal in the method on the bells, by all the band and for the Association.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 9, 1952, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt.

HENRY PARKER	*Treble*	DOUGLAS KIRKPATRICK	5
CECIL RADDON	2	JOHN E. ASHCROFT	6
KENNETH EDWARDS	3	PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE	7
HAROLD WORRALL	4	HARRY W. HOWARD	*Tenor*

Composed by W. HUDSON. Conducted by HENRY PARKER.

WHITECHURCH CANONICORUM, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 11, 1952, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CANDIDA AND HOLY CROSS,
A PEAL OF 5152 LYME SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17¼ cwt. in D.

*HAROLD J. ARSCOTT	*Treble*	G. STEDMAN MORRIS	5
†GORDON OLLIFFE	2	HENRY G. KEELEY	6
ROGER KEELEY	3	NORMAN MALLETT	7
*SHIRLEY BURTON	4	*THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by SHIRLEY BURTON. Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Surprise Major 'inside.' First peal in the method as conductor and on the bells.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., May 16, 1952, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

GORDON WHEWELL	*Treble*	KENNETH HARTLEY	4
NORMAN SMITH	2	ROGER LEIGH	5
CHARLES ABRAHAMS	3	BRIAN H. WOOD	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN H. WOOD.

HASLINGDEN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 24, 1952, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES THE GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different 720's. Tenor 16 cwt.

GORDON WHEWELL	*Treble*	ROGER LEIGH	4
A. VICTOR WILLIAMS	2	NORMAN SMITH	5
KENNETH HARTLEY	3	BRIAN H. WOOD	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 7, 1952, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in E.

JOHN E. LLOYD	*Treble*	J. W. FRANK TROTMAN	4
*GEORGE H. TALLIS	2	WALTER R. BEEBE	5
†ARTHUR H. BEAMISH	3	JOHN TURNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. W. FRANK TROTMAN.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal of Doubles. Rung to mark the dedication of the new organ.

LONGHOPE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 2, 1952, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten 120's of Grandsire, eight 120's of St. Dunstan's, eight 240's of Morris's and four 240's of Pitman's arrangement.
Tenor 11 cwt. (approx.).

CHARLES LARNER	*Treble*	*FRANK MACK	4
LESLIE BARRY	2	TREVOR PRITCHARD	5
DORIS H. SHEPPARD	3	†RALPH DAVIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal. First peal on the bells since the tenor was recast by Mears and Stainbank, and first on the bells for over 20 years.

NEWDIGATE, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 4, 1952, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents: (1) Norwich Surprise, (2) Ipswich Surprise, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Oxford Bob, (5) Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's, Childwall, (6) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 8½ cwt.

A. PATRICK CANNON	*Treble*	MICHAEL FULLER	4
HILDEGARD I. G. BIRD	2	RALPH BIRD	5
BARBARA A. MITCHELL	3	*JOHN E. CANNELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

* First peal in 11 methods. First peal in 11 methods for the Association.

PRESTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 4, 1952, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob and one extent of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

WILLIAM SHORTER	*Treble*	FREDERICK DAY	4
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS	2	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	5
FREDERICK HUNT	3	RICHARD CHAMBERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by STEDMAN H. SYMONDS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Her Majesty the Queen Mother.

ROYSTON, NEAR BARNSLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Barnsley District Society.)
On Mon., Aug. 4, 1952, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being one extent each of College Exercise, Norbury, London Scholars. Kingston. Sandal, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 14¾ cwt.

*DOUGLAS M. HALL	*Treble*	*STANLEY DANCE	4
†FRANK MITCHELL	2	*EDWIN ATKINSON	5
HAROLD CHANT	3	DANIEL SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by DANIEL SMITH and HAROLD CHANT.

* First peal in seven Treble Bob methods. † First peal in seven methods. The first, third and fifth extents were conducted by Daniel Smith, the second, fourth and sixth extents were conducted by Harold Chant, and the extent of Oxford was shared. Daniel Smith called the first five bobs and Harold Chant the remainder. Tenor was observation throughout without the fifth. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. Paul Leavy, who was inducted as Vicar on July 25th.



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ROADE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 4, 1952, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Comprising eight six-scores each of Fortune, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Old Bob, April Day and ten six-scores of Plain Bob.

Tenor 10½ cwt. in F.

*JOHN HARROLD (15)	*Treble*	ANTHONY J. BAKER (15)	3
ALAN C. COZENS (16)	2	KENNETH D. PERKINS (14)	4
IVOR J. DICKIN (16)	*Tenor*		

Conducted by IVOR J. DICKIN.

* First peal. First peal on the bells. Youngest band to ring a peal for the above Guild, average age being 15 years and 6 months. Rung in honour of St. Cecilia, in whose name the new treble is dedicated.

HARDWICKE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Tues., August 5, 1952, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Consisting of seven different extents. Tenor 15 cwt.

DORIS SHEPPARD	*Treble*	CHARLES ROUSE	4
A. DOREEN EDWARDS	2	LESLIE BARRY	5
MARY DREW	3	HARRY W. HOWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

CROMHALL, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., August 6, 1952, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, four different callings. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

A. DOREEN EDWARDS	*Treble*	MARY DREW	4
*DORIS SHEPPARD	2	†THOMAS PRICE	5
HARRY W. HOWARD	3	D. ROY HOLPIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

* First peal in the method away from treble. † First peal in the method. Miss A. Doreen Edwards has now 'completed the circle' at this tower.

CUXTON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Aug. 8, 1952, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 30 six-scores, 10 callings, of Grandsire and 12 six-scores, four callings, of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

FRANCIS J. CHEAL	*Treble*	†VICTOR A. JARRETT	3
*CHRISTOPHER T. LAMB	2	†PETER F. BORER	4
CYRIL S. JARRETT	*Tenor*		

Conducted by CYRIL S. JARRETT.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal of Doubles in two methods. First peal on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. T. Lamb, father of the ringer of the 2nd.

BEARSTED, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 9, 1952, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 11 cwt.

*TOM SAUNDERS	*Treble*	PETER C. WRIGHT	4
*†WILLIAM R. MANSER	2	*LUTHER J. HONESS	5
*JOHN H. R. BETTS	3	FRANK P. WRIGHT	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK P. WRIGHT.

* First peal of Surprise. † 75th peal. The first peal of Surprise on the bells. Rung after the wedding of Miss Audrey L. Lee and Mr. Douglas G. Avard, a member of the choir and a server respectiveiy.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 9, 1952, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of St. Clement's and five extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*SALLIE BONE	*Treble*	PETER J. CAME	4
†IVAN SAUNDERS	2	JOHN WEST	5
HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	3	JOE E. G. ROAST	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' Average age of band 16¼ years. Rung for the 23rd wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Roast, also a birthday compliment to Miss Sallie Bone.

GLINTON, NORTHANTS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 9, 1952, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BENEDICT,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's, one each of London, York, Durham, Norfolk, Primrose, Cambridge and Ipswich. Tenor 16 cwt.

FREDERICK W. FRENCH	*Treble*	HORACE M. DAY	4
CECIL WADE	2	JAMES W. HAW	5
CHARLES WOODS	3	ALBERT E. SCOTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by CECIL WADE.

CANDLESBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Aug. 10, 1952, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BENEDICT,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 18 extents of Southrepps Pleasure and 24 extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 6 cwt.

*RICHARD BAILEY	*Treble*	*CHARLES WRIGHT	3
HAROLD S. PEACOCK	2	H. CECIL CAUNT	4
JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM	*Tenor*		

Conducted by JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM.

* First peal.

STRETTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 11, 1952, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Consisting of seven different extents. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

*JEAN GORSE	*Treble*	HAROLD WORRALL	4
CECIL RADDON	2	DOUGLAS KIRKPATRICK	5
HENRY PARKER	3	HARRY W. HOWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

* First peal. Rung as a 12th birthday compliment to the daughter of J. H. Davenport, steeplekeeper at the above church.

HANDBELL PEALS

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 6, 1952, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor size 15 in C.

ROY C. HURST	1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN	5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	3-4	*PETER CROOK, SEN.	7-8

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

* First peal on eight handbells. Arranged for Peter Crook, of Bolton, Lancashire.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 6, 1952, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
IN THE PRESIDENT'S ROOMS, SELWYN COLLEGE,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

J. R. Pritchard's. Tenor size 16 in B.

*C. M. P. JOHNSON (Selwyn)	1-2	P. A. F. CHALK (Selwyn)	5-6
REV. A. C. BLYTH (Selwyn)	3-4	F. E. ROBERTS (Selwyn)	7-8

Conducted by P. A. F. CHALK.

* First peal on handbells. First peal 'in hand' as conductor. First peal for the Guild rung by members all of one college.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 7, 1952, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,
IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

PETER J. STANIFORTH	1-2	HARRY POYNER	5-6
HAROLD J. POOLE	3-4	JOHN J. MORRIS	7-8

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

DERBY.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 9, 1952, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

*BRIAN BUSWELL	1-2	†JACK BAILEY	5-6
CLEMENT GLENN	3-4	*RODNEY HARRISON	7-8

Composed by W. ROYLE. Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First peal in the method. † First handbell peal in the method. First handbell peal by the Association.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.—On Aug. 3rd, 1,952 Plain Bob Major: W. Inwood 1, Miss F. Attwood 2, C. Evans 3, C. Wenban 4, W. Wenban (comp. and cond.) 5, A. C. Wenban 6, J. D. Cleaver 7, J. E. Rootes 8. First date touch by all except the conductor.

AXMINSTER, DEVON.—On Aug. 8th, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: A. Morgan 1, G. E. Evenden 2, Jill Brittain 3, G. S. Morris 4, G. Peters 5, D. E. Parsons 6, T. Cullingworth (cond.) 7, J. Hill 8. First of Bristol for 2 and 5.

BROUGHTON ASTLEY, LEICS.—On Aug. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Watson 1, W. Drury 2, Mrs. F. Wilson 3, D. Allsop 4, F. Wilson 5, P. Thomas (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother.

CROYDON, SURREY. — At St. John the Baptist's on Aug. 8th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: D. Cooper 1, W. J. Rawlings 2, Mrs. W. Oatway 3, F. E. Mitchell (first quarter Grandsire Caters) 4, W. Oatway 5, R. Southwood 6, H. G. Pratt 7, G. H. Humphries 8, R. Davies (cond.) 9, R. Abbott 10.

FAKENHAM, NORFOLK.—On Aug. 10th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: R. Ling 1, Mrs. V. Ovens 2, G. Dye 3, Miss J. R. Cooke 4, F. V. Gant 5, R. Lingwood 6, V. Ovens 7, G. A. Cooke (cond.) 8.

FINCHAMPSTEAD, BERKS.—On Aug. 5th, 1,260 Minor (360 Kent Treble Bob, 900 Plain Bob): M. Fleet 1, J. Mason, jun. 2, Mrs. W. White 3, C. Fennell 4, M. Mason 5, A. Fleet (cond.) 6. Rung as a farewell tribute to the retiring Rector (the Rev. R. D. Weller).

FINCHLEY, MIDDLESEX.—On Aug. 10th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: A. Richardson 1, A. W. Coles (cond.) 2, F. Barker 3, F. Cherrett 4, E. Pryor 5, G. A. Spencer 6, B. Willis 7, L. E. Tubb 8. A 71st birthday compliment to Mr. B. F. Tubb, who has been a member of the local band since 1905.

QUARTER PEALS

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX. — On Aug. 10th, 1,260 Erin Triples: Miss D. J. Fleetwood 1, D. W. Beard 2, A. H. Worboys 3, J. Carrott 4, S. Penfold 5, T. F. East 6, C. E. Wright (cond.) 7, W. J. Carter 8. First in the method by all the band.

HOVINGHAM, N. YORKS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Roy Marshall (first quarter) 1, J. Brown 2, E. Wilson 3, P. Bradshaw 4, F. Bishop (cond.) 5, J. Harrison 6. Rung prior to the opening concert of the revived annual musical festival.

HUNTINGDON, HUNTS.—On Aug. 10th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. R. G. Spicer 1, F. Warrington (cond.) 2, E. J. Parish 3, A. Payne 4, G. M. Salisbury 5, A. J. Salisbury 6, A. Clements 7, W. Ransom 8.

LYME REGIS, DORSET. — On Aug. 10th, 1,280 Lyme Surprise Major: E. L. Taylor 1, G. Olliffe 2, G. S. Morris (cond.) 3, N. Mallett 4, S. Burton 5, H. G. Keeley 6, R. Keeley 7, T. Cullingworth 8. First in the method for 2, 5 and 8.

RAITHBY, LINCS. — On Aug. 9th, 1,440 Doubles (being 1,080 Southrepps Pleasure and 360 Plain Bob): H. Scoffin 1, H. C. Caunt 2, H. S. Peacock 3, R. Barratt 4, J. R. Ketteringham (cond.) 5, L. Mason 6.

SEAL CHART, KENT.—On Aug. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Russell (first quarter of Doubles) 1, A. Wenban 2, H. Wolley 3, S. S. King 4, R. Pankhurst (cond.) 5, G. T. Acott 6. Rung for the patronal festival of St. Lawrence.

SPALDING, LINCS.—On Aug. 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: S. E. Bennett 1, Miss F. Oldershaw 2, G. W. Mills 3, T. H. Charlton 4, A. D. Mills 5, J. T. Newington 6, J. G. Ames (cond.) 7, A. G. Moore 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Mrs. R. Farr, wife of A. J. Farr, who was interred at Surfleet this day.

SNODLAND, KENT.—On Aug. 12th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Peter F. Borer 1, Trevor A. Cross 2, Francis J. Cheal 3, Victor A. Jarrett 4, Christopher T. Lamb (first in method as cond.) 5, Cyril S. Jarrett 6.

ST. IVES, HUNTS.—On Aug. 10th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: J. P. Stocker 1, G. Nicholls 2, H. W. Pratt 3, F. Warrington (cond.) 4, G. M. Salisbury 5, A. J. Salisbury 6, G. H. Dunnington 7, A. Payne 8.

SWINDON, WILTS. — On Aug. 10th, at Christ Church, 1,296 Grandsire Caters: C. J. Gardner 1, Miss H. J. Holloway 2, Miss P. Manning 3, W. W. Daniell 4, Miss M. E. Richards (cond.) 5, D. Goodridge 6, G. Wells 7, H. Bishop 8, R. Townsend 9, Miss B. E. Ll. Roberts 10.

TETTENHALL, STAFFS. — On Aug. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Richards 1, B. Dalton 2, A. Collins (cond.) 3, H. Harris 4, E. Southwick 5, T. Bates 6. A farewell to T. Bates, who is shortly leaving for Australia.

THURSBY, CUMBERLAND.—On Aug. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. J. Trott 1, J. Butterfield (cond.) 2, A. Hodgson 3, A. Forsyth 4, C. Brown 5, C. Lightning 6. Arranged for M. J. Trott while on leave from H.M. Forces. Believed to be the first quarter on the bells.

WANDSWORTH, SURREY.—On Aug. 10th, at Holy Trinity, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. Sanders 1, B. Lunn (first in method) 2, E. R. Mackerill 3, R. Charge 4, C. Watts 5, R. F. Deal 6, H. Belcher 7, J. Phillips (cond.) 8.

WEST TARRING, SUSSEX.—On Aug. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Weaver 1, D. Smith 2, R. W. Black (first quarter 'inside') 3, F. Jackson 4, C. A. J. Chappell (cond.) 5, R. P. Wood 6.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Aug. 10th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minor: D. Morton (first quarter) 1, Barbara Mitchell 2, Anne Holmes 3, Mary Fuller 4, A. S. Richards 5, J. Cannell (cond.) 6.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The Universities Association are now in the midst of their annual week with headquarters at Wortley Hall, Nottingham. The list of peal attempts includes: St. Mary's, Nottingham (10), Greasley (8), Daybrook (8), Trowell (6), Stanford-on-Soar (8), Loughborough Bell Foundry campanile (10).

There are 54 towers in the Diocese of Hereford with rings of five or more bells, not in union with the Hereford Diocesan Guild.

The Yorkshire Association is proposing to hold the Snowdon dinner at the Windmill Hotel, Blossom Street, York, on Saturday, October 25th, at 5.45 p.m. for 6 p.m.

With the peal of Lyme Surprise Major on August 11th at Whitechurch Canonicorum, Dorset, Mr. G. Stedman Morris, of Lyme Regis, has now 'circled' this tower.

Rev. A. S. Roberts, Carbis Bay, is spending three weeks at Hindhead, Surrey, as a locum. On Saturday he and Mrs. Roberts stood in a peal attempt at Chiddingfold, which came to grief.

Youth is in evidence in our peal columns this week. At Roade, Northamptonshire, a peal of Doubles was rung by a band with the average age of 15½ years, this being the youngest band to ring a peal for the Peterborough Diocesan Guild.

Mr. Ernest Weatherby writes a cheery letter from Los Angeles, California,. He sends us a revised extension of Bristol Surprise Maximus which differs from the contributions on this subject by the late Rev. E. Bankes James and Mr. A. York-Bramble. Instead of the bells crossing over in the middle of the set of eight changes Mr. Weatherby keeps them all together as a complete block and only changes over at the end of eight rows.

The departure from the usual date in September for the National Guild of Police Ringers' annual meeting brought with it many complications. Members and friends are asked to note that it is now fixed for Saturday, December 6th, and will be held at Liverpool. Full details will subsequently appear in the notice columns.

Members of the Bedfordshire Association had a tour in Wiltshire, Somerset and Devonshire from August 2nd to 17th, some 45 towers being visited.

On 'Z' Reserve training with the Military Police at Aldershot are Mr. David Sellers, of Godalming, and Mr. Alan Butler, of Bournemouth, a well-known Roving Ringer, who is now a novice at Kelham Theological College.

Our collection of holiday postcards includes one from the Scilly Isles showing the bell over the Guard gate at St. Mary's, Scilly. There is no clapper in this bell. Two Gloucestershire ringers climbed above the archway and made the bell speak with a stone while a Central Council member watched from below.

Mr. F. Bowden, captain of the Haslemere band, is on holiday in Guernsey. There is only one ring of bells on the island, at Yale, where call changes are rung. The ascent to this belfry is by means of an iron ladder on the outside of the tower, then along a wooden platform with entry through a door into the belfry. The tower overlooks Grande Harve Bay. There is no record of a peal having been rung in this tower.

At one time there was a ring of bells at Alderney. These bells were removed during the German occupation by the invaders with the intention of sending them to France. Funds were not available to rehang the bells and they now hang on frames in the churchyard. The bells are still struck every Sunday to call people to worship.

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A WEEK'S PEAL TOUR IN SOUTH DEVON

Amusing Sidelights on a Happy Seven Days

OUR tour this year in South Devon was the third of a series which have been arranged over the past few years, and in many respects it was the most successful.

The party—as on former occasions—was a comparatively small one, consisting of Messrs. H. Abrahams, B. Bladon, A. P. Cannon, F. L. Harris, R. N. Marlow, J. Murrell, D. R. Reed, R. W. Rex, W. A. Theobald and Mrs. F. L. Harris.

Naturally ringing occupied most of our time, our thoughts and our conversation during the week, but there was no intention or wish to ring innumerable peals or frantically visit an unbroken succession of towers. I hope, in fact, that our enthusiasm will be regarded as being tempered with commonsense.

We all met at Exeter Cathedral on Sunday afternoon, July 27th, with the intention of ringing a quarter peal of Stedman Caters. Too much emphasis on the attempt would be cruel to an otherwise able ringer, who had an unfortunate mental lapse, but at least I might mention that we had only a course or two to ring.

THE HEADQUARTERS

That evening we descended upon the unsuspecting Golden Lion Hotel at Ashburton. I am sorry to have to record in the otherwise sedate pages of this journal that shortly after arrival most of the party could be seen in the bar. This room was much favoured during the week. 'It's surprising what queer people we often get staying here,' remarked the barmaid (an attractive one) when she overheard our unintelligible conversation.

The Golden Lion has, I believe, been used by touring ringers before, and I am sure they will agree when I say what an excellent hostelry it is. It provided us with all the necessities—even the luxuries—of life, and viewed our antics with tolerance. Two of our hardier members sampled an early morning dip in the excellent swimming pool—what odd ideas of enjoyment some people have!

Our first peal attempt was at Chagford on the Monday morning. There had been varying reports as to the quality, 'go' and awkward rope arrangement of these bells. We found a very fine toned eight on which it was a joy to ring a peal of Double Norwich. One rings at the west end of the church here, so that the two not in the peal spent their time in explaining our strange activities to a stream of visitors, checking the course ends and, last but not least, arranging a bumper lunch for the ringers. The food at Chagford can be as heartily recommended as the bells.

At Moretonhampstead in the afternoon we rounded off a somewhat energetic day by ringing well and truly that oft repeated composition of Cambridge by Middleton. We were pleased to include Fred Wreford, of Exeter, in this peal, it being his first of Surprise on an 'inside' bell.

THE CARNIVAL.

Our week's stay in Ashburton coincided with the town's carnival week. The festivities included crowning a carnival queen, ale tasting, dancing, a procession, a swimming gala and similar Bacchanalian orgies. I hesitate to say—in fact, perhaps, I do not know—how deeply some of the more enterprising of us engaged in these activities; let us draw a dark veil over them. But after all—strange as it may seem—there are other pleasures apart from ringing.

Ugborough does not perhaps possess the finest ring of eight in Devon, but they are certainly the most unusual, and some of us found them strangely attractive. They are housed in a fine tower and church, and on the Tuesday morning we spent a pleasant hour there, although it involved some hard work.

Then onwards—by British Railways—to Plymouth, where we had the privilege and pleasure of ringing a good peal of Bob Royal on the magnificent ten at St. Andrew's. Mr. T. G. Myers warmly welcomed us here and we were sorry that we had to leave so hurriedly at the end of our peal in order to catch our bus. These bells are too well known to need any more praise from me and I hope our ringing did them justice.

On the Wednesday we had rather a black day from a mere performance point of view, for both our peal attempts came to grief. The morning one was at Buckland-in-the-Moor, a delightful spot with an equally delightful ring of eight bells. The lightness of them—the tenor is only 7½ cwt.—perhaps evoked a certain lack of seriousness in the band, for Yorkshire was lost after only five courses.

Chudleigh with its excellent eight was the tower for the afternoon and London the method. All went quite well for over an hour when it collapsed with appalling suddenness. So that was that!

'SCIENTIFICS' HELD THEIR OWN

With still a number of daylight hours to fill in we decided that some 'off the programme' tower grabbing might assuage our disappointments, and what could be better for that than the superb Gillett and Johnston eight at Kingsteignton. That evening happened to be the local ringers' practice night, and they were good enough to allow us the opportunity of raising the bells and ringing a short touch before they began their own practice. Even the most hardened band of change ringers might have trembled before the ordeal of raising bells in peal whilst outside a dozen Devon call change ringers stood with their ears attentively cocked. But all went well and I'm glad to say that for once 'scientific' held its own.

Another practice was being held at Highweek a few miles on. Led in Olympic style by a notorious tower grabber, who had the smell of a new tower in his nostrils, we mounted the steep hill to the church. Our climb was rewarded by meeting a goodly company of Devon ringers, and in company with them the usual selection of methods was rung.

Devon, due to its beauty and possession of a great number of fine bells, has suffered perhaps what I might term the penalty of a great number of touring ringers. But the welcome one receives is as warm as anyone could wish and such a reception does much to make a visiting band's week a happy and memorable one.

Thursday morning found us at Ipplepen. We had heard good things about this eight and our hopes were more than realised. Due to a service in the church, our start had to be delayed, but at 11 a.m. the bells struck out into one of the best of Surprise methods—Yorkshire. A really first rate peal was rung, it being the first of Major on the bells.

After fortifying ourselves with a good meal, we moved on for an hour's ringing at Totnes, where Mr. S. H. Green met us. Those who have rung on the heaviest eight in Devon will understand our admiration for these noble bells.

PRIORITY FOR FETE

As arrangers of outings and ringing tours will know, even the best laid plans sometimes go awry. We were late arriving at Totnes, and by the time we had reached Wolborough—our last tower of the day—we were 2 hours behind schedule. The Vicar gave us permission to carry on, but the bells had hardly sounded before protests arrived from the organisers of a local fete. We were kindly offered the use of the bells for the following Saturday, but unfortunately it could not be fitted into our programme.

The writer could not be present for most of the activities on the Friday. He can, however, record dismally that a peal was lost at Paignton during the morning. The ringing at Torquay (Upton) was enjoyed, and at the final tower of the day—Bickington—Mr. A. Bennett met the party. He had by his advice and assistance contributed towards the success of the tour, and we were very pleased to see him.

Our last day — Saturday — began with an hour's ringing on the eight in Ashburton's lovely tower. Following our usual policy, we began with a touch of Triples and then turned to Major.

On outings and tours I have always felt—rightly or wrongly—that ringers should stick to the things they know and ring properly. Nothing is more appalling than for a visiting team to enter a strange tower and crash the bells about in so-called 'classy' methods.

But at Ashburton we departed from this policy and branched into the realm of Spliced Surprise. Luckily it came off very well. Many of us who had regarded spliced with some awe found it absorbing to ring and quite simple.

Unfortunately, permission could not be given for a ring at Buckfast Abbey, but we took the opportunity of visiting the building, which was naturally an hour well spent.

BUCKFASTLEIGH'S ROPES

The last peal of the week was at Buckfastleigh, and Cambridge was scored here with ease. We arrived at the church to find a wedding about to commence and only six serviceable ropes. Two sorts of 'splices' were carried out simultaneously, and the bride was given a good send-off. The peal rung here was the first of Cambridge on the bells. And so at the conclusion of our week we finished—as all ringers' tours finish—with a convivial and merry evening.

A bare recital such as the above, giving a list of towers visited, methods rung and peals scored, can give very little of the real essence of a ringing tour, perhaps because it gives no indication of the intense pleasure that goes with it all.

Opinions may vary as to whether peal tours do any actual good, but I think they justify themselves if only by the pleasure and added enthusiasm they give to the participants. Also in this particular case it was a reunion of ringing friends who nowadays do not have much opportunity of ringing together. To a ringer, a week such as this is the only possible way of spending a holiday.

So finally our thanks to all the ringers who met and welcomed us, to the incumbents of the various churches for allowing us to ring on their bells and, last but not least, to the inhabitants of South Devon, who endured with so little complaint the disturbers of their peace. I hope we weren't too much of a nuisance!

F. L. H.

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WAVERTON, CHESHIRE.—On July 30th, 2,520 Doubles (20 extents Plain Bob and one Grandsire): Thelma Townend 1, Shirley Golding 2, J. B. Budd 3, R. B. Morris 4, B. Harris (cond.) 5, P. E. Parry 6.

BELLS IN ENGLISH LIFE

By ERNEST MORRIS

(Continued from page 522)

The restoration of Charles the Second is still commemorated in many places by the ringing of merry peals. In Northants especially this day was held as a festive one. Much oak was shown over doors and balconies—which indeed was almost universally the case—and the statue of the King in front of All Saints' Church, Northampton, was enveloped in green boughs. The bells rang out and they still do so in many Midland counties. Boys carry scraps of oak in one hand and a bunch of nettles in the other with which they punish such of their companions as cannot 'show your oak.' I myself have done this many times as a boy here in Leicester! At Finedon the bells were rung half-muffled. In Lincolnshire also 'Oak Apple Day,' as it is called, was not entirely forgotten, peals being rung at Benington, Swineshead and sometimes at Louth. In Shropshire they rang among other places at Middle, Berrington and Wroxeter; in Yorkshire at Fishlake, etc. Churchwardens' accounts abound with entries relating to payments for this ringing.

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1709. Pd Richard Hambleton for ale for the ringers on ye 29 May 00.06.00
All Saints', Stamford:—
1712. May 29. Paid to the ringers on King Charles' Restoration 00.05.00

GUNPOWDER PLOT

The discovery of the Gunpowder Plot in 1605 was ordered by Parliament (in the following year) to be commemorated. We find immediate mention of this event in the churchwardens' accounts of St. Margaret's, Westminster:—
1605. Paid the ringers for ringing at the time when the Parliament House should have been blown up, 10s.

And early references abound elsewhere:—
At St. John the Baptist's, Stamford:— 1608–9. Itm paid for Ryngyng the V of November, vid.

At Leverton, Lincs:— 1610. Itm paid for bread and drinke for the ringers the fifte of November, ijs, ijd.

St. Mary's, Leicester:— 1653. Paid to the Ringgers upon Gunpowder traison day, 0. 2s. 6d.

Islip, Northants:— 1700. For ringing on Gunpowder treason, 2s. 6d.

Clun, Salop;— 1687. Paid for ale for the Tylers and Ringers November ye 5 and gave ye ringers, 4s. 10d.

At Worfield the item is given fully thus:— 1607/8. Itm paid to the Ringers V day of November being the day of the Kingis Maties p'servation, vs.

At Bridgnorth, St. Mary Magdalene's, they pay:— 1642/3. For candles spent by ringers the 5 of November 1643 ringing all night in commemoration of the great deliverance from the Gunpowder Treason, 5d. To Hugh Farr for ringing at the Castle church that day and night, 5s. To William Pulley for ringers at the high church in the town the same time, 20s.

At Chetton they disburse:— 1648. For ringing the 5 of November by the consent of divers parishioners of good credit, 9s.

In the North of England this song was used on this occasion:—

Hollo boys, Hollo boys,
Let the bells ring.
Hollo boys, Hollo boys,
God save the King.

The ringing of bells on this day was sought to be perpetuated at Harlington, Middlesex, by the gift of half an acre of land to provide the ringers with a leg of pork on the 5th of November—it is called 'Pork Acre.'

At Lincoln they not only rang bells, but had the favourite sport of bull-baiting, which commenced on the Castle hill, where was the bull ring, at 11 o'clock. Although, as Fuller said of it, even in his day 'it looks out with a paler colour in the almanack than it used to do.' In Herefordshire peals are rung at Cradley and elsewhere. In Salop it was very general as the commencement of winter practising, and the custom is noted in many other counties. At Caythorpe, Walcote and other Lincolnshire towers the bells were 'fired' or, as they call it, 'shooting the bells,' also at Great Ponton and Rippingale where the people call it 'shooting old Guy.' The anniversary is referred to on two bells in Lincolnshire in very different terms. Thus the 2nd at Owmby, dated 1687, sings:—

'Let us remember the 5th of November.'

Whilst the 1st at Witham-on-the-Hill is very strong in the reverse direction:—

'Twas not to prosper pride or hate
William Augustus Johnson gave me:
But peace and joy to celebrate,
And call to prayer to heaven to save ye.
Then keep the terms and e'er remember
May 29th ye must not ring:
Nor yet the 5th of each November,
Nor on the crowning of a king.

At an archidiaconal visitation held at Doncaster on May 13th, 1691, it was ordered 'that the ringers shall have but 13s. 4d. for ringing upon ye 29th May and ye 5th of November.'

The churchwardens' accounts of the 17th century, as, for instance, those of Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire, and Kirton-in-Lindsey, Lincs, often show charges for ringing on August 5th. That day was formerly kept in England as a holiday to commemorate the escape of James I. when ruling over Scotland alone, from the Gowrie Conspiracy.

VICTORY PEALS

Great victories by land and sea have frequently been celebrated by the pealing of church bells. Admiral Vernon, having captured Portobello from the Spaniards in 1739, was for a time a popular hero in the country. This accounts for an entry dated 1740 in the accounts of Haslingden, Lancs:—
Nov. 22. Pd the ringers at Admiral Vernon's Birthday, 3s.

It was in 1692 that wild rejoicings took place over the victory of La Hogue on May 24th, and at Aylestone we note: 'To ye Ringers for ye newes of the Victory at Sea, 1s.'

Macaulay explains the importance of this event in a long account wherein he says, 'Whigs and Tories alike joined in thanking God for this great deliverance. . . . The public joy was, therefore, all but universal. During several days the bells of London pealed without ceasing. Flags were flying on all steeples. Rows of candles were in all windows. Bonfires were at all corners of the streets.' At Aylestone, too, on November 2nd, 1693, the village had another excuse for 'concourse of sweet sound.'

'To the Ringers vpon King Willms Arrivall out of Holland, 1s.' On October 22nd, 1902, the news of Admiral Sir George Rooke's capture of Vigo when he attacked the Spanish treasure ships was proclaimed at Aylestone, and the Constable's accounts have 'Given to ye Ringrs Upon ye newes of Vigo being taken & Good success at Sea '702, 1s.'

At Colne, Lancs, is the entry: '1706. It Rings upon Duke Marlborough good success in Spaine, 2s. 6d.' The year previous to this Aylestone records another of Marlborough's victories: '1704–5. Given to ye Ringers ye 19th of July Upon the newes of the Duke of Marlborough's Good success in Flanders, 1s.'

Colne also has this entry in 1746: 'Ringing ye Duke's Birthday, 3s.'

This was the Duke of Cumberland, the victor at Culloden in the previous year, and all good 'Cumberland Youths' know the history of this.

The ringers of Newport Pagnell, Bucks, evidently took pride in being a band of public-spirited citizens. 'The Buckinghamshire Herald' for August 2nd, 1797, having stated that a Mr. Botham had sent a handsome present to the ringers that they might duly celebrate the fall of Valenciennes, these gentlemen of the belfry sent a spirited denial of the statement to the next issue of the paper. They declared, moreover, that 'on every occasion that does honour to King and country we come forward as Britons without any solicitations whatever, and the gentlemen of our own parish give us every gratification we wish for.'

Speaking of these loyal and patriotic peals, Southey says in his 'Doctor':—

'Doctor Daniel Dove had heard the bells of St. George's (Doncaster) ring for the Battles of Dettingen and Culloden; for Commodore Anson's return and Admiral Hawke's victory; for the conquest of Quebec; for other victories (important in their day, though in the retrospect they seem to have produced little effect); for more than one peace; for the going out of the Old Style and the coming in of the New; for accessions; marriages; and Coronation of George III., for the birth of George IV., and that of all his royal brethren and sisters.'

On the conclusion of peace in June, 1814, Doncaster bells rang merrily and were 'fired' at intervals, with three times three, and six times six. Again in 1819 they welcomed the 42nd Highlanders, who marched through the town on their homeward way from the Hundred Days' War and the occupation of Paris. Trafalgar Day (October 21st) was likewise celebrated annually at many places.

(To be continued)

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Annual Branch Outing

The Mid-Devon Branch of the Devon Guild of Ringers held its annual branch outing on Saturday, August 16th, and the event was highly successful. The members were joined by members of other branches as well as visitors from Cornwall, Somerset, Dorset and Herts.

The first call of the afternoon was at Yealmton where the bells were found to be in good order and where numerous methods were rung. The next two calling places were Brixton and Plymstock respectively, where more ringing took place to suit all tastes, a very good touch of Plain Bob Minor being rung at the latter tower.

The next calling place was Plymouth, where everyone did full justice to a splendid tea at the Magnet Cafe, after which a move was made to Emmanuel Church, Compton, where the ringing included three well-struck courses of Plain Bob Major on the grand ring of eight bells and where the visitors appreciated the welcome given to them by Mr. J. P. Sims, the local captain, on behalf of the church authorities.

The final calling place was St. Andrew's, Plymouth, where the visitors were met by that well-known ringer, Mr. T. G. Myers. After the bells were raised and a few rounds rung for the less experienced ringers, a touch of Plain Bob Royal was rung in fine style, conducted by Mr. Tom Myers, this being the tit-bit of the afternoon.

The branch expresses its appreciation to all those who contributed to the success of the outing, not forgetting the various incumbents who kindly allowed the branch the use of their bells.

B.

LETTERS

CANTERBURY PLEASURE

Dear Sir,—The report of the Peal Analysis Committee presented at Lincoln at Whitsun, 1952, sought guidance as to peals of Canterbury Pleasure rung in 1951 after the Chester Council meeting and tentatively excluded three peals containing this method rung by my Association later in the year. Peals rung before the Chester Council meeting were retained.

The report was adopted by the Council but there appears to have been no discussion regarding this particular point, and as far as one can gather, the proceedings later in the day seemed to suggest that the Council adopted the viewpoint that this method would be permissible.

As far as this Association is concerned there is no doubt that the three peals in question were rung in good faith by the bands concerned in ignorance of any decision that may have been made at Chester. In any case it would be palpably unfair that peals in 1951 prior to Whitsun should be admitted and those after Whitsun excluded. After all there is no question of the truth of the changes.

Subject therefore, to no ultimate objection from my committee I am including the three peals in question in our records but I would be grateful for this opportunity to ask the forbearance of our members not to include this method in their future peals until the Central Council ruling in the matter is quite clear.

In the meantime perhaps the responsible officers of the Central Council will be good enough to publish an authoritative statement regarding this method in 'The Ringing World' for the guidance of myself and of the peal recorders of other Associations.—Yours faithfully,

P. A. CORBY,
Peal Secretary, Kent County Association.

KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB

Dear Sir,—I am wondering if Mr. J. Worrall's inquiry re Kent and Oxford Compositions was superimposed over E. C. Gobey's letter on purpose on page 523.

Because the **variation** which has Kent bobs and keeps the tenors off the slow with one lead of Oxford is named **Ilkeston,** the one with the 50 Oxford bobs is the **Liversedge** and the one without bobs is the **Worcester.**

The Sussex Guild attempted all three: the Worcester being rung at Ipswich, conducted by E. C. Barnard; the Ilkeston at Long Melford, conducted by Stedman Symonds; the Liversedge being rung at Sudbury, when after two hours' perfect ringing Stedman called 'Stand,' and as he allows no inquest we knew that a shift had occurred.

Mr. Viggers' diary, in 1950, called it spliced, but in 1952 it is called combined, but in this area we say mixed.

Correspondence appeared on this subject in 1948 but I have never seen it clearly stated by the experts. To my ear the Ilkeston is the most musical of the three.

The variations were composed in recent years and are not old enough to grow whiskers long enough to make a beard.—Yours sincerely,

LESLIE D. MILLS.
Bures, Suffolk.

LONGEST PEAL BY LADY

Dear Sir,—Mr. Hibbins' claim in 'The Ringing World,' August 15th, is, I am afraid, incorrect.

The longest length rung by a lady ringer was at West Deeping, Lincs, on August 13th, 1927, when Kathleen A. Jutson rang the second to 10,080 changes of Minor in 14 methods.

The peal was rung in 6 hours and 20 minutes and conducted by Horace M. Day.

There is a peal board in the belfry to this effect.—Yours faithfully,

J. N. HAW.
Bourne, Lincs.

HOLT'S ORIGINAL AND PENNING'S ONE-PART

A year or two ago, Dr. G. W. Slack called attention to the similarity between J. F. Penning's One-Part peal of Grandsire Triples and Holt's Original, suggesting that anyone ringing the former composition should describe it as 'Penning's Variation' of the other.

It is interesting to note that Dr. A. B. Carpenter had also observed the relationship between the two peals some 60 years previously. Introducing his own variation of Holt's Original in 'The Bell News' of March 9th, 1889, he added:—

'While working at this it was suggested to me that I should endeavour to discover the exact relation (if any) subsisting between Holt's Original and Mr. Penning's one-part peal. At first sight there did not appear to be much similarity, as changes occur at bobs in Mr. Penning's which turn up at plain leads in Holt's, as, e.g., tittums (in the peal on page 101 of 'Grandsire'). However, it will be found, by anyone who takes the trouble to try it, that this peal way be obtained from Holt's Original by a three-fold variation, in the following manner.

(1) Plain these two Q-sets following:—

234756	246375
345762	467352
456723	675324
562734	752346
623745	524367

That is, let each of these treble leads be followed by a plain lead instead of a bob (as in the original). This cuts up the peal into ten pieces, which come together in a new order, and further note that rounds now turns up at a plain lead instead of a bob.

(2) Shift the singles to a new place. The B block tacked on to the peal by the singles consists of the following in-course treble leads:—

235476
642735
576342

and it is obvious that there might be three places in the peal where they could be introduced, viz., by calling a single where a bob would produce 234567, as in the original, or where a bob would produce 647253, or again 573624. Now the last of these changes does occur at a bob in the original, and this is the place to which they must be shifted. The effect, then, is this, which shows that the same changes are introduced in this way, as by calling the singles at the end.

Backstroke	Handstroke
S 753624	756342
—467253	642735
—324567	235476
S 573624	576342

(3) Now transpose the whole peal by commencing the calling after the singles, which throws them back into the original form at the end of the peal, and Mr. Penning's peal on page 101 of 'Grandsire' is obtained. By operating on this last peal in a somewhat similar manner we may obtain the next peal, that on page 103.

(1) Plain these two Q-sets:—

235476	246375
357462	467352
576423	675324
762435	752346
623457	524367

It will be noticed that the effect of plaining the second set is to bring up rounds at a plain lead, and that the first one causes the incorporation of the B-block into the bulk of the peal; and, at the same time, causes the omission from it of the P-block, beginning with 345276.

(2) Introduce this P. block into the peal by a plain-lead single at 3, after the bob 375642, followed by another plain-lead single at 5, which brings up 342567.

(3) Commence the calling from this last change.

The peal on page 104, containing 160 calls, may also be obtained from Holt's Original by REVERSING the calling, BOBBING two Q-sets and transposing as before.—Arthur B. Carpenter.'

[The references are to Snowdon's 'Grandsire,' 1888 edition. The 1905 edition is slightly different.] E. A. B.

GUILD FINANCE

Dear Sir,—The published statement of accounts of the Oxford Diocesan Guild is, in my view, a complete answer to Mr. Bennett's criticism of its members. Its comparatively sound financial position did not warrant an increase in membership fees, and its members were right in opposing it.

I think it is very wrong also that Mr. Bennett should associate a ringers' guild with a sporting organisation. These are two different things altogether (or should be). I suspect that the majority of the so-called sporting organisations are run exclusively for dividends—cash dividends. We all know why ringers' guilds were promoted. True, its members expect a dividend, but not a cash dividend. I therefore fail to understand why ringers' guilds need large bank balances and have to have so much invested stock.

I would like to remind Mr. Bennett that it does not necessarily follow that a ringer has to be a member of a guild to have the use of the instruments. Does it occur to him that the parishioners supply the means which enable us to have our little 'sporting recreations'? A few guineas every 20 years or so does not give a guild the right or the authority of only its members to ring the church bells.—Sincerely yours, R. BEALE.

Shepton Beauchamp.

ONE HAND CLOCKS

Sir,—Further to Mr. Trewhella's examples of these, others are to be found at the churches of Coningsby, Lincs, and Crosthwaite, Cumberland.

The former is reputed to be the largest of this type, the dial being 16½ft.—Yours truly,

S. L. MARSHALL.
Sheffield.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Trewhella in his letter in August 8th issue is, I presume, referring to St. Ives, Cornwall. St. Ives, Hunts, clock is a Gillett and Bland put in about 1890 and rebuilt 1931. There is a one hand clock at Ellington, Hunts. Incidentally, there is a ring of four bells here, tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr.—Yours truly,

F. WARRINGTON.
St. Ives, Hunts.

FIRST PEAL AT DEVYNOCK

Dear Sir,—With reference to the peal of Grandsire Doubles rung at Devynock, Breconshire, as recorded in last week's 'Ringing World,' which is 'believed to be the first peal on the bells.' I wish to state that the first was rung on February 2nd, 1909, being Grandsire Doubles, conducted by the late William Short. Another peal in the same method was rung on July 26th, 1913, conducted by the late J. P. Hyett. Both peals were recorded for the Hereford Diocesan Guild.—Yours faithfully,

LESLIE EVANS.
Peal Recorder, Hereford Diocesan Guild.

FOR BEGINNERS—AND A WORD TO THE OLDER HANDS

VIII.—BOBS IN KENT TREBLE BOB

Having had explained to him how Kent Treble Bob is rung, the next thing the beginner will want to know is, how to make a bob.

In Minor, when a bob is called, only three bells are affected. The bell that comes out of the 'slow,' and makes places in 3rds and 4ths, and the bell that makes 4ths and 3rds and goes into the 'slow' (that is, the bell that dodged in 5–6 up with the treble) are not concerned in the bob making. They pursue their work as if no call had been made.

The bell that passes the treble in 2–3 and then makes 3rds and 4ths, when a bob is called, makes an additional 4ths and 3rds and goes down to lead. Actually he lies two consecutive whole pulls in 4ths place, each made at backstroke and handstroke. (For those who know how to ring Grandsire Doubles it is like the 'long 3rds' made at a single in that method.) The bell that 'makes the bob' at one lead in Kent Treble Bob will go into the 'slow' at the following treble lead.

The bells 'behind,' that is the pair that are dodging together in 5/6, have an additional DOUBLE dodge: that is, having stepped back in their path once, they have to step back twice more before they finally continue their course.

If the bob is called at the right moment they will find they have already begun dodging together, and they must be careful that they complete three dodges in all before the bell going down passes on to dodge in 4–3 with the treble and the bell dodging up lies its whole pull behind.

You can make a check on the number of dodges. Each bell in the course of its operations strikes four times in 5ths. Suppose the other bells were known by letters instead of numbers, the bells behind strike over them like this: a, b, b, c, so that as soon as they have struck over the third bell (there having been two blows, with a backward step between over the second of the bells) they know that the dodge is completed. The bell dodging up has then to lie its whole pull behind, and the one dodging down to pass on immediately to the 4–3 dodge.

It is sufficient, of course, to count the dodges, if they are counted correctly, but everyone is liable to make a slip, and these additional aids to memory always come in useful—as the young ringer will find if he goes on to more complicated methods.

In case there are any bands of ringers who are trying Treble Bob without outside help, perhaps a word or two about the bob calling may be useful. The actual CALL should be made in the change when the treble has its 'snapping' blow at lead—that is its blow at lead in its dodge in 2–1 down. Some conductors leave it just a fraction later—to the beginning of the following change—but it makes very little difference.

The effect of a bob is that the bells above 4ths place are thrown back a lead in the course and after their dodging do exactly the same work as in the previous lead—they meet the treble in the same places. The bobs are thus said to cause 'repeating leads,' and the effect is that only the three front bells—whichever are in 2nds, 3rds and 4ths at the lead end—are really affected in coursing order, and bobs at three consecutive leads bring the bells back to where they were before the first bob was called.

Beginners can, therefore, if they wish, begin their bob practice with a short touch of 72 changes produced by bobs at each of the three leads.

When they go on to ring extents of the method they will probably want at first to use one of the 'standard' callings. The best known of these is that which corresponds to the 'Wrong,' 'Right' and 'Wrong' in Bob Minor. But as, in Treble Bob, the bob is made on the three back bells instead of the three front ones, the calling is 'In,' 'Out' and 'In.' The 'In' is when the observation bell is going into the 'slow' and the bob is thus called when it strikes its second blow in 4ths on the way down (after dodging in 5–6 with the treble).

'Out' comes at the following lead and, as is fairly obvious, is when the observation bell is coming out of the slow.' The call is made when it begins its dodge with the treble after completing the slow work.

A touch of two courses, or 240 changes, can be rung by calling any bell 'In' and 'Out' in each course, except that if the 'observation' is the 2nd bell, it must be 'Out' and 'In,' because the 2nd is already in the slow at the beginning.

The full 720 is obtained by calling the first course 'In' and 'Out' and the second course 'In,' and then repeating this calling twice.

Beginners should examine closely the work at a plain lead and a bob lead shown in the accompanying figures. They each relate to the first 'lead end':—

Plain Lead		Bob Lead
2 3 1 5 4 6		2 3 1 5 4 6
2 1 3 4 5 6		2 1 3 4 5 6
1 2 3 4 6 5	Call 'Bob' Here	1 2 3 4 6 5
2 1 4 3 5 6		2 1 4 3 5 6
1 2 4 3 6 5		1 2 4 3 6 5
1 4 2 6 3 5		1 4 2 3 5 6
4 1 2 6 5 3		4 1 2 3 6 5
1 4 6 2 3 5		1 4 3 2 5 6
4 1 6 2 5 3		4 1 3 2 6 5
4 6 1 5 2 3		4 3 1 6 2 5

A BANK HOLIDAY IN DEVON AND CORNWALL

On Bank Holiday, about a dozen ringers representing the counties of Devon, Cornwall, Dorset, Somerset, Bucks and Cheshire enjoyed an outing organised by Mr. Wilf Panter, of Exeter.

Ringing commenced at 10 a.m. at Peter Tavy (6 bells, tenor 10 cwt.) in Devon. Next was Lamerton (6, 11 cwt.), where after ringing the band were entertained and refreshed by the Rector and his sister. Then over the border to Calstock (6, 11¼ cwt.), followed by St. Dominic (6, 10 cwt.), where the single ropes, long draught and poor 'go' caused some anxiety.

After a short break for lunch a move was made to Callington (6, 13 cwt.), which possesses a lovely ring. The next tower was Linkinhorne (6, 9½ cwt.), where the ringing was much enjoyed despite the 90 odd feet of rope. Here the Cornish hills proved too much for the clutch of the organiser's car, which had to be towed by the Austin 10 to North Hill (6, 9 cwt.). None of the party complained of the short period of ringing here, as the bells are not too good and the ropes poor.

The party were the guests of Mr. Panter's uncle and aunt to a sumptuous tea and, fully refreshed, a move was made to Alternum (8, 11¼ cwt.), South Petherwyn bells (6, 16 cwt.) are much in need of the bellhanger's attention. The last tower was St. Mary's, Launceston (8, 16 cwt.), and the bells there were the tit-bit of the day. At 8.30 p.m. after farewells the party dispersed for their various ways home.

Thanks are due to all incumbents and locals, to Mr. Panter for his excellent organisation and to those kind persons who so generously entertained and refreshed the party.

E. T. P. F.

NEWCASTLE RINGERS VISIT CUMBERLAND

On Bank Holiday Monday a busload of Newcastle and District ringers and friends journeyed to Carlisle and Penrith. A stop was made at Brampton to ring the six at St. Martin's and on the way up to the belfry the Vicar warned us that the third went badly. This proved to be the case and good striking was out of the question, so after various strong men had wrestled with the wilful third the bells were lowered and the party went on to Carlisle.

A delay over lunch made us half-an-hour late in getting to Carlisle Cathedral: however, we were warmly welcomed and the long climb up the stairs, along the Clerestory and up yet more stairs was rewarded by a very enjoyable ring of eight. While some of the party were ringing others enjoyed the view of the ancient city of Carlisle from the roof of the tower.

St. Stephen's was visited next and the belfry on the ground floor opening straight on to the street was a welcome change from the usual climb upstairs. A musical member of the party tried the organ in the church and it was discovered that the back of the organ formed one wall of the belfry. This proved most disconcerting to the ringers who, in spite of everything, managed short touches of Grandsire and Stedman though Double Norwich left much to be desired.

Tea time being near we left Carlisle later than intended and partook of a light tea in Penrith before going on to St. Andrew's, and unwittingly (like the small boy with his cake) found we had left the best tower until last. Here we raised the eight in peal and opened the proceedings with Stedman and concluded with a well-struck course of London Surprise. After lowering the bells the party settled down in the bus for the longest pull of the day—that to the top of Hartside. A short stop was made at Alston (the highest market town in England) and we arrived back in Newcastle a happy, albeit noisy, party, having had a most enjoyable day.

FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World,' August 23rd, 1912

RINGERS AT CRICKET

RUGBY BEAT LUTTERWORTH

. . . . Messrs. Fenton and George opened the [Rugby] innings, but, alas, friend James did not stay long, being splendidly bowled by Tipler . . . who took four of the wickets at very small cost. . . . The Lutterworth innings opened disastrously, the first six wickets falling for three runs. . . . The full scores were as follows:—

Rugby		Lutterworth	
George b Tipler	0	Ross c & b Heywood	1
Fenton run out	1	Rourke b Heywood	0
Chandler run out	1	F. Poole b Heywood	0
Wheeler b Tipley	5	A. Poole	0
Bramall b Tipler	0	Tipler lbw b Heywood	1
Oliver b Jackson	0	Jackson b Joynes	1
Heywood c Tipler b Jackson	0	Rogers not out	2
Joynes b Tipler	2	Tilcock b Joynes	4
Malins b Rogers	7	Green b Heywood	0
Hessian not out	4	Williams c Hessian b Heywood	2
White c Butler b Rogers	0	Butler run out	2
Extras	3	Extras	2
Total	23	Total	15

[Both sides appeared to be short of batsmen—Mr. James George would probably have been happier on a heavy tenor! Perhaps the answer was that the game was played 'on a field kindly lent by . . . . one of the local ringers,' though this might be unfair to Messrs. E. W. Tipler and Heywood, who appear to have bowled very skilfully.]

PEAL BOARDS AND POSTERITY

Cumberlands' Peal in Australia Questioned

Mr. J. Duncan, chairman of the New South Wales Association of Change Ringers, contributes the following article, headed 'Peal Boards,' to the July issue of 'The Ringing Towers,' the monthly publication of the N.S.W. Association. We give the article in extenso because of the questions raised:—

As chairman of the N.S.W. Association and on behalf of my members, I feel it my duty to explain the functions of a peal board, as it appears to me that its uses seem to have been lost sight of or not realised. The service of a peal board is to record for posterity the achievements and successes of the ringers of the various church towers by placing on the walls of their belfries the information and accounts of their triumphs. Now it is most necessary that these accounts be true and exact in every detail, and also that the standard of these successes should necessarily be high. As you know, I am most emphatic about keeping the standards of change ringing in Australia on a high level and will resist to the utmost of my ability any infringement of those standards. This resistance I would emphasise is not made as a personal attack on any of our members or other persons so concerned, but directed at the long range effect that the reduction of these standards will have on future generations of change ringers.

I believe that a request has been made for the erection of a peal board in one of our ringing towers for a peal of Minor rung there for the Royal Cumberland Youths. The Royal Cumberland Youths are an old and ancient association and their standards must also be on a high plane. When this peal was rung reports from some of the members of the band were of such a nature as to lead me to believe that the peal would not come up to the standards set by the Royal Cumberland Youths. At the time of the recording of this peal I did not protest because I regarded the matter purely as between the ringers and the Royal Cumberland Youths themselves. It is in my opinion the prerogative of the officers of the Royal Cumberland Youths to see that their peal was of the requisite standard. In 'The Ringing World' which arrived this month a letter from Mr. P. C. Richards on 'Peal Questioned' draws a note from the Editor which reads: 'The first condition required for peals is that any shift or error in ringing be corrected immediately. (See page 682, October 26th, 1951.—Ed.)'

Now, however, with the request that a peal board be erected in the tower concerned I do most strongly and emphatically protest to a dubious, I will not say false, peal being so commemorated. It is not right that a peal which has proved worthy of the exacting standards of peal board recognition should be compared with one which has not fulfilled these requirements. If this board is placed in the tower future generations of ringers will have handed down to them history, some of which will be accurate and some exaggerated, as to the correctness of the ringing, which will not enhance either the reputation of the ringers themselves or the standard and quality of other peals recorded in the tower. It should be the sacred duty of every ringer to see that the integrity of a peal in which he rings is unquestioned and more especially if that peal is going to be commemorated by a peal board on the walls of a church.

I have had experience of something similar to this at St. Jude's, Randwick, when the Parish Council refused to allow the ringers to erect a board for the first peal of Minor rung there because it was stated a peal had already been rung on the bells. It was eventually discovered that the so-called peal was only an extent, and had been recorded in years gone by by a small plaque which incorrectly stated that it was a peal.

Should this peal board be placed on the wall it will be there when the writer and members of this Association have all passed on. With this fact in mind I would ask the members of the band and authorities of the Church Council to think most seriously before they commit themselves to an undertaking which will certainly not reflect credit on their integrity in the years to come. I publicly make this statement because it is my sincere wish that Australian ringing will embody only that which is good, and I am confident that the gentlemen concerned will, with thought to the future of ringing in Australia and the high standards to which we aspire, do the right thing, which will, as things have progressed so far, be hard, but will prove them to be the ringers I think they are.

I am certain that all members of my Association will fully endorse my remarks, as they too are as anxious as I am that our ideals and traditions will remain inviolate.

OUTINGS

SHEFFIELD CATHEDRAL

A motor coach load of ringers and friends departed from the Cathedral at 8.45 a.m. on August 5th and after a pleasant run arrived at St. Mary's, Beverley, by 11.30. The bells were raised and rung to Kent Treble Bob, Little Bob Royal and Stedman Caters, also rounds for the juniors. The tone and 'go' of the bells were admired. The ringing was followed by an excellent lunch at the Beverley Arms.

A delightful run through the broad acres, in full harvest, brought us to the ancient city of York. The Minster bells were at our service for a short time prior to evensong and the time went all too quickly in raising some rounds on twelve, three separate well-struck courses of Little Bob Royal, and lowering in peal. There was no shortage of talent for the heavy end although the long draught and absence of guides are a handicap to the less experienced ringers. The non-ringers had plenty to interest them in the Minster and city; some of the youngsters who indulged in boating on the river returned with blisters.

After tea the journey home began, a break being made to ring on the fine light octave at Thorne. Touches of Bob Major, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise with a final well-struck touch of Stedman Triples and a good cease concluded ringing for the day. Sheffield was reached by 10 p.m.

The weather, coach, food etc., were all that could be desired and the bells fine examples of their class, making the day very interesting and enjoyable. Our thanks are extended to brother ringers at each tower for their hospitality

H. O. C.

HASLEMERE, SURREY

A sixteen hours' outing was enjoyed by the ringers of Haslemere Parish Church and their friends on August Bank Holiday, during which ringing took place in six towers in Hampshire. The towers visited were Eling (6), Barton Stacey (6), Fawley (6), Lyndhurst (8), Sparsholt (5) and Hursley (8).

A special welcome was accorded the visitors at two of the towers where the incumbents are former Haslemere curates. These were Barton Stacey (Canon G. R. D'Arcy) and Sparsholt (the Rev. W. D. Maundrell). At the latter village Mr. Maundrell kindly entertained the visitors to tea at the Vicarage, and here they were joined by the Rev. Gordon Shelford (Rector of Haslemere).

Lunch was served at Fawley, where the visitors showed their appreciation by a touch on handbells at the hotel. The ringing was supervised by Mr. F. Bowden, captain of the Haslemere ringers, and the arrangements for the outing were made by Mr. and Mrs. D. Howard.

BANK HOLIDAY IN RUTLAND

August Monday was the occasion of a 'tower-grab' in the small but beautiful county of Rutland by eleven members of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild. Nine of the 21 five and six-bell towers were visited. Three others—Great Casterton, North Luffenham and Ryhall—were applied for, but proved to be unringable.

Towers in which ringing was accomplished were Barrowden (5); Edith Weston, an excellent brand new six by Taylor; Hambleton (5), which needed very strong men round the back end; Empingham, surely one of the finest rings of six in the Diocese; Exton, another good six, seldom rung; Cottesmore, yet another fine ring; Ashwell, supposedly unringable, but which yielded Plain Bob; Market Overton (5), where we were very kindly entertained to tea by Mr. Scott, president of Rutland Branch. The last tower of the day was Greetham (6), a pleasant ring, but not quite in tune with one another. Whissendine and Langham eluded the tower grabbers, but perhaps they will be added to the lists at the summer festival at Market Overton on September 16th.

Methods rung ranged from Grandsire Doubles and Plain Bob Minor to Spliced Doubles and Cambridge Minor.

P. I. C.

DORCHESTER, DORSET

Dorchester (St. Peter's) ringers, their Rector, wives and friends to the number of 38, visited Torquay for their annual outing on August Bank holiday.

Leaving at 8 a.m. they travelled via Lyme Regis to Kingsteignton, where they were to have rung on the noted eight at St. Michael's. Owing to a misunderstanding, however, and to everyone's regret ringing had to be abandoned.

After an afternoon of leisure at Torquay, unfortunately somewhat marred by inclement weather, everyone assembled and enjoyed an excellent tea at the Shiphay Manor Hotel situate in ideal surroundings just outside the town. Afterwards their host and hostess kindly showed them over the grounds and the visitors were greatly interested in the 12th century chapel and a Spanish chestnut tree which is just on 1,000 years old.

Reluctantly leaving this delightful spot the party proceeded via Teignmouth and Dawlish to Exeter, where they received a very cordial welcome at St. Thomas's from the Vicar and a member of the local band. Following an enjoyable hour's ringing on this good eight the return journey was made via Honiton. A further short break at Axminster, and home was reached by a tired but happy party shortly before midnight.

J. W. S.

OBITUARY

MR ERNEST J. OLIVER

Ringers in Sussex and West Kent and older members of the old Midland Counties Association will hear with regret of the passing of Mr. E. J. Oliver. Mr. Oliver was for many years a popular officer of the East Grinstead and District Guild and had just recovered from a serious illness and started ringing again.

He was taken ill early on August 13th and passed away six hours later. An appreciation and details of his ringing career will appear in a later issue.

TANWORTH-IN-ARDEN, WARWICKS. — On Aug. 10th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, with 7, 6, 8 covering: Miss J. Brettell (first quarter) 1, J. H. Jones 2, Miss A. Digbey (first quarter as cond.) 3, J. W. Jones 4, C. Brettell 5, L. Mole 6, A. J. Collins 7, T. E. Hughes 8. A welcome home to L. Mole from Korea, and a farewell to C. Brettell on joining the R.A.F.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES TOUR

Absence of Former Giants Deplored

SATURDAY, August 2nd, found seven of us eagerly awaiting the first 'Go' at the Bell Foundry, Loughborough. Due to the holiday rush, our conductor had to travel in the guard's van, and after the usual chaffing and introductions we started for Cambridge Surprise and rang a good peal in 2 hours 39 minutes. Perhaps the peal was a trifle slower time than is usual on these bells, but, nevertheless, a steady pace was maintained throughout which enabled young Rodney Harrison, of Derby, to score his first Surprise peal.

After a walk down the road and a brief interval for the usual 'cupper,' we reassembled with two welcome motor-cycling visitors from Buckinghamshire, plus the one and only, ever young, composer, conductor, ringer, author, etc., Ernest Morris.

Bristol was the method chosen, and after a few minutes of warming up by the ringers and settling down of the bells a brisk beat was established, which tempo increased as time wore on. Indeed, Mr. P. H. Whittaker, of Derby Cathedral band, who listened outside, said they sounded quite good when ringing at their quickest pace, though too wide a handstroke lead was obvious at times. Guilty one, please take note for future occasions! The peal was successfully brought round in 2 hours 26 mins.

Adieux and goodbyes over, we dispersed for a day of rest on Sunday and normal service ringing, plus at Repton a little handbell practice to prevent getting rusty. The ringers, not the bells!

OVER ZEAL AT OVERSEAL

On Monday, due to sub-normal bus service and a hasty dash to pick up two stranded ringers, Mr. J. Cotton eventually assembled a Yorkshire band at St. Matthew's, Overseal, three-quarters of an hour behind schedule time. In an endeavour to 'push them along' to reduce the lost time—we certainly were speeding when complaint was made, 'You're ringing too fast.' 'Stand' was called, and after a touch of Stedman 'in hand' we journeyed on to the pretty little Staffordshire village of Rolleston-on-Dove.

Yorkshire again was the chosen method, and with veterans E. C. Gobey, of Ilkeston fame, and Austin-engined Sam Pinder, a nice steady 3 hours 4 minutes was recorded for the third peal.

Tuesday morning found us all assembled at St. Lawrence's Church, Measham, at the appointed time and soon New Cambridge was tapping out on the bells. The tenors here seem to have a heavier tone than is usual for the weight.

Several mugs of tea and sandwiches were consumed at a nearby cafe before our next attempt at Netherseale. After half an hour's handbell ringing it was decided to include a local tenor ringer, as we found out later our eighth man had a bit of trouble with a broken cycle chain. Stedman Triples 'Go.' 'Go' they certainly did! One or two of the band must have decided to catch an early bus, as our fastest tower-bell peal was rung in only a slight difference than a handbell attempt. The 7th kept pushing along and soon all followed suit with never even the semblance of a trip. It would have been fatal at that speed.

So ended our 1952 venture, as with work for some and preparation for holidays for others we could not continue our 'week.' However, the talented Beresford trio kindly visited the 'infected' area for a six-method Minor attempt the following day.

Suffice to say, after nearly an hour's ringing, Plain Method after Surprise came unstuck and we adjourned for the inevitable 'cupper.' A visit to Overseal tower and Bob Major on handbells in 2 hours 15 minutes was the result, well and truly called by Denis Beresford.

Several features are apparent 'after this event.' A full week with fewer ringers would be nearer the ideal.

LOSS OF FORMER GIANTS

The loss of three former 'giants' is too great in a small band. Messrs. J. W. F. Trotman, A. Cattell and the one and only F. W. Grocott would have most assuredly lent tone and prestige to any, either tower or handbell, ringing.

Full marks, however, to Mr. J. W. Cotton for his organising ability and the endeavours he made to run to the 'clock.' Despite last-minute changes due to ringers or bells, he had always something 'up his sleeve.' His unfailing offer of hospitality and transport kept us going.

To wind up the week's ringing we were privileged to ring at St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, with Mr. B. G. Key's first peal of Bristol, in 3 hours 20 minutes.

We most sincerely thank all who took part in the ringing, and especially the steepekeepers, whose behind the scenes activities ensured no 'seizing up' or broken ropes, and to all incumbents for their kind co-operation. To Messrs. Taylor for use of the car park and bells, and not forgetting our conductor, Mr. W. P. Whitehead, a very sincere 'Thank you.' Mr. F. W. Grocott was remembered, as on former occasions he has taken part in Midlands tours, and no fewer than four of his compositions were called. He is now at Trieste on Army service.

F. E. W.

NOTICES

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FORTHCOMING WEDDING

The marriage of Mr. T. Mark White and Miss Audrey Morrison will take place at Holy Trinity Cathedral Church, Guildford, on Saturday, August 30th, at 12 noon. All friends will be welcome at the church. 1203

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of Mr. R. C. Noon, of Brafield, Northants, is now Beech House, Surfleet, Spalding, Lincs. 1183

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MEETINGS

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby and Ilkeston Districts.—Joint meeting at West Hallam (8), Saturday, August 23rd at 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements. 1174

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Barley, Saturday, Aug. 23rd, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special method, Single Court.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 1169

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak and Chesterfield Districts.—Joint meeting at Ashover, Saturday, Aug. 23rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 1156

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Meeting at Croxton Kerrial on Saturday, August 23rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 4.30. Service 6. Names for tea to Mr. George Darby, Croxton Kerrial, Grantham.—J. H. Cook. 1173

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Meeting at Peasmore, Aug. 23rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 1164

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Meeting at Marlow, Saturday, August 23rd, 3.30 p.m., and tea.—A. D. Barker. 1165

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Meeting, Abbotsbury, Aug. 23rd. Usual arrangements. 1155

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Meeting at Old Coulsdon, Aug. 23rd. Bells (5) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. 1135

BRASTED, KENT. — Ringers' Sunday, August 24th. Ringing times: 10—11 a.m.; 3—6.30 p.m. and after service. Address at evensong by Edwin H. Lewis, M.A. All ringers welcome. 1177

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Saturday, August 30th, 3 p.m.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 1195

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—Meeting at Clapham on August 30th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Good bus service.—Michael Stephens, 24, Durler Avenue, Kempton. 1170

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northwich Branch.—Weaverham (6), Saturday, Aug. 30th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than Aug. 27th to Mr. W. Hornby, 33, Forsters Avenue, Weaverham. 1205

1952 FOUR GUILDS FESTIVAL

Ladies' Guild (Southern District), **Guildford Guild, Winchester and Portsmouth Guild** (Basingstoke District), **Oxford Guild** (Sonning Deanery Branch)

Saturday, Aug. 23rd. Service at Aldershot 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.

The following towers are available:—Bagshot (8), Hawley (8), Pirbright (6) and Worplesdon (8), 2-3.30 p.m.; Yorktown (8), 3–4 p.m.; Ash (6), Farnborough (6) and Farnham (8), 2–4 p.m. and 6.30–9 p.m.; Aldershot, 2–4.30 p.m. and 6.30–9 p.m.; Bentley (6), Frensham (6) and Seale (6), 6.30–9 p.m. 1107

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Campsall (8), August 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Please bring own tea (food and drink).—R. J. Sanderson. 1185

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting, Staindrop, Saturday, August 30th, 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., for those who notify, by Thursday, August 25th, Dennis K. Airey, 20, Westbrook Villas, Darlington. 1200

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting Clay Cross (6), Saturday, August 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements; cafes nearby. 1198

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge and Hunts Districts.—Joint meeting at Bourn, Saturday, August 30th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. L. Martin and H. S. Peacock, Dis. Secs. 1196

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Monthly meeting at Pucklechurch, Saturday, August 30th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, August 26th, to Mr. C. Harding, 77, Bromley Heath Road, Downend, Bristol—W. F. Scudamore, Sec. 1184

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Stinchcombe, August 30th Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Please bring own tea.—Mary Drew. 1189

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting due to be held at Haslemere, Aug. 30th, **cancelled.** In lieu there will be a meeting at Puttenham on Saturday, Sept. 6th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to R. Kenward, 7, Raymond Crescent, Dennisville, Guildford. 1207

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Newchurch, near Warrington, on Saturday August 30th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Business meeting follows tea. Tea provided. Names for tea, by August 25th, to J. Leatherbarrow, 43, Wigshaw Lane, Culcheth, Warrington.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec. 1176

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Hunslet, on Saturday, August 30th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged for those who notify, by August 28th, Mr. J. Hogg, 1, Woodhouse Hill Mount, Leeds 10. Business meeting to follow tea. No 26 tramway car from Swinegate passes the church.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec. 1199

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Newton Lindford (5), Saturday, August 30th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Make own arrangementts for tea; several local cafes. Business meeting, 6 p.m., in church. Anstey available after tea.—J. R. Smith 1193

NORWICH ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Meeting, Sculthorpe (6) Aug. 30th. Service 4.30: preacher Rt. Rev. Bishop of Thetford. Tea after, at which top priority for those who notify R. Lingwood, Creake Road, Sculthorpe, Fakenham. 1160

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Summer meeting, Enville, Aug. 30th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 4.45. Service 6 o'clock. Important committee meeting to discuss the Society's finances 3.30. All committee members are asked to make a special effort to attend. Names for tea not later than Aug. 26th. —Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourn. 1162

SWANSEA AND BRECON — Southern Section. — Quarterly meeting, Cadoxton (Neath), Saturday, Aug. 30th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea, by August 23rd, to J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Fforestfach, Swansea. 1159

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Ropley, Saturday, Aug. 30th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 in Village Hall. Look up York Minor. Names, by previous Wednesday, to Mr. J. A. C. King, 29, Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester. 1166

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, August 30th, at Welland. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea by Tuesday, August 26th, to E. F. Cubberley, Park Cottages, Kempsey, near Worcester. 1202

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—Awliscombe, September 6th. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea not later than September 1st.—J. Arbury, 2, Paternoster Row, Ottery St. Mary. 1161

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Western Division.—Quarterly meeting, Thorpe Bay (8), September 6th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., to be followed by tea and meeting. Further ringing after tea. Names for tea to Miss M. M. Smith, 82, Tyrone Road, Thorpe Bay. 1178

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Abbots Langley (6), September 6th, 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Names to R. G. Bell, 131, Hamper Mill Lane, Watford. Tel. Watford 7936. 1194

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—By-meeting at Sevenoaks (8) (**not** Cranbrook as originally intended), Sept. 6th, at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea not later than Sept. 4th to Miss D. Colgate, 38, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks. 1206

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Half-yearly meeting, Grantham, September 6th. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. only for those who notify, by Wednesday previous, Mr. R. Woods, 14 Cowes Road, Grantham. Bells available during afternoon and evening. 1197

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—Half-yearly meeting at The Marble Church, Bodelwyddan, on Saturday, Sept. 6th. Bells (8) available 3 o'clock. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Sept. 2nd, please.—W. Cathrall, 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham. 1154

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting at Great Brickhill, Saturday, September 6th. Bells 2.30. Service 3.30. Names for tea by August 30th.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 1188

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — V.W.H. Branch.—Meeting, Hinton Waldrist, September 6th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea, before September 3rd, to M. J. Pryor, 54, Marlborough Gardens, Faringdon. 1190

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting at Stanford-on-Soar, Saturday, September 6th. Bells from 3 p.m. Please bring own food: cups of tea available.—S. Patricia M. Lewin. 1201

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Quarterly meeting at Oxenhope on Saturday, September 6th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Committee meeting at 4.15 p.m. Tea (4s. 6d. per head) 5 p.m. for those who notify Mr. J. H. Cloughton, Lower Town, Oxenhope, Keighley. Special business: Election of new committee member: any nomination to be sent to the district secretary. Members please note these arrangements as no circulars will be issued.—A. E. Marsh, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1183

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PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Summer Festival in Rutland, Saturday, September 13th. Guild committee meets Market Overton Village Hall 3 p.m., Service, Parish Church, 4.15 p.m. Tea, Village Hall, 5 p.m. Social evening in Village Hall 8 p.m. Drinks and refreshments available. Bells available in all towers from 11 a.m. except Edith Weston which will be open from 12.30 to 2.30 p.m. and 6.30 to 7.30 p.m. Other towers: Whissendine, Barrowden, Uppingham, Market Overton, Cottesmore, Greetham, Langham, Preston, Exton, Empingham, Caldecote, Seaton. Names for tea must reach Mr. R. Scott, Coumb, Market Overton, Oakham, by Thursday, September 4th, please.—R. C. Noon, Hon. Sec. 1182

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—The Jubilee Dinner will be held at East Grinstead on October 11th. Ringing from 4 p.m. Dinner at the Glanfield Hotel 6.30. Tickets 8s. Please apply, with remittance, as soon as possible.—C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst. 1181

SNOWDON DINNER.—Windmill Hotel, Blossom Street, York, 6 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 25th. Tickets 10s. each. Names to Mr. S. H. Steel, 7, Ings Way, Rawcliffe Lane, York. 1208

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary.—Annual dinner at Guildhall, Worcester, on Saturday, October 25th. Tickets (7s. 6d. each) shortly available and obtainable from secretaries.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 1192

SILEBY, LEICS. — On Aug. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Seal 1, Miss M. C. Payne 2, R. Wilmore 3, G. J. Lowe 4, B. S. Payne (cond.) 5, F. K. Thompson 6, E. F. Payne 7, W. W. Draper 8. Rung for the wedding of Miss E. A. Holmes and John G. St. J. Macleod.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL AND AFFILIATED BODIES

By ALAN R. PINK

THE writer of the leading article entitled 'End of a Chapter,' published in 'The Ringing World' on June 13th, 1952, stated that all affiliated guilds and associations are pledged to abide by the decisions of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers. This being so, and remembering that most guilds and associations are now affiliated to the Central Council, it behoves us to pause awhile and consider the general position of the Council in ringing circles to-day and how it has made use of these weighty powers.

In an organised society possession of such absolute powers would imply certain duties, namely, that all decisions should be clear and understandable to those ringers upon whom they are binding, and that they should be free from equivocation and capable of enforcement. It is essential for the well-being of the Central Council that its affiliated members should have confidence in it and its ability to legislate. The recent meeting at Lincoln may have shaken some of this confidence, particularly when one remembers the confusion arising from the way two particular items on the agenda were dealt with, namely, the report of the Peals Analysis Committee and the Oxford Guild motion, whereby a decision to delete certain peals from the committee's report was later reversed by the acceptance of the Oxford Guild motion. Had the two items been reversed on the agenda there would have been no need for the Peals Analysis Committee to have sought the direction of the Council in regard to the deleted peals; acceptance of the Oxford Guild motion would have supplied the answer.

What of the question of enforcement? Let us consider the ringing structure at greater length. Each guild or association in membership with the Central Council is entitled to send one representative per 150 members, and although these representatives are without doubt well loved and trusted by their members it cannot be contended that they are always the most suitable people for voting upon the technical matters which appear before the Council in this age. Moreover, by reason of time lag between the printing of the Council's agenda and the annual meetings of associations, it is often impossible for the representatives to go armed with the opinion of those members they represent. The result must be that the representative votes according to his own judgment, whether he understands his subject or not. This in the mass can have serious results. More and more the tendency is to pass the technical questions to a committee of such experts as are available to the Council, **but the whole Council has eventually to vote upon the committee's subsequent recommendation.** One suspects that many decisions are, therefore, really made by small committees. It should be remembered that the Central Council can never at any time have all the expert opinion at its disposal, and, therefore, it is unlikely that decisions made on technical subjects will meet with unqualified approval everywhere.

Let us next consider how the information is disseminated by the Central Council. There are three methods open to it—(a) by publication in 'The Ringing World,' (b) by publication in book form, and (c) by relying upon the affiliated associations as a propaganda machine. Each has serious faults. 'The Ringing World' is an excellent medium for those ringers who think fit to purchase it, but there are many ringers who do not see the publication and, therefore, cannot be said to have received due notice of the Council's intentions. The publication of rules and decisions in book form is likely to be an expensive matter, and the Council is not in a position to force ringers to buy such a publication. Moreover, such a publication is not at the moment available, being in the course of revision and reprinting. One wonders whether it would ever be possible to make these rules and decisions available in sufficient numbers so that every ringer supposed to be bound by them could have a copy free. Only by such means could the Council claim that every ringer should be cognisant of its decisions. It sounds like a task for the affiliated associations to tackle. The third method, that of relying on the affiliated associations as a propaganda machine, is defective in that no association could expect to hold a meeting where every member could be present.

The weight of evidence so far tends to show that the Central Council is in some ways an imperfect machine and is not, in fact, in a position to impose its will upon thousands of ringers who have never heard of it, or are only dimly aware of it despite the fact that they owe allegiance to an affiliated association. Yet the Council has done a vast amount of good work and will do much more if that work is kept in its proper perspective. It is worth while quoting the objects of the Council as they were accepted at the very first meeting held at the Inns of Court Hotel, Holborn, on Tuesday, April 8th, 1890:—

To provide a body representative of the united interests of the various societies of church bell ringers that shall:—

(1) Use its best endeavours to guard the rights and generally promote the welfare of the Exercise.

(2) Maintain the position of ringing as a branch of church work.

(3) Encourage and assist the development of the art in its scientific, practical and historical branches.

(4) Arbitrate—so far as may be deemed advisable—in such matters of dispute or perplexity as shall be submitted to its judgment.

It was evidently not then the intention of the Central Council that its rules and decisions should be binding on all associations in membership, and there was no suggestion of this in the 14 rules of the Council which followed hard on the objects.

What, then, has gone wrong—if anything? There seems to be a fundamental question which every ringer belonging to an affiliated association is called upon to answer. Do I owe allegiance through my ringing to God or to an association which can bind me with rules spiritually unsound? It cannot be too strongly emphasised that all ringers are baptised Christians and servants of the Church of Christ. We are given the privileged duty of using hallowed instruments which sound forth the Christian message on **all** occasions, not merely on Sundays. Our duty as change ringers is to try to give of our best at all times by applying our skill in perfection of striking, by accepting nothing but truth, by striving always to further our calling by diligent practice and faithful attendance in our towers for service ringing. Our guilds and associations do their utmost to foster these ideals, and the ringers in membership generally take a pride in their associations.

Peals are rung under the auspices of one association or another and those peals conform to standards laid down by the Central Council. Therein lies the danger. Most of the rules governing peals are readily acceptable, but some have no spiritual significance, e.g., the acceptance of methods on six bells and above having only Plain Bob lead ends. Should not the Council in making decisions of this nature consider very carefully whether it has the **right** to tell any ringer what he shall or shall not ring in a peal? If a band of ringers wished to ring a peal of Canterbury Pleasure Major for a patronal festival, has any association or the Central Council the **right** to say that it would not accept the peal? To do so would be to deny the Christian principles underlying all ringing, principles which both Council (vide object 2) and association are pledged to uphold.

If this article has shown that the Central Council has not altogether grown up in accordance with its objects, wherein lies the remedy? It might be suggested that the Council should exist more in the nature of an advisory body, as its constitution provides, and that affiliated societies should be free to adopt such of the Council's decisions as were thought fit. In this way the power of government would pass to bodies able to enforce it, and in direct touch with the ringers concerned. This would result in a lack of uniformity in regard to methods rung as between one association and another, but this does not matter; it is the spirit in which the ringing is carried out which really matters.

[Editorial Note.—The views and conclusions expressed in this thought-provoking article must not be accepted as those of the Standing Committee of the Central Council or as being subscribed to by the majority of the Council.]

WEST RIDING OF YORKSHIRE TOUR

All peals rung for the Yorkshire Association.

GUISELEY, YORKSHIRE.

On Mon., Aug. 11, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in F.

MRS. W. H. DOBBIE	*Treble*	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	5
WALTER H. DOBBIE	2	GEORGE KENWARD	6
*COLIN J. CHAMPION	3	ERIC NAYLOR	7
ROGER LEIGH	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal of Double Norwich. First peal in the method on the new bells.

OTLEY, YORKSHIRE.

On Mon., Aug. 11, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in F.

BETTY M. VIDLER	*Treble*	ERNEST G. ORLAND	5
BRIAN G. WARWICK	2	THOMAS E. SONE	6
WINIFRED M. BURTON	3	BENJAMIN F. BAKER	7
REGINALD E. LAMBERT	4	S. GEOFFREY WATERS	*Tenor*

Composed by HAROLD J. POOLE. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
The conductor's 100th peal on tower bells.

ILKLEY, YORKSHIRE.

On Mon., Aug. 11, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. in E.

GEORGE KENWARD	*Treble*	*JOHN M. STALLARD	5
GORDON BENFIELD	2	KILBY R. HOLTOM	6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	3	S. GEOFFREY WATERS	7
FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN.	4	ERIC NAYLOR	*Tenor*

Composed by J. BARKER. Conducted by ERIC NAYLOR.
* First peal of Major 'inside.' The conductor's 75th peal.

SKIPTON, YORKSHIRE.

On Tues., Aug. 12, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 17 lb. in E flat.

BETTY M. VIDLER	*Treble*	WALTER H. DOBBIE	5
WINIFRED M. BURTON	2	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	6
BRIAN G. WARWICK	3	S. GEOFFREY WATERS	7
THOMAS E. SONE	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

RIPON, YORKSHIRE.

On Wed., Aug. 13, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND WILFRED,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 23 cwt. 24 lb. in E flat.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Treble*	ERNEST G. ORLAND	6
WINIFRED M. BURTON	2	RONALD H. DOVE	7
A. PATRICK CANNON	3	WALTER H. DOBBIE	8
THOMAS E. SONE	4	BENJAMIN F. BAKER	9
CLIFFORD A. BARRON	5	S. GEOFFREY WATERS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
The first peal of Plain Bob Royal on the bells.

BIRSTWITH, YORKSHIRE.

On Wed., Aug. 13, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. in G.

*JOHN M. STALLARD	*Treble*	COLIN J. CHAMPION	5
FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN.	2	REGINALD E. LAMBERT	6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	3	GEORGE KENWARD	7
ROGER LEIGH	4	ERIC NAYLOR	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by ERIC NAYLOR.
* First peal of Treble Bob. First peal in the method on the bells.

COLLINGHAM, YORKSHIRE.

On Thurs., Aug. 14, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. in B flat.

FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN.	*Treble*	*ERNEST G. ORLAND	5
WALTER H. DOBBIE	2	THOMAS E. SONE	6
REGINALD E. LAMBERT	3	BENJAMIN F. BAKER	7
CLIFFORD A. BARRON	4	S. GEOFFREY WATERS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
* First peal of Superlative. First peal in the method on the bells.

WETHERBY, YORKSHIRE.
On Thurs., Aug. 14, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. in G.

Eric Naylor	*Treble*	Roger Leigh	5
Winifred M. Burton	2	George Kenward	6
Kilby R. Holtom	3	*Brian G. Warwick	7
Arthur Tomlinson	4	A. Patrick Cannon	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. Heywood. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
* First peal of Double Norwich. First peal in the method on the bells. The conductor's 50th peal in the method, conducted 31, rung in 50 different towers.

HALIFAX. YORKSHIRE.
On Sat., Aug. 16, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor 28 cwt. 14 lb. in D.

*Winifred M. Burton	*Treble*	Ronald H. Dove	7
†Brian G. Warwick	2	‡Ernest G. Orland	8
*Eric Naylor	3	Harold Walker	9
Thomas E. Sone	4	*Benjamin F. Baker	10
Roy Bettley-Cooke	5	*S. Geoffrey Waters	11
‡Clifford A. Barron	6	A. Patrick Cannon	*Tenor*

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Thomas E. Sone.
* First peal of Treble Twelve. † First peal of Treble Twelve on tower bells. ‡ First peal on twelve bells. This is the first peal on the twelve bells since being recast by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. Mr. T. E. Sone's 300th peal as conductor.

TEN BELL PEALS

CHESTER.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 7, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of Christ and the Blessed Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 29¾ cwt. in C sharp.

*Betty Griffiths	*Treble*	Peter E. Parry	6
*Shirley Golding	2	Dennis H. B. Millward	7
Fredk. H. Birks	3	Wilfred L. Robinson	8
John W. Griffiths	4	Brian Harris	9
J. Benjamin Budd	5	Percy Swindley	*Tenor*

Conducted by Brian Harris.
* First peal on ten.

MINEHEAD, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 16, 1952, in 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 22 cwt. 23 lb. in E flat.

Arthur H. Reed	*Treble*	*Ronald D. Short	6
*Mrs. H. L. Parfrey	2	William G. Gigg	7
*Harold L. Parfrey	3	†Philip W. Weeks	8
George Prescott	4	Roger O. Fry	9
Harry J. Gaylard	5	Kenneth F. Medway	*Tenor*

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Roger O. Fry.
* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Caters. First peal of Caters as conductor. Rung as an eightieth birthday compliment to Mr. Jack Pugsley, the local towermaster.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

PENN, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 18, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Bartholomew,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR*
Tenor 10 cwt. 12 lb.

*John A. Roden	*Treble*	Roderick J. Lees	5
Stanley Prestidge	2	†Howard Howell	6
J. Norman Hadley	3	William Davies	7
†Ernest Stitch	4	Maurice G. Turner	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by William Davies.
* First peal of Major. † 400th peal. First peal in the method as conductor. The quarterly peal for the Guild. In memoriam John Goodman, a former Ringing Master of this Guild.

ELTHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 19, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Original. Tenor 10 cwt. 24 lb. in G.

Coralie J. Smith	*Treble*	Fredk. J. Hurrell	5
Geoffrey W. Ashdown	2	Ernest B. Crowder	6
John E. Lyddiard	3	George H. Daynes	7
William J. Rawlings	4	James Hurrell	*Tenor*

Conducted by George H. Daynes.
Rung as a compliment and to commemorate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. James Hurrell; also to Joan Mary Daynes, granddaughter of the conductor, who was married on July 12th to Mr. Gordon J. Wall at Keston Parish Church. The conductor was 82 years of age on July 6th, 1952.

PULFORD. CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., July 28, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5056 PAINSWICK COLLEGE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

J. Benjamin Budd	*Treble*	Peter E. Parry	5
Dennis H. B. Millward	2	John W. Griffiths	6
Percy Swindley	3	R. Gordon Corby	7
Roger B. Morris	4	Brian Harris	*Tenor*

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Brian Harris.
First peal in the method on the bells, for the Guild and by all the band.

MALPAS, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., July 31, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Oswald,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in E.

Brian Harris	*Treble*	*Roger B. Morris	5
*Bernard R. Millward	2	Dennis H. B. Millward	6
Peter E. Parry	3	John W. Griffiths	7
J. Benjamin Budd	4	Percy Swindley	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Brian Harris.
* First peal of Plain Bob Major. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. P. Swindley.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs. July 31, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5184 MAULDEN SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

Charles W. Roberts	*Treble*	Leonard H. Bowler	5
C. Edward Jeffries	2	John R. Mayne	6
Ann B. Speed	3	Alfred J. House	7
Alick Cutler	4	Richard F. B. Speed	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Charles W. Roberts.
First peal in the method by all except the ringer of the 2nd. A birthday compliment to R. F. B. Speed.

PRESTWICH. LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 9, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 16 cwt.

J. Douglas B. Leyland	*Treble*	A. Edward Reeves	5
G. Arthur Bell	2	†Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith	6
*Vernon G. Eckersall	3	Frank Reynolds	7
Frank J. Maude	4	Arthur Leighton	*Tenor*

Composed by B. Annable. Conducted by Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith.
* First peal. † First peal of Bob Triples. A compliment to V. G. Eckersall on his recent marriage.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 13, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

Mrs. H. J. Poole	*Treble*	Hubert E. Ashley	5
Harold J. Poole	2	E. Alan Jacques	6
Ernest W. Rawson	3	John A. L. Thompson	7
*S. Anthony Jesson	4	William J. Root	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Harold J. Poole.
* First peal in the method.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs. Aug. 14, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10¾ cwt.

STANLEY H. WALLIS	*Treble*	RONALD J. SHARP	5
JOHN G. GIPSON	2	LEWIS H. BYWATERS	6
WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	3	PETER BORDER	7
ANDREW C. SINFIELD	4	BRYAN F. SIMS	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by BRYAN F. SIMS.

FRINDSBURY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Aug. 15, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 16 cwt.

*CHRISTOPHER T. LAMB	*Treble*	VICTOR A. JARRETT	5
FRANCIS J. CHEAL	2	CYRIL S. JARRETT	6
†PETER F. BORER	3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	7
THOMAS E. TAYLOR	4	‡TERANCE E. MANSER	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.
* First peal of Triples. † First peal in the method and on a working bell. ‡ First peal.

BEXLEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 16, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

PERCY J. SPICE	*Treble*	*REGINALD P. CRUMP	5
MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS	2	†A. RONALD LING	6
HILDA OAKSHETT	3	THOMAS H. FRANCIS	7
MAXWELL F. OAKSHETT	4	MRS. T. H. FRANCIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. RONALD LING.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal in the method and as conductor.

BOCKING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 16, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE DEANERY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18¾ cwt. in E.

*JUNE STARLING	*Treble*	HENRY PRATT	5
PETER WOOD	2	JOHN WARNER	6
GEORGE SAUNDERS	3	STANLEY BONES	7
*JOHN LEEMING	4	RONALD SUCKLING	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.
* First peal of Major. The ringer of the 3rd has 'circled the tower.' Rung in honour of the feast of the falling asleep of the Blessed Virgin.

CHADDESLEY CORBETT, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Aug. 16, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CASSIAN,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 23 lb. in F.

ALFRED W. GLAZZARD	*Treble*	*EDWARD V. RODENHURST	5
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	2	J. NORMAN HADLEY	6
GERALD BOWEN	3	MAURICE G. TURNER	7
ALFRED C. BOXLEY	4	HOWARD HOWELL	*Tenor*

Composed by F. HOPGOOD. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.
* 50th peal of Plain Bob Major. Rung for the 38th wedding anniversary of Mr. William Jones, of Chaddesley Corbett.

LAMBOURN, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 16, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

STANLEY G. DAY	*Treble*	REGINALD W. REX	5
ALBERT DISERENS	2	FREDK. E. COLLINS	6
RONALD F. DISERENS	3	*JOHN HILL	7
NOEL J. DISERENS	4	WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
* 100th peal. The first peal of Surprise on the bells.

LLANFRECHFA, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 16, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 7¼ cwt.

JACQUELINE S. EVANS	*Treble*	*REV. IVOR J. RICHARDS	5
*DONALD G. CLARKE	2	*ERIC SUTTON	6
†JAMES L. FITZGERALD	3	JACK R. WORRALL	7
*YVONNE C. PORTER	4	DAVID S. VOSS	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.
* First peal of Bob Triples. † First peal 'inside.' First peal of Bob Triples on the bells. A wedding compliment to Donald G. Thomas, B.A., and Jean M. Brinkworth, who were married at Llantarnam Church earlier the same day.

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 21, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

*SUSAN JACKSON	*Treble*	ALLEN MORGAN	5
WM. H. A. COMPTON	2	ALBERT E. HUMPHRIES	6
R. GEORGE MORRIS	3	REGINALD WOODYATT	7
GEORGE E. LARGE	4	THOMAS W. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.
* First peal (aged 15). In honour of Princess Margaret's 22nd birthday.

LEDBURY, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 23, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM H. SYMONDS	*Treble*	MICHAEL P. MORETON	5
ARTHUR W. DAVIS	2	AUSTIN T. WINGATE	6
ALLEN MORGAN	3	LESLIE EVANS	7
FREDK. R. HARRIS	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
The first peal on the bells since being rehung by John Taylor and Co.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

HOOLE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., July 29, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 6½ cwt. in B flat.

*ROSELYN CREWE	*Treble*	†BERNARD R. MILLWARD	4
BETTY GRIFFITHS	2	PETER E. PARRY	5
SHIRLEY GOLDING	3	BRIAN HARRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.
* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

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THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Aug. 3, 1952, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 10¾ cwt.

CLAUDIA A. HARDING	*Treble*	ERNEST H. MASTIN	4
JOHN E. FOX	2	CECIL V. EBBERSON	5
WALLACE W. COUSINS	3	CLAUD COUSINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by CECIL V. EBBERSON.

CRADLEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
On Mon., Aug. 4, 1952, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of St. Clement's Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob (seven methods). Tenor 13 cwt.

*LESLIE EVANS	*Treble*	GEORGE DAVIS	4
ROLAND LEWIS	2	MICHAEL P. MORETON	5
C. WILLIAM NUTT	3	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRED F. MORETON.
* 250th peal.

POYNTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 6, 1952, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb.

*JOYCE ROTHWELL	*Treble*	JAMES FERNLEY	4
*LESLEY GOSLING	2	BARRY CORBISHLEY	5
MRS. C. K. LEWIS	3	C. KENNETH LEWIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.
* First peal.

CLEWER, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Aug. 8, 1952, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Comprising 21 extents each of Plain Bob (4 callings) and Grandsire (ten callings). Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in F.

DAVID H. PEARCE	*Treble*	WILLIAM BUTLER	4
*MONICA HOWARD	2	JAMES BROOKS	5
GORDON C. HERD	3	ROYSTON P. PURCHASE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.
* First peal 'inside.' The treble ringer has now 'circled the tower.'

TIBSHELF, DERBYSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD
(North Notts District.)
On Sat., Aug. 9, 1952, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob, three of Oxford and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. (approx.).

ARTHUR SMITHSON	*Treble*	THOMAS RADFORD	4
*DOREEN ARMSTRONG	2	FRANK BRADLEY	5
†MARION BRADLEY	3	WILFRED RILEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK BRADLEY.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Northampton Branch.)
On Tues., Aug. 12, 1952, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being eight six-scores each of Fortune, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Old Bob, April Day and ten six-scores of Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

JOHN HARROLD	*Treble*	ANTHONY J. BAKER	3
ALAN C. COZENS	2	KENNETH D. PERKINS	4
IVOR J. DICKIN	*Tenor*		

Conducted by IVOR J. DICKIN.
First peal of Doubles on the bells. Average age 15 years and 6 months.



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RUSHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Wed., Aug. 13, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, 15 callings. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

DENNIS BERESFORD	*Treble*	†CLIVE M. SMITH	4
*FRANCIS A. SEDGWICK	2	PETER BERESFORD	5
WALTER J. COPE	3	BRYAN E. CARSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENNIS BERESFORD.

* First peal of Stedman Doubles 'inside.' † First peal in the method. First peal in method as conductor.

RUMNEY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Aug. 15, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*MARION J. DAVIES	*Treble*	JACK R. WORRALL	4
*WILLIAM A. JERRETT	2	‡W. RICHARD SPEAKE	5
†RONALD C. LUCAS	3	A. RYAN PRICE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor 'inside.' ‡ First peal of Minor.

CLAY CROSS, DERBYSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
(North Notts District.)
On Sat., Aug. 16, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Oxford and four extents of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr.

PHILLIP J. EASTLAND	*Treble*	THOMAS RADFORD	4
DOREEN ARMSTRONG	2	FRANK BRADLEY	5
MARION BRADLEY	3	ALBERT WHEELER	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK BRADLEY.

GAYWOOD, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Aug. 17, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FAITH,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, two callings. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

HELEN BRAY (16)	*Treble*	GEORGE H. MOORE (17)	4
MIRIAM HIGDON (17)	2	DAVID HEIGHTON (17)	5
CYRIL COUSINS (19)	3	JOHN S. BARNES (18)	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN S. BARNES.

First peal as conductor. Average age of band 17 years 11 months. Believed to be the youngest band to ring a peal for the above Association.

ENDERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 18, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.

ERNEST MORRIS	*Treble*	WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN.	4
HAROLD KILBY	2	ARTHUR DEBENHAM	5
E. CHARLES TURNER	3	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON.

First peal of Minor in this method by all the band except treble ringer.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Aug. 22, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of two extents each of Cambridge Surprise and Kent Treble and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

HENRY HUTTON	*Treble*	T. MARK WHITE	4
AUDREY MORRISON	2	*COLIN A. HOPPER	5
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON	3	FREDK. A. MUNDAY	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK A. MUNDAY.

* First peal in more than one method. First peal of Minor as conductor. First peal on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS

NEWCASTLE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 30, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 17 in A.

ERIC NIXON	1-2	MICHAEL SLANEY	5-6
FREDK. E. WILSHAW	3-4	CHARLES H. PAGE	7-8

Composed and Conducted by MICHAEL SLANEY.

A birthday compliment to the ringer of 3-4.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Aug. 8, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
AT 29, HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Original.

JOHN THOMAS	1-2	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	5-6
MRS. J. THOMAS	3-4	THOMAS W. LEWIS	7-8

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to T. W. Lewis.

SYDNEY, N.S.W., AUSTRALIA.
THE NEW SOUTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Aug. 12, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT 15, FIRST AVENUE, FIVE DOCK,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

WILLIAM M. ROWE	1-2	*JOHN J. CUMMINS	5-6
THOMAS W. GOODYER	3-4	PHILIP M. J. GRAY	7-8

Composed by J. PRITCHARD. Conducted by PHILIP M. J. GRAY.

* First peal of Major 'inside.'

WELLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 13, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT 53, LEYS ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5376 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 12 in F.

*ROBIN G. TURNER	1-2	†MALCOLM KING	5-6
JOHN KING	3-4	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by ROBIN G. TURNER.

* 25th peal. † First peal on eight bells.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 14, 1952, *in* 1 *Hour and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT BICONA, 325, PENNYGATE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor size 14 in C sharp.

*REV. G. N. HEATH	1-2	CYRIL WANDER	3-4
STANLEY E. BENNETT	5-6		

Conducted by CYRIL WANDER.

* First peal.

WELLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 14, 1952, *in* 1 *Hour and* 29 *Minutes,*
AT 53, LEYS ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor size 8 in C.

PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	1-2	ROBIN G. TURNER	3-4
JOHN KING	5-6		

Conducted by ROBIN G. TURNER.

NEWCASTLE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 20, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 17 in A.

ERIC NIXON	1-2	MICHAEL SLANEY	5-6
FREDK. E. WILSHAW	3-4	ERNEST C. S. TURNER	7-8

Composed and Conducted by MICHAEL SLANEY.

The composition contains the extent of the 7568's, 7856's and 5867's. Also all the 65's and 56's at the course-ends.

APPLETON, BERKS.—On Aug. 10th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: R. Holmes 1, F. Absolam (first quarter) 2, Miss F. Edgar 3, R. White 4, F. Messenger 5, F. White 6, H. C. White 7, G. Holifield (cond.) 8, F. A. White 9, F. White 10. Rung for the festival of St. Lawrence, patron of the church.

BRENT TOR, DEVON. — On Aug. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. C. Panter 1, J. Rich 2, Mrs. W. C. Panter 3, W. Boucher 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5. This church is 1,100ft. above sea level, the highest in Devon and the second highest in the country.

CARLISLE, CUMBERLAND. — At the Cathedral on Aug. 15th on the middle bells, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. A. Palmer 1, A. Hodgson 2, J. Boustead 3, J. Ling 4, J. B. V. Porter 5, A. Forsyth 6, J. Butterfield (cond.) 7, C. Lightning 8. Rung half-muffled as a mark of respect to J. W. Porter, who died August 4th, 1952.

CAYTHORPE, LINCS.—On July 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Mackears 1, C. L. Simcock 2, S. Whaley 3, G. Scott 4, H. Squires 5, L. Squires 6, John Cragg (cond.) 7, J. Pheasant 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. J. P. Paley, aged 92, who was buried at Teignmouth the same day. He was for many years captain of the St. Vincent's Society.

ELTHAM, LONDON.—On Aug. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss C. G. Smith 1, E. B. Crowder 2, J. Murrell 3, Miss M. Ashdown 4, F. W. Richardson 5, F. J. Murrell 6, G. W. Ashdown (cond.) 7, P. Rablah 8.

HARPOLE, NORTHANTS.—On Aug. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (120 April Day, 480 Plain Bob, 660 Grandsire): Miss J. Watson 1, M. Burt 2, M. Tomalin 3, W. Burt 4, H. Haynes (cond.) 5. First quarter in three methods for all except conductor.

QUARTER PEALS

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS. — On Aug. 17th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: D. M. Salisbury 1, A. J. Salisbury 2, F. R. Nicholls 3, J. R. G. Spicer 4, F. Warrington (cond.) 5, H. S. Peacock 6. First quarter Cambridge Minor 1 and 2.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—On June 29th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: D. J. Parsons 1, G. A. Packham 2, B. W. White (cond.) 3, E. Lish 4, F. W. Parsons 5, R. Langridge 6, E. F. Packham 7, A. Ryman 8. First quarter in the method for all except the conductor. Rung for the patronal festival.—Also on Aug. 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. S. M. Longhurst 1, Miss M. Howell (first of Stedman) 2, Mrs. C. A. Cruttenden 3. E. Lish 4, F. W. Parsons 5, C. R. Longhurst 6, B. W. White (cond.) 7, F. E. Cruttenden 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect on the death of the Rev. Austin H. Balleine.

HUNTINGDON. — On Aug. 17th, at St. Mary's, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. Dyer (first quarter Major) 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, J. Smart (Horsham) 3, D. M. Salisbury 4, A. J. Salisbury 5, R. F. Baker 6, F. Warrington (cond.) 7, H. S. Peacock 8.

KENDAL, WESTMORLAND. — On Aug. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Halliwell (first quarter) 1, L. Townley 2, K. Clement 3, T. Haslam 4, T. J. Clement (cond.) 5, L. D. Clement 6, L. Pearson 7, S. Edmondson 8.

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTS. — On Aug. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. C. Milnes (age 11) 1, F. C. Hooper (cond.) 2, C. F. Briggs 3, S. L. Barley 4, C. J. Copp (first quarter 'inside') 5, F. W. Midwinter 6. A birthday compliment to H.R.H. Princess Anne on her second birthday.

PEWSEY, WILTS. — On Aug. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (being 480 Reverse Canterbury, 600 Plain Bob and 180 Grandsire): Miss S. Faux (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Green 2, Miss B. Thompson 3, A. G. Williams (cond.) 4, P. Brown 5, P. Braund (first quarter) 6. First quarter in three methods for all.

ROCHDALE, LANCS. — At All Saints' (Hamer) on Aug. 8th, 1,260 Minor (being 540 Oxford Bob and 720 Kent Treble Bob): Beatrice Wood 1, K. Abbott 2. I. W. Taylor 3, Marjorie Leach 4, P. J. H. Hudson 5, J. Taylor 6. Rung on the eve of the wedding of Mr. J. A. Taylor to Miss E. Senior. First quarter in these two methods by all the band.

SOWTON, DEVON.—On Aug. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. White 1, D. Reeks 2, A. Gooding 3, J. Dunster 4, A. Tapley 5, F. Willmington 6, W. Reeks (cond.) 7, L. Burnett 8. Rung half-muffled after the memorial service to the late Rector (the Rev. H. Spencer).

SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX. — On Aug. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Thrift 1, Miss R. Bending 2, E. J. Runter (cond.) 3, W. Glover 4, G. Sollars 5, G. Andrews 6. Rung for the occasion of the dedication of the new east window (owing to late war damage) by the Bishop of Chelmsford.

STREATHAM, SURREY.—At St. Leonard's on Aug. 10th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: S. Howard 1, E. Miles 2, Mrs. C. J. Mathews 3, J. Chapman 4, T. Welbourne 5, G. Parsons 6, H. Barratt (first quarter in method) 7, J. Euston 8. A welcome to Mr. H. Barratt, on a visit from Minchinhampton, Glos.

WEST STOW, SUFFOLK.—On Aug. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. Footer 1, A. G. Ballam 2, W. F. Rickwood 3, W. Stannard 4, E. A. Murrell 5, A. F. Ballam (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam H. W. Foulgar, of Great Barton.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The peal at Llanfrechfa, Monmouthshire, on Aug. 16th, successfully completes a trio of wedding peals on consecutive Saturdays, in the Newport area. This last peal enabled Mr. Eric Sutton, of Bristol, who was a guest at the wedding, to ring a peal at the church where he learned to ring. Unfortunately his tutor, Mr. Robert Smith, who is convalescing from an attack of malaria, was unable to ring.

Mr. E. Stitch and Mr. H. Howell rang their 400th peal together at Penn, Staffordshire, on August 18th.

The half-yearly meeting of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild will be held at Heydour on September 6th and not at Grantham as previously stated.

Would the very young lady from Chester who found her way up into the tower of St. Mary's, Ilkeston, accept our apology for not being able to give her a longer ring, as it was service time? The conductor hopes she will inform the band when she is paying another visit, as she handled her bell very competently.

Susan Jackson, of Worcester, has rung her first peal at the age of 15 by ringing the treble to Plain Bob Major at Claines. She is a pupil at the Worcester Girls' Grammar School, and was taught to handle a bell by Mrs. Darmon (nee Jean Southerst) while she was teaching at the same school. Susan has the makings of a good ringer.

We regret to learn that Preb. E. V. Cox, president of the Devon Guild, underwent a major operation at Exeter Hospital on August 18th. The latest bulletin is that he is going on satisfactorily, but it must be some time before he can be fit for normal work again. His many friends, we are sure, will sympathise with him and send their good wishes for a speedy recovery.

For the festival of St. Bartholomew, a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, London, on August 20th, by five members of St. Bartholomew's Hospital and the conductor. This is believed to be unique in hospital records. The ringers were Dr. D. Cave 1, S/Nurse Judy Midgley 2, S/Nurse Elizabeth Layton 3, Miss R. L. Hopkins 4, J. Armstrong (cond.) 5, D. Burton (student) 6. It was the first quarter in the method for all except the 2nd ringer.

Mr. Albert Walker has accepted the invitation of Mr. J. E. Spice to take a Birmingham twelve-bell band to the opening of the new twelve at St. Nicholas', Liverpool, on October 25th.

Will the tourist who rang in the peal at Burnham on Tuesday, August 12th, please send his address to Mr. George Gilbert, who will post on his golden arm circlets that he left on the hat peg. Also any members who require postcards of Burnham tower.

Peals of Painswick College Bob Major are relatively few. The Chester Diocesan Guild have added this method to their ever-growing list by the peal at Bulford, conducted by Mr. Brian Harris on July 28th.

It is with pleasure that we publish this week the peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Eltham, Kent, on July 19th, and called by Mr. George H. Daynes shortly after his 82nd birthday. The peal was 'the Original,' evidence of Mr. Daynes' excellent memory.

The grand old man of Minehead, Somerset, Mr. Jack Pugsley, the local captain, had his 80th birthday celebrated by a peal of Grandsire Caters on the bells of St. Michael and All Angels'. It was a compliment to the popularity of Mr. Pugsley and the excellent 'go' of the bells that many of the band who honoured the occasion travelled a considerable distance.

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WEST SUSSEX YOUNG RINGERS' TOUR

'Societas Nobilis Campanariorum'

THIS high sounding title appeared at the head of the beautifully laid out programme of the tour organised by Norman J. Smith, of Chichester, and held from August 4th to 9th last. Cambridgeshire, Essex, Suffolk and Hertfordshire were visited by a party of 20 odd youthful (and not so youthful) ringers from Chichester, Bosham, Itchingfield, Thakeham, Storrington, all in Sussex, Malvern (Worcs), Leicester, Catherington (Hants) and various towers in the neighbourhood of Newport, Mon. The majority travelled by cycle, with one car party and two motor-cyclists, and all assembled at Cambridge on the evening of Sunday, August 3rd.

Ringing on Monday began very appropriately at St. Benet's (6, 13 cwt.), the church at which Stedman is believed to have first taught his principle to the ringers. Ringing was preceded by the Sussex Association Office, which was kindly said for us by one of the Franciscan Fathers attached to the church. Some good ringing took place here before moving on to Great St. Andrew's, where the rather poor 'go' of the octave (10½ cwt.) was not conducive to good striking!

However, after lunch we were privileged to ring on the truly grand eight at the Roman Catholic Church (tenor 32 cwt.) which are the heaviest octave in the county. Despite a long draught of rope, some good striking was heard in the standard methods, and our 'tenor man,' Winnie Keys, was able to ring her heaviest tenor to date! Next came the pleasant six at Trumpington (tenor 10 cwt.), where Miss Willers kindly met the party, and the equally good six (7 cwt.) at Stapleford with a welcome from Mr. Finch. There being a little spare time in the programme, a telephone call to the Vicar secured the use of the five at Little Shelford (10 cwt.) where the music of the bells acted as background to a tennis party at the Vicarage. Evening ringing was on the very fine heavy six (21 cwt.) at Chesterton.

MISSIONARY WORK

Tuesday saw us first at Bottisham, with its grand church and good ring of five (11 cwt.) on which various familiar and not so familiar Doubles methods were rung. It is hoped that the missionary work carried out here in conversation with the Vicar and a local lady will result in the vacant treble pit being filled! Next came the well-known town of Newmarket, where a visit was paid first to the tower of All Saints'. A little ringing on the eight (10½ cwt.) was quite sufficient, and it is hoped that recasting and rehanging of these bells will not be long delayed. However, the grand six (21 cwt.) at St. Mary's, where we were cordially welcomed by the Vicar, amply compensated us, and after ringing, most of the party made use of the facilities of the Church Hall, kindly put at our disposal by the Vicar, for a picnic lunch.

During the short run to the next tower, Exning, the mother church of Newmarket, the expected rain arrived, and the period of ringing here was slightly extended in consequence. The bells are a fine five (14 cwt.) with a very long draught, but go well: ringing included a touch of New Doubles. At Fordham, the next tower, the Vicar said prayers in church before ringing on the six (17 cwt.); the tower became quite a familiar sight to the party, as it was passed on three occasions altogether!

Ringing followed at the grand recently-augmented six at St. James', Stretham (10 cwt.) before the short trip into Ely for an hour's ringing on the fine eight at St. Mary's (18 cwt.), where we were met by two local ringers, one of them, Marion Grain, late of Bosham. Methods rung here included Double Norwich and Cambridge, before the departure of the cyclists to the Youth Hostel at Witchford. During the evening a visit was paid to Sutton-in-the-Isle, where the Vicar had kindly given permission at short notice. The six here (16 cwt.) hang in a magnificent tower, and ringing was preceded by an informal organ recital (during a search for the tower key) by our unofficial Chaplain, the Rev. George Smith, which was much enjoyed.

RANG ON HIS KNEES

The first tower on Wednesday was St. George's, Littleport, with its octave (18 cwt.) which are rung from a west gallery. The sallies were extremely low here, and this resulted in the writer being able to turn in the tenor to a course of Double Norwich literally 'on his knees'! Then came a long run across the Fens to Mildenhall, in Suffolk, where the ring of ten (16½ cwt.) in the fine, lofty tower was rung to various methods.

Following a quick lunch, a tactful talk with the churchwarden gained the use of the tuneful five at Freckenham for a short period, before a visit to the town of Isleham, which contains the heaviest ringable (?) five in the world (25 cwt.). The 'go' of these bells, which are tuned to the minor key, was such that ringing consisted of rounds and Plain Bob Minimus with tenor covering, and it is to be hoped that a full restoration may take place before any accident happens. Unfortunately the bells are clocked in the ordinary way by a paid chimer, and again we hope that this system of chiming will be discontinued before any of these fine bells are cracked.

On again past Fordham (!), the motor-cyclists and car found the cycles parked outside the church at Wicken, the tower of which proved to contain a ring of five (8 cwt.) reputed unringable. However, the Vicar, who was in church, readily gave permission for a ring, telling us that it was the first time the bells had been 'up' for nearly 30 years, and a good raise in peal followed. The bells went quite well, and ringing was enjoyed, to the surprise of the villagers, most of whom had never heard their bells rung. During the 'fall' the treble rope parted at the pulley, to the discomfort of the ringer. However, a bit of 'splicing' was successfully accomplished before going on to Wilburton, where we arrived rather late, and we must thank the Vicar and local captain for waiting for us, and apologise for our lateness. The last tower was Haddenham, nearby, where the fine six (16 cwt.) were rung to various Minor methods, and where we again received a welcome from the Vicar and local captain. Here the short organ recital followed the ringing! The evening was spent in handbell ringing at the hostel, to the evident pleasure of the other visitors.

AMERICAN SPECTATOR

On Thursday we again passed Fordham Church for the third and last time en route for Chippenham, where Marion had kindly arranged for us to ring. The six (14 cwt.) here, rung from the ground floor, were put to good use before a long run across rather dull countryside to the old town of Bury St. Edmunds. After lunch, the party first visited the grand Church of St. Mary with its heavy octave (28 cwt.) which, however, went well, and then the Norman tower of the Cathedral, only 150 yards down the road, where several local ringers met us. Quite a crowd of non-ringing visitors, including an American Serviceman, watched the ringing on the ten (30 cwt.), which included a course of Bob Royal.

Next came the cream of the whole week, a visit to the famous tower of Lavenham, where Mr. Stedman Symonds and his son met us with the kindly welcome accorded to all the many ringers who visit their tower. The beauty of these bells with their 'matchless tenor' (23 cwt.) is too well known to need further praise, and it need only be said that the ringing included a good touch of Double Norwich, during which the conductor became so engrossed in listening to the beautiful music that he almost missed a bob! Later, the mechanised party paid a visit to the nearby church of Long Melford, almost as fine as that at Lavenham, and then joined the cyclists, who had meanwhile gone on to Naughton Mill Hostel, in ringing on the fine six (18 cwt.) at Monks Eleigh. There is no local band here at present, and we were welcomed by the Vicar, together with ringers from the nearby church of Preston; it is hoped that this fine ring may once again be heard every Sunday. Mr. Symonds joined the mechanised party at their hotel in Lavenham for a social hour with some good handbell ringing (including 720 Bob Minor).

MEMORY OF MARIA MARTEN

Friday's ringing began at Hadleigh, where we found that the heavy octave (28 cwt.) took quite a bit of ringing! Then on via Polstead (where the ill-fated Maria Marten met a sad end in the Red Barn!) to the magnificent church and tower of Stoke-by-Nayland, where a call on the Vicar gained permission for a ring on the heavy six (26 cwt.). After a few preliminary trials, during which we heard 3-2-1-6-5-4 instead of rounds, we discovered that the ropes fall in the order 1-2-3-6-4-5! Despite this, some good ringing, which included a course of Cambridge, took place before the run into Sudbury, with its three rings of eight.

The grand ring at All Saints' (26 cwt.) was visited after lunch and ringing was preceded by a pleasant ceremony at which the Ringing Master for the week presented a writing case to Norman, with thanks from all the party for his hard work in organising such a grand trip; the recipient suitably replied. St. Gregory's and St. Peter's (16 and 23 cwt. respectively) were also visited in the company of the local ringer who so kindly met us.

After tea we unfortunately had to say au revoir to Sam Harding and his passengers the Rev. George Smith and Anne Home, who were unable to stay longer with us. We thoroughly enjoyed having them on the tour and hope they will be able to come again next time. En route to Castle Hedingham Hostel, permission was obtained for a ring on the five at Wickham St. Paul, where again the Vicar welcomed us, and evening ringing was in the fine 16th century brick tower of St. Nicholas, Castle Hedingham, only a few yards from the hostel. Ringing on this grand six, with a very long draught of rope, was much enjoyed and methods up to Cambridge were rung. A social hour at the local hostelry and half an hour at the hostel with handbell ringing and refreshments followed, before the motor-cyclists left for their 'digs' at Halstead.

A WET FINISH

On the following morning, the writer, also, had to leave the party, to continue his holiday on the Norfolk broads. But he understands that everything went quite well on this last full day of the tour, apart from appalling weather, the worst of the whole week. Towers visited were Sible Hedingham (8), the light eight (11 cwt.) at Braintree, with an unusual belfry staircase, the equally light six (6 cwt.) at Rayne—very appropriate considering the weather—Much Hadham (13 cwt.) and Braughing (19 cwt.) in the evening. Some of the party snatched a ring at Standon after the failure of a peal attempt during the afternoon.

Before setting out for home on the Sunday, most of the party rang at Little Munden and Standon for service. As only a few minutes were available at Little Munden, an elaborate system of changing over ropes was quickly devised to enable all to 'snatch' the tower!

Everyone agreed that the week had been extremely enjoyable, thanks to the hard work of Norman Smith in making all the arrangements, and the party would like to thank most sincerely all the various incumbents for giving permission for the use of their bells (sometimes at only a few minutes' notice) and to the many local ringers who had everything in readiness and who met us at their various towers. A special word of thanks is due to Marion Grain for her advice re towers, etc., and to Mr. Symonds, at Lavenham

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THE ST. MARTIN'S YOUTHS

By EDGAR C. SHEPHERD

FOREWORD

In the following brief account of the activities of The Society of St. Martin's Youths from 1755 to 1846 frequent reference is made to 'The Recollections of John Day,' a series of sketches published in 'The Bell News' in 1895. In all the written history of change ringing there is nothing quite so fascinating as the 'Recollections.' It is true that they have not the chronological exactitude of Jasper Snowdon, the intriguing deductiveness and speculation of Trollope, or the mathematical limpidity of Arthur Heywood. But they have in perfection what all these other excellent writings lack to a degree, and that is a warmth and intimacy that brings the subjects of the sketches very close to us, and a simplicity of truth in the telling that presents the human virtues and failings of the characters in a sober and kindly light.

To attempt to provide a shortened version of John Day, therefore, would be an impertinence; to compete with him would be an essay doomed to failure. May these present papers serve to provide the broad outline of Birmingham ringing during the latter part of the 18th century and the first half of the 19th century, and so perhaps lead the reader to seek out John Day himself. The seeker will be greatly rewarded.

1.—THE ST. MARTIN'S YOUTHS IN THE 18th CENTURY

THE earliest record of The St. Martin's Youths is that of a peal of Bob Major rung in the year 1755. There can be little doubt, however, that the Society was in existence at an earlier date. Old Joseph Neale rang on the bells at the Bull Ring before they were made into 10, and no doubt the St. Martin's men of those days were change ringers. But it does not seem likely that any peal was rung in the town before 1755. There is no trace of any such performance, and Neale himself was significantly silent on the subject.

In the 18th century Birmingham possessed three churches with rings of bells, St. Martin's, St. Philip's and St. John's. St. Martin's Church had been rebuilt and altered several times. As early as 1552 it had 'iij bells wt a clock and a chyme.' In 1682 the bells were made into six with a tenor 18 cwt., and later on two trebles were added. In the year 1758 Lester and Pack, of Whitechapel, supplied a ring of ten with a tenor of 36 cwt., and in 1772 Pack and Chapman added two trebles to make the twelve.

St. John's Church down by the River Rea was in existence in 1382. It was rebuilt in 1735 and a tower was added in 1762. Fourteen years later Robert Wells, of Aldbourne, supplied a ring of eight bells.

St. Philip's Church was erected between 1711 and 1715, and Joseph Smith of Edgbaston supplied one or two bells, and then, in 1727, a full octave. In 1750 these bells were replaced by a ring of ten, tenor 29 cwt., supplied by Thomas Lester.

Close to the town, but not at that time within its boundaries, was the fine Parish Church of SS. Peter and Paul at Aston. The five bells mentioned in the inventory of 1552 were not augmented until the year 1775, when Pack and Chapman provided an octave. In 1814 the bells were made into ten.

THE FIRST PEAL

The first peal by The St. Martin's Youths, the Bob Major of 1775, was rung at St. Philip's Church. It was a 5,040, and it was rung by: John Thompson 1, Joseph Thompson 2, William Thompson 3, John Archer 4, Abraham Fletcher 5, Samuel Brooke 6, Humphrey Peck 7, Andrew Peake and William Smith 8. No conductor is mentioned, but it is probable that Peake called the bobs.

Three years later the earliest known peal at St. Martin's was conducted by Andrew Peake. The method was Grandsire Caters, and the performance marked the beginning of a period of activity that brought The St. Martin's Youths the reputation of being one of the leading companies of ringers.

Shortly after this Andrew Peake left Birmingham for Shifnal, where he assisted in the formation of a good change ringing band, and where his name appears with that of Samuel Lawrence in a number of peals rung by the Albion Society of Shifnal. Peake was succeeded in Birmingham by John Archer, who called 6,210 Grandsire Caters in 1768. It was composed by Archer, but the figures, like so many of the early compositions, have been lost. Trollope expresses a doubt of the truth of the peal on the grounds that little was known of composition in the method at that date. But it is difficult to agree with this reasoning. Annable and Holt had already produced tittum peals of Grandsire Caters, and John Martin of Leicester and Doubleday Crofts of Nottingham were both composing with confidence in the method near this time. There can therefore be small justification for casting doubt on Archer's figures.

Little is known of most of these early ringers, but among the band of 1768 there are one or two to whom attention may be drawn.

Thomas Hadley, who had taken part in the previous peal of Caters, is described as 'Esq.,' and this, together with the fact that he subscribed to 'The Clavis,' would seem to single him out as being of a somewhat superior social position. It is more than possible that he was the son of Humphrey Hadley, the clock and watch maker of Camp Hill, who made a parish clock for Solihull Church in 1724. If this is so, then Thomas was a clock maker in active business between 1780 and 1790.

Of the two new names in the peal of 1768, Phineas Smith later became conductor to the Society, while Daniel Veisey, a ringer with a good record, was a printer and copper engraver with a business in Moor Street. His firm made the elaborately engraved plate from which the Society printed its dinner invitations. This plate was subsequently lost, and John Hopkins spent much time in trying to recover it.

BLISTER ON THE TENOR

Joseph Neale, born in 1719, was the last survivor of the old band that rang at the Bull Ring when the octave was in the tower, and he, of course, was present when the bells were made into ten. In all probability it was from him that the story of the tenor came. It is said that when the bells were being hoisted into the tower someone noticed a large blister on the tenor, just above the soundbow. When this was broken a cavity, or hollow, about three inches by two, became apparent. There was, of course, great argument on the matter. Some wanted to send the bell back to the founders, but others argued that it would be better to hear its tone first. It was finally agreed to raise the bell to the tower, and, says Day, 'a fortunate thing it was, for I imagine there are few better bells of its weight.'

Joseph Neale died in 1812 in his ninety-third year.

In 1772 the bells at St. Martin's were made into twelve, and in the following year the Society scored 5,324 Grandsire Cinques, the third peal in the method to be rung outside London. Maximus did not follow very quickly on the Cinques, but the next few years were far from inactive ones in Birmingham and the district. Bob Royal was rung at the Bull Ring, and the opening of the new rings at Aston and St. John's, in 1775 and 1776 respectively, brought fresh life to the Exercise. A band was formed at Aston, and at Deritend there was an increasing number of younger men, able to train and gain experience on this handy ring without the embarrassment of the weighty bells at St. Martin's and unhampered by the prejudices of some of the older hands

On October 25th, 1779, The St. Martin's Youths rang their first peal of Maximus. The method was Plain Bob, and it was the first peal of Bob Maximus to be rung outside London. Phineas Smith was the composer and conductor, and the band included Thomas Hadley, Daniel Veisey, James Dovey and John Bristow, together with some of the younger men from St. John's. James Dovey was well known in the Stourbridge district, and John Bristow is notable as having rung in the 7,326 Grandsire Caters at All Saints', Worcester, that remarkable peal where the clapper fell out of the tenor just as the bells came into rounds.

The years following 1779 saw the performance of a number of peals, Bob Royal at Coventry, Oxford Treble Bob Royal at the Bull Ring, and Bob Major at Bewdley. Throughout this period the younger men were gradually replacing the old hands, and Charles Shuter was taking the place of Phineas Smith as conductor.

The year 1786 was notable in more ways than one. It was the year in which Samuel Lawrence came to Birmingham, and it also saw the visit of The College Youths to the Midland town. Both events were of importance, Lawrence's advent in its immediate effect on Birmingham ringing, and the visit of The College Youths in its influence on the destiny of that distinguished society.

WEIGHED 32 STONE

Samuel Lawrence was a native of Shifnal, where he did his early ringing with The Albion Society in company with Andrew Peake, who had left Birmingham some years before. Lawrence was a farrier and must have been well-to-do, for he travelled the country a good deal. At St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, London, in 1788, he took part in the first peal of Stedman Cinques ever rung, and he was in the two Birmingham peals of 1820. He was said to be the second heaviest man in England, weighing some 32 stone, and old Elvins, the carpenter, who assisted at the hanging of Dudley bells in 1819, used to say that when he saw the great man strip for ringing he was amazed at the sight. He never saw such arms, 'they were as thick as a child's body.'

The staircase at Dudley is rather narrow, and Lawrence had great difficulty in squeezing himself through. 'But,' said Elvins, 'it took three men to get him down, one to push, one to pull and Lawrence in the middle.' In after years the old carpenter used to say to John Day, 'Ah. John! It is a pity that such men as Sam Lawrence should ever die.' Lawrence's death in 1825 was the result of his falling as he was climbing into his chaise. The chair he was using as a step broke under him, and he fell, breaking his thigh. Owing to his great weight the bone could not be set. Mortification set in and he died. He was buried in Shifnal churchyard, where his grave may be seen near the belfry door.

The year that Lawrence came to Birmingham was made notable by the visit of 'The College Youths.' The following account of this disastrous trip was written by J. A. Trollope in 'The Ringing World' of June 28th, 1940.

'The party was made up from both companies into which for 30 years the Society had been split, and this visit was an attempt to reunite the two sections into one.

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THE ST. MARTIN'S YOUTHS

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'The London men arrived in Birmingham towards the end of October, 1786, and on the 24th twelve of them started at St. Martin's for a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Maximus. It was a first-class band, made up of some of the best ringers who have ever belonged to the Society of College Youths, including John Povey, who probably was conductor, John Reeves, Robert Patrick the bell founder, William Lyford, Joseph Holdsworth and Samuel Muggeridge. They rang for two hours, when the tenor clapper broke, and so the peal was lost. . . .

'Next day the damage at St. Martin's was put right, and the College Youths made another attempt for the peal. Outside, listening, was a young member of the Aston band, William Hassall by name, and in after years he used to talk about the ringing and say how excellent it was. All went well for nearly three hours and a half, and a peal seemed certain, when Muggeridge set the tenor and went and sat down, saying he was tired and would ring no more. He had been opposed to the fraternisation with the ancient society, and did not like ringing with some of its members, and some of the others in the band thought he had spoilt the peal purposely. A heated altercation ensued, during which William Jones, who had been outside listening, came into the belfry. He had been a prime mover in the scheme of joining the two companies into one, and when he heard what had happened, in his anger and excitement he pulled the treble rope so hard that the bell was thrown over, smashing the stay and ceasing itself, no one paying any attention to the flying rope.

'Thus the Birmingham visit, instead of being the means of healing the thirty-year-old schism in the Society of College Youths, proved a decisive factor in the break-up of the ancient branch.'

(To be continued)

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Eastern District at Selby

The quarterly meeting of the Yorkshire Association, Eastern District, was held in conjunction with the Selby and District Society at Selby on August 16th, when ringers were present from Beverley, Cottingham, Doncaster, Goole, Hemingbrough, Hessle, Howden, Liverpool, Pontefract, Pudsey, Ripon, Selby, Sutton-on-Hull and York. The ten bells were kept ringing till about 7.15, when ringing had to cease because of an open-air play being performed in a garden close to the Abbey.

The service in the Abbey was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. A. P. Kent, M.A.), who gave the address and was assisted by the Rev. T. H. Pattinson, curate.

Tea was served in the Corunna Cafe, followed by the business meeting, presided over by the vice-president, Mr. A. E. Sellers. Two new members were elected, Mr. C. Caborn, of Selby, and Mr. E. Edmondson, of Liverpool, the latter a life member. Howden was selected as the place of the next meeting, if possible on Nov. 29th. The usual votes of thanks were passed, and Mr. T. H. Foster, of Selby, welcomed the company to Selby.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

AD GLORIAM DEO

Dear Sir,—It was very gratifying to see that a peal was recorded in your issue of August 15th at the nearby parish to mine of Stoulton, which was rung 'Ad Gloriam Deo.' Surely all peals should be rung to the glory of God, whether in honour of granfer's 90th birthday or the tenor ringer's first son and heir. I was pleased to see this simple reason for ringing a peal on Stoulton's lovely ring of six.

I'm surprised, Mr. Editor, that you and 'The Ringing World' come in for some criticism over the contents of this weekly journal. My own impression is that it is a newsy little paper for those interested in campanology, and I must record my admiration of your leading article each week. Some of these from time to time have been extremely well written and worthy of wider circulation among church people generally, for they have emphasised so clearly that the bell ringer is a church worker in every sense of the word, and that whether it is Sunday service ringing or the peal of Stedman or Norwich, it is, all of it, Ad Gloriam Deo.—Yours truly,

F. C. CHAMPION (Rev.).

Hinton-on-the-Green Rectory,
Evesham.

PROGRESS AT TIBSHELF

Dear Sir,—Miss D. Armstrong, of Tibshelf, Derbys, who did not start ringing until Jan. 7th, 1952, rang her first 720 Plain Hunting on March 4th and her first quarter 'inside' Plain Bob on May 13th. On August 9th at Tibshelf, in 2 hours 50 minutes, she rang her first peal at the first attempt 'inside' to Kent, Oxford and Plain Bob. A week later, on August 16th at Clay Cross, Derbys, she again rang the 2nd to 5,040 Oxford and Kent in 2 hours 44 minutes. In both peals stood Miss M. Bradley, of Blackwell tower, who had previously only rung the treble to one peal.

These two young ladies are also learning handbells and both have rung plain course Plain Bob Minor—Marion 1–2, Doreen 5–6, with yours truly in the middle. This handbell ringing started from scratch on July 2nd.

How's that for progress!

Yours faithfully,

F. BRADLEY.

Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts.

THANK YOU, DEVON AND CORNWALL

Dear Sir, — Having just returned from my holidays in Cornwall, may I, through your columns, thank all those ringers in Cornwall and over the border in Devon, 'scientific' and otherwise, who have made me so welcome and have contributed so much to my happiness? To mention all individually would be almost impossible, but to Mr. P. Williams (captain of the Redruth band) and his wife go my very special thanks. For the fourth successive summer, thank you, Devon and Cornwall.—Yours sincerely, E. T. P. FIELD.

Buckland Newton, Dorset.

STEDMAN DOUBLES

Dear Sir, — In the letter from Mr. G. E. Symonds which was published in 'The Ringing World' on July 25th, it is stated that each six-score of Stedman Doubles (with the starts as indicated) can be called ten different ways. Are there not **fifteen** different ways of calling six-scores of Stedman Doubles?—Yours faithfully, H. MILES.

Carbis Bay, Cornwall.

KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Worrall, the Oxford and Kent compositions of Treble Bob with Bobs and Oxford at other leads besides the third is called Worcester variation. The composition with bobs and Oxford only at thirds is termed the Ilkeston variation of Spliced. Mixed or Combined Treble Bob, whichever you may think fit. To my idea it is the same whether they are mixed or joined together.

As for changing to Oxford when the treble is in 3–4 it is a change of method and I consider it is far more interesting than changing at the lead ends. For the benefit derived from changing there you may as well not change at all because you get the same score.

By changing in 3–4 you keep the tenors out of the slow, and also returning up behind. You get the tenors dodging at the Wrong and Home and also the Middle much the same. What can you wish for better than that? Do we not like to hear the tenors dodging at the back? What is nicer than having 6, 7, 8, 9, 0 come rolling up at the course end and having a three pull dodge and also having a couple of bobs at Wrong previously? The idea is to keep the tenors out of the slow and to get them up behind again and by doing so we use the Oxford at third lead.

My advice is if you are going in for composition do your best to get 4 and 6 extents in 5–6 and plenty of dodging with the tenors with the bell at the Wrong keeping off the tenors. Then listen. With best of luck.

E. C. GOBEY.

Ilkeston.

[Editorial note.—There was a misprint in the letter on this subject on page 539. It was the Suffolk Guild and not the Sussex Guild which attempted the three variations. The error is regretted.—Editor.]

STAMINA

Dear Sir,—While in a pub at Chesterfield listening to that grand ten, I am reminded that Mr. Ben Knights worked from 6 a.m. on Friday, January 19th, 1906, continuously till Saturday noon of January 20th with breaks only for meals. Without sleep or rest and after a considerable walk, he rang North Wingfield tenor to 7,328 Oxford Treble Bob Major in 4 hours 26 minutes. The performance might be of interest to Mr. Jack R. Worrall. (See Belfry Gossip, August 15th.) J. T. D.

ONE-HAND CLOCKS

Dear Sir,—With reference to the recent correspondence on 'one-handed clocks,' there is one at Long Stratton, Norfolk, which has not yet been mentioned. According to 'The Norfolk Magazine,' Vol. 5, No. 3, page 6, this clock was installed in 1722 and was put in working order in 1950, after being idle for some years. —Yours faithfully,

JOHN S. BARNES.

Caston, Norfolk.

St. Mary's, Scarborough

For three months the bells of St. Mary's, Scarborough, will be silent. They are to be provided with new clappers and new fittings. These bells were hung in 1851 after two of them had been on view at the Great Exhibition. The dedication was in December, 1852. Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have promised to have the bells rehung by December, and it is hoped to rededicate them exactly 100 years after they were first dedicated. In the meantime St. Mary's will not be altogether silent. The firm is to lend the church a 7 cwt. bell which will be tolled for Communion and other services.

FOR BEGINNERS—AND A WORD TO THE OLDER HANDS

IX.—FROM KENT TO OXFORD TREBLE BOB

One of the first Treble Bob methods was Oxford. It came into being long before Kent, which, when it was first introduced, was known as 'New' Treble Bob.

Oxford, especially on the higher numbers, is not, in these days, rung anything like as frequently as is Kent, but in six-bell ringing it forms a very useful contribution to the seven-method peal, which is the least that six-bell ringers should aim at.

To those who can ring Kent Treble Bob, the Oxford method is comparatively easy to learn. Actually it is merely a reversal of the bells in 3–4. Here are figures (at the first lead of the treble) which will show this:—

Kent	Oxford
2 3 1 5 4 6	2 4 1 5 3 6
2 1 3 4 5 6	2 1 4 3 5 6
1 2 3 4 6 5	1 2 3 4 6 5
2 1 4 3 5 6	2 1 3 4 5 6
1 2 4 3 6 5	1 2 4 3 6 5
1 4 2 6 3 5	1 4 2 6 3 5
4 1 2 6 5 3	4 1 6 2 5 3
1 4 6 2 3 5	1 4 6 2 3 5
4 1 6 2 5 3	4 1 2 6 5 3
4 6 1 5 2 3	4 2 1 5 6 3

The reversal of the bells in 3–4, however, leads to some essential differences in the work, but first of all let us look at the similarity of the two methods. All the dodging is precisely the same (though not always in corresponding places, with the same bells). There is also a 'slow' work common to both methods—the whole pull at lead and 2nds place alternately from the time the treble leaves the front until it returns—and this slow work is done by the bells in the same order.

Another important point in the relationship of the two methods from the conductor's point of view is that the compositions of one method run true to the other.

And now the differences in the work of the method.

In KENT we had this:—

Pass the treble in 2–3, make 3rds and 4ths and go up.

Dodge with the treble in 1–2, coming out of 'slow,' make 3rds and 4ths and go up.

In OXFORD each of these bells makes 4ths only and goes back to lead.

Pass the treble in 2–3, make 4ths and go down into the 'slow.'

Dodge with the treble in 1–2, make 4ths and go down to lead.

In KENT, after passing the treble in 4–5 or dodging in 5–6 up with the treble, make 4ths and 3rds on the way down.

In OXFORD both these bells make 3rds only and go back up to dodge in 5–6.

Briefly, the two bells going up make 4ths and go back; the two bells going down after the treble make 3rds and go up.

A bob in Oxford Treble Bob causes both the 3rds places to be made by the same bell, but with a 4ths place (the actual bob) between. Thus the bell that has to make the bob dodges in 5–6 up with treble, follows it down, makes 3rds, 4ths and 3rds (a whole pull in each place) and goes up in front of the treble. It comes into the 'slow' work the next lead.

The conductor should note that, while in Kent the bell that is going into the 'slow' comes down behind the treble, in Oxford the next bell to go into the 'slow' is the bell that comes down IN FRONT of the treble. That is important to remember when he is calling from a non-observation bell.

Touches of Oxford can be called like touches of Kent, and here is another 720 which will go to either method, without bringing the 'tenors' (5 and 6) up the wrong way at a lead end; in other words, whenever they are together when the treble leads they strike in their natural order, 5–6, at backstroke.

Last week's 720 was: Call the 6th IN, Out and In three times. The other 720 is: Call the 5th Out, In and Out three times. If, for this latter, you want to make the 6th the observation bell, you can do so by calling it to make the bob in the first course, and then call it twice Wrong (successive leads) in the 2nd course; and repeat twice.

The bell that makes the bob in Oxford is the one that dodged in 5–6 up with the treble and the call can be made as it strikes its first blow in 3rds place. Contrary to Kent, in which the places are made the 'wrong' way (backstroke and handstroke), the places in Oxford are made the 'right' way (handstroke and backstroke).

To call a bell 'Wrong' in Oxford or Kent Treble Bob causes it to have an extra double dodge in 5–6 up, and the call comes in the lead when the bell has dodged in 3–4 up with the treble.

OUTINGS

CLEWER

A good day's tour around Cambridge was enjoyed by ringers from Clewer, Farnham Royal, Windsor, Old Windsor, Slough, Hampton, Stanwell and Sunbury, those from the last three towers arriving in Windsor on bicycles before 7 a.m.

After a short break for refreshment the first tower, Hitchin, was reached on time. This fine ring was soon set going in rounds, Grandsire, Stedman, Kent and Spliced Plain and Little Bob.

The next stop was Godmanchester and the hard-going bells there were soon ringing in rounds, Grandsire, Stedman and Double Norwich. Then came St. Mary's, Huntingdon, where ringing ranged from rounds to Double Norwich, including a musical touch of Oxford Bob Triples.

A good lunch was had by all in a convenient field just off the main road to St. Ives, where was the next tower. The long draught here did not appeal to some of the less experienced, nevertheless a variety of methods, including Duffield, was rung.

En route to St. Benet's, Cambridge, the majority in the coach were gently lulled to sleep on the way by sweet music from two mouthorgans, an accordion and a banjo. At Benet's, the usual methods were rung and the only touch of Surprise during the day, Spliced London and Cambridge. The bells were then rung down and everyone moved off to tea.

After a good tea, Royston was reached a few minutes late. Due to an error in the time-table the ringing here had to be cut down and the visitors left for the last tower, Baldock. Methods rung here included St. Clement's Major.

The run home was broken at a convenient hostelry where tune ringing was enjoyed by all present. Midnight saw the coach in Windsor from where a few had a long ride home.

Methods rung on handbells during the day included: Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, Spliced Plain, Little and St. Clement's Minor, Plain Bob, Duffield, Spliced Plain, Little and St. Clement's, and Spliced Grandsire and Original Major. Grandsire Caters and various irregular Minor methods.

Many thanks are extended to all those who made such an enjoyable day possible.

HOVINGHAM, YORKS

A townsman will often say to a countryman, 'What do you find to do in the country?' To anyone asking me this I should reply, 'Well, just come to Hovingham and try fixing a date for our bellringers' outing.' Yes, it is quite a problem. Eventually it was decided that July 19th should be the day.

Accompanied by good friends and good weather, we were off to an early start and arrived at West Tanfield by 9.30 a.m. Here we had an enjoyable sojourn, but whether it was due to the early time of day or to other causes it certainly was not our best ring of the tour. Mid-morning refreshments followed and we were delightfully entertained by four of our team going through a plain course of Grandsire Triples on the handbells.

From Tanfield we proceeded through the hay country by way of Middleham and Leyburn and on to Aysgarth. For most of us this was our first visit to Aysgarth, and allowed plenty of time in our programme to see the falls, a most beautiful sight, before visiting the church. Here we were joined by members of the local team, who spent most of their lunch hour ringing with us, and it turned out to be a very sociable meeting.

In the Church of St. Andrew there is a grand set of six, the tenor being 11 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. in F sharp. With two local members standing in, we rang touches of Bob Minor and then we went on to Stedman, Grandsire and St. Simon. Our ringing session went in quick time and with reluctance we rang the bells down. However, we were made very welcome at the Palmer Flatt Hotel, where our non-ringing friends had already had a good start in the bar.

After lunch we went far and wide. Our destination was Leeds, but by no means was it an easy task for our coach driver. Going over the hills by way of Hawes, Horton-in-Ribblesdale down to Settle, we encountered steep and narrow roads, the latter being to our disadvantage when we met another bus coming in the opposite direction. One of us had to give way and, I suppose, being the trespassers into their country, we were the ones to do the reversing.

We were behind schedule at Leeds, but having booked tea there was no delay and we were soon in the Empire enjoying a tip-top show. On the homeward run we stopped in York for drinks and supper. The Vicar, the Rev. Mr. Kearsley, who was a member of the party, thanked the organisers for a very good outing.

Speaking of next year, it has already been suggested that a trip to London would be favoured. If this is to be the case, I had better start now trying to fix the two days required for such an outing. R. M.

KING'S NORTON BELLS

Apropos the ring at King's Norton, a correspondent writes that one bell in this tower is dated 1641 and the others were cast by the Eayres of St. Neots and are dated between 1760 and 1761. According to North in his 'Church Bells of Leicestershire,' King's Norton once had a ring of ten given by William Fortrey, but was reduced to eight owing to the strain on the tower. Only two peals of Major have been rung on these bells, which have a tenor weighing 21 cwt.

WEST SUSSEX TOUR

(Continued from page 553)

Methods rung during the week included Grandsire Doubles, Triples and Caters, Erin Doubles and Triples, April Day, St. Simon's and New Doubles, Bob Minor, Little Bob Minor, Stedman Doubles and Triples, St. Clement's Minor, Kent and Oxford Minor, Bob Major and Royal, Double Norwich Major and Cambridge Minor and Major. Some 40 towers were visited and 845 steps climbed during the week. Roll on next time! P. N. B.

BELLS IN ENGLISH LIFE

By ERNEST MORRIS

(Continued from page 538)

FROM time immemorial it has been the custom to ring the church bells when any royal personage or nobleman passed through or visited the place. A manuscript quoted by Brand (Smith's Berkeley MSS.) declares that:—

'Antient ceremonies used throughout the kingdome, continued from antiquity till the days of our last fathers, that whenever a nobleman or peer of the realme passed through any parish, all the bells were accustomed to be runge in honor of his person, and to give notice of the passage of such eminency.'

Churchwardens' accounts bear testimony of this custom, as, for instance, at Waltham Abbey:—

'1542. Item pd. for the ringing at the prince his coming, jd.'

Likewise at Marlow we read:—

'1592. Paid to John Black for mending the bells when the queen came to Bisham, js. vjd.'

St. John's, Stamford, records:—

'1635/6. It. for ringing wn ye King (Charles I.) came throu ye town, 2s. 0d.'

And at Aylestone, Leicester, 1695/6, the Constable's accounts have:—

'To the Ringrs when his Majti Pass'd by Ailcston upon his Progress, 1s. 0d.'

Thus we read of many such payments, but rarely do we read of ringers being paid for NOT ringing. The accounts of Lambeth, London, record such a payment when King Henry VIII. visited Lambeth in 1517/18, thus:—

'Item paid to the yema amyner ffor defawt off the ryngynge off the bells at the Kyngs comynge, ijs. iiijd.'

HOLIDAY RINGING

Holidays were always the time for ringing, even as to-day. While our forefathers were content to just ring their own bells, the 'ramblers' and 'rovers' of to-day are not content unless they pull in 20 or 30 towers on a week's holiday tour!

Plough Monday (January 10th) was until recent times looked upon in rural districts as a holiday—the 'Plough Monday boys,' bedecked with scraps of ribbons and other finery, and one of them dressed as a 'moll,' danced in the streets and asked for money. The bells were rung in many parishes to mark this occasion.

In a somewhat similar way May Day was welcomed with many peals. The maypole, decked with flowers, round which the young people danced, stood on the village green. Charles Knight in 'Once Upon a Time,' page 152, writes:—

'The Puritans waged war with the maypoles, and indeed with all those indications of a full-hearted simplicity which were the echo of the universal harmony of nature. The maypoles never held up their heads after the Civil War.'

Indeed, so early as the year 1644 a Parliamentary Ordinance directed all maypoles to be removed by the constables of the parishes. A curious confirmation of this is furnished by the second ladder leading to the belfry at Castle Bytham, Lincs, upon which is cut these words:

'This ware the may povl 1660.'

The day was not forgotten as is evidenced by many churchwardens' accounts. A typical example of this is at All Saints', Stamford:—

'1707. Expended on the Ringers on May day, 0.5.0.'

The treble bell at Balsham, Cambs, is said to have been broken in 1774 by people striking the bells on May morning (Dr. Raven's 'Church Bells of Cambridgeshire,' page 119).

SEED TIME AND HARVEST

At Rushden, Northants, it was formerly the custom to ring a bell at daybreak during 'seed time' to call the labourers to their work; so, too, the harvest bell was formerly—and still occasionally—rung early in the morning during harvest season to summon the reapers. At Moreton, also in Northants, the early morning bell, which was usually rung at 5 o'clock, rang an hour earlier, i.e., at 4 o'clock, at which hour also a bell was rung at Walgrave. It is also remembered at other places in the same county, as at Spratton, Wellingborough, etc. At Barrow-on-Humber, Lincs, the harvest bell was rung at daybreak, and again in the evening, as is learned from a copy of the 'Office and Duty of the Parish Clerk' preserved in the parish chest, dated 1713:—

'Item. He is to ring a Bell Every working day morning at Break of the day and Continue the ringing thereof until All Saints and also to ring a Bell Every Evening about the sunseting until harvest be fully ended—which Bell are to begin to ring from the beginning of harvest.'

In an old survey in the same parish, preserved among church papers, we read:—

'The Clarke Receiveth from Every Cottager at Easter for Ringing the Day Bell and Night Bell in Harvest two pecks of wheat. . . .'

In several counties it was the custom to bring the last or 'harvest load' home decked with boughs of oak and ash. The farmer would then send some of his men to ring the bells, whilst others, riding on top of the load, would sing:—

'Harvest home! Harvest home!
The boughs they do shake, the bells they do ring,
So merrily we bring the harvest in, the harvest in!
So merrily we bring the harvest in.'

The custom of ringing the harvest bell at Driffield, Yorks, was from time immemorial. The old octogenarian parish clerk, Mr. Johnson, faithfully carried out this duty every year with marked punctuality. The bell was rung mornings at 5 a.m. and evenings at 6 p.m. for one month. The bell was given 150 bats and, after a pause, one more in addition corresponding with the day of the month. In many 18th century Inclosure Acts for the East Riding of Yorkshire there is a clause which secures the sexton certain rights for ringing the 'harvest' or 'barley bell.'

In many Midland parishes as at Waltham-on-the-Wolds and Wymondham, Leics; Gretton, Slipton, Staverton, Northants; Ashwell, Impingham and Market Overton, Rutland, a bell, called the gleaning bell, was rung during harvest in the morning, and sometimes also in the evening giving warning that gleaning might commence and when it must close for the day. This was also observed at Gillingham, Aldeby, Norfolk; Tadmarton and Swalcliffe near Banbury, and Midsomer Norton and other places too numerous to mention. This was done that all—the old and feeble, as well as the young and active—might have a fair start.

'THE CHILDREN'S BREAKFASTS'

In South Warwickshire this bell was rung at 8 o'clock in the morning as a signal for the commencement of gleaning in order 'that the children's breakfasts be not neglected.' This custom was also observed in some parishes in Lincolnshire, where, however, it is remembered as a thing of the past in many other places. At Whittering, Northants, this notice was given by a woman ringing a handbell through the village; at Lyddington, Rutland, the clerk claimed a fee of a penny a week from women and big children; and at West Deeping, Lincs, the clerk made a similar claim of twopence from each gleaner—when they declined, the ringing ceased!

In connection with the harvest and gleaning bells it may be mentioned that there was formerly a bell rung at Louth when harvest on the 'Gatherums' was ripe. A piece of land so called was in former times cultivated for the benefit of the poor: when the 'pescods' were ripe a church bell was rung, which gave warning to the poor that the time had arrived when they might gather there — hence (it is said) gather'em or gatherum. The church books had the following and similar entries relating to this custom:—

'1536. Item for Knyllyng the bell in harvest for gatheringe of the pescods, iiijd.'

Among the appurtenances of the manor in past times were the Manor Mill or Manor Oven, to which the tenants were expected, if not obliged, to resort to grind their corn and to bake their bread. Early in the 14th century such an oven existed at Melton Mowbray, Leics: and so late as the middle of the 19th century Sir Matthew Lamb, the then Lord of the Manor, endeavoured to compel the inhabitants to bake their bread in that oven on the plea of feudal rights. Nichols describes it as being, in 1790, fourteen feet in diameter, and adds that Sir Matthew Lamb, having desisted from his claim, a rival baker had set up a new oven of even larger size. To give notice when the manor oven was heated and so ready for use, a man paraded the streets of Melton blowing a horn. The same custom was followed at Cranwell, Lincs, but in some parishes—as at Warkton, Northants, and at Welton, Lincs—one of the church bells was rung, called the 'oven bell.' This was also observed at Keyston, Hunts.

(To be continued)

FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World' of Aug. 30th, 1912

DEATH OF MR. MATT. WOOD

A Famous London Ringer

How fast the veterans of the Exercise are disappearing. To-day it is our melancholy duty to record the death of Mr. Matthew A. Wood, which took place on Tuesday at his residence, Church Row, Bethnal Green. . . .

Had he lived to September 22nd he would have been 86 years of age. Mr. Wood had had a remarkable career as a ringer, having rung 380 peals in England, Ireland and Scotland. His first peal was one of Grandsire Triples at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, on February 18th, 1846.

[Mr. Wood, who had lived in the same house since 1829, was, said 'The Ringing World,' '. . . unquestionably one of the finest ringers who ever entered a belfry. With a reach that gave him splendid command of a bell, a strength that he knew how to use to the best advantage, an ear that enabled him to make every blow a good one, and an intellect that endowed him with power to ring without making mistakes, he possessed, in his prime, a combination of qualities seldom found to so marked a degree in any ringer.' Between his first peal in 1846 and his last in 1909, there was no year in which he failed to ring a peal. Among those in which he took part were the third peal of Superlative, in 1850; 7,524 of Stedman Cinques in 1851 and 8,580 in the same method in 1861, and 15,840 Treble Bob, the then record, at Bethnal Green in 1868. In 1872 he rang in the first peal in Ireland, at Waterford, and in the following year called the first peal in Scotland, Grandsire Triples at Dundee. He took part in the first handbell peals of Stedman, Caters and Cinques ever rung, and in the first peal at St. Paul's Cathedral.

His grandfather, Francois Du Bois, a silk manufacturer in Lyons, was a Huguenot refugee who settled in Spitalfields and took up ringing, taking part in over 70 peals under his Anglicised name of Francis Wood, among them 10,200 Oxford Treble Bob Royal at Shoreditch in 1777.

Mr. Wood's peal book came in possession of the then Bishop of London, Dr. Winnington-Ingram, who made reference to this at the College Youths centenary dinner.]

AS I REMEMBER THEM

We begin this series in the hope that older members of the Exercise will be encouraged to give their memories of men now passed on who left their mark on the Exercise, so that the younger members may get some idea of what manner of men they were.

W. H. BARBER

The first time I ever saw Bill Barber was in the famous Bull Ring Tower, where he was conducting Stedman Cinques in a masterly manner. He was about 28, and was the possessor of a rather fierce looking moustache, which struck awe into me as it bristled when Barber shouted his commands. He had by this time proved himself to be one of the leading conductors in the Exercise. He was the very first to conduct Carter's Odd Bob one-part, both on tower bells and handbells, and was very progressive in outlook. He was a bricklayer by trade and in due course migrated to Newcastle, where very soon he was extremely active.

Possibly some of our North Country ringers might like to give us a picture of his activities, which were over a period of 40 years in their territory. When I was in York at the outbreak of the first world war I again met Bill. He had gone, as I had, to renew acquaintance with the famous George Breed, one of London's finest heavy bell ringers, who had become a publican in York. We met in the smoke-room of his inn on the riverside and enjoyed some handbell ringing. Bill by this time was much more tolerant in his outlook, and had begun to develop that gentle manner which was to become so much more pronounced as the years went by. He was no longer a young man in a hurry, but patient to a degree with those who were not so quick in assimilating ringing knowledge. How much the Newcastle men owe to that patience and gentleness! He was always eager to encourage the enquiring youngster, and would be at great pains to make a point absolutely clear and understood. Bill was regular in his attendance at the Central Council's gatherings, and was always very popular.

About 30 years ago Albert Walker arranged a peal of Stedman Caters at Beverley Minster with Barber in the band. He at once volunteered to ring the 9th, and although by no means robust in physique, he rang it to perfection, placing it with such accuracy as to leave an undying impression on the minds of those taking part. Unfortunately, after over three hours' ringing the tenorman gave up, but Bill was eager for inclusion in the next attempt, eight years later when he again rang the 9th, but, alas, the tenorman on that occasion gave up in just over an hour. Bill Barber was frequently to be seen at the Johnson Dinner at Birmingham and was never very far away from Harry Withers—another genius, but of a different type from Bill.

After retirement from work he returned to his native Clent in Worcestershire, and was often to be seen in Birmingham at the Bull Ring, ringing Stedman Cinques in the same masterly style that I as a raw youngster had admired so much. In 1947 I had the great joy of ringing a peal of Stedman Cinques with him at Buckfast Abbey. He was now approaching 80 years of age, but rang the treble with the same sure touch.

Barber was one of the finest characters who has graced the Exercise and was truly loved by all who knew him. Whilst on a visit to some relatives at Sutton Coldfield he was suddenly called to higher service, and it was not until he had been buried in that town that the Exercise learned of its great loss. No ringers' tribute at the graveside could be paid, but this was remedied on the anniversary of his death, when some of his oldest friends travelled from London and the Midlands and paid their last respects to a dear departed brother. Amongst the travellers was E. Alex. Young, then in his 87th year, who brought with him a bunch of flowers picked that morning from his own garden, and laid them reverently on the grave. A simple act, but how much was conveyed by it!

J. F. S.

NEWS FROM MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA

A Year of Encouraging Progress

The annual general meeting of the St. Paul's Cathedral Society, Melbourne, was held on July 30th in the tower. The Very Rev. Roscoe Wilson, Dean of Melbourne, presided, 16 members being present. Apologies for absence were received from the vice-captain, Mr. J. Spencer, and from Messrs. A. Bennett, W. Ford and G. Weston.

The treasurer's report and balance sheet were accepted, a slight decrease in funds being shown over the previous year.

In his first annual report, the captain (Mr. P. Gray) stated that the past year had been one of steady progress and hoped the progress would continue. Membership had increased to a substantial figure, partly due to three arrivals from England during the past six months in the persons of the Misses B. Beeson and V. Willard and Mr. D. Cornish.

He then went on to point out what a privilege the office of a ringer was, and how ringing added to the glory of our worship. Melbourne was very fortunate in having such a fine ring of twelve bells, and it was his aim to make full use of them by ringing Caters and Cinques as soon as the tenor, which at the present moment was undergoing repairs, had been restored.

At this juncture he paid tribute to the long years of valuable service Mr. J. Spencer had rendered to the Society, and expressed the Society's sincere regret that ill-health prevented Mr. Spencer from making regular attendance to ringing.

The captain concluded his report by saying that on practice nights ringing now finished a half-hour earlier, so that all members could have supper together and get to know each other better. This new venture had proved to be a great social success.

The Dean thanked Mr. Gray for his report and said how pleased he was with the progress of the Society and congratulated Mr. Gray on his fine leadership.

The election of officers for 1952–3 resulted as follows: Captain, Mr. P. Gray; vice-captain, Mr. J. Roper; hon. secretary, Miss B. Sheppard; hon. treasurer, Mrs. J. Gray; steeplekeeper, Mr. C. Billington; hon. librarian, Mr. J. Willis; auditor, Mr. F. Boughton.

Mr. J. Willis accorded a hearty vote of thanks to the Dean. The meeting was followed by supper.

The handbell peal of Little Bob Major at Derby on August 9th, reported on page 534, was the first handbell peal in the method by the Association, and not the first handbell peal for the Association.

The first recruits of the newly-formed company at Stisted, Essex, to score their first quarters are A. Syder and T. Earl. They are both 15 years of age and the test took place at Rayne. Congratulations to Mr. Albert Saunders, who can now begin to see some result from his hard work.

Errata: Peal of Plain Bob Minor, Huntingdon, July 30th (page 516), read Gordon Whitehead 3, John R. G. Spicer 4.

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SILVER WEDDING

GOODFELLOW—BAKER. — On Sept. 3rd, 1927, at St. John's, Hillingdon, Frederick William, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Goodfellow, of Hounslow, to Grace, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Baker, of Hillingdon. Present address: Seaford, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks. 1225

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MISCELLANEOUS

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD. — Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Holborn, in September, cancelled owing to repairs.—T. J. Lock. 1236

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Monday, Sept. 1st, and each first Monday in month, practice, St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge, 7.15 p.m. Advanced practice, Christ Church, Ealing Broadway, 30th, and each last Tuesday. 1224

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY. — Will all ringers coming to the university (or associated colleges) this October please contact Miss H. Tesson, Sec., McAdam Stapehill, Wimborne, Dorset. 1243

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting. Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Saturday, August 30th, 3 p.m.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 1195

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge and Hunts Districts.—Joint meeting at Bourn, Saturday, August 30th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. L. Martin and H. S. Peacock, Dis. Secs. 1196

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting due to be held at Haslemere, Aug. 30th, **cancelled.** In lieu there will be a meeting at Puttenham on Saturday, Sept. 6th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to R. Kenward, 7, Raymond Crescent, Dennisville, Guildford. 1207

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Ropley, Saturday, Aug. 30th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 in Village Hall. Look up York Minor 1166

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, August 30th, at Welland. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. followed by tea and business meeting. 1202

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Bridgwater Branch.—Practice meeting at Moorlinch, Sept. 6th, 6.30–9 p.m.—R. Short, Chilton Trinity. 1223

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern District. — Priors Marston (6), Sept. 6th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Please notify early for tea. All welcome.—Miss H. Purkiss, 61, Deppers Bridge, Southam, Rugby. 1232

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—Awliscombe, September 6th. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea not later than September 1st.—J. Arbury, 2, Paternoster Row, Ottery St. Mary. 1161

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Western Division.—Quarterly meeting, Thorpe Bay (8), September 6th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., to be followed by tea and meeting. Further ringing after tea. Names for tea to Miss M. M. Smith, 82, Tyrone Road, Thorpe Bay. 1178

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Meeting, Chaceley, Sept. 6th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea follows. All welcome. — J. Beech, Hon. Sec., 6, Abbey Terrace, Tewkesbury. 1227

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District. — Meeting at Send on Saturday, Sept. 6th. Bells (6) from 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5.15 in Parish Room. Ockham bells (5) 3 p.m. onwards. Old Woking (8) 6 to 8 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. S. Strudwick, Eskholm, Potters Lane, Cartbridge, Woking, by Wednesday, Sept. 3rd.—W. Simmonds, Hon. Sec. 1234

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District. — A quarterly meeting at Tenbury on Saturday, Sept. 6th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30.—G. Randle. 1219

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Abbots Langley (6), September 6th, 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Names to R. G. Bell, 131, Hamper Mill Lane, Watford. Tel. Watford 7936. 1194

HUDDERSFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting, Northowram (8), Saturday, Sept. 6th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Cups of tea at 5 p.m. Please bring own food. Business meeting to follow and bells until 9 p.m. Frequent bus service from Halifax. 1210

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—By-meeting at Sevenoaks (8) (**not** Cranbrook as originally intended), Sept. 6th, at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea not later than Sept. 4th to Miss D. Colgate, 38, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks. 1206

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Half-yearly meeting, Sept. 6th. Accrington bells 1 p.m. to 9 p.m.; Church Kirk 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., Accrington. Tickets (2s. 6d.) obtainable, together with money, up to Saturday morning, Sept. 6th, from R. Lee, 321, Willows Lane, Accrington. 1235

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Half-yearly meeting, Heydour (not Grantham). Sept. 6th. Service 4.15 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m. Make own arrangements for food, cups of tea available. 1228

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting at Great Brickhill, Saturday, September 6th. Bells 2.30. Service 3.30. Names for tea by August 30th.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 1188

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — V.W.H. Branch.—Meeting, Hinton Waldrist, September 6th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea, before September 3rd, to M. J. Pryor, 54, Marlborough Gardens, Faringdon. 1190

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practices at Sandhurst, Sept. 6th, and Warfield, Sept. 20th, 6 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 1209

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guilsborough Branch. — Meeting at Long Buckby, Saturday, Sept. 6th. Names for tea should reach me before Sept. 3rd, please.—E. Orland, High Street, Long Buckby, Rugby. 1242

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. — Meeting, Urchfont (8), Sept. 6th. Bells 3. Service and tea. Names to F. Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 1213

SALISBURY GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Cranborne on Sept. 6th. Ringing 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea for those who notify J. Davis, 109, Wimborne Road, Poole, by Sept. 3rd. Wimborne St. Giles' in the evening.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual silver cup contest at Treeton on Saturday, Sept. 6th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Draw at 2.45. Names for tea without fail to Mr. F. Hanson, 50, Wood Lane, Treeton, near Rotherham.—J. E. Turley, Hon. Sec. 1221

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting at Stanford-on-Soar, Saturday, September 6th. Bells from 3 p.m. Please bring own food; cups of tea available.—S. Patricia M. Lewin. 1201

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Horsham (8), Saturday, Sept. 6th, 4 p.m. Tea for those who advise by Sept. 3rd.—G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley, Sussex. 1218

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Quarterly meeting at Oxenhope on Saturday, September 6th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Committee meeting at 4.15 p.m. Tea (4s. 6d. per head) 5 p.m. for those who notify Mr. J. H. Cloughton, Lower Town, Oxenhope, Keighley. Special business: Election of new committee member; any nomination to be sent to the district secretary. Members please note these arrangements as no circulars will be issued.—A. E. Marsh, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1183

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—A meeting will be held at South Perrott on Wednesday, Sept. 10th. Bells (6) available at 6.30 p.m., practice only.—C. H. Lathey. 1211

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual cup contest at Barnsley, Sept. 13th, at 3 p.m. All entries and names for teas must reach me not later than Sept. 6th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 18, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 1239

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Meeting, Ide, near Exeter (6), Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Alphington (8) available 7–8.30 p.m. Names for Sept. 8th to F. Wreford, 24, Normandy Road, Exeter. 1220

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division.—Meeting, Goldhanger (7), Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—A. H. Everett, 24, The Chase, Boreham. 1175

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Meeting at Great Gaddesden (6), Saturday, Sept. 13th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Robinson, 7, Gade Valley Cottages, Great Gaddesden, near Hemel Hempstead, by Sept. 10th.—P. A. Martin, Dis. Sec. 1230

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District. — Hunton (6), Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, near Maidstone. 1231

LADIES' GUILD. — Midland District. — Meeting at Sapcote (6) on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for all those who notify Mr. M. Brown, 57, Stanton Road, Sapcote, near Leicester, not later than Wednesday, Sept. 10th. Members please note—special business. — J. Staniforth, Hon. Sec. 1216

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan and Liverpool Branches.—A joint meeting will be held at Rainford Parish Church on Saturday, Sept. 13th. For tea send names to Mrs. Ball, The Golden Lion, Church Road, Rainford, before Wednesday, Sept. 10th. Branch practice at Ormskirk in September.—W. Farrimond and Julia M. Preston, Branch Secs. 1240

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Meeting at Ulceby, Sept. 13th. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Ulceby bells (5) available in the afternoon. Thornton Curtis (6) in the evening. Names for tea by Sept. 10th to Mr. E. Hair, Station Road, Ulceby. 1229

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—East Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Somerleyton, Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at Duke's Head 5.15. Names or numbers for tea by Wednesday, Sept. 3rd, the very latest, if you please, to Mr. E. Brown, 19, St. Margaret's Cottages, Herringfleet, Lowestoft.—J. Harwood, Sec. 1214

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Summer Festival in Rutland, Saturday, September 13th. Guild committee meets Market Overton Village Hall 3 p.m., Service, Parish Church, 4.15 p.m. Tea, Village Hall, 5 p.m. Social evening in Village Hall 8 p.m. Drinks and refreshments available. Bells available in all towers from 11 a.m. except Edith Weston which will be open from 12.30 to 2.30 p.m. and 6.30 to 7.30 p.m. Other towers: Whissendine, Barrowden, Uppingham, Market Overton, Cottesmore, Greetham, Langham, Preston, Exton, Empingham, Caldecote, Seaton. Names for tea must reach Mr. R. Scott, Coumb, Market Overton, Oakham, by Thursday, September 4th, please.—R. C. Noon, Hon. Sec. 1182

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Salisbury Branch.—Practice meeting at Winterslow (6), Sept. 13th. Bells from 3. Tea arranged for those who send names by Sept. 9th to A. Coleman, Rose Cottage, Middle Winterslow, near Salisbury. 1222

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Clive (6, 25 cwt.), Sept. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Elephant and Castle, Gomshill, 5.30 p.m. Advise by Sept. 10th G. C. Bagley, 34, Wharfage, Ironbridge. 1238

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — North Notts Branch. — Meeting at Harthill (8), Saturday, Sept. 13th. Names for tea by 12th to Mr. J. Hynds, Harthill, near Sheffield.—H. Denman. 1226

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—Meeting at Mortlake (8). Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service and tea; details next week.—R. Lathbury, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames. 1233

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual dinner will be held at Bollands, Eastgate, Chester, on Saturday, Oct. 11th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets 12s. 6d. (jun. 10s.). Please apply in good time. — J. Kingdon, 3, Grey Friars, Chester. 1241

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—The Jubilee Dinner will be held at East Grinstead on October 11th. Ringing from 4 p.m. Dinner at the Glanfield Hotel 6.30. Tickets 8s. Please apply, with remittance, as soon as possible.—C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst. 1181

LADIES' GUILD DINNER.—Leicester, Oct. 25th. Price 12s. 6d. per ticket. Accommodation available at following hotels: Bell Hotel, Humberstone Gate; George Hotel, The Haymarket; Wellington Hotel, Granby Street; Midland Hotel, Princess Road (non-licensed). Early application, together with remittance, should be made to Mrs. P. J. Staniforth, 150, Narborough Road South, Leicester. Limited number only available. 1217

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preliminary. — Annual dinner at Guildhall, Worcester, on Saturday, October 25th. Tickets (7s. 6d. each) shortly available and obtainable from secretaries.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 1192

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WALLINGFORD, BERKS.—On Aug. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Holmes 1, R. White 2, F. Messenger 3, G. Holifield 4, H. C. White 5, F. White (first as cond.) 6, F. A. White 7, W. Tame 8.

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READING BETWEEN THE LINES

A GOOD many more ringers than those actually present are interested to a greater or less degree in the proceedings at the annual conference of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers. Perhaps one of the greatest privileges open to a ringer is membership of this august assembly. Perhaps nothing is more disappointing to a member of the Council than enforced absence from one of its gatherings. In the nature of things, however, membership of the Council cannot be open to all ringers and there must be occasions when even those who have the privilege of membership are prevented from attending.

All such absentees must rely upon the official reports which are so well presented from year to year in the columns of 'The Ringing World' or upon the personal reactions and descriptions of their friends. It may be that to many people the latter can be even more interesting than the former. Whatever the source of the news, however, there is certain to be a good deal of pleasurable 'reading between the lines.'

'Reading between the lines' must always have its handicaps, and it is a practice which, although so pleasurable, can sometimes, although by no means always, be misleading. It may, therefore, be an unwarrantable assumption, but the rumour persists that the proceedings at this year's meeting, although very pleasant as always, did not reach the height of reality and usefulness to which, at its best, the Central Council ought to aspire.

One ringer wrote to another, 'You did not miss much at Lincoln. The morning was taken up with stereotyped business and in the afternoon there was far too much technical discussion, boring beyond words. I was glad my train left early.' Shortly after the Council meeting a letter appeared in the columns of 'The Ringing World' from a member of the Council making the same complaint about the afternoon proceedings. From 'The Ringing World' report of the annual general meeting of one of our larger guilds we learn that it is quite usual for the Central Council to make one decision in the morning and a contrary decision in the afternoon.

All these things are disquieting, although fortunately, as always, there is a lighter side. One member of the Council tells a delightful story against himself. It seems that he found the acoustics of Lincoln Chapter House a little difficult and, being quite unaware of the business before the meeting, he took a chance and decided to raise his hand with the majority only to be told hastily by one of his friends that he was voting against a resolution that he had himself seconded.

One point must, of course, be made quite clear. Whatever criticisms may be made of the business meeting, the Lincoln people themselves were, as one would certainly expect, second to none in their hospitality. No pains were, it seems, spared to make the guests welcome and happy, and every care and thought had been given for their comfort and enjoyment. It is the more disappointing, therefore, that the business, over which the hosts had not, nor would have desired, control, should have been so unimpressive to those of us who must, perforce, 'read between the lines.'

Criticism of the Council is not something new. The animated discussions that take place in remote country inns and quiet city taverns or even draughty belfries pending the arrival of the belated No. 8 are not always restricted to ball bearings or coursing orders or inferior quality bell-ropes. The Central Council sometimes looms large in such discussions, and it is a pity some of the comments are not the subject of a permanent written record.

Is the Council all it could be? Can it be improved and, if so, in what way? What a wonderful thing it would be if some of the more energetic critics would take up a pen and wield it in the good cause. It is probably too much to hope that more than one or two can be prompted from their silence. What about you, dear reader? Perhaps the Editor has never had a letter from you and yet you may be one of the most vocal critics of the Council. This article has given you a starting point, but it is deliberately negative in its criticism. The writer has all sorts of ideas on the subject, but would much prefer to see the opinions of other people. So what about it?

P. A. CORBY.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Aug. 23, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Muriel Reay	*Treble*	Terry R. Hampton	7
Mrs. Pat Lewington	2	Arthur D. Cook	8
Albert Walker	3	Arthur V. Pearson	9
Frank E. Pervin	4	Henry H. Fearn	10
Edgar C. Shepherd	5	George E. Fearn	11
John Pinfold	6	William Hibbert	*Tenor*

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Albert Walker.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug 23, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 24 cwt.

Brian G. Warwick	*Treble*	Paul L. Taylor	7
Winifred M. Burton	2	Jack L. Millhouse	8
Charles McGuiness	3	Sydney A. Chambers	9
John Freeman	4	John Walden	10
Marie R. Cross	5	Kenneth S. B. Croft	11
Walter Tomlinson	6	Stanley E. Bennett	*Tenor*

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by John Freeman.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Aug. 26, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter Mancroft,
A PEAL OF 5015 GRANDSIRE CINQUES
Tenor 37 cwt. 99 lb. in C.

William Love	*Treble*	Cecil V. Ebberson	7
*Claudia A. Harding	2	†George P. Adams	8
Ernest G. Shorting	3	H. William Barrett	9
F. Charles Goodman	4	*Burley P. Morris	10
Arthur G. Bason	5	Bert Gogle	11
†Ernest H. Mastin	6	Nolan Golden	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Nolan Golden.

* First peal of Grandsire Cinques. † First peal of Cinques. A birthday compliment to Mr. A. G. Bason, Master of the St. Peter Mancroft Guild.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 28, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Martin,
A PEAL OF 5184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Comprising 576 each of York, Pudsey, Leicestershire, Buckinghamshire, Buckingham, Wigston and Yorkshire, and 1,152 of Belgrave, with 96 changes of method. Tenor 25 cwt.

John B. Bennett	*Treble*	*Harry Poyner	7
Harold J. Poole	2	Harry G. Wayne	8
Ernest W. Rawson	3	†Redvers F. Elkington	9
Mrs. P. J. Staniforth	4	John R. Smith	10
Peter J. Staniforth	5	†E. Alan Jacques	11
Shirley Burton	6	Herrick B. Bowley	*Tenor*

Composed by Kenneth A. Roe. Conducted by Peter J. Staniforth.

* First peal of Surprise Maximus in eight methods. † First peal of Spliced Surprise Maximus. First peal of Surprise Maximus in eight methods as conductor. A compliment to George Bailey and E. Sylvia Wise, of Melton Mowbray, both members of the Guild, on their engagement.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
(The Ashton-under-Lyne Society.)
On Sat., Aug. 30, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.

Howard Howell	*Treble*	Ernest Stitch	7
Harry F. Holding	2	Joseph Ridyard	8
*Ivor R. Nichols	3	†Charles Clegg	9
Christopher Wallater	4	‡Ernest J. Gower	10
J. Norman Hadley	5	*Victor J. C. Wood	11
Laurence J. Williams	6	Wm. Frank Stenson	*Tenor*

Composed by Fredk. H. Dexter. Conducted by Howard Howell.

* First peal on twelve bells. † First peal of Cinques and in the method. ‡ First peal of Cinques. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Harry F. Holding.

TEN BELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 23, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Divine,
A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt.

Mrs. H. J. Poole	*Treble*	*Ernest Morris	6
Sidney Harrison	2	E. Alan Jacques	7
Harold J. Poole	3	John B. Bennett	8
Redvers F. Elkington	4	Peter J. Staniforth	9
Harry G. Wayne	5	Arthur Debenham	*Tenor*

Composed by William Willson. Conducted by Harold J. Poole.

* 150th peal of Caters. Specially rung on the 50th anniversary of the first peal on these bells, Stedman Triples, conducted by the late William Willson, for many years towerkeeper and conductor at this church.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 23, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
At Christ Church,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

Stephen Layland	*Treble*	Harry F. Holding	6
Thomas Price	2	George A. Packer	7
Richard D. Langford	3	Maurice G. Turner	8
*Arthur Rogers	4	Howard Howell	9
Ivor R. Nicholls	5	W. Frank Stenson	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Hayward. Conducted by George A. Packer.

* First peal on ten bells. In memoriam, James W. Edge, towerkeeper at this church for 23 years, who passed away July 15th, 1952.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 16, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 26 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

William Rose	*Treble*	Denis A. Frith	5
*Frederick W. Pinchbeck	2	†H. Reginald Woods	6
Herbert Goakes	3	George W. Creasey	7
*Frederick S. Parsons	4	*James H. Musson	*Tenor*

Conducted by George W. Creasey.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal of Grandsire Triples. Rung for the wedding of Mr. W. Barker, a ringer at this church, and Miss J. Fleetwood, a member of the Dagenham company, who were married at Dagenham in the afternoon. Also a birthday compliment to James H. Musson.

BITTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 23, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.

Roger O. Fry	*Treble*	Harold L. Parfrey	5
Reginald G. Hooper	2	*Raymond C. Harding	6
Wilfred F. Webb	3	Eric Sutton	7
Philip W. Weeks	4	Herbert J. Merrett	*Tenor*

Conducted by Eric Sutton.

* First peal in the method on an 'inside' bell. First peal as conductor. Rung as a farewell to the conductor, who is joining H.M. Forces.

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 23, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 9½ cwt.

Leslie Barry	*Treble*	George Francis	5
Trevor Pritchard	2	*Ralph Hazell	6
*John R. Joyner	3	Rev. G. R. H. Smith	7
†John H. Joyner	4	Charles Larner	*Tenor*

Conducted by the Rev. G. R. H. Smith.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal of Grandsire Triples.

REPTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 23, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WYSTAN,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17¾ cwt. in E.

JOSEPH WM. COTTON	*Treble*	ALBERT E. THOMPSON	5
FREDK. E. WILSHAW	2	W. HARRY DUNCOMBE	6
WALTER G. SOAR	3	*PHILIP WHITAKER	7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	4	SIDNEY H. JONES	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
* First peal of London.

SALLE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 23, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5184 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

HENRY TOOKE	*Treble*	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	5
SIDNEY MARSHALL	2	CECIL V. EBBERSON	6
STANLEY W. COPLING	3	NOLAN GOLDEN	7
WILLIAM B. DUNCAN	4	*GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* 300th peal. Composition, a 26-course regular two-part, with four pairs of bells reversed, has the 5th and 6th ten courses each in 5-6.

THORNE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 23, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14½ cwt.

MILTON C. FOWLER	*Treble*	†DENNIS A. CHAPMAN	5
*JOHN THORLEY	2	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	6
†HOWARD SCOTT	3	J. MARTIN THORLEY	7
F. BERNARD DITCHER	4	GIBSON JACKSON	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal in the method.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 23, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 17½ cwt.

*ARTHUR JOPP	*Treble*	FREDERICK HAWKES	5
*DAVID BEACHAM	2	ERNEST F. CUBBERLEY	6
HAROLD WILLETT	3	CHARLES J. CAMM	7
†MURIEL WILLETT	4	FRANK LAWRENCE	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES J. CAMM.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal 'inside' on eight bells. Rung on the 50th anniversary of the first peal on the bells.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 25, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

*E. CHARLES TURNER	*Treble*	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	5
HAROLD KILBY	2	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	6
†RICHARD E. MANTON	3	ERNEST MORRIS	7
JAMES W. BOWLEY	4	ROLAND BENISTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
* First peal of Surprise Major. † First peal of Cambridge Surprise.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Aug. 26, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's. Tenor 10½ cwt.

MARGARET ROWLAND	*Treble*	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	5
FREDERICK G. LEAKER	2	RALPH HARRIS	6
JOHN THOMAS	3	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN	7
MRS. J. THOMAS	4	PATRICK HARRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.
Rung as a compliment to the conductor on his 70th birthday.

FARNHAM, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 27, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 20½ cwt. in E flat.

MRS. A. S. ROBERTS	*Treble*	JOHN BRAMLEY	5
WILLIAM J. PAICE	2	REV. A. S. ROBERTS	6
REX J. CORKE	3	*ROY COLLINS	7
*E. JOHN WELLS	4	REGINALD L. SILLS	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by REGINALD L. SILLS.
* First peal in the method. Fastest peal of Major rung on the bells. Arranged for the Rev. and Mrs. A. S. Roberts, on holiday in the district.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 28, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Original. Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb. in E.

SAMUEL PINDER	*Treble*	JACK BAILEY	5
*JOAN E. HOODLESS	2	PHILIP H. SPECK	6
CLEMENT GLENN	3	EDWARD F. GOBEY	7
*ALLAN SIMPSON	4	ARTHUR E. HOODLESS	*Tenor*

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
* First peal.

HUGGLESCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Aug. 29, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16¼ cwt.

*HORACE OVER	*Treble*	JOHN R. SMITH	5
HAROLD J. POOLE	2	PETER J. STANIFORTH	6
*JOHN E. UNDERWOOD	3	*ROLAND BENISTON	7
MICHAEL D. STANIFORTH	4	JOHN B. BENNETT	*Tenor*

Composed by G. BAKER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal in the method.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 30, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes.*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's Variation. Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb

MRS. WM. H. KINGCOTT	*Treble*	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM	5
JILL BRITTAIN	2	DAVID E. PARSONS	6
JOHN HILL	3	JOHN CHILCOTT	7
MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT	4	WM. H. KINGCOTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID E. PARSONS.
A wedding compliment from his fellow members of the Society of Roving Ringers to Mr. T. Mark White, founder secretary of the Society, and Miss Audrey Morrison, who were married at this Cathedral Church earlier this day.

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FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

STANWELL, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Aug. 8, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of London, York, Beverley and Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, 720 Double Oxford and St. Clement's, 720 Single Oxford and Plain Bob (combined 360's). Tenor 13 cwt. 14 lb.

BRIAN TAYLOR	..*Treble*	PETER C. RIDGEWAY ..	4
*ROBERT G. LAY	2	FRANK T. BLAGROVE	5
PETER A. LAWRENCE ..	3	TONY PRICE	..*Tenor*

Conducted by TONY PRICE.
* First peal in more than one method.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Aug. 15, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 2,880 Plain Bob and 2,160 Grandsire.
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in B.

GEORGE R. WILKINSON	..*Treble*	WILLIAM DRURY	4
FRANK T. LONG	2	PETER J. THOMAS	5
GEORGE A. CHARLTON ..	3	FREDERICK WATSON	.. *Tenor*

Conducted by PETER J. THOMAS.
Rung as a second birthday compliment to Her Royal Highness Princess Anne. Also a 21st birthday compliment to Edward W. Warwick, of this parish.

HASCOMBE, SURREY.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Aug. 17, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 40 six-scores and one 240 Pitman's. Tenor 3 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb.

WILLIAM A. THEOBALD	..*Treble*	E. WINIFRED KEYS	3
*BRIAN J. LUFF	2	*JOHN W. MEAD	4
		*FREDK. W. BURNETT	.. *Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. THEOBALD.
* First peal of Doubles.

WINTERTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 18, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford Bob and St. Clement's and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*ALAN A. J. UTTING ..	..*Treble*	†RONALD G. LARNER ..	4
†DENNIS W. GREEN	2	†WILLIAM SIDWELL	5
‡ROBERT E. WOODHOUSE ..	3	NOLAN GOLDEN ..	.. *Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal. † First peal in three methods. ‡ First peal in three methods 'inside.'

PACKWOOD, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Wed., Aug. 20, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 7¾ cwt.

*ROBERT E. TALLIS ..	..*Treble*	*MICHAEL G. MORTON ..	4
MURIEL REAY	2	ANTHONY AGER	5
CLIVE M. SMITH	3	GEORGE E. FEARN ..	.. *Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
* First peal of Minor.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 21, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, COLEGATE.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Double Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

DAVID HEIGHTON ..	..*Treble*	JOHN S. BARNES	4
ERNEST G. SHORTING	2	BERT GOGLE	5
WILLIAM H. BARRETT ..	3	ARTHUR G. BASON ..	.. *Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR G. BASON.
Rung in honour of Her Royal Highness Princess Margaret's birthday.

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD
On Thurs., Aug. 21, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

*PHILIP EASTLAND ..	..*Treble*	GEORGE CHALLANS	4
*DORIS MARSHALL	2	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE ..	5
ARTHUR B. COOPER	3	HERBERT T. ROOKE ..	.. *Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.
* First peal of Kent Treble Bob. Rung as an 81st birthday compliment to Mrs. C. A. Rooke, mother of the conductor.

BOW, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Fri., Aug. 22, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 13½ cwt. in F sharp.

*WILLIAM ASHDOWN	..*Treble*	*ROBERT PERRY	4
*WILFRED PANTER	2	HORACE BUTT	5
*PERCY NEWTON	3	†A. COURTNEY THORNE	.. *Tenor*

Conducted by HORACE BUTT.
* First peal of Doubles. † First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells.

WHILTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Aug. 22, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

MICHAEL F. AMOS ..	..*Treble*	LESLIE G. TOWNSEND ..	4
*JOHN HOBLEY	2	VICTOR A. PERRY	5
MALCOLM J. V. CHOWN ..	3	ERNEST G. ORLAND ..	.. *Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST G. ORLAND.
* First peal of Minor. Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. H. Haynes.

HARTFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 23, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's of Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob and one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ERNEST J. LADD ..	..*Treble*	*EDWARD J. JENNER	4
*HENRY N. VAUGHAN ..	2	ARTHUR F. LEWRY	5
ALBERT RELFE	3	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.
* First peal in four methods. E. J. Ladd has now rung each bell to a peal. In memoriam Mr. E. J. Oliver, of Upper Hartfield, a past chairman of the Guild.

HOLYWELL, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 23, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Ipswich, Norwich and Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

*TREVOR A. BEVIS ..	..*Treble*	R. FRANK BAKER	4
*E. JACK PARISH	2	FRANK W. LACK	5
FRANK WARRINGTON ..	3	ARTHUR CLEMENTS ..	.. *Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.
* First peal in seven methods.

HORNBY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Lancaster Branch.)
On Sat., Aug. 23, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being five 720's of Kent Treble Bob and two 720's of Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt.

GEORGE BRAITHWAITE	..*Treble*	*FRANK POSTLETHWAITE ..	4
*DOROTHY SCHOFIELD ..	2	*ROLAND F. ECCLES	5
*EDWARD PROCTOR	3	ALLEN CASSON ..	.. *Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE BRAITHWAITE.
* First peal in two methods. Rung as a wedding compliment to Allan Gerrard and Betty Schofield, sister of the 2nd ringer and head bell-ringer at Morecambe Parish Church.

RAYNE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 23, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 7 cwt.

*TERRY EARL	*Treble*	JUNE STARLING	4
*ALAN SYDER	2	RONALD SUCKLING	5
SHIRLEY BARRINGER ..	3	ALFRED LITTLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.
* First peal.

SHIPLEY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Aug. 24, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 9¾ cwt.

JOHN W. MEADE	*Treble*	E. WINIFRED KEYS	4
NORMAN J. SMITH	2	W. LESLIE WELLER	5
*BRIAN J. LUFF	3	FREDK. W. BURNETT ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDK. W. BURNETT.
* First peal in two methods. Rung for the Feast of St. Bartholomew.

HANDBELL PEALS

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 20, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

C.C.C. No. 9. Tenor size 15 in C.

ROY C. HURST	1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN	5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY ..	3-4	FREDK. A. SALTER	7-8

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY.
Arranged for Mr. F. A. Salter, of Nottingham.

SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION
On Thurs , Aug. 21, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
AT 23, HIGHFIELD,
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

ALBERT E. AUSTIN	1-2	JOHN A. ACRES	5-6
WALTER AYRE	3-4	LEONARD E. PITSTOW	7-8

Composed by E. J. LINDLEY. Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.
This composition is now rung for the first time. 180 calls. Contains the extent with 7-8 Before. All combinations of 234 with 5-6 and 6-5 at alternate part ends. A 22nd birthday compliment to H.R.H. Princess Margaret.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Aug. 22, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT 29, HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

FRANK C. PRICE	1-2	*JOHN THOMAS	5-6
MRS. J. THOMAS	3-4	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.. ..	7-8
		*PATRICK HARRIS	9-10

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.
A birthday compliment to J. Thomas and Pat Harris, both the same day.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 23, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD.
A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED MAJOR

In eight methods, comprising 768 Double Bob, 592 St. Clement's College, 444 each of Gainsborough and Wellington Little Bob, 384 each of Reverse and Little Bob, 296 Crayford Little Bob and 1,712 Plain Bob, with 330 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

WILLIAM G. YOUNG ..	1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN	5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY ..	3-4	ROY C. HURST	7-8

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(St. Ambrose Guild.)
On Sun., Aug. 24, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT 22, YORK STREET, REDFIELD,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

ERIC SUTTON	1-2	JACK R. WORRALL	5-6
REGINALD G. HOOPER	3-4	JOHN F. PEDLER	7-8

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by JOHN F. PEDLER.
Rung as a farewell to Eric Sutton, who is joining H.M. Forces.



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FOR BEGINNERS—AND A WORD TO THE OLDER HANDS

X.—PROVING BOB MINOR

There are many beginners, and many more advanced ringers, too, who like to dabble a little in composing, if only to while away odd moments. They love to try their hand, for instance, at putting together touches of Grandsire Triples, or even finding a new method. It may not always be a profitable occupation, but it is very fascinating.

And yet we think there is something to be gained from it, even if the material results are very small. By 'experimenting' with figures, the student may learn quite a lot.

Composing, without proving, is, of course, a waste of time. The ringer who 'composes' touches or peals leaves his work incomplete if he does not 'prove' that what he has composed is true. A composition is worthless unless it is true.

A reader who has been working on Bob Minor asks us to deal with the proof of it in this column. He says, 'It does not always follow, I find, that even if the lead ends do not repeat, the touch need necessarily be true. In Bob Major, I believe I am right in saying, provided the tenors are kept together, then a touch or peal is true if the lead ends are true. Of course, I appreciate that in Minor the tenors cannot be kept together throughout the whole of a 720.'

First with regard to Bob Major, it is the fact of keeping two bells (the tenors) constantly in the same relationship that ensures the truth of a composition, if the lead-ends are true. If the tenors are parted, then there is a risk of repetition unless certain safeguards are taken. Just as an example, taken at haphazard, the change 61725846 can occur, when the treble is coming down, before the lead-head 16725846 and after the lead-head 16278564 with the treble going up. Just take paper and pencil and work it out for yourselves.

In Bob Minor the same risk occurs when the 'tenors' are parted, and, as they must necessarily be parted to obtain the full extent of changes, the mere checking of the backstroke treble leads is not sufficient.

Our correspondent asks us to use the following example, which he specially compiled, to illustrate our explanation.

23456	45326	42356
—23564	S 54263	—42563
36245	46532	—42635
S 63452	63425	23456
S 36524	—63524	
S 63245	—63542	
34652	34625	
45326	42356	

In Bob Minor the two bells behind are not affected by a bob, and by the use of bobs and singles they can come together six times, but they may sometimes be coursing in a reverse order, and when you check your composition you must make sure that the reverse order does not give you the same change at handstroke that you have already had elsewhere at backstroke; if you do, you have repeated, in the reverse order, the preceding eleven changes.

Wherever, therefore, you find you have bells in 5–6 reversed, you must check the handstrokes as well as the backstrokes, and if you are using singles, you must check both hand- and backstrokes, whichever way the bells turn up behind. As the proof of Bob Minor, in any case, is not a very lengthy business, it may be quicker and safer in the long run for the beginner to write down every handstroke and backstroke of his composition. The handstrokes of the above touch are:—

—32546	S 54236	24536
32654	45623	24653
S 63425	64352	24365
S 36542	—36245	
S 63254	—36524	
36425	36452	
43562	43265	

Now compare these rows against the previous set of backstrokes and you find repetition between Lead 2, Column 1, and Lead 4, Column 2; Lead 4, Column 1, and Lead 5, Column 2; Lead 3, Column 2, and Lead 3, Column 1.

In this particular touch, there is one other thing which will be obvious to the student. You cannot have more than six rows with the same pair of bells in 2–3, when the treble is leading. When a single is made that pair of bells is in 2–3, both at handstroke and backstroke, and the single, therefore, accounts for two of the six changes. A glance at the figures of the above touch, therefore, reveals falseness at once, for 6–3 are in front twice at singles (which accounts for four changes) and three times elsewhere, so that even if all six rows had been used (actually only five are) the touch must be false.

Perhaps our readers would like to try their hand at the following touch of 240 and see whether or not it is true:—

23456	34256	25346	45326
—23564	45362	S 52463	—45263
—23645	56423	26534	54632
34256	—56234	63245	63524
	63542	34652	32645
	—63425	45326	S 23456
	32654		
	25346		

IRISH ASSOCIATION

Eastern District

A meeting of the Eastern District of the Irish Association was held in Blessington, Co. Wicklow, on August 23rd.

St. Mary's Church has the oldest ringing bells in Ireland. They were installed originally in 1682 by Bartlett and were overhauled in 1923, when the tenor (16 cwt.) had to be 'sprung' into the frame, with the result that very few ringers can ring it for more than five minutes. All ringing on Saturday had necessarily to be confined to short spells, during some of which the tenorman asked to be relieved. However, the members enjoyed very much the visit to Blessington.

Tea was kindly arranged by the local Rector (the Rev. E. H. Despard) and some ladies.

Some well-struck touches of Plain Bob Minor and Kent Treble Bob Minor were rung on handbells while tea was finishing—some Irish (and English, too!) eat faster than others. This was followed by a short business meeting, during which the Rector welcomed the visitors to Blessington.

The district chairman, Mr. James MacManus, thanked the Rector and ladies for making the ringers so welcome and for use of bells.

The following matters were discussed and decided:— Assistant district secretary: Mrs. Rita Dukes unanimously elected. Mrs. Jean Darmon, Ringing Master, sought the feeling of those present about change ringing practices to be held monthly in Dublin during the winter. It was unanimously decided to hold them once a month on a Wednesday night and also once a month on Saturday afternoon from October.

There were 29 ringers present from Arklow, Blessington, Bray, Drogheda and Dublin (St. John's and St. Patrick's).

The members look forward to a future visit to Blessington, even although the tenor is a problem, but the surroundings tend to offset that. Blessington has a huge artificial lake, constructed a few years back to supply Dublin city with water as well as being used for generating electricity in connection with the national 'grid.' The lake became so populated with perch that an angling association attached tags to one hundred of them, and for every one caught a sum of £10 will be paid—of course, only for the 'tagged' ones. Very few have so far been caught.

RINGING IN HEREFORDSHIRE

A Year of Advancement

We have received the annual report for 1951 of the Hereford Diocesan Guild, which makes encouraging reading. The report, which was signed by the Master (Mr. Leslie Evans) and the hon. secretary and treasurer (the Rev. F. G. Benson) states:—

During 1951 it would appear that the Guild has at last recovered most of the ground lost during the war. The number of ringing members (641) is an increase of 59 over the previous year and it has brought us back to the pre-war level.

The number of peals, too (57), is the second largest number ever rung in one year by the Guild and 25 more than last year. The record number for one year remains 67 (rung in 1938), but the standard of methods rung in 1951 shows a distinct advance over that of 1938.

This is all a cause for thankfulness and encouragement, but we can hardly yet be satisfied. There are still some 54 towers in the diocese with rings of five or more bells not in union with the Guild. At some of these towers no doubt there are local bands which ring the bells mostly in call-changes on Sundays, but no district should be satisfied until it has all its towers in the Guild, each with its own band of Sunday service change ringers ringing every Sunday 'with the attractiveness of perfection.'

1,500th PEAL

The 1,500th peal of the Guild was rung at Goodrich on May 12th, 1951. We congratulate the band and the Guild on this achievement. The official list of Guild peals has recently been carefully checked by the peal recorder, who found that there were five peals duplicated, so that he has had to revise the numbers. The total is now correct.

During 1951, the first peal of London Surprise Minor and the first two peals of Spliced Major were rung for the Guild. They were all three rung by resident members. The first peal by a local band was rung at Weobley and, in all, some 24 members rang their first peal during the year. There were few peals rung without at least one asterisk—noting the progress of one or more members of the band.

On July 28th, 1951, the Lord Bishop of Hereford dedicated the war memorial, erected by the Guild in the ringing chamber of All Saints', Hereford. It consists of an oak tablet fixed below the 1914–18 one, inscribed with the date 1939–1945, and three small bells as the heading, followed by the roll of honour:—

Leonard Atwood, Sutton; Clarence Barratt, Clunbury; Fredk. Bassett, Leominster; David Biggs, Fownhope; Thomas Biggs, Fownhope; Peter Brawn, Ross; Harry Chandler, Lyonshall; Clifford Dale, Sutton; Richard Hadley, Almeley; Leslie Jaine, Marden; Thomas Payne, Upton Bishop; Robert Pearce, Lugwardine; William Preece, Staunton-on-Arrow; Frederick Watkins, Clifford.

LOSSES BY DEATH

The Guild has lost by death during the year Miss Maud Ball, who had long taken an interest in its activities and, until age prevented her, regularly attended the festivals and meetings in Hereford. She became a life honorary member in 1934.

Mr. Walter S. Evans, a member of the Holmer band, was elected on the committee in 1921 and served on it until the war. He had rung 44 peals for the Guild

Mr. Charles L. Sadler joined the Guild at Leintwardine in 1906 and at once became the leader of a good band, and soon made his mark in the locality. He conducted his first peal of Minor in 1907 and was an elected member of the committee from 1908 until 1920. About 1910 he lived for a time at Newent, but after his return to Hereford he became Roman Catholic. However, he was allowed to retain his life membership of the Guild in recognition of the valuable work he had done for the Guild. He rang in 147 peals for the Guild, some of which he conducted himself.

ABBOTSBURY, DORSET.—On Aug. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. G. J. Ford 1, J. H. Hayne 2, M. W. Ford 3, H. J. Ford (cond.) 4, W. G. Trevett 5, W. C. Ford 6. Rung half-muffled for those who lost their lives in the Lynmouth disaster, also in memory of the wife of the Rector of Portesham (Mrs. H. R. A. Cornish), who passed away August 17th.

ALDERSHOT, HANTS.—On Aug. 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Shirley Corke (first quarter in method) 1, Rosemary A. Heath (first quarter in method) 2, R. Corke 3, J. Wells 4, P. Blackman 5, R. Collins 6, C. Denyer (cond.) 7, R. Mills 8.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At St. Peter's, on Aug. 24th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: W. C. Hart 1, A. J. Ede (first quarter on 8) 2, F. Bennett 3, R. A. Beale 4, A. W. Bond 5, A. W. Gravett (cond.) 6, C. H. Page 7, F. Page 8.

BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.—On Aug. 24th, at St. John's, 1,260 Erin Triples: R. C. Hurst 1, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 2, Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay 3, J. E. Daniels 4, D. T. Matkin 5, H. A. Mitchell 6, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 7, A. H. Coute 8. First quarter in the method for 1 and 8.

CALDICOT, MON.—On Aug. 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: B. J. Parry 1, J. L. Fitzgerald 2, Miss J. S. Evans 3, Miss Y. C. Ponten 4, D. S. Voss 5, D. G. Clarke 6, A. R. Price (cond.) 7, Miss J. Powell 8

FULHAM, MIDDLX.—On Aug. 24th, 1,278 Grandsire Caters: H. M. Page 1, J. Phillips 2, Mrs. C. Watts 3, F. Blondell 4, R. G. Lay 5, B. Lunn (first of Caters) 6, A. J. Phillips 7, H. Belcher 8, R. F. Deal (cond.) 9, C. Watts 10.

HATFIELD, HERTS.—On Aug. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Bennett 1, S. W. Cull 2, W. T. Holmes 3, R. A. Cochrane 4, J. M. Page 5, A. F. Cull (cond.) 6, S. Huckle, 7, L. F. Cull 8. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Price, who were married at Kimpton Parish Church on August 16th.

QUARTER PEALS

FRENSHAM, SURREY.—On Aug. 15th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Anne Butler (first quarter Treble Bob) 1, Rosemary A. Heath 2, S. Meadows 3, R. Collins 4, C. Wells 5, C. Denyer (cond.) 6.

GREETHAM, RUTLAND.—On Aug. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Scott (cond.) 1, G. W. Stubbs 2, A. Cramp 3, F. G. Vickers 4, H. Wand 5, E. E. Gibson 6.

HEMINGFORD GREY, HUNTS.—On Aug. 22nd, 1,320 Kent Treble Bob Minor: M. Dyer 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, F. Warrington (cond.) 3, D. M. Salisbury 4, A. J. Salisbury 5, H. S. Peacock 6. First quarter Kent Minor 4 and 5. Rung in humble respect to H.R.H. Princess Margaret.

HILLFARRANCE, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 8th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: H. Commins 1, C. J. Stevens 2, D. Smith (first in method) 3, G. Davis 4, C. Tarr 5, R. Winter 6.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLX.—On Aug. 10th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Mrs. O. L. Rogers 1, Eileen Farrell 2, Squire Croft 3, F. D. Bishop 4, T. E. Davis 5, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 6.

LYDD, KENT.—On Aug. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. J. Boulden 1, Miss M. Vantom 2, J. A. Hales 3,' Miss O. Boulden 4, J. R. Cooper 5, H. Humphreys 6, R. Swift (cond.) 7, L. Terry 8. First of Triples for 2, 4 and 8. Arranged for the ringer of third, who hails from Upper Clapton, E.5.

SHERINGTON, BUCKS.—On Aug. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (being 900 Grandsire and 360 Plain Bob): F. Orchard 1, Miss E. Sharp 2, A. Armstrong 3, V. Adams 4, C. Sharp (cond.) 5. A wedding compliment to Miss B. Watts, a member of a well-known local ringing family, and Mr. Smith. The first known quarter peal on these bells.

SOMERSHAM, HUNTS.—On Aug. 24th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minor: A. Clements 1, F. Warrington (cond.) 2, W. Ransom 3, H. S. Peacock 4, C. Goodyer 5, E. Wakeling 6.

ST. IVES, HUNTS.—On Aug. 24th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minor: J. P. Stocker 1, Miss A. Wood (first quarter 'inside,' Hawkhurst) 2, F. Warrington (cond.) 3, G. Nicholls 4, H. W. Pratt 5, G. H. Dunnington 6.

STREATHAM, S.W.—On Aug. 24th, at St. Leonard's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Charge 1, E. A. Reeve 2, E. L. Miles 3, R. Sanders 4, T. Welbourne 5, S. Howard 6, J. Chapman (cond.) 7, E. Wright 8. A 71st birthday compliment to Jim Chapman, who has just completed 30 years captain and steeplekeeper of this tower.

THAMES DITTON, SURREY.—On Aug. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Denroche (first quarter) 1, Mrs. F. Hawthorne 2, F. E. Hawthorne (cond.) 3, G. Huxley 4, H. Brown 5, F. W. Wicks 6.

THORNE, YORKS.—On Aug. 24th, 1,260 Minor (720 Cambridge and 540 Plain): James Thorley 1, John Thorley 2, David Thorley 3, Charles Thorley 4, J. Martin Thorley (cond.) 5, Ernest Thorley 6.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On Aug. 24th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Miss F. Robinson (first quarter) 1, K. Davis 2, Joan Smith 3, F. Flint 4, D. H. Rooke (cond.) 5, H. T. Rooke 6.

WOOL, DORSET.—On Aug. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. G. N. Williams 1, F. Precey (cond.) 2, E. Williams 3, W. R. Rich 4, H. H. Runyard 5, J. Williams 6. Rung as a wedding compliment to the conductor's daughter, Freda, and Mr. A. Sawyer, which took place the previous day at Wool, also to Mr. W. R. Rich, one of the guests, from All Saints', Maidstone.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Friends of the late Mr. J. A. Trollope will regret to hear that his sister, with whom he lived at Ealing, passed away on Tuesday, August 26th. She had been unwell for some time, but maintained her interest in the Exercise and read 'The Ringing World' until the last.

Mr. John Knight has made for the belfry of Haslemere Church a handbell rack. His workmanship is greatly admired.

It was Mr. George R. Wilkinson who rang the treble to a peal of Doubles at Whitstone, Leics, on July 29th, and not Mr. George H. Wilkins as printed in 'The Ringing World.'

The East Grinstead and District Guild would be grateful to any reader who could supply details of the late Mr. E. J. Oliver's ringing prior to 1921, when he was a member of the Midland Counties Association.

The Thorley family have rung three quarters and one peal at Thorne. The performance in this week's issue was rung by Charles, James and Ernest Thorley, who are brothers and the three sons of James—J. Martin, David and John.

The appeal for the restoration and rehanging of the bells of Great St. Mary's, Cambridge, is meeting with a slow reception. Only £900 of the £2,500 required has been received. Donations should be sent to the Vicar, the Rev. G. E. A. Whitworth, Great St. Mary's Church, Cambridge.

The members of the Society of Roving Ringers who rang the peal at Guildford last Saturday as a wedding compliment to Mr. T. Mark White and Miss Audrey Morrison have one regret—that the bridegroom with his critical ear did not hear the peal. The ringing was of a high standard and met with the warm approval of Holy Trinity members who were listening.

The 70th birthday of Mr. John Thomas was a happy occasion at Hinton-on-the-Green. Mr. Thomas called a peal of Stedman Triples in the Parish Church and there was also a handbell peal.

Kingston Seymour, Somerset, bells will be rededicated by the Bishop of Bath and Wells at harvest thanksgiving on September 7th at 6.30 p.m.

Memories of the late Mr. William Willson, of Leicester, were recalled by the peal at St. John-the-Divine's, Leicester, on August 23rd. It was the 50th anniversary of the first peal on these bells, which was called by the late Mr. Willson.

Another fine performance is announced from Leicester this week with a peal of Spliced Surprise Maximus in eight methods. The peal was called by Mr. Peter J. Staniforth, and the methods were York, Pudsey, Leicestershire, Buckinghamshire, Buckingham, Wigston, Yorkshire and Belgrave.

Mr. William Barton, of Pudsey, informs us that the claim that the peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major rung at Wetherby, Yorks, on August 14th, 1952, is the first in the method on the bells is incorrect. The first peal of Double Norwich at Wetherby was rung on April 14th, 1920. It was the first peal on the bells and was conducted by Mr. P. J. Johnson.

There was a peal reunion at Saffron Walden on August 21st. The band, who rang Mr. John A. Acre's first peal on January 2nd, 1939, attended and rang a peal in the same method (Plain Bob Major) on the same bells. During the intervening years the band had not been associated in a peal together. There was a difference of one minute in the time taken, and while Mr. Walter Ayre called the first peal, the conductor on this occasion was Mr. J. A. Acre.

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FOUR GUILDS FESTIVAL AT ALDERSHOT

REV. A. S. ROBERTS AND GREATNESS IN THE BELFRY

A LOVELY summer's day—the sun shining, the countryside looking fresh and green after the recent rains, and from the towers and steeples of many churches in the villages and towns of the south-west corner of Surrey the bells pealing out their message of 'one Church, one faith, one Lord.' This was a festival worthy of the name—a feast of good fellowship, real comradeship and the team spirit essential to the lifeblood of bell ringing associations up and down the country. The Four Guilds Festival—an annual gathering of members of the Ladies' Guild, the Basingstoke District of the Winchester Guild, the Oxford Guild, and the Guildford Diocesan Guild—was held this year in the Farnham District of the Guildford Guild. It brought together upwards of 150 bell ringers from places as far apart as Carbis Bay in Cornwall to Wolverhampton in Staffordshire and Crayford and Wrotham in Kent.

Eleven belfries in the Farnham District, Aldershot, Ash, Farnborough, Seale, Bentley, Frensham, Bagshot, Hawley, Worplesdon, Pirbright and Farnham, were open for ringing, several of the local ringers in each acting as hosts, so that when a small number of visitors arrived, there would be enough for a short 'touch' to be rung. At no period was adverse criticism heard about the bells or the ringing, and as far as possible undue annoyance to the general public was avoided.

At the close of the afternoon's ringing there was a service in St. Michael's Old Parish Church, Aldershot, conducted by the curate, the Rev. E. Phipps-Neep. Chorister-bellringers led the singing and Mr. G. Goodwin was at the organ. The lesson was read by the Rev. A. S. Roberts, of Carbis Bay, Cornwall, who, with his wife and small daughter, are staying at the Vicarage at Hindhead whilst the Rev. W. F. R. Durrant is on holiday. All three are bell ringers. Mr. Roberts also gave the address, and for his text took Genesis 28; 16, 17: 'And Jacob said, "Surely the Lord is in this place . . . . this is none other than the House of God and this is the Gate of Heaven."' It was appropriate that the meeting of the Four Guilds should be held on the eve of the Feast of St. Bartholomew, said the preacher, and he thought it might this year be the Five Guilds Festival, for he and his family represented another association, and they were happy and proud to be invited to join in the meeting. It was seldom that one was privileged to speak to so many ringers representing so many guilds. But they all had a common interest and rendered a similar service cherishing the same love for their art of church bell ringing.

YESTERDAY AND TO-DAY

Among those present were probably some who could remember the days when there was beer in the belfry, or at least they all had heard stories of such happenings. The ringers of those days did not go inside the church, but most of that was gone now. If it had not all gone it must soon go. The Exercise—like Jacob—had awakened out of that kind of sleep and had said, 'Surely the Lord is in this place.' Over a period of years the guilds had been formed, now mostly diocesan guilds, and in the end all must be linked up with the diocese, for ringing takes place upon holy ground. Our ringers to-day were not only ringers. Some were churchwardens, servers, sidesmen, parochial church councillors, choirmen, organists, lay readers, vergers, Sunday School teachers, etc. The majority of learners to-day came from the church into the belfry via the church and not into the church by way of the belfry. The picture to-day was cheering and encouraging.



The Rev. A. S. and Mrs. Roberts admiring the Surrey landscape from the tower of Farnham Parish Church during the Four Guilds Festival. With them is Mr. C. W. Denyer, Ringing Master of Farnham District. [Photo by permission of 'Farnham Herald.'

There was a danger, however, that they learned too hurriedly. Many youngsters learned method ringing before they had complete management of the bellrope. They climbed too quickly to the top of the ladder of method ringing and were never willing to descend again. The angels of God in Jacob's dream were ascending and descending, and what they did ringers must learn to do. The older stalwarts of the local band of ringers often saw their young recruits climb fast and were overjoyed at the progress made. Then the first peal was rung, another and yet another. Many more followed in different methods—Surprise and Spliced Surprise—all the more complicated, and week after week those names appeared in 'The Ringing World.' And then suddenly the potential giant faded away, the name disappeared from the paper and the ringer was lost for ever. Many great bands of ringers had risen and fallen in this manner through a mistaken idea of the purpose of their service.

'It is not common, of course, to the belfry. The clergy know only too well of the clubs, the choirs and the many that they prepare for Confirmation that it often is happening. We ringers must endeavour to build up our recruits and give them basic training for a ringing career. It is not the ringer who rings methods and peals that makes for greatness in the belfry, but rather the ringer who gives a lifetime of service up and down the ladder, remembering that "this is none other than the House of God and this is the Gate of Heaven."'

'HE WAS A GREAT RINGER'

In a belfry in Cornwall—a rural belfry—was a tablet to a ringer who had rung in that church for over 50 years, and at the foot of the tablet it read, 'He was a great ringer.' And yet that old man had probably never heard of a Central Council of Bell Ringers, nor of even the standard methods. He had rung call changes and rounds all his life, on a parochial level, but he was undoubtedly 'a great ringer' and gave a lifetime of service. The four Guilds assembled that day were among the most progressive in the Exercise. They rang the bells regularly and well—the bells put in the churches by the parishioners of the towns and villages for the calling together of God's faithful people. There was still plenty of patient pioneering to do, and God called them all to service, and where they served let them always remember that it was 'none other than the House of God' and they would then strengthen one another in service to Him.

Following the service tea was served in the Parish Hall by members of the Ladies' Guild, under the direction of the secretary, Miss W. Oliver. It was an excellent meal and the ladies were applauded and thanked for their hard work. Thanks were also extended to all others who were responsible for the arrangements. A welcome to the other associations was given by Mr. C. W. Denyer on behalf of the Guildford Guild, and a special welcome to the Rev. and Mrs. Roberts. Mr. Denyer also stated that the address Mr. Roberts had given that afternoon was one of the finest he had heard at any ringers' services.—The company present concurred.

A suggestion by one of the members that a collection be made for the Lynmouth Relief Fund was agreed to, and the amount collected was £7. Later the ringers dispersed and continued their tour of the district, and the bells were rung in most of the towers until 9 p.m.

C. W. D.

READING, BERKS.—At St. Mary's, on Aug. 24th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: F. Lewis (first of Treble Bob) 1, R. F. Diserens 2, Mrs. A. Diserens 3, S. G. Day 4, R. E. Turner 5, A. Diserens 6, R. W. Rex 7, N. J. Diserens (cond.) 8. First quarter of Yorkshire for 2, 4 and 5.

KENT RINGERS' TOUR IN WEST YORKSHIRE

A SPLENDID WEEK AMONGST GOOD BELLS AND MAGNIFICENT SCENERY

FOR the third year in succession. ten ringers from Kent, with eleven friends from other counties, decided to visit Yorkshire for their annual tour. Headquarters were fixed at the Marlborough House Hydro, Ilkley, and after spending a very comfortable week, we should like to recommend this hotel, under the proprietorship of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Wood, as offering ideal accommodation for future ringing tours.

This year all ringing arrangements were planned by Mr. Ronald H. Dove, of Leeds, ably assisted by Miss M. Rhodes, and we can say, quite seriously, that his excellent organisation produced a most enjoyable, successful and happy week.

The Kent contingent left Paddock Wood at 8 a.m. on Saturday, August 9th, in the usual 31-seater coach provided by proprietor Ernest Lush, picking up the writer and two others at the Marble Arch, London, at 10 a.m. We followed the Great North Road to Stamford for lunch, and our first tower for ringing was Grantham (ten, 32 cwt.). Messrs. F. W. Pinchbeck and F. J. Parsons were waiting to greet us, and we soon had this fine peal going to Grandsire Caters, Cambridge Royal and Superlative, finishing by lowering all ten in peal. Continuing northwards through Doncaster and Leeds, we reached Ilkley at 9 p.m. The rest of our party were waiting for us, and it was not long before several different handbell parties were getting some practice in Grandsire and Plain Bob.

On Sunday morning the two brothers Crawshaw were waiting to welcome us to Ilkley (eight, 18½ cwt.), and we admired the memorial window to Jasper Whitfield Snowdon, whose famous books have helped many hundreds to understand the intricacies of change ringing. Everyone attended service, and after lunch we went over to Haworth (six, 12 cwt.). Mr. A. Bairstow was expecting us to attempt a peal, but enabling all our party to have a ring would have allowed barely enough time before service. So we contented ourselves with touches, including Oswald Delight, and some of us inspected the old Vicarage, the home of the famous Bronte sisters.

After tea at the Bronte Café (most places are Bronte 'something' in Haworth), we continued our way to Bradford Cathedral (ten, 26 cwt.). This magnificent ring was enjoyed to Grandsire, Stedman, Treble Ten and Superlative, and we would thank once again Messrs. E. H. Simpson and other local ringers for kindly giving up the bells to our use. The beauty of Bradford bells is helped very much by the use of sound controlling louvres, and a specially constructed lantern allows the sound to pass upwards and outwards.

THREE PEALS ON THE MONDAY

We commenced peal ringing at Guiseley (8, 16¼ cwt.) with a good peal of Double Norwich, and Colin Champion rang very well to score his first peal in the method. Mr. A. C. Walsh welcomed us and congratulated us afterwards. The bells are a good ring recast by Gillett and Johnston from a lighter ring with tenor 10¼ cwt. Here again a sound relaying lantern has been built with beneficial results. There are many towers all over the country where the sound in the ringing chamber would be much improved if these lanterns were added. Another band were ringing Yorkshire at Otley (eight, 16½ cwt.) on another good Gillett and Johnston ring. While these peals were in progress the remainder of our party, with Miss M. Rhodes (who joined us for most of the week), rang at Calverley (eight, 11 cwt.) and Idle (eight, 15 cwt.).

After lunch we indulged in a spot of tower hunting, commencing at Bingley (eight, 16 cwt.) and Keighley (eight, 17 cwt.), where a course of London was rung. Seven of our party went back to Ilkley and met Mr. Gordon Benfield, of Pudsey, and rang a well-struck peal of Plain Bob. The rest of us continued to Silsden (six, 12 cwt.) where the Vicar was delighted to hear the bells rung again, and then on to Addingham (six, 10 cwt.), where the church takes a little finding as it in the middle of a field.

At all three peal towers we had the experience of ringing with the Yorkshire 'sally' tail-end, and at Otley there are small balls between the tail-end and the sally. Opinions were divided as to the advantage of these tail-ends. For the light bells they are certainly comfortable, but for the back bells, especially the tenor, where there is considerable difference in the swing of the bell going up and down, they are not so nice, as one often finds oneself with one's hands above the tail-end when coming from behind to the front. However, they are something of a tradition in West Yorkshire, and visitors have to accept them.

A VISIT TO LANCASHIRE

The weather on Tuesday, which had been bad on Monday, brightened up a little and we journeyed for a peal at Kildwick (eight, 15 cwt.). A start was made for Kent Treble Bob, but unfortunately the tenor clapper broke after an hour. Our other peal attempt at Skipton (eight, 22 cwt.) was successful, and rung on a splendid ring, too. Those not peal ringing visited Gisburn (six, 9 cwt.) and Gargrave (eight, 16 cwt.).

After eating a packed lunch, and being joined by Roland Dove, we had the pleasure of a trip through the Ribble Valley and ringing in six Lancashire towers. The first was Clitheroe (eight, 18 cwt.), then on to Whalley (eight, 22 cwt.), a similar ring to Skipton. Then came the industrial town of Burnley, and we visited Holy Trinity (eight, 12 cwt.) and St. Peter's (eight, 18 cwt.), an ideal octave for a long length, as the sound in the ringing chamber is just right. After a cup of tea, we rang at Nelson (eight, 14 cwt.), where the 7th stay was missing and the clappers had to be untied first, and lastly at Colne (eight, 16 cwt.), where the local band, who were just starting their practice, gave us a warm welcome.

RIPON CATHEDRAL

We much appreciated the opportunity of attempting a peal at Ripon Cathedral, and were looking forward with pleasure to the opportunity. Another band were going for a peal at Birstwith (eight, 11 cwt.), and our route to this church lay through some really lovely moorland scenery. Birstworth bells are a merry little ring, and a peal of Treble Bob (Yorkshire Glory) was soon knocked off on these handy bells. Afterwards this party rang at Patchley Bridge (six, 12 cwt.), very much in the wilds.

Meanwhile another band had gone to Ripon, and after admiring the ancient cathedral, and its connections with the early Kings of Mercia, ascended to the ringing chamber and rang a well-struck peal of Bob Royal, the first in the method on the bells. These bells are a fine ring and there is a very comfortable ringing chamber. Those not peal ringing at Sharow (eight, 12 cwt.) and Wath (six, 8 cwt.) returned to join the peal ringers for a press photograph outside the cathedral.

The afternoon programme was a visit to five interesting towers north of Ripon. The first was West Tanfield (six, 10 cwt.), where the Vicar came into the belfry to welcome us, and the next was Masham (eight, 14 cwt.). Two interesting peal boards in the octagonal tower with spire recorded that in 1827 and 1853 the local company rang peals of Minor in seven methods in which each 720 was conducted by each of the band. After a cup of tea we visited the best ring of six during the week, the lovely bells of Kirkby Malzeard (tenor 7 cwt.), and cast by Gillett and Johnston in 1909. Then on to Borough Bridge (six, 14 cwt.) and Aldborough (six, 11 cwt.), where the treble would not set at backstroke, and the local band of ringers included two young ladies from Africa.

YORK MINSTER

A glorious ride on Thursday brought us to Collingham (eight, 7½ cwt.) and its ring of 'handbells,' on which a good peal of Superlative was rung. Another party went to Wetherby (eight, 12 cwt.), home of the Venerable C. O. Ellison, president of the Yorkshire Association. Mr. G. Smith met us, and our 'Spliced Maximus' member was given his first peal of Double Norwich. Maybe we were ringing too fast, but the two back bells certainly required ringing for the last hour. Non-peal-ringers visited Bramham (six, 12 cwt.) and Thorner (six, 10 cwt.).

After lunch we rang at Kirk Deighton (six, 10 cwt.), with an invitation to ring the first peal on the good bells any time we liked. Then came one of the 'tit-bits' of the week, a visit to York Minster (twelve, 60 cwt.). Punctually at 4.30 p.m. Mr. Harold Walker was waiting to welcome us, and after raising the light eight in peal, and the heavy ones singly, we rang Grandsire Cinques and Caters and half a course of Cambridge Royal. The bells 'go' extraordinarily well, but require firm handling owing to the long draught.

The fine eight at Tadcaster (tenor 21 cwt.) were much enjoyed, and several of the local company met us. Our last visit was to Leeds Parish Church (twelve, 42 cwt.) to join the local company in their practice, and we rang Grandsire and Stedman Cinques, Treble Twelve, Cambridge Royal and finished with Superlative on the back eight. Best thanks to the local company for allowing us the use of the bells.

THE DALES OF NORTH YORKSHIRE

We hoped for a really fine day on Friday and our wishes were granted, because our route lay through some of the most beautiful scenery in England. Our venue was Aysgarth (six, 12 cwt.), and we travelled past Bolton Abbey through Burnsall, stopping at Kilsa Crag, an overhanging cliff by the roadside and on through Kettlewell, climbing to over 1,500ft, until we came to Aysgarth. Two local lady ringers were waiting for us and we enjoyed the tuneful six, with the longest and softest sallies we had ever seen! Past Bolton Castle, a real 'picture book' one, through Wensley to East Wotton (six, 7 cwt.), where Ronald Dove was awaiting us, and the Vicar insisted on the writer visiting several of the houses in this pretty village to meet local worthies, and then to Middleham (eight, 18 cwt.). These bells are a fine ring, and a very creditable three leads of Bristol was rung, non-conducted, though a full course defeated the same band on two other ocasions.

Getting near Richmond and Catterick, the writer was reminded of his Army days in 1940, especially when we passed the well-known Sandes Soldiers' Home in Catterick Camp! Miss D. M. Kittingley was waiting for us at Richmond (eight, 12 cwt.) and joined us for Plain Bob. Then on to Catterick (eight, 10 cwt.), with pictures of ringing sergeant-majors in the ringing room! And lastly an enjoyable two hours spent at Bedale (eight, 21 cwt.), where we encountered a most severe downpour of rain, and the only member of our party with an umbrella was popular with the ladies. The bells, which include a pre-Reformation tenor, are a pleasant 'old style' ring, and a change to the continuous repetition of 'moderns.'

HALIFAX—A FINE TWELVE

Our last touring day arrived all too quickly and we had to record the only two failures of the week (apart from the broken clapper). A

KENT RINGERS' TOUR—Cont.

band started for Double Norwich at Oxenhope (eight, 12 cwt.), and another band tried Cambridge at Heptonstall (eight, 18 cwt.) famous for record peals. Both companies failed for different reasons, but the common one to both was tiredness at the end of a strenuous week. Other ringing took place at Denholme (eight, 15 cwt.), where the Vicar gave the ringers a hearty welcome, and after a really good Yorkshire dinner at Heptonstall, those who were fortunate enough to enjoy this felt quite fit again and ready for Halifax. We stopped at Mytholmroyd (eight, 14 cwt.) and then continued to Halifax for the main 'tit-bit' of the week.

The Vicar of Halifax (Archdeacon E. Treacy) came into the ringing room to wish everyone a very hearty welcome, and with three Yorkshire ringers and nine of our party, we started off at a good pace for Treble Twelve and were successful in 3 hours and 37 minutes in ringing the first twelve-bell peal on the new ring recently recast and rehung by Gillett and Johnston. Incidentally, this was the first 12-bell peal in the tower for 20 years. Those not ringing enjoyed a visit to Northowram (eight, 16 cwt.), Queensbury (eight, 15 cwt.) and Haley Hill, Halifax (eight, 25 cwt.), where the local ringers were waiting to welcome them.

After the peal and a refreshing drink, we made tracks for Guiseley and 'Harry Ramsden's' famous fish and chip restaurant, and then home for a final settling up of accounts, etc.

On Sunday we departed early for home, and called in at Doncaster (eight, 30 cwt.) to join the local company for morning service ringing. We disgraced ourselves with Yorkshire, but made up for it with Stedman and Double Norwich. So ended a grand week, during which we rang in 56 towers and travelled over 1,200 miles. In addition to those who rang peals, we were very pleased to have with us the Rev. D. P. Roberts, who had to leave us on Friday morning for another engagement.

We should like to thank all incumbents who kindly gave permision for peals and touches, the local ringers who met us at each tower and gave us a genuine Yorkshire welcome, and lastly we thank, once more, Mr. Ronald Dove and Miss Rhodes for their splendid arrangements and organisation to ensure a really memorable week.

A. P. C.

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5,056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

By CHARLES J. SEDGLEY

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE WRITTEN WORD

Dear Sir,—The remark of a churchwarden quoted in a recent editorial, '. . . one has in these days to be very careful; people are so easily offended,' goes to the very root of many of our troubles.

We are all so easily offended—and that must be one of the things that makes the running of a journal an everlasting source of worry to a conscientious editor. Because writing is a tricky business. Almost as bad as ringing. Make one little trip and you have everyone on top of you at once. And not only will you get the immediate critics, some shouting advice, some grunting abuse and some — almost the hardest to bear with, perhaps—grinning at each other in covert amusement at your errors, but you will get the more pertinacious ones who will not let your mistakes be buried in decency, but who will insist on holding an irate and prolonged inquest.

I do not suppose there has ever been anyone who has written anything, letter, article or book, who has not found after it is too late that something could have been put just that little bit differently. I remember an article by the Editor once in which he spoke of a particular class of the community as 'lesser brethren.' It was a good phrase, it had just that ring of the Church about it to suit its subject matter and, undoubtedly, was used not because the writer really thought of the set of people as inferior in any way, but because it was just good writing. At once readers jumped, held up horrified hands, let loose bitter tongues, wielded vituperative pens. And all because a writer used two particular words!

Another instance is a tour report published recently. Quite obviously the writer intended no offence or disrespect to a native ringer, but I have heard the phrasing condemned by several, some remarks satiric, some merely angry, all bearing evidence that we are a rather touchy community. A report of a Bank Holiday meeting pleased some, but irked others who considered they were something better than either of the types mentioned. I remember reading an obituary which roused a good deal of bitterness by the awkwardness of its 'faint praise.' I don't suppose the departed ringer worried much by that time, but his angry friends found it hard to realise that the paragraph was written by someone who could ring better than he could write.

Small wonder that not many ringers are willing to contribute to 'The Ringing World' when the risk of giving offence is so great!

The remedy for all this is not apparent, but I heard it remarked once that 'antipathy is better than apathy,' and perhaps that is true of 'The Ringing World.' All the time there is someone to take offence you may be quite certain that the journal's life blood is still circulating. Once the critic is dead so is the journal. But let us not be too venomous when we take offence. Let us fight openly and honestly and happily—and then forget it!

'NONA.'

LET'S HAVE GOOD STRIKING

Dear Sir,—Your grand article last week, 'To the Glory of God,' brings to my mind a story told me by one of the old Redenhall band. Before starting for a peal on one occasion, the band included a certain reverend gentleman who, before starting, offered a prayer and the usual ringers' service, when one of the band, anxious for a start, concluded, 'Amen and let's have good striking.'—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE W. HOWLETT.

Wortwell, Harlaston, Norfolk.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS, INSTALLATION

Dear Sir,—The inscription on the new tenor bell at Hughenden is 'I was cast in the 1st year of the reign of Elizabeth II. My fellows were recast at the same time. The cost was borne by the generosity and labours of many.'

Messrs. John Taylor and Co. will start installing the new frame and the bells on Sept. 8th. Will those who have promised a donation to the bell fund, and have so far not sent it, please let me have it as soon as possible?

We have had to replace two wormeaten floors, and the cost of this (about £50) is not included in the £2,000.

R. BIGGS.

Bell-Haven, Hughenden, Bucks.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

Dear Sir,—I am afraid Mr. R. Beale did not read my letter on the above subject very carefully, as his reply is quite irrelevant. I did not criticise the members of the Oxford Guild, but just made a statement of fact, i.e., that such Guild had rejected a proposal to increase the amount of the annual subscription.

Secondly, I did not associate ringing guilds with sporting organisations. I merely pointed out that if you belong to, say, a literary society or a tennis club, then you have to be prepared to pay towards the welfare (not cash dividends) of such organisations.

Thirdly, I never suggested that donations towards bell restoration funds gave ringing guilds any rights over the bells in the various parishes which they have assisted.

I would refer Mr. Beale to your excellent leading article in last week's issue. Anything which is done for the glory of God demands not only time and talent, but on occasions financial support as well.—Yours very truly,

F. C. A. BENNETT.

Wombourn, near Wolverhampton.

ONE HAND CLOCKS

Dear Sir,—The Rev. A. J. Nixseaman will find a splendid example near his old Norfolk parish at Saxlingham Nethergate. The dial has been carefully restored of recent years, but visitors are unable to calculate the actual time until, of course, they realise that the villagers prefer their timepiece to be 41¼ minutes fast!—Yours, etc. NOLAN GOLDEN.

48-MINUTE CLOCK

Dear Sir, — Apropos recent letters in 'The Ringing World,' I wonder if any reader knows of another clock like the one at the Parish Church, Whilton, Northants. This registers but 48 minutes to the hour—four minutes in the place of every five on normal clocks.—Yours truly, P. AMOS.

Weston Favell, Northants.

QUARTER PEALS

LEICESTER.—At the Church of St. John-the-Divine, on Aug. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, 9, 8, 10 covering: P. Desbrow (first quarter) 1, Mrs. F. E. Wilson 2, G. Hebborn 3, Miss E. Burton 4, T. Bolingbroke 5, E. Clements 6, F. E. Wilson (cond.) 7, C. Desbrow (first quarter) 8, S. Harrison 9, C. Weston 10. Rung half-muffled.

WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE.—On Aug. 24th, 1,952 Minor (32 Little Bob, 480 Kent and Oxford, 720 Plain Bob, 720 Kent): N. D. Lomas 1, M. Jillian Brierley 2, Dorothy Kidd 3, A. Rhodes 4, S. Sage 5, D. Mottershead (cond.) 6. Rung for the Sunday School Festival, and for the Festival of St. Bartholomew, patron saint of this church.

THE ST. MARTIN'S YOUTHS

By EDGAR C. SHEPHERD

2.—THE MEN OF 1820

IT is rare for the constitution of a ringing band to change very suddenly. The slow and subtle process by which a fresh band comes into being resembles that of the evergreen tree, where the old leaves and the new live together, the old falling almost unnoticed and the new increasing in strength and vigour, while all the time the tree presents to the gaze an apparently unaltered appearance. In the Society of St. Martin's Youths changes such as this were taking place throughout the closing years of the 18th. century. The new leaves were as yet hardly distinguishable among the old, and the old leaves were sufficiently flourishing still to adorn the tree in no unworthy manner; but forces were at work building up slowly and surely the band of 1820, a company spoken of by John Day with great respect and admiration.

The period following the visit of the College Youths was one of considerable activity in Birmingham and the district round. The younger men were coming to the fore and among them was Charles Shuter, who, in the year 1789, called Oxford Treble Bob Major at St. Philip's, 14,224 Bob Major at Aston, and 8,027 Grandsire Caters at the Bull Ring. The Bob Major was superseded four years later when the Aston men, under Joshua Short, rang 15,360 in the method, a splendid performance and one that remained the longest length in any method until 1868.

Samuel Lawrence was absent from the Midlands for about three years, and on his return he took part with Shuter in the first peal of Stedman Caters to be rung outside London. Trollope states that Lawrence introduced the method to the Birmingham people on his return from London, but there is little reason to suppose that The St. Martin's Youths were entirely ignorant of Stedman before this time. The College Youths had been to visit them, and a number of Birmingham and district ringers had subscribed to 'The Clavis,' in which book Stedman Caters received some attention. The method was not difficult to assimilate, and it is probable that the Birmingham men were experimenting with it before Lawrence returned from the South. The peal of Stedman Caters was rung at St. Philip's on October 25th, 1790, Shuter conducting, and the band included Phineas Smith and Daniel Veisey of the older men, and William Bennett and Alexander Saunders, who were, later on, in the 1820 peals. This peal of 1790 is interesting as marking the beginning of Birmingham's long and distinguished association with the Stedman method; for since this date the town has held a leading position, both practically and theoretically, in Stedman on all numbers.

REFRESHMENT AND LONG PEALS

In 1793, the year of the record Aston peal, The St. Martin's Youths rang their first peal of Treble Twelve, Oxford Treble Bob, at St. Martin's. It was 6,000 changes, conducted by Shuter from the tenor, and it was his last peal. Little seems to be known of this very able man. Day says that he never remembers anyone talking about Charles Shuter, with the exception of Thomas Day, who used to remark that when the 14,224 Bob Major was rung at Aston Shuter refused refreshment of any kind. This chance remark would seem to suggest that during long peals it was the custom for someone from outside to administer nourishment to the ringers at fixed intervals.

With the opening of the 19th. century two new and important figures were appearing. One was Joseph Riley and the other Henry Cooper, both excellent ringers, composers of merit and able conductors, yet very different in character and education. Riley was a native of Cheltenham and a lawyer by profession, and for some years he was the leading spirit of St. Martin's Youths. He called Holt's Original at least three times, once from the 4th and twice from the treble, and he rang, of course, in the peals of 1820. Day tells how the first attempt for the Stedman Cinques failed, and how Riley promised a bowl of punch per man when the peal was rung. Success came at the second attempt, and the punch was attended to by the ringers and their friends without much trouble. Riley's well-known 5,000 of Treble Ten, first rung at Wrexham in 1818 and conducted by the composer, will be found in Snowdon's 'Treble Bob.'

Henry Cooper was silver-plater, publican, railway guard, and stationmaster, and he was the first Birmingham composer to leave compositions behind him. Among them is an interesting 5,003 Grandsire Caters, which appears to be the first ever published with a block of courses in the Handstroke Home position. At Shifnal on June 5th., 1819, he called the second peal of Stedman Triples to be rung. It was his own composition, and he sat in the tower and called it from manuscript.

STORY OF A SILVER CUP

'Cooper,' says John Day, 'bore a middling name among the old ringers, and chiefly for two reasons—firstly, his plagiarism of T. Day's peal of Stedman Triples and, secondly, his dishonourable conduct in regard to the silver cup.' Round about the year 1828 Thomas Day produced his peal of Stedman Triples, a 5,040 that has always been regarded as a fine achievement and the best peal composed up to that time. Through John Hopkins, Cooper secured a copy of the figures of this peal, and when, in 1830, Joseph Powell conducted 5,040 Stedman Triples on the front eight at the Bull Ring, the composition was produced as the work of Henry Cooper. Examination showed, however, that it was Day's peal transposed. Thomas Day was so annoyed that he did not enter the belfry again for more than twenty years.

The affair of the cup was interesting and mysterious, and in the reading of it the student should bear in mind that the suspicions entertained of Cooper's conduct must, necessarily, have been influenced considerably by the incident of the peal of Stedman Triples, and that John Day's unswerving loyalty to his uncle would naturally colour any account that appeared in the memoirs.

When the bells of St. Nicholas' Church, Liverpool, were opened in 1814 the authorities, in order to secure the best possible ringing, offered two prizes for the best performances by the twelve-bell ringers present. On the second day a band made up of Sheffield and Birmingham ringers rang 5,016 Grandsire Cinques, composed and conducted by Henry Cooper. After the peal both prizes, a silver cup and twenty guineas in money, were handed to the company. By the toss of a coin the Birmingham ringers had the choice of prize, and they chose the silver cup. Cooper took charge of the cup, and for some years it was in his possession. About 1830 he opened a beer shop, 'The Bell,' in Ravenhurst Street, and shortly afterwards the cup vanished. A great deal of time and much money were spent in trying to trace it. Cooper was evasive and non-committal, and the Society, having in mind that Cooper was a silver-plater, had its own views on the fate of the trophy. Whatever the justice of their suspicions, however, the cup was never found.

Cooper was not a success as a publican, and when the Midland Railway was opened he obtained a position as guard in that company's service; and when he was considered too old for that work he became stationmaster at Saltley, and held the post until his death at the age of about seventy-two.

(To be continued)

MARRIAGE

MR. T. MARK WHITE & MISS AUDREY MORRISON

Mr. T. Mark White, elder son of the Editor of 'The Ringing World' and Mrs. T. W. White, of Guildford, and Miss Audrey Morrison, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Morrison, of 18, Molyneux Road, Weybridge, were married at Holy Trinity Cathedral Church, Guildford, on Saturday. The bride and bridegroom are both members of the Guildford Cathedral band. Mr. Mark White was a founder secretary of the Society of Roving Ringers, retiring from that office this year. Many members of the Society attended the ceremony, and in the evening rang a peal of Stedman Triples in honour of the happy occasion. Ringing before and after the service was by members of the Holy Trinity Society and friends.

The ceremony was performed by the Provost of Guildford (the Very Rev. Walter Boulton) and was choral, with Mr. R. Dussek as organist. 'Lead us, Heavenly Father,' was sung as a processional hymn as the bride entered the church escorted by her father, who gave her away. She was attended by three bridesmaids—her sister, Miss Jacqueline Morrison, the bridegroom's sister, Miss Alison K. White, and the bride's cousin, little Miss Penelope Jane Whittaker. Mr. K. G. White, Royal Signals, was best man to his brother, and the groomsmen were Messrs. W. H. Kingcott (Wrington), G. M. Nichols and G. M. C. Bowmer.

The bride wore a dress of French brocade satin and 18th century French lace veil, lent by the bridegroom's mother, and carried red roses. The bridesmaids wore dresses of turquoise net over taffeta and circlets of gold leaves on their heads and gold sandals. Their flowers were tea roses.

A reception was held in Holy Trinity Hall attended by 70 guests, and as the newly-married couple left for their honeymoon in Devonshire a touch of Stedman Triples was rung on handbells, conducted by Mr. A. H. Pulling. The wedding presents included gifts from the Society of Roving Ringers, the Holy Trinity Society, Guildford, and many ringing friends. Telegrams of good wishes were numerous and included messages from Mr. and Mrs. Harold Poole, Jill and Peter and Mr. Peter Bond.

MR. JOHN HILL'S 100 PEALS

We append the first 100 peals rung by Mr. John Hill, of Ewell. They have been rung in 47 towers for 12 Associations, Guilds and Societies.

TOWER BELLS

Maximus.—Bristol 1, Cambridge 6, Pudsey 1, Superlative 1, Yorkshire 5; Spliced: 2 methods 1, 7 methods 1.

Cinques.—Stedman 4.

Royal.—Cambridge 4, Pudsey 1, Yorkshire 4; Spliced: 2 methods 2.

Caters.—Stedman 4; Spliced: 2 methods 1.

Major.—Plain Bob 3, Double Norwich 2; Surprise: Braunstone 1, Bristol 4, Cambridge 7, Ealing 1, Lindum 1, London 6, Rutland 1, Superlative 3, Watford 1, Yorkshire 9; Spliced: 2 methods 1, 6 methods 1.

Triples.—Grandsire 2, Stedman 4.

Minor.—Plain Bob 3, Cambridge 2, York 1, 3—8 methods 5.

Doubles.—Grandsire 1, Stedman 1.

HANDBELLS

Royal: Plain Bob 1; Spliced: 3 methods 1; Major: Plain Bob 1; Triples: Grandsire 1.

Totals.—On tower bells 96; on handbells 4.

POINTS OF INTEREST ON OUTINGS

REDRUTH

The Redruth ringers held their annual outing on August 23rd. the first tower visited being Alternun, the Cathedral Church of the Moors, where the band were welcomed by the Vicar, who offered prayers, and the bells were soon set going to Grandsire and Stedman. The next stop was St. Stephen's by Launceston, where a welcome was extended by the Vicar and local captain, and on this fine eight Plain Bob was added to the repertoire.

Then on to Bude, where lunch was partaken, Stratton tower being visited immediately afterwards, where the Vicar and local captain greeted the band. The next stop was Holsworthy (of carillon fame), where the excellent going eight were soon raised. After a splendid tea at the Corner Cafe, a move was made to St. Mary's, Launceston, where ringing included Kent Treble Bob Major.

The final tower of the day was St. Columb Major, where the ancient stalwart of the county, Mr. Sam Quintrell, aged 97, stayed out of his bed to greet the band in the churchyard and to listen to his beloved bells, rung to Stedman Triples and Cambridge Surprise Minor. After a short break in the Ring o' Bells, a move was made for home.

[On the following morning the captain was delighted to find that 16 ringers were present for service ringing, when full justice was done to Stedman on the bells in the ancient tower of the Parish Church of St. Euny, Redruth. The captain would like to express his appreciation of the loyal support of the ringers in their regularity for service and at practices on every Wednesday evening throughout the year, when all ringers are welcome.] E. S. S.

LYME REGIS

It was at 7.30 on a fine summer morning that members of the Lyme Regis company with their families and friends assembled on July 26th for their annual outing, the objective being the fine country of South Devon. The full quota of 29 was reached after picking up more enthusiasts from Whitchurch, Beaminster and other villages and also from Ottery St. Mary and Exeter.

The 14th century red and grey tower at Chudleigh, with its good light ring of eight, provided the first ringing, which lasted an hour. Then came Ashburton with its 15th century 90ft. tower, from which, the story goes, a boy once fell, got up and walked to school unhurt. Here another hour's ringing was enjoyed.

A three-mile route through lovely Devon lanes led to Buckland-in-the-Moor, with its 15th century church set on a hill. Many touches were rung on this light eight with a 7 cwt. tenor. A short drive brought the party to Buckfast Abbey, not to ring, but to have a picnic lunch and pleasant siesta in the Abbey grounds to fortify everyone for the next effort at Totnes. This 500-year-old church has a 120ft. pinnacled tower containing a fine eight with a tenor of 28 cwt. and provided good ringing.

Fine views of Torbay were provided by the journey to Paignton. Ringing here, however, was somewhat trying owing to the excessive heat in the belfry, and in these circumstances the excellent tea in a nearby cafe was very welcome. After tea an hour was spent on the lightish ring of eight at Kingsteignton. A lovely half-hour's drive along the coast road to Dawlish with its fine seascape gave great pleasure. In the town dancing was in full swing and this claimed some of the younger folk, while others spent an hour ringing on the light eight in the little church among the trees.

It was now past 9 o'clock, and we made tracks for home, arriving at Lyme at 11 p.m. tired but undaunted, everyone agreeing that it had been another grand outing. The thanks of the company are due to the clergy and local ringers at the places we visited for making us welcome and giving us such a happy day.

E. L. T.

A VISIT TO MID-CORNWALL

One Saturday recently an outing, arranged by Mr. P. Williams (Redruth), was much enjoyed by ringers from Redruth and Camborne (Cornwall) and Piddlehinton (Dorset). The opening touch on the fine eight (tenor 14¼ cwt.) at Cardynham coincided with the time of the opening ceremonies of a nearby fete and brought an urgent request for a temporary suspension of activities to allow the speeches to be heard.

Lanhydrock (8, 14½ cwt.) was next visited; here the setting of the church in Viscount Clifden's estate is infinitely superior to the 'go' or tone of the bells. After tea at a cafe in Lostwithiel (no names no pack drill), a sudden inspiration sent the band in search of the Vicar. Permission was readily given to use this handy six (tenor 9¼ cwt.), and ringing included a 'Short Peal of Changes' under the guidance of Mr. Stevens, the captain.

After an indecisive argument on the comparative virtues of scientific and round ringing, a move was made to Lanlivery. Here there is a fine toned ring of eight (tenor 16¼ cwt.), but any mechanically minded person with a set of tools could find an opportunity for useful employment, especially on the headstock of the seventh.

Arriving late at the last tower, St. Austell, two local ringers were found patiently waiting to welcome the trippers, and half an hour's ringing on this lovely eight (tenor 18¼ cwt.) brought to a close a happy afternoon and evening. Thanks are due to Mr. Williams for the organisation and to all incumbents and locals for their contributions to an enjoyable outing. E. T. P. F.

A DAY IN OXFORDSHIRE

August 23rd was the occasion of a visit to Oxfordshire by a party of ringers from Rothwell, Burton Latimer, Wellingborough, Raunds, Kettering, Northampton, Yardley Hastings and Southam (Warwicks.). The first tower was Croughton (just in Northants), with a very good ring of five. Deddington (8 bells) gave us much pleasure and a very good course of Cambridge was rung; in fact, there was some dispute as to whether it was better than the Superlative rung at Hook Norton, on the grand Taylor eight installed in 1949. Stedman was also rung in fine style on these bells, and we accepted the Vicar's invitation to visit them again.

Perhaps the most mirthful hour was that spent at the next tower(?)—the campanile at Home Farm, Balscote, the home of Mr. C. Jarvis, who built the frame, tower and fittings himself, and can, incidentally, ring two of the tiny bells at once. After many 'rounds' for the 'learners,' we managed to ring Plain Bob Minor, Cambridge and Kent Treble Bob. We look forward to seeing the photographs of several experienced ringers looking as if they had never pulled a bellrope before! Our last tower was Banbury, which must be one of the finest ten anywhere at 17 cwt. In spite of the early departure of two of our number, Treble Ten, Little Bob Royal, Stedman and Grandsire Caters and Cambridge Major were rung before the ten were lowered in peal and we adjourned to the nearest hostelry. P. I. C.

5,184 BOB MAJOR

By E. J. LINDLEY

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11 times repeated, calling Bob for Single half-way and end (only 36 courses!). First rung at Saffron Walden on August 21st.

FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World' of Sept. 6th, 1912

NEW HANDBELL RECORD

Guildford, Surrey.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.

On Saturday, Aug. 31st, 1912, in 9 hours and 38 minutes.

In the Ringing Chamber of Holy Trinity Church.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 19,738 CHANGES.

Tenor size 16.

Arthur F. Shepherd ..	1–2
Alfred H. Pulling ..	3–4
William Shepherd ..	5–6
James Hunt	7–8
Frank Blondell	9–10

Composed by G. Lindoff.

Conducted by A. H. Pulling.

[This remains the longest handbell peal. It was also, at the time, the longest on either tower- or handbells, and would still have been so had not a late start prevented the full composition of 22,222 being attempted.]

A Two Hours' Practice at Bolton

On August 25th, four members of Bolton Branch and four members of Manchester Branch met at Holy Trinity Church, Bolton, to attempt a peal of Stedman Triples.

Unfortunately, after 35 minutes' ringing the attempt came to grief and it was too late to recommence.

The ringers present decided to take the opportunity of practice; two hours' ringing was enjoyed and touches in the following methods were successfully brought round: Stedman Triples, Erin Triples, Little Grandsire Triples, Double Court Triples, Oxford Bob Triples; Little Bob Major, Spliced Plain and Little Bob Major, Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major, St. Clement's Major.

Hertford County Association

Ten towers were represented at the meeting of the Northern District at Barley on August 23rd. Although it was a glorious day, the attendance was below average, mostly due to holidays and the harvest. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m., followed by tea at the Waggon and Horses.

Mr. T. J. Southam was elected to the chair for the business meeting. A letter from the president, Mr. A. E. Symonds, was read, in which he assured the meeting that he still followed the activities of the district although unable to take an active part at the moment. Six new members were elected, viz., Canon L. P. Smith, Rector of Baldock, honorary member; R. Howard and W. Sermons (Barley), A. Holehouse, C. Harwood and Miss P. Hutton (Baldock). The next meeting will be at Hinxworth on October 4th.

Ringing was curtailed during the evening because of a broken rope. Methods ranged from rounds to Wells and London Surprise, also Single Court and Oswald Delight. Ten towers were represented.

St. Margaret's, Leiston

Many will be pleased to know that the bells of St. Margaret's, Leiston, are about to be rehung. These bells, with a tenor 20½ cwt. in E, were made into a ring of eight in 1884 and since then a large number of peals has been rung.

Many will have had several hours of enjoyment ringing on these fine bells, and it is to them that we earnestly appeal to support our efforts to raise approximately £400. If you have never had the fortune of ringing on the bells, we hope that you will also send us a contribution so that you may enjoy ringing with us after the work is completed.

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OBITUARY

MR. E. J. OLIVER

With the death of Mr. E. J. Oliver, the East Grinstead and District Guild has lost an old and valued friend. Mr. Oliver, or 'E. J.,' as he was usually referred to, came into the area in 1921, when he became the sub-postmaster at Upper Hartfield. To this he added a general store and later he also carried on his trade as an upholsterer and furnisher.

It was a bitter blow to him when in 1950 the whole of his business premises was destroyed by fire. It is very regrettable that his peal book and all details of his association with the Midland Counties Association were lost in this fire, and all that is known of his early ringing is that he had rung peals of Royal, Cinques and Maximus and was for some time associated with St. Peter's, Nottingham.

In his early years in Upper Hartfield, E. J. tried unsuccessfully to form a band at Coleman's Hatch and did a lot of ringing at East Grinstead. He was a founder member of the East Grinstead Guild, becoming its first chairman in 1929, an office he held until 1936. In 1942 he was made treasurer and held this office with conspicuous success until he was forced to retire owing to ill-health at this year's annual meeting.

E. J. rang twelve peals in the East Grinstead area and was very pleased with himself when he called his first peal of Stedman at Withyham in 1932. His last peal was on February 3rd, 1951, when he rang the treble at Edenbridge to Yorkshire Major. The Guild's fine peal book was obtained through his initiative, as were the rope guides provided in Withyham and Hartfield towers while he was chairman of the Guild.

His blunt, outspoken comments will be greatly missed at future meetings and we all feel that we have lost a very good friend.

He was laid to rest in Yardley Cemetery, Birmingham, on August 16th, and among the floral tributes was one from the East Grinstead Guild. A memorial peal was rung at Hartfield on August 23rd. E. J. L. and C. A. B.

MR. JOHN DUNMORE

The death occurred at his home on August 9th of Mr. John Dunmore at the age of 88 years. He had been a member of the Ashby Parish Church band of ringers for 60 years, joining the Midland Counties Association in 1887, and his first peal as conductor was Grandsire Triples at Ashby on May 9th, 1889. He was one of Ashby's most respected members; he lived the whole of his life in the town and was attached to the same solicitor's office in Ashby for 75 years.

Mr. Dunmore was a staunch member of the Parish Church—apart from ringing—being a chorister for 80 years, secretary to the Parochial Church Council and rendered assistance in the Sunday School on many occasions; in fact, he was always anxious to help his church in its various activities at all times.

The funeral service took place at the Parish Church and was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. Canon H. D. Hanford, with the full choir in attendance.

The same evening a half-muffled quarter peal of Minor with 6 and 8 covering was rung at St. Helen's by A. Smalley 1, G. Hatton 2, P. Marriott 3, A. Beadsmoore 4, H. Beadsmoore 5, J. Bradford 6, E. W. Beadsmoore (cond.) 7. A. Shaw 8

MR. A. E. SYMONDS

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of Mr. A. E. Symonds, the beloved president of the Hertford County Association, on August 24th.

The funeral service was at St. Mary's Church, Hitchin, on August 27th, and was conducted by Canon J. H. Bailey, late Vicar of Norton, who spoke appreciatively of the work of ringers and of Mr. Symonds in particular.

The bells of St. Mary's were rung fully muffled (with the tenor open at backstroke) by local ringers before the service, and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells over the grave by a band representing the Hitchin band and the Association.

An appreciation of Mr. Symonds' life will appear in a later issue.

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MEETINGS

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Western Division.—Quarterly meeting, Thorpe Bay (8), September 6th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., to be followed by tea and meeting. Further ringing after tea. Names for tea to Miss M. M. Smith, 82, Tyrone Road, Thorpe Bay. 1178

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District. — Meeting at Send on Saturday, Sept. 6th. Bells (6) from 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5.15 in Parish Room. Ockham bells (5) 3 p.m. onwards. Old Woking (8) 6 to 8 p.m. —W. Simmonds, Hon. Sec. 1234

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Abbots Langley, Saturday, Sept. 6th, 3 p.m.—R. G. Bell. 1268

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—By-meeting at Sevenoaks (8) (**not** Cranbrook as originally intended), Sept. 6th, at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. 1206

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Half-yearly meeting, Sept. 6th. Accrington bells 1 p.m. to 9 p.m.; Church Kirk 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., Accrington. Tickets (2s. 6d.) obtainable, together with money, up to Saturday morning, Sept. 6th, from R. Lee, 321, Willows Lane, Accrington. 1235

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Half-yearly meeting, Heydour (not Grantham), Sept. 6th. Service 4.15 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m. Make own arrangements for food, cups of tea available. 1228

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual silver cup contest at Treeton on Saturday, Sept. 6th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Draw at 2.45. Names for tea without fail to Mr. F. Hanson, 50, Wood Lane, Treeton, near Rotherham.—J. E. Turley, Hon. Sec. 1221

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Horsham (8), Saturday, Sept. 6th, 4 p.m.—G. T. Jennings. 1218

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Quarterly meeting at Oxenhope on Saturday, September 6th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Committee meeting at 4.15 p.m. Tea (4s. 6d. per head) 5 p.m. for those who notify Mr. J. H. Cloughton, Lower Town, Oxenhope, Keighley. Special business: Election of new committee member; any nomination to be sent to the district secretary. Members please note these arrangements as no circulars will be issued.—A. E. Marsh, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1183

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch. —A meeting will be held at South Perrott on Wednesday, Sept. 10th. Bells (6) available at 6.30 p.m., practice only.—C. H. Lathey. 1211

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—An evening practice will be held at Wellow on Sept. 13th. Bells available at 6 p.m. —T. J. H. 1244

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Dunster Deanery. — Meeting, Wiveliscombe, Sept. 13th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea to G. Stacey, Minehead. 1252

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District. — A meeting will be held at Stotfold on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea at 5.—L. H. Bywaters, Sec. 1270

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT R.S.—Meeting at Patrington, Sept. 13th. Bells available 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea in Church Hall for all who notify by Wednesday, Sept. 10th, Mr. D. Fewster, Lily Lodge, Patrington. 1284

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Meeting, Ide, near Exeter (6), Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Alphington (8) available 7–8.30 p.m. Names for Sept. 8th to F. Wreford, 24, Normandy Road, Exeter. 1220

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Penshurst (8), Sept. 13th. Names for tea to me by Sept. 11th. —C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst. 1256

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting, Haddenham, Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Miss M. Grain, Dis. Sec. 1278

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division.—Meeting, Goldhanger (7), Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—A. H. Everett, 24, The Chase, Boreham. 1175

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch.—Meeting at St. Briavel's, Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Names for tea by Wednesday, Sept. 3rd, to Mrs. D. Stafford, Staunton, Coleford, Glos. 1264

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Stratton St. Margaret (8), Sept. 13th, 3 p.m. Bring food, cups of tea provided.—W. B. Kynaston. 1255

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Leatherhead District) and LADIES' GUILD (Southern District).—Meeting at Shere, Sept. 13th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Numbers for tea by Sept. 9th to Mr. A. Arthur, Cambria, Crest Hill, Peaslake.—A. H. Smith and W. Oliver, District Secretaries. 1281

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Meeting at Great Gaddesden (6), Saturday, Sept. 13th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Robinson, 7, Gade Valley Cottages, Great Gaddesden, near Hemel Hempstead, by Sept. 10th.—P. A. Martin, Dis. Sec. 1230

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District. — Hunton (6), Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, near Maidstone. 1231

LADIES' GUILD. — Midland District. — Meeting at Sapcote (6) on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for all those who notify Mr. M. Brown, 57, Stanton Road, Sapcote, near Leicester, not later than Wednesday, Sept. 10th. Members please note—special business. — J. Staniforth, Hon. Sec. 1216

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Meeting at Wrington (10), Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Members of the now disbanded Wiltshire Branch are most welcome. Names for tea to Mrs. Parfrey, 28, Corston, Bath. 1279

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Annual meeting at St. James' Church, Barrow-in-Furness, on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names to J. E. Burles, 2, Rand Villas, North Scale, Barrow.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 1274

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Annual meeting at Kirkby Lonsdale (6) on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells 2.30. Tea 5. Meeting after tea. Names for tea to E. Proctor, 7, Greenside, Kirkby Lonsdale, by Wednesday previous.—R. F. Eccles, Branch Sec. 1277

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Hoghton, Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bring own food. Preston–Blackburn Old Road Service No. 1.—L. Walmsley. 1180

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at St. James', Milnrow, Sept. 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Sandwich tea for those who notify by Sept. 10th Mr. A. Buckley, 26, Buckley Hill, Milnrow.—F. Pritchard. 1258

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Swepstone, Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Village Hall. Names by 10th to Mr. Forrester, Victoria Cottages, Swepstone, Leicester.—C. W. Hall. 1179

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Meeting at Ulceby, Sept. 13th. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Ulceby bells (5) available in the afternoon Thornton Curtis (6) in the evening. Names for tea by Sept. 10th to Mr. E. Hair, Station Road, Ulceby. 1229

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—East Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Somerleyton, Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at Duke's Head 5.15. Names or numbers for tea by Wednesday, Sept. 10th, the very latest, if you please, to Mr. E. Brown, 19, St. Margaret's Cottages, Herringfleet, Lowestoft. —J. Harwood, Sec. 1214

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Reading Branch.—Monthly practice, Mapledurham, Sept. 13th. Bells (6) from 6–9 p.m. Visiting ringers will be welcomed at the Mapledurham Fete at Vicarage Garden from 3 p.m. Tea obtainable. 1251

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Salisbury Branch.—Practice meeting at Winterslow (6), Sept. 13th. Bells from 3. Tea arranged for those who send names by Sept. 9th to A. Coleman, Rose Cottage, Middle Winterslow, near Salisbury. 1222

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Clive (6, 25 cwt.), Sept. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Elephant and Castle, Grinshill, 5.30 p.m. Advise, by Sept. 10th, G. C. Bagley, 34, Wharfage, Ironbridge. 1238

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — North Notts Branch. — Meeting at Harthill (8), Saturday, Sept. 13th. Names for tea by 12th to Mr. J. Hynds, Harthill, near Sheffield.—H. Denman. 1226

SUFFOLK GUILD.—General meeting, Stowmarket (8, 24 cwt.), Sept. 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—C. W. Pipe, Grundisburgh. 1272

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — North-Western District.—Meeting at Mortlake (8), Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at Cafe, 129, Sheen Lane. St. Mary's, Putney, after meeting. Please notify me for tea by Sept. 11th.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec., 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames. 1259

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—Meeting at Mortlake (8). Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service and tea.—R. Lathbury, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames. 1233

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Practice meeting, Sept. 13th, Petworth (3–4.15 and tea 4.30), Fittleworth (6–8.30). Names for tea by 9th to E. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis. 1276

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —Alton and Petersfield District.—Meeting, Sept. 13th, Blackmoor. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Business meeting. Numbers for tea by 10th. —C. E. Bassett, Warsash. 1263

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—The Jubilee Dinner will be held at East Grinstead on October 11th. Ringing from 4 p.m. Dinner at the Glanfield Hotel 6.30. Tickets 8s. Please apply, with remittance, as soon as possible.—C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst. 1181

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. —Meeting, Greenstead Green (6), Sept. 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to A. Saunders, Near the Church, Greenstead Green, Halstead. 1271

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — N.E. District. — Meeting at Mistley, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Numbers for tea to me by Sept. 15th, please.—R. Duesbury, 5, Clacton Road, St. Osyth, Essex. 1215

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — N.W. District. — Meeting at Nazeing (6) on Saturday, Sept. 20th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea free. Names, please, to G. Blake, Dis. Sec., Teesta, Jack's Hatch, Epping Upland, Essex. 1246

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Throwley, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 2s. per head. Names, with cash, please, to Mr. F. Tanner, 5, Jubilee Cottages, Throwley Forstall, Faversham. Special coach will leave Station Road, Faversham, 3.15 p.m. For a seat, please contact, as soon as possible, Mr. W. S. Palin, 9, Napleton Road, Faversham.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1267

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Frampton, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at Moores Arms 5 p.m. All requiring tea must send names by Monday, Sept. 15th, to Mr. J. R. Young, Park Gates, Frampton-by-Boston. 1273

MADELEY, SHROPSHIRE.—Dedication of new ring of eight bells, tenor 14 cwt. (John Taylor and Co.), by the Archdeacon of Hereford on Saturday, Sept. 20th, at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Names of intending visitors would be appreciated. — J. L. Stanier, West View, Madeley, Shropshire. 1257

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Sept. 20th. Sunbury (8) 2–5; Hampton (8) 6.30–8.45. Tea 5.30, social evening 8 p.m., both at Red Lion, Hampton. Names to G. Ingham, 145, Staines Road East, Sunbury-on-Thames.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec. 1253

NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at New Buckenham, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea by Monday, Sept. 15th, to Mr. W. G. Saunders, New Buckenham, Norwich.—A. G. Harrison, Hon. Sec. 1266

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meeting, Lower Heyford, Sept. 20th. Names for tea to Mr. W. Collins, Furnace Lane, Lower Heyford, by Sept. 13th.—F. W. Hancock. 1262

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—Special meeting for the inauguration of the bells of Dunblane Cathedral on Sept. 20th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Names for tea by the 17th to Rognvald Wilson, 15, Durham Road, Portobello, Midlothian. 1282

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Monthly meeting, Hemingbrough, on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells (6) 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please bring own food, cups of tea only available.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 1261

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. — Meeting, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells, Annunciation, Chislehurst (8) 3–4. Service, St. John's, Eltham, 4.45. Tea 5.30. Meeting to follow. Eltham bells (8) after meeting. Names for tea by Tuesday, Sept. 16th, to Mr. F. Hurrell, 16, Jubilee Cottages, Eltham, S.E.9. —K. Matthews, Hon. Sec. 1275

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting at Barnby-in-the-Willows (6), Sept. 20th, 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Bring own food.—P. N. White. 1250

ST. DAVID'S GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Pembroke on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Names for tea to C. H. Hawkins, 2, Embankment Road, New Dock, Llanelly, Carm. 1249

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WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch.—Annual meeting, Netherton, Saturday, Sept. 20th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. and business. Outstanding subscriptions should be paid and reports obtained at this meeting. Numbers for tea by the 18th, please. — Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 1269

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Next general meeting, Beverley, on Saturday, Sept. 20th. General committee meet 3.15 p.m. in the Minster Vestry. Service in the Minster 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Rutherfords Hotel, Market Place. Names to Mr. L. Daggitt, 82, Minstermoorgate, Beverley, by Sept. 18th. General meeting on same premises immediately afterwards. Minster bells (10) available 2.30 till 4 p.m. and after meeting till 9 p.m. St. Mary's (10) available after meeting till 9 p.m. Please note arrangements, as no circulars issued.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford. 1247

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch. — Sunday, Sept. 21st, bell ringers' service, St. Paul's, Chippenham. Bells (8) from 3.45. Tea 5. Special service 6.30. Ringing after service until 8.30. Names for tea by Sept. 17th to Mr. R. Tigwell, 44, King Alfred Street, Chippenham. 1260

DEVON GUILD.—S.W. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Kelly, Sept. 27th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names by 22nd to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 1261

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KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB

By MAURICE HODGSON

NEITHER of the replies to Mr. Worrall's query so far published gives a clear and accurate explanation of the variations of combined Treble Bob Major.

The three chief variations are alike in that the method is changed to prevent the tenor from going into the slow, and is changed again the next lead to prevent the seventh from going into the slow; the changes of method also introduce a 56342 shunt into the course and reduce the length of the course by two leads. Generally, Kent is chosen as the main method so that the tenors course continuously (even in the lead of Oxford), though peals have been composed incorporating both possible arrangements of methods. The variations differ as follows in the other calls employed:—

Worcester variation. Bobs are not used, different lengths being obtained by ringing Oxford at Middle or Home, producing 64352 and 54326 shunts respectively; all courses, therefore, consist of five leads.

Ilkeston variation. All leads except the compulsory Oxford lead are rung Kent, and bobs are used to obtain different lengths.

Killamarsh variation. Oxford may be rung at the plain Middle and Home leads, and Kent or Oxford bobs may be made at Middle, Wrong or Home. One Oxford bob has the same effect as two Kent bobs.

Incidentally, peals of combined Kent and Oxford can be produced merely by writing down a selection of course heads and adding all possible bobs at Home, Wrong and Middle; on making the 56342 transposition, the courses automatically fall into round blocks. If one round block is formed, the composition is in the Ilkeston variation; if two or more blocks are produced, they can almost invariably be joined together by plain leads of Oxford at Middle or Home to give a peal in the Killamarsh variation.

For example, suppose it is required to compose a peal having the attainable extent of the 5th and 6th in fifths and the 4th, 5th and 6th in sixths, each at seven course heads, without the 2nd in 5–6 at a course head, together with all the combinations of the 4th, 5th and 6th in 5–6 at separate course heads, and all the 847s, 857s, 867s, 84s, 85s and 86s. There are only two selections of course heads capable of producing these qualities in 5,024 changes. One selection gives a single round block which constitutes a peal in the Ilkeston variation; the other selection produces three round blocks which can be joined together by plain leads of Oxford in various ways to produce a peal in the Killamarsh variation.

As another example, take the combination course heads, together with course heads 02030 and 03020. These 24 courses fall into two 3-part round blocks, which can be joined together most simply by leads of Oxford at Home as follows:—

23456	M	V	W	H	H
(63254)	1	x		x	
43526		x			2
26354		x			
32654	2	x	2		
52346	1	x			
63425		x			2
25346		x			
32546	2	x	2		

Repeat the second part, then repeat the whole. Contains the 4th, 5th and 6th the extent in sixths, each at eight course heads; all the combinations of the 4th, 5th and 6th in 5–6 at separate course heads; and all the 847s, 857s, 867s, 84s, 85s and 86s.

The following peal has the same qualities with more Oxford leads and some Oxford bobs.

23456	M	M	V	W	H	H
52364		1	x			
26354	x		x	1		
(65324)		2	x			II
32546			x	1		
(62345)		1	x		x	
24365	x		x	1		
(46325)		2	x			II
32654			x	1		

Repeat the second part, then repeat the whole.

The notation used above is more convenient than that hitherto employed for the Killamarsh variation. Usually the leads are numbered, with the awkward result that corresponding leads have different numbers according to

how many bobs Middle there are in the course. In the above notation, the M and H columns are duplicated, the first of each being reserved for plain Oxford leads and the second for bobs; Kent bobs are indicated by ordinary numerals and Oxford bobs by Roman numerals. If Oxford is rung at the end of a course, an odd course head is produced; instead of recording such a course head, I prefer to quote the equivalent even course head, putting it in parentheses to show that it is a natural, not an actual, course head.

The extent with the tenors together in combined Treble Bob is 9,600, and is necessarily in the Worcester variation, since the introduction of bobs would reduce the number of courses, thereby shortening the peal by more changes than are added by the bobs. The following is an example:

23456	M	V	H
(43652)		x	x
54632	x	x	
35642	x	x	
(56342)	(x)	x	x
(36245)		x	x
(62345)	x	x	x
46325	x	x	x
(63425)	x	x	x
(34625)	x	x	x
23645	x	x	

Repeat five times, omitting the bracketed changes of method at two places half a peal apart.

A RINGING TOUR IN OXFORDSHIRE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE & BERKSHIRE

All peals rung for the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

DENHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

On Sat., Aug. 9, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in E flat.

Henry O. Baker	*Treble*	George E. Fearn	5
Basil Jones	2	Ralph G. Edwards	6
Fred Dunkerley	3	Edward Jenkins	7
John E. Bibby	4	John Worth	*Tenor*

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by John Worth.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE.

On Sat., Aug. 9, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in G.

Denis Maddock	*Treble*	C. Kenneth Lewis	5
Leslie W. G. Morris	2	W. Eric Critchley	6
Fred Dunkerley	3	Walter Allman	7
Rodney B. Meadows	4	Wilfrid F. Moreton	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

DORCHESTER, OXON.

On Sun., Aug. 10, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
At the Abbey Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, being 1,280 London, 1,312 Bristol, 1,568 Cambridge and 992 Superlative, with 110 changes of method. Tenor 15¾ cwt.

Walter Allman	*Treble*	W. Eric Critchley	5
John Worth	2	C. Kenneth Lewis	6
Leslie W. G. Morris	3	Edward Jenkins	7
John E. Bibby	4	George E. Fearn	*Tenor*

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.

THATCHAM, BERKSHIRE.

On Mon., Aug. 11, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 23 lb. in F.

Edward Jenkins	*Treble*	Henry O. Baker	5
Fred Dunkerley	2	Denis Maddock	6
Rodney B. Meadows	3	Ralph G. Edwards	7
Basil Jones	4	Wilfrid F. Moreton	*Tenor*

Composed by Charles Middleton. Conducted by Edward Jenkins.

EAST ILSLEY, BERKSHIRE.

On Mon., Aug. 11, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

Ralph G. Edwards	*Treble*	Leslie W. G. Morris	5
Rodney B. Meadows	2	Denis Maddock	6
George E. Fearn	3	W. Eric Critchley	7
Walter Allman	4	Wilfrid F. Moreton	*Tenor*

Composed by E. W. Tipler. Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.

COOKHAM, BERKSHIRE.

On Tues., Aug. 12, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 12 methods, being 960 each of London and Rutland and 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Cray, Eastcote, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative, New Gloucester, Wembley and Yorkshire, with 139 changes of method. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

Leslie W. G. Morris	*Treble*	C. Kenneth Lewis	5
Fred Dunkerley	2	Wilfrid F. Moreton	6
Walter Allman	3	John E. Bibby	7
Rodney B. Meadows	4	John Worth	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. Pitman (Reversed). Conducted by C. K. Lewis.

BURNHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

On Tues., Aug. 12, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

Basil Jones	*Treble*	Denis Maddock	5
Henry O. Baker	2	W. Eric Critchley	6
John Worth	3	Edward Jenkins	7
Ralph G. Edwards	4	George E. Fearn	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Ralph G. Edwards.

READING, BERKSHIRE.

On Wed., Aug. 13, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25¾ cwt.

Denis Maddock	*Treble*	C. Kenneth Lewis	5
John E. Bibby	2	W. Eric Critchley	6
Basil Jones	3	John Worth	7
Leslie W. G. Morris	4	Ralph G. Edwards	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by John E. Bibby.

READING, BERKSHIRE.

On Wed., Aug. 13, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Laurence,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 23 cwt. 20 lb. in D.

Henry O. Baker	*Treble*	Edward Jenkins	7
Fred Dunkerley	2	Leslie W. G. Morris	8
Walter Allman	3	Ralph G. Edwards	9
John E. Bibby	4	Rodney B. Meadows	10
C. Kenneth Lewis	5	Wilfrid F. Moreton	11
John Worth	6	George E. Fearn	*Tenor*

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley. Conducted by John Worth.

APPLETON, BERKSHIRE.

On Thurs., Aug. 14, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Laurence,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb.

John E. Bibby	*Treble*	W. Eric Critchley	6
Denis Maddock	2	George E. Fearn	7
C. Kenneth Lewis	3	Walter Allman	8
Basil Jones	4	John Worth	9
Rodney B. Meadows	5	Edward Jenkins	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.

CHIPPING NORTON, OXON.
On Thurs., Aug. 14, 1952, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

C. KENNETH LEWIS	*Treble*	JOHN E. BIBBY	5
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
RALPH G. EDWARDS	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

KINGHAM, OXON.
On Thurs., Aug. 14, 1952, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	*Treble*	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	5
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	C. KENNETH LEWIS	6
RALPH G. EDWARDS	3	WILFRID F. MORETON	7
RODNEY B. MEADOWS	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by CHAS. MIDDLETON. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

WITNEY, OXON.
On Fri., Aug. 15, 1952, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

EDWARD JENKINS	*Treble*	WILFRID F. MORETON	5
WALTER ALLMAN	2	JOHN E. BIBBY	6
BASIL JONES	3	RODNEY B. MEADOWS	7
DENIS MADDOCK	4	JOHN WORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

WATLINGTON, OXON.
On Sat., Aug. 16, 1952, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 8 lb. in E flat.

WALTER ALLMAN	*Treble*	EDWARD JENKINS	5
BASIL JONES	2	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	6
FRED DUNKERLEY	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
C. KENNETH LEWIS	4	RODNEY B. MEADOWS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by RODNEY B. MEADOWS.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.
On Sat., Aug. 16, 1952, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23¼ cwt.

DENIS MADDOCK	*Treble*	EDWARD JENKINS	5
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	GEORGE E. FEARN	6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	3	JOHN E. BIBBY	7
RALPH G. EDWARDS	4	JOHN WORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON. Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY'S WEEK

All peals rung for the Cambridge University Guild.

BUXTED, SUSSEX.
On Mon., Aug. 25, 1952, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, QUEEN,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16¼ cwt.

MISS G. A. SMITH (Newn.)	*Treble*	P. K. WILLIAMSON (Trinity)	5
E. J. LINDLEY (Trinity)	2	F. E. ROBERTS (Selwyn)	6
W. J. RIDGMAN (Queens')	3	B. D. PRICE (Emmanuel)	7
C. M. P. JOHNSON (Selwyn)	4	P. A. F. CHALK (Selwyn)	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD (Trinity). Conducted by E. J. LINDLEY.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.
On Mon., Aug. 25, 1952, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE ALEXANDRA HOTEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 16 in B.

MISS G. A. SMITH (Newn.)	1--2	P. A. F. CHALK (Selwyn)	5-6
E. J. LINDLEY (Trinity)	3-4	F. E. ROBERTS (Selwyn)	7-8

Arranged and Conducted by E. J. LINDLEY.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.
On Tues., Aug. 26, 1952, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE ALEXANDRA HOTEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 16 in B.

P. K. WILLIAMSON (Trinity)	1-2	P. A. F. CHALK (Selwyn)	5-6
E. J. LINDLEY (Trinity)	3-4	REV. E. G. BENSON (Cath's)	7-8
R. D. EDGE (Queens')	9-10		

Arranged and Conducted by E. J. LINDLEY.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.
On Wed., Aug. 27, 1952, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in E.

C. M. P. JOHNSON (Selwyn)	*Treble*	R. LEIGH (St. Catharine's)	5
E. J. LINDLEY (Trinity)	2	REV. E. G. BENSON (Cath's)	6
P. K. WILLIAMSON (Trinity)	3	F. E. ROBERTS (Selwyn)	7
R. D. EDGE (Queens')	4	P. A. F. CHALK (Selwyn)	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by E. J. LINDLEY.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.
On Fri., Aug. 29, 1952, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
J. E. Burton's Four-part. Tenor 23 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

F. E. ROBERTS (Selwyn)	*Treble*	W. J. RIDGMAN (Queens')	5
MISS G. A. SMITH (Newn.)	2	R. LEIGH (St. Catharine's)	6
P. K. WILLIAMSON (Trinity)	3	B. D. PRICE (Emmanuel)	7
R. D. EDGE (Queens')	4	C. M. P. JOHNSON (Selwyn)	*Tenor*

Conducted by F. E. ROBERTS.
First peal of Major as conductor.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.
On Fri., Aug. 29, 1952, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE ALEXANDRA HOTEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 16 in B.

C. M. P. JOHNSON (Selwyn)	1-2	P. A. F. CHALK (Selwyn)	5-6
E. J. LINDLEY (Trinity)	3-4	R. D. EDGE (Queens')	7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS (St. Cath's). Conducted by E. J. LINDLEY.

TEN BELL PEAL

CARDIFF.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 28, 1952, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

*JAMES L. FITZGERALD (14)	*Treble*	THOMAS YEOMANS	6
JACQUELINE S. EVANS	2	DONALD G. CLARKE	7
A. RYAN PRICE	3	DAVID J. KING	8
JACK R. WORRALL	4	†ROBERT E. COLES	9
FREDERICK J. BAILEY	5	WILLIAM DARE	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Stedman Caters. Rung as a birthday compliment to Frank J. Bailey (80 years), father of the ringer of the 5th, and to Donald G. Clarke.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

OXFORD.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Mon., Aug. 18, 1952, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 4¼ cwt.

ALAN R. PINK	*Treble*	DAVID WOODLEY	5
WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS	2	PHILIP WALKER	6
ISAAC EMERY	3	FRANCIS A. WHITE	7
WILLIAM C. PORTER	4	WALTER F. JUDGE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

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COWBRIDGE, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 27, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At the Church of the Holy Cross,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb.

*Alfred Hannington	*Treble*	J. Arthur Hoare	5
Jacqueline S. Evans	2	*Gwyn I. Lewis	6
David J. King	3	Robert E. Coles	7
Trevor M. Roderick	4	Jack R. Worrall	*Tenor*

Composed by H. Dains (C.C.C. 31). Conducted by Jack R. Worrall.
* First peal in the method.

ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 30, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13¼ cwt.

Richard G. Blackman	*Treble*	Norman J. Smith	5
John W. Meade	2	*Brian J. Luff	6
Peter R. Blackman	3	Raymond P. Wood	7
E. Winifred Keys	4	Fredk. W. Burnett	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Jagger. Conducted by Frederick W. Burnett.
* First peal in the method.

DROGHEDA, CO. LOUTH, EIRE.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 30, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt.

John Savage	*Treble*	James Lewis	5
Mrs. Jean Darmon	2	John T. Dunwoody	6
Jean Stewart	3	Frederick E. Dukes	7
James Edgar	4	Harry Brown	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Reeves. Conducted by Frederick E. Dukes.
First peal of Major as conductor. First peal on the bells by a resident Irish band and since restoration by J. Taylor and Co. Rung in honour of the bi-centenary of the church, consecrated September 25th, 1752.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 30, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt.

*Robert D. Wilson	*Treble*	Terry R. Hampton	5
Muriel Reay	2	Brian D. A. Woolley	6
Leslie W. G. Morris	3	Arthur V. Pearson	7
†Anthony Ager	4	Arthur Pritchard	*Tenor*

Composed by George Baker. Conducted by Arthur Pritchard.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Rutland.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Aug. 30, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS Peter and Paul
A PEAL OF 5088 APSLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*George A. Naylor	*Treble*	*Herbert E. Audsley	5
Doris E. Colgate	2	Thomas E. Sone	6
*George J. Butcher	3	*Benjamin F. Baker	7
*Ernest J. Ladd	4	†Robert Collins	*Tenor*

Composed by R. F. B. Speed. Conducted by Thomas E. Sone.
* First peal in the method. † 150th peal. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal in the method for the Association. Rung as a farewell peal to the Rev. K. Stuart (curate), who is leaving for Rochester.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 30, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Thomas,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 1,056 Bristol, 672 Cambridge and Superlative, and 2,688 London.
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

*Molly May	*Treble*	C. Kenneth Lewis	5
Basil Jones	2	Joseph W. Whittaker	6
Alan A. Potts	3	†John E. Bibby	7
James Fernley	4	John Worth	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by John Worth.
* First peal. † 500th peal. Rung to mark the engagement of Sylvia Cain and Norman Taylor, both ringers at the above tower, also Walter Allman and May Fletcher, of Runcorn.

SEATON, DEVONSHIRE.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Aug. 30, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Gregory,
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

*Cecil J. Matthews	*Treble*	*Arthur J. Scott	5
*Norman Mallett	2	Joseph A. Fenton	6
*Mrs. C. J. Matthews	3	Henry G. Keeley	7
Roger Keeley	4	G. Stedman Morris	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by G. Stedman Morris.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. A 21st birthday and farewell peal for Norman Mallett, joining the Forces. Also a compliment to Audrey Morrison and T. Mark White on the occasion of their wedding.

SHERBORNE, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 30, 1952, *in* 4 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
At the Abbey Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 46 cwt. 5 lb. in B flat.

Jack Mussell	*Treble*	John Hartless	5
Herbert H. Abrahams	2	Reginald W. Rex	6
Frank L. Harris	3	Ronald N. Marlow	7
David R. Reed	4	A. Patrick Cannon	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Frank L. Harris.
The first peal of Superlative on the bells.

WALTON-LE-DALE, PRESTON.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Preston Branch.)
On Sat., Aug. 30, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Leonard,
A PEAL OF 5152 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15¼ cwt.

Frank Stead	*Treble*	Lawrence Walmsley	5
Ian Jones	2	James Blackburn	6
E. Roger Martin	3	Cyril Crossthwaite	7
Thomas Barker	4	Arthur Hatch	*Tenor*

Composed by E. Timbrell. Conducted by E. Roger Martin.
First peal in the method on the bells and rung to mark the opening of Preston Guild Merchant.

WOODFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 30, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Ilkeston Variation. Tenor 10 cwt.

Donald M. Salisbury	*Treble*	David W. Beard	5
Miss D. J. Fleetwood	2	Colin E. Wright	6
Andrew J. Salisbury	3	John F. Grove	7
John Armstrong	4	Frank V. Gant	*Tenor*

Composed by Nolan Golden. Conducted by Frank V. Gant.
First peal in the method by all. Rung with the best wishes of the band for the wedding of Miss Joyce Fleetwood (Dagenham) and Mr. W. G. Barker (Peterborough).

SIX BELL PEALS

ST. MELLONS, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 25, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mellon,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, St. Clement's, Double Oxford and Plain Bob.
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

*Ronald C. Lucas	*Treble*	*A. Ryan Price	4
†Jacqueline S. Evans	2	Jack R. Worrall	5
*Yvonne C. Porter	3	†‡David J. King	*Tenor*

Conducted by Jack R. Worrall.
* First 720 of Surprise. † 25th peal together. ‡ 25th peal. The first peal in seven methods by all the band except the conductor, on the bells and in the county.

BEARSTED, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Aug. 26, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

*EDWARD G. WHITE ..	..*Treble*	LUTHER J. HONESS	4
ALFRED W. BODIAM ..	2	*MAURICE G. WHITE ..	5
WILLIAM R. MANSER ..	3	GEORGE F. CANTRILL ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE F. CANTRILL.

* First peal in the method. Rung with the bells half muffled. In memoriam the Rev. W. H. Yeandle, M.A., A.K.C., Vicar of the parish January, 1945, to August, 1952. Cremated August 26th. A great friend to all ringers.

PIDDINGTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Aug. 26, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of two extents of St. Clement's and five extents of Plain Bob (C.C.C. Nos. 37, 157, 49, 28, 29). Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

*JOHN HARROLD	..*Treble*	†ANTHONY J. BAKER ..	4
†KENNETH D. PERKINS ..	2	‡EDWARD G. BENNETT ..	5
IVOR J. DICKIN	3	ERIC NOBLES	..*Tenor*

Conducted by ERIC NOBLES.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor 'inside.' ‡ 25th peal. Rung to commemorate the Festival of St. Bartholomew.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 28, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Plain Bob and two each of Cambridge, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 8¾ cwt.

JOHN CHURCH	..*Treble*	*WILLIAM F. TODD	4
PETER W. CROFT	2	FRANK W. CROFT	5
GEORGE CHERRY	3	DEREK P. JONES	..*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK W. CROFT.

* First peal 'inside.' Rung half-muffled in memoriam Albert E. Symonds, president of the Hertfordshire Association.

SMARDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 30, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 18 cwt.

HARRY BAKER	..*Treble*	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ..	4
*MARY F. FENSOME	2	MARK W. MARSHALL ..	5
PERCY REEVES	3	WILLIAM C. MARSHALL ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by MARK W. MARSHALL.

* First peal 'inside.' The ringer of the tenor has now 'circed the tower.' Rung as a 73rd birthday compliment to Mr. E. King, a local ringer.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Aug. 22, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor size 18 in G.

MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH ..	1-2	ALFRED BALLARD	7-8
HAROLD J. POOLE	3-4	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON..	9-10
PETER J. STANIFORTH	5-6	*JOHN B. BENNETT	11-12

Composed by FREDERICK H. DEXTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal of Cinques on handbells.

LONDONDERRY, NORTHERN IRELAND.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Aug. 26, 1952, *in* 1 *Hour and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT 116, FOUNTAIN STREET,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Tenor size 8 in C.

JOHN J. FIELDING	1-2	FREDERICK E. DUKES	3-4
		*DAVID DUNSEITH	5-6

Conducted by JOHN J. FIELDING.

* First peal on handbells.



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FOR BEGINNERS—AND A WORD TO THE OLDER HANDS

XI.—CALLING GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

A beginner has asked us for a little help in calling Grandsire Triples. Like many others, he can ring the method fairly well, but he cannot make much headway in calling touches.

The first thing to know is, when to call the bobs; by which we mean the place in the lead where the actual word of command has to be given. If you examine the figures of Grandsire Triples you will see that the effect of the bob takes place before the treble completes its whole pull at lead. If no bob is called, nothing interferes with the plain hunting of the bells until the treble has finished leading. In practically all even-bells methods, such as Bob Minor and Major, the bob is effected by varying the position of three (or more) of the bells at the back-stroke lead of the treble. In Grandsire the effective movement has taken place before that.

Plain Lead	Bob Lead
7561423	7561423
5716243	Call Bob 5716243
5172634	5172634
1527364	1576243
1253746	1752634
2157364	7156243
2513746	7512634

The bob therefore must be 'called' in good time, and the correct moment is at the beginning of the change in which the treble strikes in 3rds place on the way down. Now, while it may not be easy to see, while ringing another bell, exactly when the treble is in 3rds place, there happens to be a particularly good guide to the place where the bob should be called. It is at the moment that the bell which is going to make the ordinary 3rds place pulls off at lead. The bell to go into the hunt gets sufficient notice, and the dodging bells are in their dodging places. The bell that is coming to lead when the bob has to be called is the one hunting down immediately in front of the treble, so you ought not to mistake it.

Every place into which a bell can fall at a bob has a distinctive name:—

Middle, or M., 4–5 (up).
Before, or B., 3rds place.
In, or I., Into the hunt.
Out, or O., Out of the hunt.
Wrong, or W., 7–6 (down).
Home, or H., 6–7 (up).

One of the important things to remember in calling Grandsire is that, compared with a plain lead, a bob cuts out one dodging position, that is to say while the dodge in 6–7 (up) follows that in 7–6 (down) at a plain lead, a bob would cause the bell to double dodge in 4–5 up (or Middle). If you want to call a bell into the Home position, you must do it the lead after it has dodged in 5–4 (down). If you want to call it into the hunt, you do it the lead after it has dodged in 6–7 up. The only position that is not disturbed by a bob is the Before, which follows the dodge in 4–5 up. It is the cutting out of a dodging place that sometimes fogs those who are beginning to call touches. Here is a little table that shows the differences made between Plain and Bob leads:—

After	Plain Lead	Bob
3rds	dodge 5–4 down	double dodge 7–6 down
5–4 down	dodge 7–6 down	double dodge 6–7 up
7–6 down	dodge 6–7 up	double dodge 4–5 up
6–7 up	dodge 4–5 up	Into Hunt
4–5 up	make 3rds	make 3rds

Just master this first, before you begin to call. It is also a great help to know you should call the bob when striking your first blow in your dodging place (whether 4–5 or 6–7, up or down). When going into the hunt call the bob when you are in 2nds, going up, and the treble is striking over you. A bob when you are yourself coming Before is called when you begin to lead.

When you first begin calling, it may be just as well to ring the observation bell and learn your touch by the places into which it will be actually called, thus a 336 called from the 7th: Before, Wrong, In, Out at 1 (it is necessary to know how many leads the observation bell is to remain in the hunt). This calling twice repeated brings the bells back into the plain course.

If you get a touch which is all in one part, don't forget that you can treat any bell as the observation bell. For instance, this little touch of 266 has no special bell for observation. It is as easy to learn it from one bell as from another. Bobs are called at the following intervals, 1, 1, 2, 3, 4, 2, 1, 3, 1, these figures representing the number of leads between the calls.

The conductor should know how to write out his own touches, and readers should figure out this one, as an example. The transpositions, if you do not happen to know, are 253746 for a plain lead and 752634 for a bob lead.

Thus a bob at 1 from rounds produces 752634, and a bob at the following lead (752634 transposed by 752634) 467352. Follow this with a plain lead, 467352 transposed by 253746, which gives 436275, and so on; the treble, being recurrent in front of the whole of the rows of figures, is omitted.

We will return to the subject of calling Grandsire Triples next week.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The monthly meeting was held at Hunslet (St. Mary's) on August 30th. This change of venue was necessitated by the local conditions at the rostered tower.

Members were present early and the bells were soon raised in peal for ringing to continue until tea time. After tea the bells were fully employed until the Vicar's visit to apologise for his absence during the afternoon owing to other parochial duties, and to bring the Society an invitation for the September meeting to be held at Hunslet when he would provide tea. It is hoped he fully understood the secretary's refusal of the very kind offer when it was explained that visits to towers were arranged in advance on a two-yearly cycle.

The business meeting was held whilst evensong was held in the church. The president (Mr. J. W. Benten) was chairman and members were present from Armley, Batley, Bramley, Burley, Calverley, East Ardsley, Elland, Collingham, Guiseley, Headingley St. Michaels, Hunslet, Harrogate, Halifax (All Saints'), Idle, Leeds Parish Church, Northowram, Otley, Pudsey, Rothwell, Tadcaster, Thorner, Wetherby, Woodlesford, and visitors from York and Newcastle (Mr. H. Walker and Mr. McGuiness).

One new member, Mr. John Bryant, of Halifax, was elected. A vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and local company was proposed and seconded by Messrs. H. Parkinson and H. Jones and supported by the secretary, who personally thanked Mr. Hogg for arranging the meeting at short notice. Mr. Hogg replied for the local company.

Under any other business, the suggested trip was mentioned and the Snowdon Dinner fixed for the October meeting day; also an invitation to Marsden on November 15th, for an open day to include a whist drive and dance in aid of the additional bells fund. Members were asked to discuss these three items in their own towers and come to the next meeting, at Calverley, on September 27th, with some fixed ideas.

RINGERS I REMEMBER

JAMES PETTIT

If ever anyone was a trusted leader and conductor of ringers, it was James Pettit. His gentle nature, quiet dignity and personal charm commanded the respect of all. Born at Hackney in 1834, his career started at St. John's, Hackney, and he rose to be the conductor at St. Paul's Cathedral for 30 years. Known throughout the Exercise as a striking personality, we could truly add the words gentle and just, kindly and considerate, in fact a typical fine old English gentleman. A very safe ringer and, as for conducting, he must have been born to be a worthy successor to Henry Haley.

In 1901 he found out that my 18th birthday would be on a Saturday, so he made it his pleasure to invite me for my first peal of Stedman, one of Caters at St. Margaret's, Westminster, which he conducted. Undoubtedly my two old friends, Herbert Langdon and Thomas H. Taffender, will remember it as a 'first quality' peal, with W. T. Cockerill and Walter Prime at the 'back end.' James Pettit was a man humble in life, always good and true, yet in ringing he was a peer, for with such a trusted leader who could fail to give of their best?

He died in 1912 at the age of 78, and though he sleeps among the poor, he was rich in talent, virtue and sincerity. W. S.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

Enville a Popular Meeting Place

For the summer meeting on August 30th the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford went to one of the more remote places in its territory, Enville, situated in richly wooded country in the south-west corner of Staffordshire. This pretty village, together with its well-known common and the Sheepwalks Hill (from which six or seven counties are visible), is one of the beauty spots of the West Midlands.

The lovely old Parish Church built of sandstone has a particularly fine tower, in which hang the pleasing ring of eight bells (tenor 17 cwt.). It was fortunate that the weather was fine, because the ringing chamber on ground level with the door opening on the churchyard only provided room for a few ringers at a time, and therefore those awaiting their turn to ring had to bask in the sunshine outside. This was the first meeting for Mr. Maurice Turner, newly appointed Ringing Master, and he saw to it that all tastes were suitably catered for.

At the committee meeting to discuss finance it was decided to publish the annual report this year without the detailed list of peals, which would result in a saving to the Society of £15. If the members wanted the peals published another year, then the amount of the annual subscription would have to be increased to cover the cost.

In the absence of the Rector of Enville, the service was conducted by the Rev. W. S. Bethway, Vicar of Wombourn and Rural Dean of Trysull. Amongst the visitors was the Rev. J. Kingdon, secretary of the Cheshire Guild, and he very kindly played the piano (the organ not being available) for the service.

Tea took place at the Cat Inn and 70 members and friends sat down.

The next meeting of the Society will be at St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, on October 18th, and the proposed dinner will be held in Wolverhampton on November 15th.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.—On Aug. 24th 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: L. J. Last 1, W. E. Maulden 2, R. Pipe (first in method as cond.) 3, J. Bennett, jun., 4, G. A. Fleming 5, J. Bennett, sen., 6, G. W. Pipe 7, C. W. Pipe 8. Also on Aug. 31st, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: L. J. Last 1, Miss P. Clarke (first quarter in method, aged 15) 2, R. W. Pipe 3, G. W. Pipe (cond.) 4, G. A. Fleming 5, W. E. Maulden 6, J. Bennett, sen., 7, C. W. Pipe 8.

BARKING, ESSEX.—On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Mitchell (first quarter) 1, C. Fenn 2, A. H. Worboys 3, R. H. Stannard 4, A. W. Beard 5, D. W. Beard (cond.) 6, F. V. Gant 7, G. E. Cottis 8. A compliment to R. H. Stannard on the occasion of his 83rd birthday.

BARROWBY, LINCS.—On Aug. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (360 April Day, 360 Plain Bob and 540 Grandsire): P. Nicholson (first quarter Doubles) 1, F. W. Pinchbeck 2, F. G. Vickers 3, H. R. Woods 4, J. M. Simpson (cond.) 5, B. Nichols 6. A combined birthday and wedding anniversary compliment to F. G. Vickers.

BRISTOL.—At St. Ambrose Church, on Aug. 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. O. Fry 1, W. F. Webb 2, R. G. Hooper 3, P. W. Weeks 4, M. J. Horsman 5, R. J. Bowden (first quarter in method) 6, E. Sutton (cond.) 7, J. Blake (first quarter on 8) 8. A farewell to C. Sutton, who is joining H.M. Forces. Also at St. Mary Redcliffe, on Aug. 31st, 1,320 Grandsire Cinques: A. M. Tyler (cond.) 1, A. E. Reeves 2, G. Briggs 3, A. Pearce 4, W. Dyer (Cheltenham) 5, Miss J. McDowell 6, R. J. Bowden 7, P. L. Pearce 8, A. A. Hillier 9, W. H. Parker 10, F. Hansford 11, F. C. Mogford 12. First quarter Grandsire Cinques for 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 11 and 12.

CALVERTON, BUCKS.—On Aug. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (540 Stedman and 720 Grandsire): G. W. Holland 1, Miss D. Spokes 2, T. E. Roberts 3, C. Gough 4, W. Yates (cond.) 5, Miss M. Coleman 6.

CLERKENWELL, MIDDLX.—On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. Prockson 1, W. A. Theobald 2, W. D. Prockson 3, R. Newman 4, E. F. Pryor 5, D. F. Harman 6, R. H. Begrie (cond.) 7, H. W. Barnard 8.

ERDINGTON, WARWICKS.—At the Abbey Church of SS. Thomas and Edmund, on Aug. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. W. Fairey 1, P. J. Morton 2, Miss M. Fellows 3, C. M. Smith 4, J. McDonald 5, M. G. Morton 6, P. J. Hutchings (cond.) 7, T. J. Farmer 8. First quarter of Triples by all except conductor. First quarter of Triples on recast bells. Rung to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption.

FITTLEWORTH, SUSSEX.—On Aug. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jean Horton 1, Norman J. Smith 2, Brian Luff 3, E. Winifred Keys 4, Leslie Weller 5, Peter N. Bond (cond.) 6. Rung as a farewell to the conductor, who is leaving the district to take up an appointment in Lincoln.

QUARTER PEALS

IFFLEY, OXON.—On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Bowles 1, Miss Christine Hall (first 'inside' of Minor) 2, W. Fern 3, M. Harding 4, L. Busby 5, J. Adams (cond.) 6.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. L. Taylor 1, Daphne Keeley 2, G. S. Morris 3, Mrs. C. J. Matthews 4, C. J. Matthews 5, C. W. Powell (cond.) 6, H. G. Keeley 7, R. Keeley 8.

MARGATE, KENT.—On Aug. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. Page 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, P. Dadds 3, A. H. Webb 4, L. Twyman 5, B. L. J. Brown 6, F. J. Gadsden (cond.) 7, O. Davis 8. Rung for Evensong.

MINEHEAD, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 17th, at St. Michael's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. H. Cook 1, C. Strawbridge 2, H. Arscott 3, L. Arscott 4, J. Parkhouse 5, J. Pugsley (cond.) 6, F. Bulley 7, R. Tudball 8. A compliment to Mr. Jack Pugsley on his 80th birthday.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (4 six scores of Plain Bob and 6½ of Grandsire): Mrs. S. Cockell 1, S. Cockell 2, E. Shearn 3, L. Derrick (cond.) 4, M. Horseman 5, Miss J. Abbott 6.

PETERSTONE WENTLOOG, MON.—On Aug. 26th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: R. C. Lucas 1, Jacqueline S. Evans 2, D. J. King 3, Yvonne C. Porter 4, F. J. Bailey 5, D. G. Clarke 6, A. R. Price 7, J. R. Worrall (cond.) 8. First in method 1, 4 and 7.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On Aug. 26th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. Hague 1, D. Adams 2, F. Fisher 3, A. Firth 4, C. Wright 5, T. C. Ryder 6, P. E. North (cond.) 7, N. Chaddock 8.

ROTHERSTHORPE, NORTHANTS.—On Aug. 23rd, 1,440 Doubles (840 Grandsire and 600 Reverse St. Bartholomew): J. Hill 1, J. Harrold (first quarter 'inside') 2, K. Perkins 3, B. Hill 4, I. Dickens (cond.) 5. Birthday compliment to J. Hill.

SMARDEN, KENT.—On Aug. 31st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: E. King 1, P. Reeves 2, H. Baker 3, C. Marshall 4, M. Marshall (cond.) 5, W. Marshall 6.

SOUTHWARK, LONDON.—On Aug. 17th, at the Cathedral, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: H. M. Page 1, R. G. Lay 2, H. E. Ellis 3, C. G. J. Watts 4, H. Belcher 5, W. H. Coles 6, R. F. Deal 7, J. Chilcott 8, John Phillips (cond.) 9, James Phillips 10.

ST. BEES, CUMBERLAND.—On Aug. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. McKay 1, D. C. G. Martindale 2, J. N. Haile 3, J. A. Haile 4, G. McKay 5, H. Wilson (cond.) 6, W. Short 7. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Jackson, of Bawtry, on the birth of a son (Alan).

STOKE ST. MARY, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (360 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob and 540 of Grandsire): Miss E. Sivier 1, G. J. Gammon 2, F. W. Slocombe 3, G. Walford 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5. First quarter of Doubles and in three methods for Miss Sivier. The conductor's 800th tower.

SWINTON, LANCS.—On Aug. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Rothwell (first quarter) 1, R. Bagnall 2, W. Thompson 3, N. Tompkins (cond.) 4, O. Davies 5, A. Lomas 6, J. Thornley 7, F. Jones 8. Rung with bells half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. A. Jones, wife of the tenor ringer.

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. W. Lentell 1, A. J. North 2, G. Salter 3, G. J. Gammon 4, G. Walford 5, F. W. Slocombe 6, D. T. North (cond.) 7, A. E. Hawkins 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Bellamy on the birth of their son (Peter).

WEST CLANDON, SURREY.—On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: F. Smith 1, Miss W. Oliver 2, R. Wallis 3, R. W. Morant 4, G. L. Grover (cond.) 5, B. Grover 6, J. Glanville 7, D. Clarry 8. Rung to welcome the arrival of a third daughter of the Rector and Mrs. Scott-Gardner. Longest length on seven in method by all.

WISBECH, CAMBS.—On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Butter 1, W. Jarvis 2, S. Haw 3, F. Wigmore (cond.) 4, T. Bevis 5, W. Storey 6, W. Freeman 7, G. Duffield 8.

WORKINGTON, CUMBERLAND.—At the Church of St. Michael, on Sept. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (60 Stedman, 360 April Day, 360 Grandsire and 480 Plain Bob): G. M. Lancaster 1, G. McKay 2, J. R. Mossop (cond.) 3, J. H. McTear 4, H. Wilson 5, T. Wilson 6. First quarter for all except second and fifth ringers. First quarter of Doubles on the bells. First quarter on the bells for the Association. First quarter on the bells since 1927.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The peal attempt at Norbury on August 30th was arranged for one of the local ringers to attempt her first peal. During the week previous Norman Taylor and Sylvia Cain, two local ringers, announced their engagement, and the news also came through that at last May had hooked 'Charlie Dukes,' announcing their engagement on August 26th. The peal attempt thus developed into a very determined effort and of course nothing less than Spliced Surprise Major would do for two pairs of spliced to be. After the peal the band drank the health of Sylvia and Norman, had sandwiches on the 500th peal, wished Molly many more peals and are looking forward, along with many more of Charlie's friends, to a ring on the famous Runcorn bells and to a 'do' in the Wellington, on Charlie.

A compliment: 'I have taken "The Ringing World" for 30 years and have never found it more interesting and varied than it is at present.' —A Northamptonshire reader.

Cambridge University Guild had a successful week in south-east England ringing peals at Buxted, Salehurst and Rotherfield on tower bells and three peals 'in hand.' Mr. E. J. Lindley conducted five of the six peals.

Miss W. Oliver wishes us to correct the statement contained in the report of the Four Guilds Festival that she is the secretary of the Ladies' Guild. Miss D. Colgate, of course, holds this office and Miss Oliver is merely a District secretary.

The 'Metropolitan' version of London is creating interest. It was rung at Derby Cathedral by a Universities Association band and there is also a similar interest at Leicester, where the local band have the figures for Royal and Maximus.

In congratulating the band who rang a peal of Superlative Surprise Major at Sherborne Abbey on August 30th, a correspondent wishes to notify the tenor ringer that this is the heaviest tenor to be rung to a peal in this method!

Mrs. Jean Darmon rang her first peal for the Irish Association at Drogheda on August 30th.

Mr. Jack R. Worrall is moving into Surrey, having taken a teaching appointment at Bisley School, near Woking. We are certain that he will receive a warm welcome from members of the Guildford Diocesan Guild.

London ringers who want pleasant suburban ringing should note the meeting of the Middlesex Association at Hampton on September 20th with a social evening and refreshments to follow at the Red Lion, Hampton.

The Right Hon. the Lord Mayor of York (Ald. C. W. Wright) and the Dean of York (the Very Rev. Eric Milner-White, D.S.O., C.B.E., D.D.) have accepted invitations to the Snowdon Dinner.

Ringers from Marden, Kent, while on a day's outing with the choir on August 23rd, took the opportunity of ringing in the Southend area. The bells were arranged by Mr. Frank B. Lufkin and a good ring was had on the eight at Thorpe Bay in the morning and on the famous ring of ten at Prittlewell in the afternoon.

Six members from the Saxmundham District whose ages totalled 399 years attended the Bury St. Edmunds District meeting at West Starr on August 23rd. They were Messrs. L. Carter (66), H. Puttock (81), A. Smith (63), J. Spry (63), N. R. Bailey (62) and H. Hall (62). They rang a touch of Minor and the good striking reminded Mr. N. R. Bailey of years ago when he used to ring with his brothers at Leiston.

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FIFTEEN PEALS RUNG DURING A WEEK'S TOUR

THE second week-end in August, 1952, will long be remembered for its downpours of rain. On Friday, 8th, there forgathered at the Caversham Bridge Hotel, Reading, like animal species in the Ark, peal ringers from Cheshire, Yorkshire, Lancashire and Birmingham. Thus the survival of many curious breeds was assured. Would they better have perished in the deluge outside? The Exercise has its views on this.

This year we were guests of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. First place in our gratitude goes to Marie Cross and William Hibbert, whose ready help and wise counsel ensured the tour's success. Mr. Hibbert more than once undertook long journeys to see that all was going well and to add his genial and sagacious presence to social occasions. Fred Dunkerley was tour manager and the company numbered 15 altogether. Sadly missed this year was the doyen of these tours, Ted Cawser, but all hope to be seeing and ringing with him many times again. Talk, too, was often of the late Dr. James Simpson, as many an amusing anecdote recalled the gentle humour of the man.

A programme of peal attempts, less strenuous than usual, had been arranged, half of the party generally standing out each time. Looking out from a bedroom window on Saturday morning at the hotel garden, the Thames and the variegated river craft now drenched and tawdry, one felt disinclined to stir. However, a pioneer party set out to Denham and, after two unsuccessful attempts to get the band striking in a unanimous rhythm, settled down to a peal of London. The listeners explored this much-filmed village (its main street, bridge and gently-flowing stream serve many a village sequence in English films), or else they would peep now and then through the curtains separating ringing chamber from church at John Worth performing manfully on the tenor like a perspiring Atlas (except, of course, that the mythological Atlas was supposed to spend his time holding the universe up, whereas this one was obviously pulling it down). The peal was successfully finished and certain of the local ringers, who had listened to the last part, joined the band in lowering the bells and at lunch close by the railway arches. As the expresses sped past, their headboards, 'Paddington, Birmingham, Chester, Birkenhead,' augured well for co-operation among the ringers in this week's efforts. After lunch a hurried dash brought the 'second eleven' to Old Windsor, where a very good peal of Bristol was scored on the easy-going and bright-toned ring. Again we were pleased to meet some of the local ringers and particularly Mr. William Welling, whose long peal ringing record added all the greater lustre to the commendation he gave our performance. The peal was Denis Maddock's fiftieth.

ATTRACTION OF DORCHESTER

Sunday's weather was a mixture of poor and just tolerable. For service ringing some went to St. Mary's, some to St. Laurence's. At the latter the perverse truth was once more illustrated that Stedman Cinques can present difficulties unfamiliar to Maximus ringers. The destination of the afternoon peal band was Dorchester. Had the downpour been less insistent, several would have wished to accompany them and listen to the Abbey bells, while rambling over the Dyke Hills and up to the Sinodun Clumps. Some forty centuries of history and prehistory have left their relics at Dorchester. Neolithic, Bronze Age, Iron Age, Roman, Saxon, Mediæval, all are represented at this meeting place of the rivers. The bells, too, are justly praised, notably the fine-toned 7th and tenor, both cast in the 14th century. The peal of four Spliced Surprise went well, Eric Critchley ably conducting Pitman's composition in which all bells do all the work of the four methods.

Ringing finished a few minutes before 6 p.m. service time and the band, on their way back to a well-earned supper, were able to call at Wallingford and assist with the service ringing there. Those remaining in Reading for the afternoon joined St. Mary's band to ring for evensong and were treated to Grandsire, London, Bristol and a touch of five Spliced Surprise (conducted by Noel Diserens). One personality spent the day tower-grabbing and came home with three fresh twelves in the bag.

Monday's programme was rearranged to include an extra attempt, Albert and Noel Diserens joining one party at Stratfield-Mortimer in the afternoon for four Spliced. This was unfortunately lost after an hour and three quarters, one of the band being unwell. The two scheduled peals, Cambridge at Thatcham and Yorkshire at East Ilsley, were pleasantly rung. At Thatcham the well-kept bells went entirely in the band's favour. The only vicissitude was when a young visitor found his way into the ringing chamber. He was dismissed sharply by Fred's 'Go down, laddie, we're ringing a peal'; though at least one member of the band for an uneasy moment had the impression that he was being ordered to do his front work. East Ilsley nestles close to the Berkshire Downs, on which racehorses train. In these circumstances and with Wilf Moreton frisking along on an 8¼ cwt. tenor, one of the week's faster times was assured.

Tuesday began an improvement in the weather. At Cookham, favourite resort of Londoners on sunny afternoons, the listeners had a lazy morning by the river, while their colleagues buckled down to Spliced Surprise in 12 methods. In this the writer enjoyed ringing with the Cheshire men what was his first peal in 12 Spliced, and a memorable experience it was. Mr. T. J. Fowler joined the party at lunch and a souvenir of the visit was concocted for S.S.M. Philip Tocock, who at one time rang at this tower.

PITSTOW'S DOXOLOGY

The afternoon peal at Burnham was a similarly happy affair. Gallantly sacrificing a Taylor tenor, Ralph Edwards conducted from an 'inside' bell the three-part composition for Superlative known in Birmingham as Pitstow's Doxology. Mr. George Gilbert, who met the party and showed them round, expressed regret during the peal at having left the louvres of the tower partly blocked. The delicate compliment is appreciated. His blocking device, which is set in place or removed in a few moments, merits the attention of all whose towers adjoin built-up areas. Afterwards the opportunity for a celebration was not missed. The conductor duly pushed the boat out and his band reciprocated by awarding their champion a presentation cup brimful of the best brew. Kindly thoughts turned to the lines in A. E. Housman's 'Shropshire Lad':—

> 'Ale, man, ale's the stuff to drink
> For fellows whom it hurts to think;
> Look into the pewter pot
> To see the world as the world's not.'

Or, as the champion himself put it, before the peal, 'I don't like having to call the bobs if it means I cannot enjoy the ringing,' and after, 'This conducting business is overrated.'

Some of those not in this peal were invited by Mr. and Mrs. Walter W. Wolstencroft to go over and have tea with the family at their attractive home among the cherry trees. Over tea memories went back to the years between the wars and earlier. Remarkable tales were told of doings in the palmy days of Lancashire ringing, tales that one feels neither able nor brave enough to reproduce.

Wednesday was Reading day. A peal of Bristol was rung in the morning on the heavy octave at St. Mary's (tenor 25¾ cwt., not 28 cwt. as in Dove's Guide), which may fairly claim to be the finest in the Thames Valley. An appreciative audience sat outside and heard most of the performance. At 10.30 they adjourned to drink coffee nearby, to the accompaniment of 'Music While You Work,' with heavy-bell Bristol superimposed. Mixture not recommended.

The afternoon was free. In fact, by tea time some had gone over 24 hours without touching a bell-rope and were beginning to think that there might be something to be said for ringing tours after all. Percy Dyke and the Diserens lunched at the hotel. Wilfrid Williams looked in afterwards and was promptly commandeered for handbells. Others went out on the river: Fred Dunkerley ready to try speed in any element; John Worth placidly secure in the knowledge that he who displaces most will float longest; Walter Allman in imagination transported in a gondola, his fingers idly caressing the strings of a guitar. Or would the Manchester Ship Canal not perhaps be ideal for such doings? But we digress.

THE CLIMAX OF THE WEEK

The climax of the week was to come in the evening. Cambridge Maximus was rung at St. Laurence's Church, this week being the octave of the Festival of Laurentius, Saint and Martyr, who perished in the persecution by Valerian, A.D. 258. Peals of Maximus are often contentious affairs. The truth of the matter may be that too few are rung for a homogeneous style of ringing them to develop, or, if not a homogeneous style, at least an understanding and appreciation that there are differences of approach to Maximus ringing and what those differences are. In Major, too, there are similar though proportionately smaller differences, but skilled ringers have learned to adapt themselves to one another's styles and are in general prepared to take the beat from the tenorman, so that good rhythm results. In Maximus it is frequently otherwise. This is strikingly illustrated at functions like the Central Council meeting or the Henry Johnson dinner, when men from London, Birmingham, Leicester and Cheshire catch hold together. Most Maximus peals with mixed bands suffer in the same way.

It is, therefore, all the more agreeable to record that at Reading a good peal resulted. George Fearn rang the tenor beautifully and the Selection Committee had stationed alongside him ringers who, though not Birmingham men, had tasted some of the flavour of the place. The North Country men sportingly accepted the front and middle bells and co-operated in the design. Faults could without difficulty be picked in the ringing, but they were, one ventures to say, faults of detail only. There were in the band men who do not spare criticism of others or of themselves where Maximus or any ringing is concerned. Yet after the peal there was a quiet and unusual satisfaction that everyone had put his best into the effort. With this we said a grateful farewell to Reading and, in the magical stillness of a summer evening, drove to Abingdon, crossing and recrossing the softly-rustling Thames and wakening the timbered villages with a startled glare of headlights. The Crown and Thistle Hotel received the wayfarers with cold chicken supper, after which one willingly spared a few minutes to admire the subdued lighting of the courtyard, reminiscent of hotels in Perugia or Siena, before retiring reluctantly to bed.

Thursday dawned fair and expectant. The sun shone and the air was fresh and almost springlike after recent rain. But, as the cars sped along the wooded lanes to Appleton, there was foreboding of the peal attempt. The back bells there notoriously 'want ringing,' and there seemed small prospect of a performance in the White-Holifield class. For Cambridge Royal the back-end ringers were carefully placed and,

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OXFORD DIOCESE TOUR—Cont.

being advised at all costs to keep the bells running, they set a pretty pace. All too rarely was Ted Jenkins seen on tenors during this week. His performance at Appleton was masterly. The tenor was driven hard, but its rhythm was rock-firm. A creditable peal resulted, being a first for Eric Critchley as conductor of Royal, in the fast time of 2 hours 46 minutes. This is believed to be a record speed for Royal on church bells.

NOT A BOGEY DAY

After lunch some left for a browse in Oxford, while nine drove over to Chipping Norton via Witney and Burford for the afternoon attempt. Perhaps there was balm in the air; perhaps the band found Cotswold villages and the fine rolling country inspiring; or perhaps, since this was Black Thursday, the bogey day of peal ringing tours, there was a feeling that the bogey should be laid.

An additional attempt was enthusiastically suggested. Now it so chanced that one of those involved has good friends at Kingham. So, while the courses of Rutland were rolling out across the valley from Chipping Norton's imposing and beautifully situated church, the Rector and tower captain of Kingham were visited and graciously gave their consent to an attempt that evening. Back in Chipping Norton the bells came round, after one of the best peals of the week, at 5.45. The White Hart provided a quick tea. At 6.35 Kingham bells were away to Cambridge. A short discussion outside the church between two of the party, as to which should stand out, had been abruptly terminated by the sound of the Taylor bells being raised: 'It's all right, Jack, I'll ring.' These admirable bells have that happy quality of running swiftly without effort. Even the fast time of 2 hours 30 minutes involved no rush and Middleton's peal cruised like a well-oiled machine. Satisfied men returned to Abingdon, though George would not have minded another one. Eric Critchley, George Fearn and Ken Lewis rang three peals in the day. Several were, moreover, well adjusted to Cambridge by now, having rung peals of Major, Royal and Maximus in the 28 hours just ended.

Friday was dull and damp again. The peal of London at Witney was similarly undistinguished and is regretfully awarded the wooden spoon for the week. Like cricketers out of form, the ringers took a long time to settle down; co-ordination of eye and muscle was somehow lacking. John Worth's conducting skill came much in demand, though he modestly described this afterwards as 'scratching about like an old hen.' In the last part perseverance brought an improvement, and people went into lunch with a rather better taste in the mouth.

The afternoon attempt was at Banbury, for the method known as the No. 3 Version of London Royal. This was abandoned after just over 2 hours, the only failure among the scheduled peals of the week. There had been a number of trips and, to those inside, the ringing in general gave a lumpy and dispiriting impression. Yet it is a marked feature of Banbury's fine ten that what inside sounds vaguely unsatisfactory may outside sound excellent. On this afternoon the listeners more than once remarked how musical a method the No. 3 Version was turning out to be. These are hardly the reactions of people listening to an elaborate method for the first time, should the ringing sound less than good. As it was, between trips, some excellent striking had been heard. Tea with Banbury cakes gave an added enjoyment to those not standing in. Just before departure a chance encounter with some of the Rambling Ringers prompted an enjoyable joint course of Grandsire Caters and lowering of the bells.

The evening closed in with more rain. So heavy was the torrent in Abingdon that some, who had gone a short distance up the road for a drink after dinner, telephoned hopefully for a car to bring them back. The rest, marooned in the lounge some 50ft. across the hotel yard, sat it out drinkless for nearly an hour and ultimately postponed bed until 1 a.m. The Selection Committee wisely decided against its original plan of an attempt for 12 Spliced on the following morning.

The last day's ringing is briefly catalogued. Watlington bells are not as well known as they might be. Located a few miles off the main road, they are also at the extreme range of visitors from Oxford or Reading. The Oxford University Society a few months ago paid its first visit within memory and found the journey well worth while. On the present occasion this rather old-fashioned and heavy eight, rung from the ground floor, went satisfactorily to a peal of Pudsey. The final tower was Kidlington, among the most famous in the county for ringing feats. Here a peal of Lincolnshire was the 15th success of the week. Back in Abingdon that evening, those still remaining sat down to a celebration dinner. Fred Dunkerley was thanked for the excellence of the week's arrangements. There was a strong feeling in the company that this had been the best tour yet.

RANDOM IMPRESSIONS

Random impressions of the week deserve a note. Ken Lewis on Aspects of the Go Slow in Education, or how to extort from pupils a confession that they can read when they pretend otherwise. Fred Dunkerley's reply that, choosing between Spliced Surprise and the King's Cup Air Race, he preferred the Spliced for excitement. Ralph Edwards' impression of a fast peal of Cambridge Major, that the Wrong followed the Middle like twin bobs in Stedman. New light, too, on going wrong in good company: he who trips is generally let off with a superior smile. But offenders, too, acquire the habit of smiling over their offences. How to tell innocent from guilty? It becomes all too like the picture query, 'Which Twin has the Toni?' One must for a moment defy good English usage and suggest that the more superior smile wins. Keep persevering, chaps; it comes with practice.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild is not one to which new laurels are easily added. The Reading peal was, however, their first of Surprise Maximus with rearrangement of the back bells to give the shortened length of 5,040. Everywhere a welcome was given. One would like to mention personally all the new acquaintances made, but the list would be long. Words of thanks should never be forgotten to those who give up their time to meet a visiting band. At several towers we met and talked with the clergy. This is an added inspiration and helps to mitigate the uneasy consciousness of descending like locusts on a defenceless community, stripping another layer of wear from ropes and bells and departing in a cloud of dust. Far happier is the feeling of a performance in a sacred place, especially if it can be made a worthy performance.

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OUTINGS

OUTING IN SOMERSET

On Saturday, September 6th, six Dorset and Somerset ringers from Hazelbury Bryan, Litton Cheney, Piddlehinton, Taunton (St. James') and Wellington had an enjoyable outing visiting five-bell towers. At Ashill (tenor 14 cwt.) the band were met by the Rector and local captain and a pleasant half-hour was spent here. No reply had been received from the incumbent of Staple Fitzpaine (tenor 12½ cwt.) and it was found that he was away. However, a hasty call on the local captain received the necessary permission to ring, a lady member of the local band joining with the visitors in a six-score of Grandsire. West Hatch Church is in rather an obscure site and some time was wasted in finding it and ringing had to be limited to 15 minutes, which was disappointing as this is a lovely little ring (tenor 8 cwt.) with, however, very poor ropes. It had been hoped to ring at Stoke St. Gregory (tenor 17½ cwt.) but the bells are about to be dismantled for rehanging. At Lyng the party were again met by the Rector and local captain. The bells here (tenor 17 cwt.), in a minor key, are rather heavy 'going' with a long draught but some quite good ringing was enjoyed. After a most welcome tea at a nearby cafe, the band proceeded to Moorlinch where they joined a local branch practice meeting and took part in an hour's ringing on this lovely six.

E. T. P. F.

WINCHESTER DISTRICT OUTING

On Saturday, September 6th, members of the Winchester District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild set off on a day's outing—the first to be held.

The ringing commenced at Shedfield—a nice, easy-going eight (tenor 12½ cwt.). Forty-five minutes of good ringing with rounds and standard methods was enjoyed here before going on to the next tower, Havant (8, 16 cwt.). These bells are rather noisy in the ringing chamber and not too easy to handle.

The next tower on the list was that of Chichester Cathedral with its separate bell-tower. The ringers were welcomed here by one or two of the local band and the bells were soon raised and ringing in rounds and the standard methods—the fairly big circle and longish draught seeming to present no difficulties.

After dinner at Chichester, the party proceeded to Easebourne (8, 11 cwt.) where the captain, Mr. Etherington, met them. After ringing here for some time Mr. W. Linter was welcomed: he happened to be passing through the village.

Thence to Haslemere—a light ring of ten (tenor 13 cwt.). We rang the full ten to rounds but change ringing was confined to the back eight.

Tea was the next item on the agenda, which was enjoyed at Farnham. Here the organiser and the coach parted company when the former went to make inquiries and the latter was moved on by a policeman! However, they eventually met together again and, after tea, went to the church to sample the grand eight (tenor 20¼ cwt.). It was here, rather late in the day, that the last member of the party was picked up.

After Farnham, an hour's good ringing at Aldershot (eight, 8 cwt.) was had before carrying on to the light six (tenor 6½ cwt.) at Farnborough. Here the bells were rung half-muffled in respect to the victims killed in the tragic accident at the Farnborough Air Show a few hours previously. This was the last tower of the day after which the coach sped homeward with a stop at Alton for refreshments.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CENTRAL COUNCIL—THE CO-ORDINATING STRUCTURE

Dear Sir,—Mr. Pink's article on the Central Council will, I hope, stimulate many readers to write to you.

May I offer a few comments on his suggestion that Guilds should enjoy complete freedom of action with regard to the Council's decisions, accepting them or rejecting them as they wish.

The argument for this proposal is that the Guilds, and not the Council itself, have the power to enforce them. I would submit that in affiliating it is precisely this power which a Guild undertakes to use in the name of the Council, not as some extraneous, dictatorial body, but as from within a greater, all-embracing body speaking with united authority.

Furthermore, I would submit that it was precisely this intention which inspired the Council's foundation, the king-pin of all being the loyalty pledged to it by Guilds in their affiliation. Withhold this loyalty and inevitably the impressive edifice built up over the years will crumble away, and in doing so will put ringing back a hundred years.

Nevertheless, having recognised that the Central Council is our co-ordinating structure, it is for all of us by individual thought and effort, in our own tower, through our own Guild and in the Council Chamber, to face up to the many problems and challenges which are the very life and substance of any organic entity.

Let there be no doubt about it, the Central Council, **our** Central Council, has grown up, is still growing up, in accordance with its objects, and with the principles which actuated those far-seeing ringers responsible for its creation.

But, as Mr. Pink said at the close of his article, 'it is the spirit in which ringing is carried out which really matters.' Certainly, and it is in this spirit that I pen these words of reply.—Yours sincerely,

E. S. JOHN HATCHER.

Ditton, Maidstone.

THE 'SACRED' PEAL ANALYSIS

Dear Sir,—May I congratulate Mr. Alan R. Pink on a most thought-provoking article which puts in print the questions which many ringers have been discussing for some time.

One might take his argument on peal-ringing a little further and say that the Central Council has no power at all to say what methods shall or shall not be rung. Peals are rung (we hope) to the glory of God and (we know) for the enjoyment of ringers taking part, and a band may therefore (with the incumbent's permission) ring what they will.

The only action the Central Council can take is to refuse to include the peal in the 'sacred' Peals Analysis, but in this case the band may, if satisfied in their own minds that the peal was a good one, and if finance and the incumbent permit, erect a peal tablet of wood, metal or stone, which will last long after the records of the Central Council have crumbled into dust and been forgotten.—Yours faithfully,

E. T. BEAUCHAMP.

London, S.W.11.

A CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY PEAL

Dear Sir,—The peal of Surprise published in the issue of 'The Ringing World' dated August 29th, 1952, by Mr. F. Warrington, belongs to the late Mr. Charles H. Hattersley. It was published in the old 'Bell News and Ringers' Record' on July 13th, 1889, page 184. —Yours sincerely,

PERCY GREEN.

Chelmsford, Essex.

MARIA MARTEN AND RINGING

Dear Sir,—We have to-day such a long list of ringers who have reached fame in other walks of life that we sometimes are a little inclined to boast of them. But more often it is the unusual that is most interesting. I noticed in a recent issue that the writer of 'West Sussex Young Ringers' Tour,' in calling attention to the village of Polstead as where the murder of Maria Marten took place, omitted to mention that the murderer, one William Corder, was a ringer.

It is now more than fifty years ago that the late Challis F. Winney, who came from the same village, told me about the Red Barn murder, but what I chiefly remember was that after Corder had bumped Maria off and planted her in the Red Barn, but before the body was found, Mr. Winney's grandfather was married and William Corder rang for the wedding and afterwards was present at the wedding breakfast. He was not quite sure, but he always understood that Corder was quite a good half-pull ringer. I do not know if there are any records of his ringing, but we may be quite sure that his last performance at the end of a rope will be the only one by which he will be remembered.—Yours faithfully,

E. H. OXENHAM.

Bampton, Devon.

SAMUEL LAWRENCE, OF SHIFNAL

Dear Sir,—I was interested in your account of the St. Martin's Youths and also of Samuel Lawrence, of Shifnal.

I should like to point out, as I do not expect many ringers know, that his book of all his records is in Shrewsbury Reference Library. My late father, C. R. Lilley, found it in a very bad condition there one day and got them to rebind it. It is a most interesting book to see and one account which my father copied from it runs:—

'In the year 1785 was rung at Shifnal, Shropshire, by the following persons on handbells:—1,008 Bob Major in the house of Sarah Nock. John Nock rang 1-2, standing in the parlour; John Debney rang 3-4, standing in the brewhouse; Samuel Lawrence rang 5-6, upstairs; Thomas Clemson rang 7-8, in the cellar. Conducted by Thomas Clemson.'

I well remember when a boy I used to go to Shifnal ringing and was told of the history of Samuel Lawrence and of his great size. Perhaps if any of the Shrewsbury ringers will go and look up the book they could write a very interesting account for 'The Ringing World.'

I think that a book like this should be in the hands of the Central Council.

When reading accounts of old ringers and remembering the 'go' of the bells, etc., in those days, it makes one wonder if the art of ringing has really progressed as much as is thought.—Yours faithfully,

S. E. LILLEY, Chairman,
Mid-Devon Branch, Devon Guild.

Newton Abbot.

IN THE BELFRY

Dear Sir,—May I, through the medium of the Exercise's valued journal, address to all tower-keepers a two-fold request which, I am convinced, would be appreciated by all ringers? In addition, the mild form of advertisement might attract many a likely learner and so hasten the time when every tower shall ring for every Sunday service.

(a) Please display in the ringing chamber as much information about the bells as possible, including the dedication of the church:

(b) Place in a position where nobody can miss it a notice stating the day and time of the weekly practice.—Yours faithfully,

S. G. PONTING.

Ticehurst, Sussex.

THE OXFORD MOTION

Dear Sir,—We are well and truly having it rubbed in about the Oxford motion. Let's just look at it from a member's side. After moving the motion at the Central Council meeting, Mr. Lock spoke for nearly half an hour and 90 per cent. of the members did not hear half a dozen words, and this is the point: not having heard the argument the Council voted on the motion alone and decided to re-examine the whole question of irregular methods. This did not mean we reversed a morning decision when we decided not to include methods with irregular lead ends in the Council records because this would mean that in future we should have to include all and sundry.

It is stressed at most Council meetings that our decisions are not binding on church bell ringers, but the same must apply to them because if they want their efforts accepted by the Central Council they must abide by their decisions or take the consequences.

Mr. Pink asks, '**Has the Council the right to say,** now can we decide yes or no?' If the answer is **no,** then the Council can get right down to business without any arguments about irregular lead ends, method extension or Council Rules and Decisions.

'ORDINARY MEMBER.'

RUGBY BROADCAST

Dear Sir,—The bells that were broadcast from Rugby last Sunday morning were the 'old five' in the west tower of the Parish Church. Not many people have rung on them but as the eight in the east tower are out of order they are rung regularly now. We rang 120 Grandsire as the service started, the ringers being: Mrs. W. J. Vann 1, W. J. Vann 2, A. W. Gibbons 3, A. E. Barlow 4, R. W. Gibbons (conductor) 5.—Yours faithfully,

R. W. GIBBONS.

Rugby.

ONE-HANDED CLOCKS

Dear Sir,—In reply to the Rev. A. J. Nixseaman's inquiry about one-handed clocks, there is a good example of one at Looe Parish Parish Church, Cornwall. The church has a squat tower and is situated about 50 yards from the sea.—Yours sincerely,

BRYAN PATTISON.

Bedford.

Dear Sir,—Some years ago I visited Foxton, Leicestershire, and in the church there was a one-hand clock lying on the floor: this had been replaced by a modern one. I am interested in this particular type of clock as I possess a one-hand grandfather clock, by John Nethercott, Standlake, Oxon.

I was amused to read Mr. P. Amos' letter re 48 minutes to the hour. My clock is marked in the same way. As almost all one-hand clocks, the 12 hours are divided into 48 quarters on the inside circle; you then have to guess the minutes.—Yours, etc.,

C. H. WEBB.

Coventry.

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THE SOCIETY OF ROVING RINGERS

Sixth Annual Tour in West Country

ON Saturday, August 2nd, members from Axminster, Bournemouth, Crewe, Ewell, Exmouth, Leatherhead, London, Long Ashton, Nailsea, Reading, St. Albans and Wolverhampton met outside Exeter Cathedral to take part in the sixth annual tour of the Society. This tour departed from the usual fortnight of youth hostelling, being one week only and accommodation mostly at Exeter.

After introductions, the party moved off in the direction of Exminster. Enthusiasm dominated care, however, and at Countess Weir two riders collided and severe damage to bicycles resulted. The many spokes which 'slipped wheel' had to be replaced in Exeter, and so it was a small party which reached Exminster, especially as the motorised London contingent had not yet arrived. The next tower was Alphington, where the annual dog show was in progress. Fortunately none of the band became involved. Supper was taken at our quarters in Exeter and was found to be 'good solid stuff' and brought forth many sharp comments. Sharp knives would have been more use. After a fruitless search for quiet headquarters we retired to bed fairly late, but still without the London members. At 1.30 a.m. they arrived and sat down to their supper which had been kept hot since 7.30 p.m. We were too tired to be wakened by the struggle which ensued.

On Sunday morning we rang for service at Heavitree on the grand Taylor eight of 25¾ cwt. which have become established as one of our favourite rings. The back-enders were able to 'exert their utmost powers.' In the afternoon we visited Woodbury, a really bad-going ring of eight, followed by ringing on the pretty eight of 15 cwt. at Withycombe Raleigh which was much enjoyed. An attempt for five Spliced Surprise unfortunately came to grief.

Monday's ringing began at Wolborough, and Highweek, the next tower, was on a neighbouring hill. The view from the churchyard rewarded us for our climb and we also relearnt the start of Erin Triples. No common solution was found to the problem of where and when to eat and which way to return to Exeter, and so the party remet for supper some time later, each person confident he had found the best way over the hills.

THE BUSINESS MEETING

At a meeting held that day Gordon Peters was elected Master, as John Chilcott was unable to remain with us for the whole week. It was also decided that the reunion should be held in Oxford on the first week-end in February. That evening we at last established our headquarters and after the initial shock the locals received when they saw us waving handbells, we were left alone—alone with one local who insisted that 'Jealous Hearts' was suitable for ringing on twelve bells. Still, it is quite probable he saw many more bells and after a large pinch of snuff he (and his two puppets who had appeared) staggered out.

On Tuesday we headed for Plymouth and our first stop was to ring on the delightful little six at Dean Prior. After a makeshift lunch we rang at Ugborough. The heavy eight are not easy to ring and the strange timing was subject to mixed comments. Revelstoke Parish Church, situated on a steep side of a river estuary, directly opposite Newton Ferrers Church on the other side of the valley, presents a most imposing scene. Revelstoke bells are even more difficult to handle than Ugborough and judging by the rumbling from upstairs, 'timber' would have been a more suitable cry than 'bob or single.' In spite of this, Spliced Plain and Little Bob was rung. A short but hilly ride took us to Plympton, and after sorting out St. Mary's Church we rang on this glorious eight by Gillett and Johnston.

Ringing on Wednesday commenced at St. Andrew's, Plymouth, and included Cambridge Royal, St. German's, our only Cornish tower, was reached rather late, but even later by the car which had to queue some time for the Torpoint ferry. St. German's has a most unusual arrangement of two towers. Both are at the west end but the bell tower is square and the other round. The bells are a handy little eight but have poor musical qualities. After spending far too much time, breath, patience and energy blowing on his tin whistle our musical expert announced that the bells were in a key between the F's.

Following hurried refreshment, we started on the most gruelling ride of the tour—across the hills and footpaths to Tavistock. We reached Tavistock about an hour late and it was very kind of the tower-keeper to wait so long for us. The bells are a magnificent ring of eight by Taylor's but our tired band could not do them full justice. However, we listened to some good ringing afterwards when another touring band took over. The dark brown patch which the map showed across our road to Exeter proved too much for most of the party and only four of the cyclists did not travel via British Railways. The late evening concerts by our two pianists, accompanied by our host (who used to be a ringer) on his violin, had by now become very popular, but Mac's rendering of 'Tell me, Mary, how to woo thee' left us in doubt as to his capabilities in this gentle art.

AT EXETER CATHEDRAL

On Thursday, thirteen hard miles through wooded landscapes brought us to Moreton Hampstead, and after ringing we had our first set lunch for three days. The six-bell tower at Dunsford was visited in the afternoon before we returned to Exeter to ring at the Cathedral. The scouts and their plums had by then been cleared away. This year our twelve-bell repertoire was not so great and we were only able to ring Grandsire and Stedman Cinques. Cambridge Royal was rung on the back ten, and Kent Treble Bob on the minor ten. The result was most unusual and opinions differed as to whether the 'roll-ups' or the in-between music sounded best. The handbells were again brought out in the evening and Grandsire Cinques, Stedman Caters and Plain Bob Royal were rung. Plain Spliced Major proved to be elusive.

AGAINST WIND AND RAIN

The last day of the tour came all too soon. On Friday we cycled through drizzling rain along the flattest road we had so far encountered to Thorverton (eight, 17 cwt.) Our next visit was at the neighbouring tower of Silverton, and on this dandy eight Rutland Surprise was added to our methods list. The sun shone again but it was against a strong wind that we pedalled to Clyst Honiton for lunch and to ring on another fine eight. Spliced Plain Major in seven methods was achieved here. Then the rain came and it was a sodden party that arrived late at Ottery St. Mary. The new Taylor eight with a tenor of 18¾ cwt. are a delight to ring. The many visitors to the beautiful old church were intrigued with our ringing. After ringing, the party divided, some members returning to Exeter and others moving on to Axminster, where five took part in a good quarter peal of Bristol Surprise.

On Saturday we departed in many directions having had another enjoyable tour, although it was more gruelling than any other. The car and motor cycle were very helpful to our several part-time invalids. Other methods rung included Cambridge, Yorkshire, Superlative, Bristol, London, Lyme and six Spliced Surprise, in addition to numerous methods on seven, six and five bells. G. E. E.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Dorchester Branch at Abbotsbury

The Dorchester Branch met at Abbotsbury on August 23rd and about 26 ringers and friends attended.

The six bells of St. Nicholas' Church were rung from 2.30 until 4 p.m., when the Guild service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Arthur Phillips, who also gave the address, taking his text from Psalm 81, verse 3: 'Blow up the trumpet in the new moon, even in the time appointed, and upon our solemn feast day.'

Speaking of the early days, when the trumpet was replaced by the bell, the Vicar made the point that a bell stood for tone, tune and time. Tone, he said, shows our attitude to the job in hand, and to God, our hearts must be attuned to Him, and should beat in time with Him, so making a good and firm foundation for our work for the Church.

Tea was served at the Ilchester Arms Hotel, and the short business meeting which followed was conducted by the Rev. — Phillips, in the unavoidable absence of the branch chairman, Canon A. Wilkinson Markby, of St. Peter's, Dorchester, whose apology was read, together with those from Miss Markby, Mr. J. T. Godwin, Mr. F. Precey (Ringing Master), Mr. E. T. P. Field (Deputy Ringing Master) and Mr. J. H. Hayne (hon. secretary).

It was agreed to hold the next branch practice at St. Peter's Church, Dorchester, on Sept. 6th at 6 p.m., and the next meeting at Preston on Thursday, October 2nd, subject to confirmation by the Vicar.

Following this the Rev. A. F. Godley proposed a hearty vote of thanks to all who had made the meeting such a success, and the ringers then returned to the belfry, where ringing was carried on until 9 p.m. under the direction of Mr. F. Stedman (Wyke Regis), Deputy Ringing Master.

Methods rung included Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor, and Cambridge and London Surprise Minor.

Ringers were present from St. Peter's, Dorchester, Preston, Upwey, Wyke Regis, Abbotsbury, with visitors from Yetminster, Lytchett Matravers, Isleworth (Middlesex) and Melksham. J. H. H.

BEVERLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The August meeting was held in the pleasant market town of Market Weighton. The bells, a light ring of six, were raised and rung during the afternoon and some good striking was enjoyed until service time.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (Canon E. Marsh), who is also the Rector of the parish of Goodmanham, which has historical associations back as far as the year 627 A.D. The choir, augmented by ringer choristers, led the singing. Mr. C. Metcalfe was at the organ, and Mr. Moore, churchwarden, represented the parish congregation. Canon Marsh gave a short, inspiring sermon.

Tea was taken in the Londesborough Arms, which was up to the usual high standard of Londesborough teas. The business meeting followed, then handbells were rung by the younger members of the Society whilst the older members tried to explain how it was done to the interested church officials.

The tower bells were rung again until 8.30 p.m. to standard methods, Cambridge and London.

Owing to the clash of engagements with a meeting at Send and the West Clandon outing, the attendance at the Guildford District meeting last Saturday, at Puttenham, did not come up to expectations. The presence of Mr. Tony Price with his smart automobile, which was greatly admired, was much appreciated. Two veterans at the meeting were Mr. S. Marshall and Mr. Bob Whittington.

SWANSEA & BRECON GUILD

Meeting at Cadoxton

Walking up the Neath Vale on August 30th at 2.30 p.m. the beautiful bells of Cadoxton could be heard heralding the start of the quarterly meeting of the Guild. About 40 members attended from Cefn, Gorseinon, Sketty, Morrison, Llandilo, Neath, Baglan, Aberavon, Porthcawl and also visitors from Ton Pentre and Llanbradoch.

At the service, although the new organ was not ready for playing, the piano helped us along to some good singing. The address was given by the Vicar, the Rev. E. Ishmael, who welcomed the ringers.

No one ever came away from Cadoxton without enjoying the tea supplied by the ladies from the church and this occasion was no exception. It was really good.

The business meeting was opened with prayer by the Vicar, who was in the chair. An invitation to Gorseinon for the December meeting was accepted. It was agreed to have an outing in 1953, and the same committee was elected to make arrangements.

A letter was read by the secretary from Mr. Ernie Stitch, expressing his delight with the illuminated address given him by the Guild, and also sending his sincere thanks to all members.

A proposal by Mr. W. Meredith that £2 10s. be given towards the Welsh Appeal Fund was duly carried. It was also proposed to record in the minutes the performance of the peal rung at Devynock Church on August 4th, 1952, also the time and untiring efforts made by Mr. J. Williams in preparing the tower and bells for ringing, which enabled the peal to be rung. Nine new members were elected.

A vote of thanks by Mr. W. Meredith was accorded to the Vicar for presiding at the meeting and for the use of the bells, and to the ladies for supplying and waiting at tea.

During the evening the bells of both towers, Cadoxton and Neath, were kept ringing to methods suitable to everyone's liking until 8.30 p.m., when the ringers went their several ways home.

J. A. H.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD

On August 9th, the East Grinstead Guild held its annual outing, starting from Tunbridge Wells in pouring rain, but by the time we had got beyond Horsham the clouds broke and out came the sun.

Owing to a traffic diversion and a very stubborn driver, we went miles out of our way and arrived at Chiddingfold 1¼ hours late. In the second touch a rope broke, so, to get the tower, the rest rang Stedman Doubles on the front six with tenor covering.

A phone call to Haslemere had made things right, and we arrived at that tower 55 minutes late. Everyone enjoyed this nice light ten, which proved to be the best bells of the day. Midhurst was reached on time and, accompanied by loud rumblings, we rang several Doubles and Minor methods. Quite a few had a pull and went over the road before they closed.

The coach arrived at Chichester at 3.45, giving the party time to look round the Cathedral before ringing for evensong. The large belfry and wide circle tended to make the ringing very slow, but most of the standard methods were brought round before the bells were lowered in peal at 5.15.

After tea we had an enjoyable ride along the coast to Brighton, where we turned inland to the last tower, Keymer, with its small belfry and light six.

Although we had one tower less, there was the usual rush for home, and things had to be timed just right to catch all the buses en route and arrive in Tunbridge Wells for a certain last bus at 10.30. At 10.25, within a mile of the stop, the two ringers concerned calmly said, 'Our bus doesn't go till 10.40.' Many thanks to the locals who met us at each tower and to the incumbents for the use of the bells.

C. A. B.



GUILDFORD RINGERS CUT THE CAKE. — Mr. T. Mark White and Miss Audrey Morrison performing the time-honoured ceremony after their wedding at Holy Trinity Cathedral Church on August 30th.

WEDDING

MR. W. R. BARKER — MISS J. G. FLEETWOOD

The marriage of Miss Joyce Gladys Fleetwood, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Fleetwood, of 74, Dagenham Avenue, Dagenham, and Mr. William Robert Barker, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Barker, of 14, Priory Road, Peterborough, was solemnised by the Rev. A. E. Charman at the Parish Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Dagenham, on August 16th.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a white rose figured satin gown in classic style. Her veil carried a bell pattern designed by her brother and embroidered by herself. Her bouquet was of cream tea roses and white heather. Miss Dorothy Fleetwood, sister of the bride, was chief bridesmaid and wore a green taffeta dress with a net fichu and matching headdress and short veil. Miss Ruby Fleetwood, sister of the bride, and Miss Ethel Fleetwood, cousin of the bride, wore gold dresses with matching fichu, headdress and short veil. All carried bouquets of pale mauve carnations. Miss Susan Avery, bride's goddaughter, wore white crepe trimmed with gold taffeta and carried a basket of coloured zinnias, and Master Freddie Mayhew, bride's cousin and godson, wore brown velvet trousers and a white silk blouse, with gold bowtie. Mr. George Bush was best man.

The bride, chief bridesmaid and bride's two brothers, who acted as ushers, are all ringers at Dagenham, and the bridegroom and best man, Mr. George Bush, are ringers at St. John's, Peterborough. The bride, a local school teacher, met the bridegroom at St. John's, Peterborough, while at Peterborough Training College.

The reception, at the Co-operative Hall, Dagenham, was attended by some fifty guests, after which the couple left for a honeymoon on the Isle of Wight.

On the day of the wedding a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. John's, Peterborough, but a peal attempt at Dagenham on August 23rd, by the Freewheelers Ringing Society, of which the bride was a member, unfortunately came to grief after 1½ hours.

A peal of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major was, however, rung at Woodford on August 30th by members of the Essex Association, six of whom are also members of the Freewheelers Ringing Society.

J. R. F.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Frm 'The Ringing World,' Sept. 20th, 1912

ODD CHANGES

No fewer than twelve out of the 14 attempts made during the Somerset and Dorset trip were successful. . . . [These were] two peals of Stedman Caters, one of Stedman Triples, three of Superlative, one of Cambridge, three of Bristol and two of London Surprise Major. The best performance was on the Tuesday, when Stedman Triples was rung at Sherborne (tenor 46 cwt.), followed by a peal of Stedman Caters at Yeovil (tenor 42 cwt.). In the first of these two Mr. E. Pye rang the 7th and Mr. W. Pye the tenor, and in the second one they reversed their positions at the back end. This is what you might call a day's work.

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Who among the veterans can beat Mr. Gosling, of Mansfield, who on Saturday, at the age of 85 years, rang a peal of Treble Bob? Mr. Gosling rang his first peal of Stedman after he was 83!

NORWICH ASSOCIATION

Bishop of Thetford Addresses Sculthorpe Meeting

A well-attended meeting of the Western Branch was held at Sculthorpe on August 30th. Divine service was conducted by the Rector (branch chairman), at which a thought-provoking address was given by the Rt. Rev. J. W. Woodhouse, Bishop of Thetford.

Tea was served by lady church workers in the pavilion attached to the bowling green.

It was decided that if possible the annual meeting should take place at Swaffham on November 29th.

Assisted by neighbours and friends of the Ely Association, the bells, a well cared for light six, were rung to a variety of methods to suit the differing capabilities of those present.

OBITUARY

MR. ALBERT E. SYMONDS

The death of Mr. Symonds, aged 58, after a period of failing health, on August 24th, at his home at Hitchin, Herts, came as sad news to his many ringing friends in Hertfordshire, where he had recently been elected president of the County Association of Change Ringers.

He learned to ring in Suffolk whilst still a lad in the early part of the century, first of all on the village bells of Brome and Oakley, and later at Diss and Eye

Ater periods in Kent, Lincolnshire and at Hatfield, Herts, and service in the R.A.M.C. during the first World War, he settled in Hitchin in 1926 to continue his work as a horticulturalist, and had been a thoroughly reliable member of the local band ever since, being tower vice-captain for much of the time.

Though not a prolific peal ringer, he took part in both the local peals rung over many years: In 1933, and in September, 1951, his last peal; also in the 30's, in the unique Symonds name peal at Stowmarket, thus renewing his early link with Suffolk. He rang many quarter peals, however, for Sunday services, from which he was never absent. Until the outbreak of war, in 1939, he tolled the Curfew nightly, an old custom now, unfortunately, lapsed, and instructed many learners, including his own sons.

Early in the last war he became secretary of the Northern District of the Hertfordshire Association, and did much to revive interest in the outlying towers. During his tour of office meetings became more frequent and better attended.

The culminating honour in his ringing career came in April of this year when he became president of the Hertfordshire Association, still holding the chain of office at the time of his home call, ringing and attending meetings as long as he could.

He leaves a widow and two sons, of whom William is an active ringer. His friends in the tower will remember 'Arthur' for his loyalty and his sprightly, cheerful demeanour; he will be greatly missed.

Hitchin bells were rung fully muffled for the funeral, at which ringers from Hitchin, Wymondley, Baldock, Norton, Royston, St. Albans and Apsley End were present, and wreaths were sent from the Association and several local towers. A course on handbells was rung over the grave by representatives of the local company and the Association. D. P. J.

An Appreciation

Mr. Edwin G. Buck, secretary, Northern District, Hertfordshire County Association, writes: May I in my humble way write a short appreciation of our friend and president, Albert E. Symonds, known to most of us as Arthur. Since I took over the job of District secretary from him at the beginning of this year I have had the opportunity to read up the old minute books. One can tell from these the vast amount of time and work he had put in for this District.

During the last war everything came to a standstill, but in 1942 Arthur took over and with the few who were left behind began to build up the District again. He has left us all a grand example from which we can all benefit and his memory will be with us all for many years to come.

MR. ARTHUR WIGGINS

Reading ringers deeply regret the death of Mr. Arthur Wiggins at the age of 65. He was a member of the St. Peter's, Caversham, band and late chairman of the Reading Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

Mr. Wiggins, who passed away at the Royal Berkshire Hospital on August 26th, learned to ring at All Saints', Boyn Hill, Maidenhead, and rang his first peal there in 1901 under the conductorship of Mr. George Martin. As a young man he joined the Berkshire Constabulary and rose to the rank of superintendent and deputy chief constable of that Force. After periods of duty in various parts of the county, where he always took a vigorous part in local ringing activities, he finally settled in Reading and retired from the Police on health grounds just before the last war.

There is no record of his peals but he must have taken part in a fair number. He was a fine striker and very dependable in the standard methods up to London Surprise. Apart from being a very regular supporter of his own tower, he made a point of attending many other practices, especially where a struggling band wished to make progress. Many young (and not so young) ringers in the Reading District are indebted to his kindly help, always given with a quiet word accompanied with a most pleasant smile.

The funeral was held at St. Peter's, Caversham, on September 1st, conducted by the Rector. The Rev. C. P. Sherwood, chairman of the Reading Branch, read the lesson and the whole pull and stand was rung half-muffled as the cortege left the church. Among the ringers present were Mr. George Martin, Mr. A. D. Cullum, Mr. and Mrs. and C. Lewington, Mr. W. R. Vaughan, Mrs. Catherall, Messrs. Foster, Burton, Haines, Baughan, C. Hunt, W. Hunt, V. Cherrill, H. Tucker, Mrs. Dyke (representing Mr. P. J. Dyke) and Mr. A. Diserens.

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CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Meeting at St. John's, Bollington, on Sept. 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome.—W. Stevenson, Hon. Sec. 1297

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ELY ASSOCIATION & SUFFOLK GUILD.—Wisbech and Mildenhall Branches.—Meeting, Northwold, Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Own food; cups of tea available.—J. E. Fox, Dis. Sec. 1299

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—Meeting, Goldhanger (7), Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—A. H. Everett, 24, The Chase, Boreham. 1175

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Leatherhead District) and LADIES' GUILD (Southern District).—Meeting at Shere, Sept. 13th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30.—A. H. Smith and W. Oliver, District Secretaries. 1281

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Hunton (6), Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, near Maidstone. 1231

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Monthly practice, Mapledurham, Sept. 13th. Bells (6) from 6–9 p.m. Visiting ringers will be welcomed at the Mapledurham Fete at Vicarage Garden from 3 p.m. Tea obtainable. 1251

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Wotton Underwood, Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells (6) 2.45. Service 4. Tea.—E. F. Gibbard. 1286

SUFFOLK GUILD.—General meeting, Stowmarket (8, 24 cwt.), Sept. 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—C. W. Pipe, Grundisburgh. 1272

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—Meeting at Mortlake (8), Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at Cafe, 129, Sheen Lane, St. Mary's, Putney, after meeting.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1259

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.—266th Anniversary, Sept. 20th. Bells (12) 2.30. Tea 5, at 1s. 9d. per head. Names, not later than Tuesday, Sept. 16th, to C. D. Launder, Spring Cottage, Painswick, Stroud, Glos. Painswick Feast, Sunday, Sept. 21st; ringing 9.15 a.m., 2 p.m., 5.15 p.m. 1293

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BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Meeting, Totternhoe, Saturday, Sept. 20th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please.—Dennis Knox, 17, Woodlands Avenue, Houghton Regis, Dunstable, Beds. 1314

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Astbury, Sept. 20th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea must be received by Sept. 17th.—W. Kerr, 26, Davenham Crescent, Crewe. 1285

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DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District. — Roker, Saturday, Sept. 20th, 3 p.m. Names for tea, by Sept. 18th, to Mr. A. T. Shaw, 33, Clifton Road, Roker, Sunderland. 1298

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — N.E. District. — Meeting at Mistley, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Numbers for tea to me by Sept. 15th, please.—R. Duesbury, 5, Clacton Road, St. Osyth, Essex. 1215

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. —Meeting, Greenstead Green (6), Sept. 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to A. Saunders, Near the Church, Greenstead Green, Halstead. 1271

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Coaley (6), Sept. 20th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify for tea by Sept. 17th.—Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 1302

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Northleach, Sept. 20th. Bells at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting after. Names for tea, by Sept. 18th, to E. H. Jefferies, 24, Siddington, near Cirencester. Glos. 1323

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Throwley, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 2s. per head. Names, with cash, please, to Mr. F. Tanner, 5, Jubilee Cottages, Throwley Forstall, Faversham, not later than Sept. 17th. Special coach will leave Station Road, Faversham, 3.15 p.m. For a seat, please contact, as soon as possible, Mr. W. S. Palin, 9, Napleton Road, Faversham.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1267

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midland District.—Meeting in conjunction with Coventry Diocesan Guild to be held at Leamington Spa on Sept. 20th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Evensong at 5.30 p.m. Tea at local cafes.—A. A. Timms, Sec. 1317

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—Meeting at Poulton on Saturday, Sept 20th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Evensong at H. Foster. 1321

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch. — Quarterly meeting at St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne, Sept. 20th. Ringing 3 p.m. Tea provided Business following tea. Bus from Piccadilly. All welcome.—R. Benson. 1322

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Desford, Sept. 20th. Bells (6) 3. Tea in Church Hall 5. Please notify, by Sept. 17th, Mr. J. Bennett, 4, Manor Road, Desford, Leicester. Strictly, no name no tea. Social in Church Hall 8 p.m. in aid of Guild Bell Repair Fund. 1300

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Foxton, Sept. 20th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., Shoulder of Mutton.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 1304

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Frampton, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at Moores Arms 5 p.m. All requiring tea must send names by Monday, Sept. 15th, to Mr. J. R. Young, Park Gates, Frampton-by-Boston. 1273

RINGER'S NOTEBOOK AND DIARY, 1953

The Ringer's Notebook and Diary will shortly be going to press. Can we be informed, as soon as possible, please, of:

(a) Dates of Annual Meetings, Dinners, etc, for insertion in the Diary section;

(b) Alterations to names or addresses of Secretaries or to Central Council representation.

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1294

MADELEY, SHROPSHIRE.—Dedication of new ring of eight bells, tenor 14 cwt. (John Taylor and Co.), by the Archdeacon of Hereford on Saturday, Sept. 20th, at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Names of intending visitors would be appreciated. — J. L. Stanier, West View, Madeley, Shropshire. 1257

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Sept. 20th. Sunbury (8) 2–5; Hampton (8) 6.30–8.45. Tea 5.30, social evening 8 p.m., both at Red Lion, Hampton. Names to G. Ingham, 145, Staines Road East, Sunbury-on-Thames.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec. 1253

NORTH PETHERWIN, LAUNCESTON. — Church bells and tower restoration, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Service 2.30, conducted by the Lord Bishop of Truro, followed by garden party, high tea, auction sale and concert. 1292

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Uttoxeter, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Names for tea to Mr. E. Roberts, 125, Smithfield Road, Uttoxeter, Staffs.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 1288

NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at New Buckenham, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea by Monday, Sept. 15th, to Mr. W. G. Saunders, New Buckenham, Norwich.—A. G. Harrison, Hon. Sec. 1266

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—Meeting at Thornford, near Sherborne, Sept. 20th at 3. Visitors welcome. Write: Rev. W. Uphill, Stour Provost Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset. 1306

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. — Meeting, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells, Annunciation, Chislehurst (8) 3–4. Service, St. John's, Eltham, 4.45. Tea 5.30. Meeting to follow. Eltham bells (8) after meeting. Names for tea by Tuesday, Sept. 16th, to Mr. F. Hurrell, 16, Jubilee Cottages, Eltham, S.E.9. —K. Matthews, Hon. Sec. 1275

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting at Barnby-in-the-Willows (6), Sept. 20th, 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Bring own food.—P. N. White. 1250

SUFFOLK GUILD—Bury St. Edmunds District.—Meeting at Rougham, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells (6) 3. Tea as usual.—W. Stannard, Dis. Sec. 1301

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Bletchingley, Sept. 20th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Names for tea, by Sept. 18th, to F. W. Bird, Braddon, Godstone Road, Bletchingley. 1307

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. —Practice meeting, Salehurst (8), Saturday, Sept. 20th. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea arranged for those who notify P. H. Rollison, 313, Victoria Drive, Eastbourne. 1313

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Stockbridge, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells (6) 2. Service 4.15. Tea 5 in the Vine Inn. Names to Mr. J. A. C. King, 29, Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester, by previous Monday. 1265

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch.—Annual meeting, Netherton, Saturday, Sept. 20th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. and business. Outstanding subscriptions should be paid and reports obtained at this meeting. Numbers for tea by the 18th, please. — Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 1269

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Next general meeting, Beverley, on Saturday, Sept. 20th. General committee meet 3.15 p.m. in the Minster Vestry. Service in the Minster 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Rutherfords Hotel, Market Place. Names to Mr. L. Daggitt, 82, Minstermoorgate, Beverley, by Sept. 18th. General meeting on same premises immediately afterwards. Minster bells (10) available 2.30 till 4 p.m. and after meeting till 9 p.m. St. Mary's (10) available after meeting till 9 p.m. Please note arrangements, as no circulars issued.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford. 1247

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch. — Sunday, Sept. 21st, bell ringers' service, St. Paul's, Chippenham. Bells (8) from 3.45. Tea 5. Special service 6.30. Ringing after service until 8.30. Names for tea by Sept. 17th to Mr. R. Tigwell, 44, King Alfred Street, Chippenham. 1260

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting at the Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Sept. 27th. St. Mary Magdalene's, Holloway, afterwards. No ringing at St. Michael's in September.—A. B. Peck. 1310

DEVON GUILD.—S.W. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Kelly, Sept. 27th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names by 22nd to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 1261

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Withycombe Raleigh, Sept. 27th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, by Sept. 24th, to B. Pidgeon, East Budleigh. 1324

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Newcastle, Sept. 27th. Full details later. 1319

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Meeting, Childswickham, Sept. 27th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—P. Baker, 40, St. Michael's Avenue, Bishop's Cleeve. 1296

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—District annual meeting, Sept. 27th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Parish Room 5 p.m. Names, please, to Mr .T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 1280

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Meeting at Ash-by-Wrotham (6) on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. followed tea and short business meeting. Tea is by kind invitation and names should be sent to me on or before Wednesday, Sept. 24th.—B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, near Sittingbourne. Phone Newington 350. 1310

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting at Christ-the-Saviour's, Ealing (8), Saturday, September 27th. 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Business meeting, with bells to follow at St. Stephen's (8), 6.30. Own tea arrangements.—A. M. Bailey, Dis. Sec. 1309

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Deeping St. James'. Sept. 27th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Meat tea at the Bridge Hotel, 5 p.m. Please help me by sending your card to me not later than Monday, 22nd, as all teas have to be booked and paid for.—B. H. Dalton, Hon. Sec., Billingborough, Sleaford, Lincs. 1312

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Monmouth, Sept. 27th. Bells available 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—F. J. Hannington, 32, Surrey Street, Canton, Cardiff. 1291

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Berks Branch.—Meeting at Chilton, Saturday, Sept. 27th. Service 3.30. Notify for tea by the 22nd.—A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks. 1290

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Tackley on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells 2.15 p.m. Service 3.15 p.m. Numbers for tea by Thursday, Sept. 25th, please.—Miss Lottie Pimm, High Street, Eynsham, Oxford. 1308

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at Elveden (8), Saturday, Sept. 27th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. M. Reeve. 1316

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and DONCASTER DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint meeting, Thorne, Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify, by Thursday, 25th, Mr. J. Thorley, 7, Bridge Street, Thorne. 1320

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION. — Quarterly meeting and six-bell contest at Batley, Saturday, October 4th. For teas please notify, by Sept. 27th, D. Atkins, 37, Victoria Avenue, Batley.—A. Farrand, Hon. Sec. 1287

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Festival dinner and social on Saturday, October 4th. Bells 2.30 to 5 at St. Margaret's (12). St Mary-de-Castro (8) and St. John-the-Divine (10). Dinner 6 p.m. at the Co-operative Assembly Rooms, Uppingham Road, Leicester. Tickets 8s. 6d. each from local secretaries up to September 20th and from P. J. Staniforth, 150, Narborough Road South, Leicester, until September 30th, latest. 1305

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oundle Branch.—Ringing Festival, October 4th. Bells 3, Nassington (5) followed by service, tea and meeting 6 p.m. Towers opened: Nassington (5), Kingscliffe (6), Elton (5), Castor (6). Names for tea by Sept. 30th.—P. E. Clarke, 7, Bassett Place, South Road, Oundle. 1325

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CONCERNING THE EDITORIAL CHAIR

(But not from it)

WHAT reader knows the drudgery and anxieties of the Editorial Chair? Can it lay any claim to comfort and happiness for its occupant? Can an Editor be allowed to express any opinions of his own? Is he to be regarded as something of a machine, or as a human being? Is he to accept as 'news' anything that comes to his hand, or can he have any ideas of his own about that?

Such questions may provoke a variety of answers; but one does not like to think of him as only the tool of those whom he is appointed to serve; rather that he can be some sort of guide to their policies. Nor would one wish him to be a mere reporter, but as able to impart some sort of personality into the contents of his columns.

It must be one thing to be *outside* the Editorial Office; quite another to be *within* it and responsible for a weekly production like 'The Ringing World.' The one outside is free to use his imagination; the one at the Editorial desk is wallowing (we hope) in contributed matter and is compelled to use his discretion, while relying upon some knowledge of his public.

In the main his public has little or no sympathy with him. His readers expect him to turn out a journal which shall contain the acme of interest for them on every page. They will write letters to him, both intelligible and unintelligible, and expect every word to be printed. They will send in their reports and look for post-haste publication.

Yes. It is the Editor of 'The Ringing World' we have in mind. He knows as we, too, know that 'The Ringing World' is not simply a newspaper. It has to deal with the highly technical side of campanology as well as with the doings of ringers generally, their opinions, ideas and their needs. It must admit from time to time articles and notes couched, perhaps, in a language for which only the experts presumably possess the dictionary. It must provide a variety of information, as well as comments upon events and achievements, also occasional biographies. Every ringer cannot set the same value upon all the contents of his paper, but every ringer will expect to find something which has a personal interest for him or her, and which makes his or her subscription worth while.

And if a column or two has a dry text-book flavour only to be appreciated, say, by composers and method builders, such have as much right to be considered as others who only look for something more popular, or the record of their performances, or items of an instructive nature.

An Editor does not grow on every tree. He must have peculiar qualifications for the post, especially in controlling a paper for such a community as ringers. More than ever in that case he must have a hide like a leviathan; a gentle yet decisive pen; a blue pencil to wield without fear or favour; a just appreciation of the space or prominence which should be allotted to this or that item, and a full sense of his responsibility so to cater for every type of reader in the Exercise that the circulation may keep up to a high point with good prospects. For, surely, any Editor is to be pitied who is always entirely satisfied with the lay-out of his production, who is not open to suggestions for improvement, or who frets himself to a shadow in the face of criticism.

We may not penetrate into the mysteries which lie behind the door of the Editorial Committee Room. But we may believe that our Editor's burden is to some extent lightened by the opportunities afforded for consultation with the eminent persons who form that committee and whose knowledge of ringing matters cannot be gainsaid. At the same time, we have no shadow of doubt that our Editor is left the freedom to function as Editor and is in no sense the puppet of the committee.

And who is infallible? 'The man who never made a mistake never made anything' is an old and true saying, and our Editor can be trusted to offer an apology where the facts prove him to be wrong. How often may not the apology be due from those who call him to account?

Perhaps if any random dissatisfied reader were to undertake the job of editing 'The Ringing World' for a month the Editorial Committee might have real cause for anxiety about the future of the journal! But at the present time we are in good hands, so let us be thankful and helpful, even though occasionally critical, supporters.

TEN BELL PEALS

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 30, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5060 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 19 cwt. 5 lb. in E flat.

*JOHN M. ELLWOOD	*Treble*	WILLIAM WELLING	6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	2	*WILLIAM SIMMONDS	7
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD	3	*WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	8
RONALD I. SHEPHERD	4	*ROBERT H. BEGRIE	9
ERNEST E. HOLMAN	5	*WILLIAM BUTLER	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.
* First peal of Bob Royal. First peal of Royal as conductor.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.
On Mon., Sept. 1, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 20½ cwt.

*HENRY HUBBALL	*Treble*	*HAROLD J. SHUCK	6
TREVOR REYNOLDS	2	WILLIAM DAVIES	7
*ALFRED C. BOXLEY	3	*RODERICK J. LEES	8
ERNEST STITCH	4	*STANLEY PRESTIDGE	9
J. NORMAN HADLEY	5	MAURICE G. TURNER	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by WILLIAM DAVIES.
* First peal of Plain Bob Royal. First peal of Plain Bob Royal as conductor. The annual peal for the Guild. Mr. H. Hubball has now 'completed the circle' for the second time

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Sept. 6, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

THOMAS G. BANNISTER	*Treble*	ALBERT R. G. TWINN	6
JOHN B. SANSOM	2	FREDK. W. GOODFELLOW	7
REGINALD W. DARVILL	3	HORACE C. BELCHER	8
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Composed by G. R. FARDON. Conducted by FREDK. W. GOODFELLOW.
Rung to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Goodfellow, which took place at this church on September 3rd, 1927. Mrs. Goodfellow has been a member of the local band since 1921 and her husband since 1927. Mr. F. C. Price's first peal of Stedman Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 30, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's Variation. Tenor 10 cwt.

MRS. H. J. POOLE	*Treble*	MICHAEL D. STANIFORTH	5
WINIFRED M. BURTON	2	HARRY POYNER	6
WILLIAM A. LACEY	3	PETER J. STANIFORTH	7
DAVID S. HARRIS	4	FREDERICK T. BINDLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
Arranged and rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. T. Mark White and Miss Audrey Morrison, who were married at Guildford the same day.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Sept. 2, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5000 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

ERNEST MORRIS	*Treble*	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	5
*RICHARD E. MANTON	2	WILLIAM A. WOOD	6
*E. CHARLES TURNER	3	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	7
HORACE A. OVER	4	ROLAND BENISTON	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by ARTHUR E. ROWLEY.
* First peal in the method. First peal as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells and the fastest peal of Major on them.

SHOREHAM-BY-SEA, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Sept. 2, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

ROBERT CHALLEN	*Treble*	STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG	5
ALBERT W. BOND	2	OWEN H. GILES	6
HENRY STALHAM	3	MAURICE THOMAS	7
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT	4	FREDERICK PAGE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by FREDERICK PAGE.
Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to the local captain, Mr. B. Challen, who has given almost continuous service as a ringer at this church for 66 years.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Sept. 5, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

PETER J. STANIFORTH	*Treble*	MICHAEL E. BROWN	5
ALFRED BALLARD	2	HUBERT E. ASHLEY	6
*COLIN P. WALKER	3	HAROLD J. POOLE	7
JOHN J. MORRIS	4	JOHN BENNETT	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal of Surprise.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 6, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 21¼ cwt.

KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER	*Treble*	JESSE HARRISON	5
*NORMAN E. SMITH	2	†JOHN HOWARD	6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	3	WALTER LEE	7
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER	4	ALBERT BRIDGES	*Tenor*

Conducted by MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY.
* First peal (aged 15). † First peal in the method. First peal in the new ringing chamber.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Sept. 6, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5024 PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. (approx.).

*RODERICK J. LEES	*Treble*	*ANTHONY AGER	5
*MURIEL REAY	2	*BRIAN D. A. WOOLLEY	6
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	3	JOHN PINFOLD	7
*JOHN McDONALD	4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	*Tenor*

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.
* First peal of Painswick.

BROUGHTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Furness and Lake District Branch.)
On Sat., Sept. 6, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE BRAITHWAITE	*Treble*	STANLEY RICHARDSON	5
*ALAN CAPSTICK	2	*REX AGG	6
WILLIAM PICTHALL	3	JAMES E. BURLES	7
JOHN BAGNALL	4	†ROBIN SHUTTLEWORTH	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES E. BURLES.
* First peal in the method. † First peal on eight bells. First peal on the bells after rehanging. Arranged for William Picthall, a visitor from Ruislip, Middlesex.

DODDERHILL, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 6, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 18½ cwt.

FREDK. G. KINCHEN	*Treble*	FREDK. C. PUGH	5
FREDK. G. NURDEN	2	FREDK. CRUMP	6
FREDK. W. RISHWORTH	3	FREDK. G. HANDLEY	7
FREDK. S. HAWKES	4	FREDK. G. YATES	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK G. HANDLEY.

GRAPPENHALL, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 6, 1952, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,
A PEAL OF 5120 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12¾ cwt.

*HENRY PARKER	*Treble*	JOHN ASHCROFT	5
†KENNETH EDWARDS	2	*HAROLD WORRALL	6
ERIC HORNBY	3	DOUGLAS KIRKPATRICK	7
†JOHN SCOTT	4	CECIL RADDON	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by HENRY PARKER.
* 50th peal together. † First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Jean Gorse, a local ringer. Also on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Betty Peters, daughter of one of the local ringers, to Mr. Dennis Scott.

HITCHIN, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 6, 1952, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 26 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

WILLIAM F. TODD	*Treble*	JACK S. DEAR	5
PETER W. CROFT	2	JOHN CHURCH	6
EDGAR W. WINTERS	3	DEREK P. JONES	7
GEORGE CHERRY	4	FRANK W. CROFT	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK W. CROFT.
First peal of Surprise Major by all except 6th. First peal of Cambridge Major by all the band. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Albert E. Symonds, president of the Hertford County Association and member of the local band.

MARKET BOSWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Hinckley District.)
On Sat., Sept. 6, 1952, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's Variation. Tenor 17 cwt.

BARBARA COLVER	*Treble*	ALAN HOUGH	5
JOHN HOUGH	2	T. KELHAM DEACON	6
NANCY MARKLEW	3	FRANK K. MEASURES	7
ALFRED BALLARD	4	WILLIAM R. PROUDMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK K. MEASURES.
First peal of Stedman on the bells.

PORTISHEAD, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 6, 1952, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 16 cwt.

*DAVID B. ROBERTS	*Treble*	RONALD J. GALE	5
ERNEST J. GOLDSTONE	2	*CLIFFORD G. EDWARDS	6
MRS. G. J. SIMMONS	3	NORMAN H. COOMBS	7
NORMAN R. PHILLIPS	4	*GEORGE E. ROWBOTHAM	*Tenor*

Conducted by NORMAN H. COOMBS.
* First peal. First peal as conductor.

SYSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 6, 1952, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Bruerton's. Tenor 15 cwt. 26 lb.

*JEAN A. KIRKMAN	*Treble*	‡ROGER G. W. SOARS	5
†B. STEDMAN PAYNE	2	ROYSTON WILMORE	6
ERNEST MORRIS	3	ERNEST W. RAWSON	7
†ERNEST F. PAYNE	4	FREDERICK WATSON	*Tenor*

Transposed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
* First peal of Triples. † 25th peal together. ‡ First peal of Triples 'inside.' A birthday compliment to treble ringer.

THORNE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 6, 1952, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in F.

HOWARD SCOTT	*Treble*	J. MARTIN THORLEY	5
J. EDWARD CAWSER	2	GIBSON JACKSON	6
F. BERNARD DITCHER	3	J. FREDERICK MILNER	7
MILTON C. FOWLER	4	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.
First peal in the method on the bells.

BURES, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
(The St. Mary's Society.)
On Mon., Sept. 8, 1952, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

*STUART T. HUME (15)	*Treble*	‡CHARLES BOWER	5
DONALD L. MILLS (13)	2	*JOHN PELL	6
†MRS. LESLIE MILLS	3	LESLIE D. MILLS	7
†A. EDWARD LEGGETT	4	†EDWIN C. HYNARD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. BARKER. Conducted by LESLIE D. MILLS.
* First peal. † First peal in method. ‡ First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor. First peal for the St. Mary's Society. All Sunday service band (seven local). Rung as a farewell to John Pell, leaving for Surrey.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 9 1952, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 9¼ cwt.

BRIAN AUSTIN	*Treble*	ROBIN TURNER	4
*GWEN JOHNSON	2	GEOFFREY E. WATSON	5
JOHN KING	3	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY E. WATSON.
* First peal.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 23, 1952, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being three extents of Oxford and four of Kent Treble Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

*HENRY P. COLLIN	*Treble*	*CYRIL H. CAUNT	5
†DENIS A. FRITH	2	*JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM.	4
JAMES R. HOLMES	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENIS A. FRITH.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Treble Bob Minor. A birthday compliment to the conductor's father and mother.

YARNTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 25, 1952, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Comprising an extent each of (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, (3) Double Oxford, (4) Single Oxford, (5) St. Clement's, (6) Double Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 25 cwt.

CYRIL H. KINCH	*Treble*	HARRY P. FLOYD	4
GEORGE F. BURTON	2	EDGAR J. SMITH	5
PETER ANGER	3	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
Rung for the Patronal Festival and as a thankoffering for the 29 years of faithful ministry in this parish of Rev. E. J. N. Aston, he having just resigned the living.

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HORTON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Aug. 26, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising an extent each of Spliced St. Clement's and Childwall, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Single Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12¾ cwt. in F.

*DEREK W. STONE	*Treble*	†WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	4
†RUTH TABRAHAM	2	*MICHAEL HATCHETT	5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	3	†WILLIAM BUTLER	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.

* First peal. † First peal in eight Minor methods.

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 30, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.

GRACE BURCHNALL	*Treble*	WILLIAM BRETT	4
KATHERINE BURCHNALL	2	JOHN NEWBERT	5
SYDNEY CARNALL	3	HAROLD DENMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD DENMAN.

Rung for the wedding of Miss Iris Delphine Salt, third daughter of Rev. S. M. I. Salt (Rector), and Mr. Peter Scarborough Taylor, which took place on Tuesday at this church.

OCKHAM, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 30, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5400 DOUBLES

Being 15 extents each of Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire with varied callings. Tenor 7 cwt.

GEORGE L. GROVER	*Treble*	*RONALD WALLIS	3
WINIFRED OLIVER	2	*ROLAND W. MORANT	4
		*MARTYN W. HARBOTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE L. GROVER.

* First peal of Doubles.

SEAL, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 30, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Bankes-James' Arrangement. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*BARBARA A. MITCHELL	*Treble*	*HILDEGARD I. G. BIRD	4
*MICHAEL FULLER	2	PERCY J. SPICE	5
*RALPH C. SPITTLE	3	RALPH BIRD	*Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

* First peal of Surprise Minor. Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Fuller, parents of the ringer of the 2nd.

FRESHWATER, ISLE OF WIGHT.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Sept. 2, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Comprising 34 extents (10 callings) and four of Morris's 240's. Tenor 16½ cwt.

*CYRIL A. SAUNDER	*Treble*	*ALFRED W. GREEN	4
†BLANCHE M. BALL	2	†JOHN H. HUNT	5
ERNEST F. RIDETT	3	FRANK TOMLINSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles.

LYMINSTER, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Sept. 2, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, viz., C.C.C. 77, 75, 80, 81, 76, 21, 20. Tenor 10 cwt.

*EDWARD W. STREATER	*Treble*	GEOFFREY LEE	4
NORMAN J. SMITH	2	ERNEST TREAGUS	5
E. WINIFRED KEYS	3	JOHN W. MEADE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST TREAGUS.

* First peal.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 3, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In two methods, viz., two extents of Kent Treble Bob and five of Plain Bob (C.C.C. 151, 150, 34, 52, 50, 48, 29). Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in C.

FREDERICK WATSON	*Treble*	PETER J. THOMAS	4
WINIFRED M. BURTON	2	JOSEPH TAYLOR	5
ERNEST MORRIS	3	BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

A birthday compliment to Frederick Watson, verger at Croft.

BOBBING, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 3, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*JAMES A. JUDD	*Treble*	STANLEY V. RAYFIELD	4
WILLIAM A. WOOD	2	GEORGE KENWARD	5
BERT W. MAY	3	GEORGE A. NAYLOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.

* First peal.

HIGHER WALTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 3, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 16¼ cwt. in F.

*BERNARD JACKSON	*Treble*	WALTER MANSLEY	4
MRS. W. MANSLEY	2	J. RICHARD JENKINSON	5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	3	FRANK STEAD	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

* First peal. Rung to mark the celebration of the Preston Guild Merchant, 1952.

LITLINGTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Sept. 4, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KATHARINE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

ARTHUR H. BYSOUTH	*Treble*	WINIFRED M. ELLIOTT	4
*HAROLD F. HEATHFIELD	2	CHARLES A. BYSOUTH	5
WALTER J. HOUGHTON	3	ERNEST W. ROBERTS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST W. ROBERTS.

* First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor. In memoriam Albert E. Symonds, president of the Hertford County Association.

BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 6, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, two 720's of Oxford Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 lb.

*STANLEY G. PONTING	*Treble*	FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN.	4
ARCH. G. GRIMWOOD	2	ARTHUR T. LEWRY	5
HENRY N. VAUGHN	3	WM. A. KITCHENSIDE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE.

* First peal in three methods. Rung as a wedding compliment to Albert W. Kitchenside, son of the conductor, and Betty E. Tarr, who were married at St. Peter's, Chertsey, Surrey, on Saturday, August 30th, 1952.

BROUGHTON ASTLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Hinckley District.)
On Sat., Sept. 6, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents (C.C.C. Nos. 34, 36, 48, 49, 50, 51, 29). Tenor 18 cwt. 7 lb. in E.

KATHLEEN M. PROCTOR	*Treble*	PETER HALLAM	4
WILLIAM R. DRURY	2	JOSEPH TAYLOR	5
CECIL E. CARR	3	MICHAEL E. BROWN	*Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL E. BROWN.

Arranged and rung for the wedding of Miss Ann Flint to Mr. Roy Knight.

IBSTOCK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 6, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven methods, viz.: (1) College, (2) St. Clement's, (3) Plain, (4) Single Oxford, (5) Single Court, (6) Kent, (7) Combined Kent and Oxford. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

*BRIAN HODEN	*Treble*	REGINALD T. GOODMAN	4
C. WILLIAM HALL	2	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	5
RICHARD E. MANTON	3	ROLAND BENISTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

* First peal.

KING'S BROMLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Sept. 6, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Comprising one six-score of St. Dunstan's, six of April Day, six of Reverse St. Bartholomew, nine of Plain Bob, ten of Grandsire and five 240's (Morris's arrangement). Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

*B. J. TOWNSEND (14) ..*Treble*	*JAMES A. FOX 4
DAVID W. BARR 2	JOHN R. JOYNER (16) .. 5
MICHAEL W. FAIREY .. 3	*NEIL J. FAIREY .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. JOYNER.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal in five methods by all except the conductor. A birthday compliment to the mother of the conductor.

LITTLE BADDOW, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 6, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four extents of St. Simon's, 14 of Grandsire and 24 of Plain Bob. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

*HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE *Treble*	JOE E. G. ROAST 3
JOHN WEST 2	PETER J. CAME 4

FRANK L. HARRIS .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

* First peal of Doubles.. First peal on the bells.

NORTHAMPTON.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Northampton Branch.)
On Sat., Sept. 6, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN, DALLINGTON,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of six extents each of Old (three callings), Reverse St. Bartholomew (three callings), Reverse Canterbury Pleasure (four callings), Southrepps Pleasure (two callings), April Day (three callings), Plain Bob (four callings) and Grandsire (six callings). Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

*NOEL MORTON .. ..*Treble*	‡CHARLES T. WINDRAM .. 4
†JOHN HARROLD 2	ERIC NOBLES 5
ANTHONY J. BAKER .. 3	CHARLES H. BUSHELL .. *Tenor*

Conducted by ERIC NOBLES.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ First peal in seven methods. Rung as a wedding compliment to John Nash and Eileen Wright, the bridegroom being a ringer at this church.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 28, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
IN THE 15TH CENTURY PARVIS OF THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor size 17 in A.

BRIAN G. WARWICK 1-2	ERNEST MORRIS 5-6
HARRY POYNER 3-4	DEREK G. GOODMAN 7-8

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

A birthday compliment to Mrs. R. W. Warwick.

WELLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 28, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT 53, LEYS ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 12 in F.

*PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. 1-2	MALCOLM KING 5-6
ROBIN G. TURNER 3-4	JOHN KING 7-8

Composed by G. DODDS. Conducted by ROBIN G. TURNER.

* First peal on eight handbells away from the tenors.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Aug. 31, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT 39, TITIAN AVEENUE,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

EDWIN A. BARNETT 1-2	HAROLD G. CASHMORE .. 5-6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY.. 3-4	THOMAS W. SHEPPARD .. 7-8

Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN. Conducted by CHRIS. W. WOOLLEY.



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FOR BEGINNERS—AND A WORD TO THE OLDER HANDS

XII.—MORE ABOUT CALLING GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

In addition to calling Grandsire Triples by the position of the 'observation' bell; that is, the bell that returns to the same position at each part end, it is often possible and even more convenient to call touches and peals by the bells 'Before.' This means that you have to memorise the bells that will make the ordinary 3rds place at the bobs.

An easy example of this kind of thing is the touch of 360 which can be got by calling any of the bells (except the 2nd's) five times Before. The place to make the actual call, as we pointed out last week, is when the bell hunting down in front of the treble begins its whole pull at lead. What the bob caller has to watch for, therefore, is the lead in which the bell he has selected to call Before is hunting in front of the treble, and call the bob when that bell reaches the front.

This, in turn, implies that he must be able to watch the coursing order of the bells. At first perhaps he will be able to do this only as he passes them with his own bell, but he will see a lot more than that as he progresses. He must learn to make a mental note of the order in which he meets the bells. In this way he will soon have such a command of the ringing that if two bells try to do the same work he will be able unerringly to put them into their right coursing order.

Only practice will make a conductor efficient in this, but there are certain things which he can learn that facilitate his mental transpositions. The first and simplest is that when he meets the treble, the next bell must be the bell in the hunt. Another is that the bell that is hunting in front of the treble in one lead will be after the bell in the hunt in the next. And that leads to the 'cycle' which all the bells follow. This is how the bells come to lead in the plain course after the hunt bell (the 2nd) has led the first time:—

3467512 5346712 7534612 6753412 4675312

Notice how the order remains unchanged except that the bell in front of the treble takes its place next time immediately after the 2nd. It is hardly necessary, perhaps, to explain that the last 2 in the series is really outside this plain course.

When a bob is called the transpositions affect three bells instead of one. The bell is the hunt is changed and a new cycle is set up. Suppose we call a bob at the first lead, then the order becomes:—

3462517 5234617 6523417 4652317, etc.

The last two bells in front of the treble take their places immediately AFTER THE TREBLE and in front of the bell leaving the hunt. Then the cycle plan proceeds as for a plain lead with the changed hunt bell.

When the touch is being called by the bells 'Before,' the conductor must follow this cycle of hunting and, if he is observant, he will notice how in each lead the bell he is waiting to call Before will gradually close up to the treble. After he has called it Before once, he will find that the next time he meets it he will have four bells between it and the treble; the next lead three bells; the next lead two and the next one bell. In the following lead it will be immediately in front of the treble and then the next bob has to be called.

Sometimes it is useful to be able to base your observations upon the bells going into the hunt as well as those Before. In that case you call the bob in the lead when you have one bell between the bell going In and the treble. If you watch the coursing order carefully to note the wanted bell closing up to the treble, you should not have much trouble in observing it, but remember the actual 'call' has still to be made when the 3rds place bell leads.

When you have a series of calls in one position, it is as well to make some other 'observation' so that you will know when the last of these calls has been made.

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—The 5,056 Superlative without bells reversed in 5-6, which appears on page 560 of 'The Ringing World' of August 29th, can, of course, only be regarded as an inferior variation of the well-known peal by C. H. Hattersley and not as an original composition.

The composition as it now appears could be improved by starting at the 11th course when the 6th would be 11 of the possible 12 times in 5-6 instead of eight, as at present. To regain the original form of Hattersley's peal from the variation the three homes on '34 and the three homes on '24 would be omitted and instead of the last four courses the following eight would be substituted—Before, Three Homes, Wrong, Two Homes, Wrong and Three Homes. The peal in this form, giving the 5th and 6th the extent in 5-6 is to be found on page 24 of the Central Council Collection (No. 4).

The peal is often rung in either of the following forms—the first giving the 5th and 6th the extent in 5-6 and the second the 4th and 6th the extent:—

(1)

23456	B	M	W	H
42356				—
54326			—	3
23645		—	—	3
42635			—	3
34625			—	3
64523		—		
32546		—	—	—
52643		—		
24536	x			3
25346			—	2
23456			—	2

(2)

23456	B	M	W	H
52436			—	3
42635		—		
53624		—	—	—
63425		—		
32654	x			3
36524			—	2
23564			—	3
62534			—	3
35426		—	—	3
23456			—	3

Some of your readers may wonder what the composition would look like reversed. For their benefit the following is the reverse of No. 1:—

(3)

23456	B	M	W	H
42356				—
26354		—		2
36452		—		3
65324	x			
32654			—	—
56423		—	—	
25463			—	3
45362		—		3
35264		—		3
62453		—	—	3
23456		—		2

In this form the 5th and 6th are still the extent in 5-6 although the 5th is 12 times home and never in 6ths place and the 6th is nine times in 5th and three times in 6th. There are a few ringers (I am not among their number) who prefer to have the 5th and 6th in 5ths place rather than 6ths place.

However, for those who prefer the more conventional form we can start at the eighth course of No. 3 and we have the following:—

(4)

23456	B	M	W	H
45236			—	—
32654		—	—	
53624			—	3
63425		—		3
43526		—		3
25634		—	—	3
65432		—		3
52436		—		2
42635		—		3
23456	x			

To make this more respectable and generally acceptable we can transfer the three homes on '25 to '54 and the three homes on '32 to '56 and we have the following:—

(5)

23456	B	M	W	H
45236			—	—
32654		—	—	3
53624			—	3
63425		—		
43526		—		3
25634		—	—	3
65432		—		
52436		—		2
42635		—		3
23456	x			3

The three homes on '25 and '32 respectively could be retained in addition to those on '54 and '56, adding four courses to the length of the peal and giving us 5,952 changes.

There are, of course, many other variations besides those I have mentioned—some of practical value, others not. Many of your younger readers could spend an instructive half-hour in testing the various alternatives of this or any other composition. A word of warning, however—don't waste your time trying to reverse Middleton's (it is the custom of the Exercise to describe Middleton's reversed as 'Johnson's Variation).—Yours faithfully,

P. A. CORBY.

P.S.—Mr. Brian Price reminded us the other week of the word to describe a composition which is the same in its forward form as in reverse. I doubt whether my spelling is equal to the occasion, but it is something like palindromic.

5,060 BOB ROYAL

By WILLIAM BUTLER

W	7ths	5ths	4ths	B	In	M	H	234567890
—					1		—	523749860
—						—	2	54327
—							2	53247
—							3	45237
—							—	23457
S			S				2	345279680
—							2	35247
							S	32547
—							2	35427
—							3	23457
—	—		2				—	283657490
	—	—	—				—	453267890
							S	43526
							—	54326
—							3	25346
—							2	234567890

ALLESLEY, WARWICKS.—On Sept 6th, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: C. S. Aylett 1, F. W. Perrens (cond.) 2, P. K. Williamson 3, D. A. Carpenter 4, H. G. Summers 5, G. Gardner 6, J. L. Garner-Hayward 7, W. A. Stote 8. First quarter in the method for 4, 6 and 7.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Miss P. Hutton (first quarter) 1, B. Scoot 2, S. Bonnett 3, J. Dear 4, T. Holehouse (first quarter in method) 5, W. Pooley 6, E. Buck (cond.) 7, W. Collins 8. Miss Pat Hutton is the first lady of the Baldock band to ring a quarter peal.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.—On Aug. 24th, 1.260 Grandsire Triples: R. Parsons 1, G. R. Smerdon 2, Joyce Fishlock 3, Jill Brittain 4, N. Hobden 5, T. Norman 6, H. N. Pitstow (cond.) 7, H. J. Smerdon 8. Rung as a farewell to G. R. Smerdon on his joining H.M. Forces.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Edwards (first quarter) 1, Dorothy R. Fletcher 2, Kathleen E. Fletcher 3, M. Hatchett (first quarter on 8) 4, J. Howard 5, A. Bridges 6, J. Harrison (cond.) 7, S. Hatfield 8.

BROADCLYST, DEVON.—On Sept. 6th, 1.260 Stedman Triples: M. Jefferies 1, J. G. Jefferies 2, G. E. Retter 3, C. E. Jefferies 4, E. E. Retter 5, A. Holway 6, J. Salway (cond.) 7, T. Jefferies 8.

CONISBOROUGH, YORKS.—On Aug. 30th, 1.260 Stedman Triples: D. Wheat 1, M. Fowler 2, Miss D. Smythe 3, Mrs. N. Wall 4, H. Scott 5, C. Toyne 6, W. E. Critchley (cond.) 7, R. J. Sanderson 8. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Alan Roberts and Miss Marjorie Urch.

COWLEY, OXON.—On Sept. 1st, 1.260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Main (first quarter) 1, W. Fern 2, Miss C. Hall 3, L. Busby 4, W. Holloway 5, T. Bowles (cond.) 6.

CORSTON, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss D. Quartermaine (first quarter) 1, Miss M. Hannam 2, S. G. King 3, C. J. A. Brown 4, Mrs. H. L. Parfrey (first quarter as cond.) 5, R. O. Fry 6.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On Sept. 7th, at St. John-the-Baptist, 1.280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: D. Cooper (cond.) 1, Mrs. F. E. Collins 2, E. Razzell 3, F. E. Mitchell 4, G. H. Humphries 5, R. Abbott (first quarter in method) 6, W. Rawlings 7, F. E. Collins 8.

DRAYTON, OXON.—On Aug. 30th, 1.260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Absolom 1, J. Goodman 2, F. Smith 3, F. Absolom (cond.) 4, H. Farmer 5, R. Absolom 6.

QUARTER PEALS

HADLOW, KENT.—On Sept. 7th, 1.260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss L. Rose (first quarter) 1, Mrs. R. K. Hasler 2, C. G. Parsons (first quarter 'inside') 3, R. J. Harden 4, J. T. Medhurst 5, S. Rose (first quarter) 6.

HOOLE, CHESHIRE.—On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Olive Lewis 1, Roselyn Crewe 2, E. C. Crewe 3, S. Jones, jun., 4, J. W. Griffiths (cond.) 5, S. S. Wood 6.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLX.—On Aug. 10th, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: Mrs. C. C. Mayne 1, Miss E. K. Fulton 2, Miss F. Clayton 3, Mrs. J. D. Niblett 4, H. G. Hart 5, J. D. Niblett 6, C. C. Mayne 7, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 8. First in the method 'inside' for 3 and 6.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLX.—On Sept. 7th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal: Mrs. K. Parr 1, Miss R. J. Pett 2, Mrs. S. E. Charnley 3, Miss E. Farrell 4, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 5, S. Croft 6, F. D. Bishop 7, T. E. Davies 8, D. J. Charnley 9, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 10. Rung in memoriam John Derry, his observer and the 30 spectators who passed on with him at Farnborough on September 6th.

LAMBETH, LONDON.—On Sept. 7th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: F. R. L. Blewer 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, Miss I. M. Weddell 3, C. A. Hughes 4, J. Euston 5, C. M Meyer 6, W. D. Grainger 7, C. W. Ottley 8.

MAIDS-MORETON, BUCKS.—On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Fowler (first quarter) 1, Miss D. Spokes 2, C. Gough 3, H. Jones, jun., 4, W. Yates (cond.) 5, Miss M. Coleman 6.

MANCHESTER.—On Sept. 10th, at the Cathedral, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss M. Marsden (first quarter on 10 bells) 1, Miss M. Walshaw 2, H. Reynolds 3, B. Walshaw 4, H. Longden 5, A. Ridyard 6, W. Pye 7, D. Ogden (cond.) 8, R. Longden 9, G. Longden 10.

NORTH KILWORTH, LEICS.—On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob and 660 Grandsire): C. N. Bennett 1, P. J. Thomas (cond.) 2, S. Haynes 3, D. Allsop 4, K. H. Rowland 5. A farewell to the Rev. and Mrs. M. Wilkinson, who are leaving for Seer Green, Bucks.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. T. C. Ryder 1, Mrs. N. Chaddock 2, D. Adams (first quarter 'inside') 3, F. Fisher (first quarter in method) 4, C. R. Wright 5, A. Firth (cond.) 6, N. Chaddock 7, T. C. Ryder 8.

SHERBORNE, DORSET.—On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. C. C. Mayne 1, Miss R. M. K. How 2, Miss E. Brown 3, W. Lambert 4, C. J. Pope 5, C. C. Mayne 6, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 7, W. H. Pope 8.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCS.—On Aug. 27th, 1,260 Doubles in 6 methods (300 Grandsire, 240 Reverse St. Bartholomew, 240 April Day, 240 Plain Bob, 120 St Simon's, 120 Hurdibras): Eva M. Smith 1, D. H. Mettam 2, H. P. Collin 3, D. A. Frith 4, J. H. Musson (cond.) 5. First quarter in six methods by all the band. An all conducted quarter peal.

SOUTHGATE, MIDDLX.—On Aug. 31st, 1.277 Grandsire Caters: H. Belcher 1, W. J. Bowden 2, Miss M. A. Prockson 3, W. D. Prockson 4, S. Wade 5, J. E. Chilcott 6, A. J. Phillips 7, R. F. Deal 8, J. Phillips (cond.) 9, T. J. Setter 10.

SOUTH PETHERTON, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 4th, 1.260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. C. C. Mayne 1, Mrs. A. F. Godley 2, W. H. Poole 3, J. R. Mayne 4, C. C. Mayne 5, J. W. Drew 6, H. J. Gaylard (cond.) 7, J. F. R. Hebditch 8.

SOWTON, DEVON.—On Sept. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Jefferies 1, G. E. Retter (cond.) 2, E. E. Retter 3, C. E. Jefferies 4, J. Salway 5, J. G. Jefferies 6, A. Holway 7, T. Jefferies 8.

SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX.—On Sept. 2nd, 1,224 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Miss M. Shadrack 1, W. Glover 2, Mrs. P. Andrews 3, G. Sollars (first quarter in the method) 4, E. J. Runter 5, R. Thrift (first quarter as cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

WANDSWORTH, SURREY.—On Sept. 7th, at Holy Trinity, West Hill. 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. E. Davis 1, Mrs. C. Watts 2, H. Belcher 3, F. Blondell 4, C. Watts 5, T. J. Setter 6, J. Phillips (cond.) 7, R. F. Deal 8. A wedding compliment to Miss June Phillips (daughter of the conductor) and Mr. P. Taylor, whose marriage took place the previous day at Camberwell.

WARBOROUGH, OXON.—On Aug. 24th, 1.260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): R. Absolom 1, F. Smith 2, P. Wilson 3, W. Absolom 4, F. Absolom (cond.) 5, R. Cobb 6.

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LATE NEWS

We regret to announce the death on Sept. 12th of Mr. E. J. Avery, secretary of the Axbridge Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association. He was 48 years of age.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Chas. Rowse writes: The work the Prestbury, Glos, ringers have put in to raise enough money for the rehanging of their bells is worthy of the utmost praise. The latest effort was a gymkhana run jointly with the local scouts on a fifty-fifty basis and attended by over 3,000 people. Nearly £240 is to be divided between the two organisations.

The Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford propose to hold an annual dinner at Wolverhampton on November 15th.

The bells of the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Boughton-in-Furness, Lancs, are now in excellent condition after being hung on ball bearings. Visitors to the Lake District may care to seek out this delightful corner of the Wordsworth country. They will be well rewarded, as the 'go' of the bells is excellent.

Mr. E. Barnett, Crayford, writes: 'Your correspondent who suggests that Sherborne is the heaviest tenor yet rung to a peal of Superlative has overlooked one at Southwark in the early years of the present century, in which the tenor was rung by the late Henry R. Newton. He also rang Bow tenor to a peal of London much about the same time.' A. H. P., Guildford, also writes us with similar information, giving the year the Southwark peal was rung as 1904.

A happy incident occurred at All Saints', Hoole, on Saturday, September 6th, when one of the local ringers, Miss Olive Lewis, was married to Mr. James Ross. As the bride and bridegroom left the church the bells were fired and rung in rounds and call changes. This was a surprise, even to the bride, as the bells are not usually available for weddings. The bride did her share towards these ringing celebrations by ringing her first quarter peal (1,260 Grandsire Doubles) on the previous Sunday.

Instr. Comdr. Gordon Cross returned to England on September 9th from the Far East, where since July, 1949, he has served at Fleet Meteorological Officer and Fleet Instructor Officer on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief, Far East Station. Mrs. Cross, Paul and Jane, who went to Hong Kong in May, 1950, returned with Comdr. Cross.

Comdr. Cross, who is hoping that home appointments will prove more restful than the Far East, expects to join R.N.A.S., St. Merryn, Cornwall, on September 23rd for four weeks and to take up a permanent appointment in the Plymouth area in December.

Mr. E. Barnett suggests that the late Mr. James Pettit, about whom W. S. wrote last week in the 'Ringers I Remember' series, was a silk hat maker. Probably one of our readers may be able to confirm this.

To complete the band for the successful attempt for the 'Frederick' peal at Dodderhill, Mr. F. W. Rishworth, at the age of 78, stood in at short notice. The other members much appreciate his action and would like to know how many 'Frederick' peals have been rung.

The band that rang the peal of Stedman Caters at Hillingdon on September 6th offer their best wishes to Miss Bannister, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bannister, of Hayes, on the occasion of her 21st birthday.

As is well known, foot and mouth disease is prevalent, and an outbreak has occurred at Sarre, in Thanet. Quex Park being situated in the middle of the park, it has been decided to suspend ringing there temporarily to help in stopping the spread of the disease, as there is a pedigree herd on the estate there. Any ringers contemplating going to Quex should get in touch with Mr. J. A. Russell, 40a, Station Road, Birchington.

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MID-ESSEX RINGERS' BUSY WEEK

A SOMERSET TOUR

ZERO hour was 7.30 a.m. on Saturday, August 16th, at Ashdown's Garage, Danbury, for a party of some 26 Mid-Essex ringers. All those due to be aboard were duly in their place, waiting the off. A short run over the common and we found the Sandon party waiting, then over the river to take on board the Boreham contingent. Here we also had the pleasure of meeting Mr. E. Mastin, of Downham Market. Next stop Springfield, where our Mary found her way into a reserved seat in the back row. Next to join the party were Miss Monk and Bob Dannatt, both from Great Waltham.

In Brentwood High Street our old friend Ernie Furbank soon made himself comfortable, then to complete our party we stopped at Cambridge roundabout to introduce Mr. W. Hazell to all.

Soon we crossed Father Thames for the last time, and the flat countryside gave way to the much more irregular ground of Wiltshire. Of course, the White Horse proved as popular as ever. It was most refreshing to see green grass again, but at the same time we prayed that the rain so necessary for the verdure would be delayed.

After a very pleasant run our coach parked amongst the many other coaches in Marlborough High Street, and with 35 minutes to spare our lady members were soon busy window gazing, whilst some others preferred other types of recreation.

Lunch over, we made our way to the Church of St. Mary, where we found the bells up in readiness. Soon this nice six were heard in various methods, the sound attracting the attention of other ringers passing by, who soon found their way to the belfry to join in the ringing. Having enjoyed our ring, we took leave of Mr. J. H. Buckley, once again climbed aboard, making our way via Bath and Bristol to arrive at Worle, Weston-super-Mare (where we had headquarters for the week), with 15 minutes to spare. Soon all had found their respective rooms and were very quickly settled in.

Whilst some preferred to spend the evening relaxed in an armchair, many found their way to Weston for the evening. Later some had the pleasure of meeting Mr. George Prescott, who came to give us final details for Sunday service ringing.

AT CHEDDAR GORGE

On Sunday our party split up to man the bells of Worle, Kewstoke, Locking and Weston for morning matins. At 2 p.m. the party were joined by Mr. and Mrs. Prescott and soon the coach was on the road to Cheddar. Under the guidance of George, we were soon winding our way to the top of the Mendips. The view of the countryside rolling away in the distance is something that will be remembered by all. After a short run along the top of the hills we found ourselves dropping again, this time through the gorge itself. Long may the memory of this grand spectacle remain. Whilst many took the opportunity to visit the caves, others wandered up amongst the rocks to gain points of vantage from which to use their cameras. Then on to the Church of St. Andrew, Cheddar, where we had the pleasure of ringing on this rather difficult octave for evening service.

Promptly at 9 a.m. on Monday we commenced our journey to Burnham-on-Sea. The sky was overcast and we feared the worst. Before our destination was reached the rain came, and those who looked forward to a run along the sea front had to be content to sit in the coach and listen to this very nice eight in various methods. It was with great pleasure we welcomed Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Shadrack, who joined us for the rest of the day. After a lapse of some 15 months it was a joy to see Harry with a rope in his hand. The sound of the bells brought about another meeting of old friends. Major Freeborn was delighted to find Mr. H. Mansfield a member of the party.

Through heavy rain we made our way to Mark. By mistake an architect looking for leaks in the roof (a most suitable morning for the job) was mistaken for the local ringer. Soon the right man appeared. The bells raised, we set about the task, but the weather seemed to have had its effect, for try as we might they just would not come round, and as a last resource we put on Grandsire to break the spell. Originally a six, the two trebles were added as a war memorial to make a very good octave. So to the Pack Horse, where the landlord had ready a very good meal, and as we ate our spirits rose, for outside the light grew in intensity until at last the rain gave way to sunshine.

LADY VERGER TO THE RESCUE

Next stop was Wedmore, where we were escorted to the belfry by the local postmaster. Some hasty repairs were carried out to the chiming wire of the seventh before the bell could be raised. During ringing a young lady from Germany paid a visit to the belfry and was interested to see how bells were rung.

Soon the Tor of Glastonbury was in sight and after a short run we were outside St. Benedict's. All the possible places were searched, but no key could be found, and after some unsuccessful calls we were at last rewarded by obtaining means of access from the lady verger. The bells (6) were soon raised and set going to various Minor methods. The sound of their voices brought memories to a certain gentleman, who hastened to the belfry with apologies. During our short stay full advantage was taken of the easily handled bells. Then we took the Taunton road to Highbridge, where we said goodbye to Mr. and Mrs. Shadrack. In good time we reached Worle for dinner. Soon appeared the 'face at the gate,' denoting it was time for those who wished to join the local band for practice, whilst others set out towards the sea shore.

Tuesday morning found us on the road to Yatton, where we were welcomed by the Price brothers. You could never overlook this tower, for on top is what is called locally the 'pepper pot.' There are still better reasons why it should be remembered, for within the tower are eight bells which are second to none at the weight. The sound of this glorious ring is something which will long be remembered.

Reluctantly we left Yatton behind and set course for the coast to find the old Parish Church of Cleveland. But search as we might we could not find a certain gentleman. Providence eventually came to our rescue in the person of Mr. Prescott. Our coach was turned around and the all important man traced, and we were all able to ring a plain course of Triples on this light eight.

Having satisfied the 'inner man,' we made our way to Wraxall, where one of the lady ringers waited to meet us. Soon this nice octave was being put to good use, touches of Stedman being first class. Then over the valley to Backwell, where we received a welcome from the Rector. Having shown those bent on ringing to the tower, the Rector kindly showed the rest of the party around his beautiful church. Here we found another good eight, and after ringing in various methods the best drop of the tour took place.

Next stop was at Nailsea. Here again we found a lady ringer awaiting us, to whom many of the party are indebted for a lovely cup of tea. The bells were up and waiting and soon were going merrily, we having been warned that the parishioners were accustomed only to good striking, so we did our best to maintain the standard. After the usual thanks we set course for headquarters. Dinner over, we took our seats once more, but for only a few minutes, for soon we were climbing the steep path to the old church of Uphill, where many people visiting this partly demolished building took the opportunity to see 'just how it is done.'

AT WOOKEY AND WELLS

Punctually at 9 a.m. on Wednesday we set forth for a day of ringing mixed with sightseeing. First stop was the six at Wookey, where we found the fifth rather tucked away behind the clock case. Next to Wookey Hole, where many visited the famous caves. How we wished for those handbells when we found ourselves in the large chamber!

We proceeded to Wells, where we climbed the 73 steps to the belfry of St. Cuthbert's. After a welcome from the Rector, we 'had a go' on this very large circle, where one's elbows in no way annoy one's neighbour. In fact, for a time, one experiences a feeling of loneliness, which, of course, has some effect on the standard of ringing. After lunch everyone spent the next hour within the walls of the beautiful Cathedral.

The road out of Wells took us high up in the hills. At the end of a very pleasant run we found ourselves at Chewton Mendip, where Mr. Baber left the harvest field to bid us welcome. The fame of this ring is well known and we were not in any way disappointed. A truly glorious ring. Next to Blagdon, where the church stands high above the great reservoir. Here the Rector and one of the local ringers were waiting to welcome us. Those not actively employed in the ringing chamber climbed to the top of the tower to look at the scenery. After thanking the Rector we set off to Weston-super-Mare. Locking was the tower for evening ringing; on this light six touches in various methods were rung, whilst some attempted 'spliced.'

Thursday brought us the pleasure of the company of Miss Legg. Our itinerary took us over the border into Gloucestershire—to the octave at Bitton. It was only after many attempts that we at last got the bells round in recognised manner, the reason for the difficulty not being apparent.

With our instructions in hand we made our way into Bristol to the Church of St. Ambrose. Mrs. Skidmore was here to bid us welcome and good use was made of this very pleasant eight; even our Tom was able to ring this treble without effort. Another set of instructions and soon we were at Parkside, with a few minutes to spare before lunch. We took advantage of this to view the city of Bristol. Mr. Skidmore kindly met us to give us directions for the afternoon. Big George struck 3 p.m. just as we moved off after lunch to find Emmanuel, where, after freeing the chiming hammer of the third, the bells were raised. Mr. and Mrs. Mayle, from South Weald, joined us at this tower, and we were quickly at home on this very long draught and enjoying some good ringing. Clifton suspension bridge was a great attraction, and the photographers amongst our party were able to show their skill.

BACK IN SOMERSET

So over the river and we were back in Somerset, and a short run brought us to Long Ashton, where the octogenarian, Mr. Yeo, was waiting to greet us. Very proudly he demonstrated the electrical device used successfully during the ban on ringing. Here we brought home touches in various methods, including Double Norwich, which gave full effect to the tenors.

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SOMERSET TOUR—Cont.

Weston-super-Mare was the place of call for evening ringing. Here we were joined by several ringers who were on holiday. Too soon the appointed hour of departure arrived, and we said goodbye to the Rev. —. Warren.

Friday morning at the usual hour we were on the road again, with Congresbury scheduled for first stop. With only the 3rd to raise, we wasted no time, but it is with regret I record that only six could make it. Two gentlemen responsible for the 5th and tenor were thought to be performing the Indian rope trick. Sympathetic bystanders rushed to offer assistance and the music improved. This heavy eight with long draught were not sought after by the fairer sex, one short touch sufficing.

Another pleasant ride through the combes and we were at Chew Magna, where one of the local band welcomed us. The beautiful eight were set going to various methods, and were a source of great satisfaction.

With time in hand we set forth for Burrington Combe, where many hoped to spend a leisurely hour wandering in this beauty spot. But, alas, it was not to be, transport on the road impeding us and we found ourselves 30 minutes late for lunch. Hastily we lined up by the coach to allow our photographer to make a suitable record of the party, then individuals hastened to sit upon the Rock of Ages, cameras being again much in evidence.

Wrington next, where we found Mr. Herbert Knight waiting to greet us. It was a privilege to ring upon this grand ten. Though not many of the band were accustomed to this number, with careful placing the result was quite good. Around the walls are names of great men of the past and present who no doubt enjoyed, as we did, these beautiful bells.

With Mr. Knight as guide, we found ourselves outside the church at Churchill, where waited the Rector and one of the local band. The former kindly showed the party around the church. The usual standard methods were rung on this good six. Due to tower oscillation, a seventh bell was occasionally to be heard.

PRESENTATIONS

Back at headquarters we had an evening meal, after which Mr. H. Mansfield took upon himself to insert an addition to the programme. On behalf of the company he thanked those who organised the tour, which all had thoroughly enjoyed. In appreciation of services rendered he then presented Mr. A. H. Everett with a pair of book ends and Arthur Smee's 'Somerset,' autographed by all those who had taken part in the tour. To Mr. A. H. Edwards for his part in the arrangements a book of road maps was presented. Thanks to our driver for his co-operation were also expressed.

Our last evening was spent at the most pleasantly situated church of Kewstoke, where good use was made of the light six. Then we took our leave of Miss Legg with thanks for her assistance so readily given.

The company assembled in the lounge of Ivy Lodge for the last ceremony. Mr. A. H. Everett told all of the great part Mr. George Prescott had played in the organisation of the tour. His knowledge of the local towers and geography had been an immeasurable asset. The time given to act as guide was greatly appreciated, and his company was enjoyed by all who had the good fortune to travel with him. It seemed appropriate that after so much talk of bells we should finish on the same note, and on behalf of the band Mr. Everett asked Mr. Prescott to accept as an appreciation of his services 'Bells of all Nations,' suitably inscribed and autographed by all.

Mr. Prescott returned thanks for the gift, saying it gave him pleasure to assist ringers. Though time had been too short to get to know everyone well, he hoped through the signatures and the medium of 'The Ringing World' to get to know many much better.

THE LAST DAY

Saturday morning was rather different. There seemed to be a feeling of regret abroad. Quietly the cases were packed aboard the coach, and we took leave of Mr. and Mrs. Stannard, then Mrs. Prescott, but we were pleased to have as company Mr. Prescott, under whose guidance we travelled via Blagdon to Corston, where we found a youthful member of the band waiting to greet us to act as guide to Bath. After a while we grew accustomed to the light octave with short draught and settled down to some reasonably good touches. Here the Rector came to bid us goodbye, wishing us a pleasant journey.

So to Twerton, where we were warned that a broken stay was 12s. 6d.! There was no need for the injunction, as no one was lacking in experience by this time. We were pleased to meet one of the local veterans, who kindly showed us around, relating the story of the raids on Bath and the damage done by bombing to this church. And so after eight days of ringing the final 'Stand' came.

In Bath we said goodbye to George, who was soon due at a meeting of his own division, and our guide took us on through the city centre to find parking room near the Abbey, which was the attraction of all for the few minutes to spare before lunch.

After the repast we moved homeward. Gradually the scenery changed as we moved over the border and, having left Wiltshire behind, the surroundings looked more familiar. At Maidenhead we took tea, then at about 8 p.m. we dropped our first member in Holloway. Then for the rest of the evening it seemed to be all goodbyes, until at 9.50 p.m. the coach drew into its garage and the few left dispersed.

Finally may we take this opportunity to thank all those who have in any way assisted our tour, the incumbents for so kindly allowing us the use of their bells, to all local ringers for their co-operation, especially those who came along to meet us, to those who gave us advice, so greatly valued, Mr. G. Prescott, Mr. Roger O. Fry, Mr. F. Skidmore and Mr. H. Knight, and any others I may have inadvertently overlooked.

A. H. E.

MARRIAGE OF MISS O. J. OSLER

Ringers who know Miss Olive Osler will wish to offer her their congratulations on the occasion of her marriage to Mr. Dennis Upton.

The wedding took place on Saturday, Sept. 6th, and was conducted by the Rev. J. W. Greenstreet, Vicar of Bramley, Hants, assisted by Rev. J. R. Brookes-Davies, Rector of Tadley. Fellow-ringers rang the bells to welcome the bride to the church, and after the signing of the register the bride, her father, her mother and her bridesmaid all took part in the ringing. As the happy couple left for their honeymoon, Grandsire Triples were rung on handbells to speed them on their way.

During the evening the following band of Bramley and Basingstoke ringers rang a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples at Bramley: C. Herridge 1, Miss J. Baby 2, C. Osler 3, S. Webb (cond.) 4, R. Story 5, W. Perry 6, W. Clift 7, H. Bartlett 8.

BELLS IN A FILM

Attention has previously been called to the possibility of Superlative Surprise Major being heard in the film 'Something Money Can't Buy,' which contains a couple of shots of cricket on the village green taken while a peal was being rung in the nearby church. Mr. A. H. Kemp, of Hawkhurst, writes that the background music of the bells can be heard very faintly in the film.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Eastern Branch at Awliscombe

The quarterly meeting of the East Devon Branch was held at Awliscombe on September 6th. The Guild service was held in the Parish Church at 4.15 p.m., conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. P. Harvey), the address being given by the Rev. G. L. Edwards (Vicar of Combe Raleigh). About 30 ringers sat down to tea, provided by the ladies and local ringers. The election of three life members was confirmed. The sympathy of the branch was extended to the president (Prebendary E. V. Cox) who has recently gone through a major operation; the hon. secretary reported he had visited Prebendary Cox that morning in hospital, and was glad to say he had made such rapid progress he was going home that afternoon.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicars of Awliscombe and Combe Raleigh, the visitors, and the ladies and local ringers for the tea. Mr. Summers kindly gave 10s., the profit from tea, to the Guild Bell Restoration Fund.

The January meeting was arranged for Honiton on January 24th, 1953.

HUDDERSFIELD DISTRICT

A good meeting was held at Northowram on Saturday, September 6th. Despite a late start, a few short touches were rung before the brief service, which was conducted by the curate of this fine church, our president on this occasion being away on holiday. Following tea and sandwiches, the business meeting was soon well under way, Mr. J. Pearson taking the chair. The usual formalities of reading the minutes and apologies, etc., were followed by a vote of thanks to local ringers, which was heartily endorsed by all.

An invitation to hold our next meeting at Kirkburton was readily assented to by all and the date fixed was November 8th. One new member was elected. While a few members stayed behind for a little handbell ringing the tower bells were soon ringing again. Methods rung included Plain, Little and Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Cambridge Minor. The striking was well above the average for a meeting, while one or two touches were excellent. An encouraging feature was the good proportion of youth among the 30 members present. A good lower in peal at 9 p.m. brought another successful meeting to a close. A. W. B.

FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World,' Sept. 20th, 1912

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MINUTES

Elsewhere in this issue will be found the 'official minutes' of the Central Council meeting held on May 28th last, and, on the strength of their appearance, we venture to put forward a few ideas which occur as to the futility of their publication. These minutes reached our office exactly fifteen weeks after the meeting was held, and they are merely a brief summary of all that has previously been reported IN EXTENSO. They contain no information of value which was not far more elaborately dealt with at the time, and there is no need to hide the fact that . . . . the publication of these minutes is a waste of labour and a waste of space. . . .

['The Bell News' did not provide its own record of Council proceedings, hence an 'agreed' version—agreed between the secretary and president from a rough summary made at the meeting—used to appear. These 'official minutes' were sent to 'The Ringing World' also, because the Council had that year granted it official recognition. Mr. Goldsmith had, however, previously published his own account, some 22,000 words, in the issues of his paper immediately following the meeting.]

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

VISITING RINGERS

Dear Sir,—Some time ago we ringers in the Medway towns, particularly St. Mary's, Chatham, were fortunate in having ringers from H.M. Forces (Royal Navy and Royal Engineers) to swell our numbers and assist in service ringing and practices and occasionally a peal or two. They were not stationed in Chatham for long, but it seemed that as one was posted away so another came along to replace him.

For the past two years or so, however, we have not had a continuance of such visitors. We at Chatham are beginning to wonder whether the Royal Navy or Royal Engineers are not now enlisting bellringers or if it is that all the young bellringers are volunteering for the R.A.F.

However, we are always pleased to meet and welcome any ringers of H.M. Forces who may be stationed in Chatham and anyone in the Royal Engineers coming to Chatham for a period can contact me at the Central Documents Office, 10 Trade Training Regiment, R.E., when I should only be too pleased to put them in touch with the ringing in this area.—Yours faithfully, VICTOR A. JARRETT.

Chatham.

ADVERTISING THE BELFRY

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. S. G. Ponting, his idea is extremely good, but unfortunately where the ringing chamber is up aloft very few of the general public bother to come in. I suggest the porch would be the better place, with a special notice board for the ringers' activities.

We cannot afford to be indifferent towards would-be recruits; they should be encouraged. In my experience one can usually interest boys from the choir at 'voice-breaking' age, for in many cases this is the time when the youth are left to drift away from the Church and are lost.—Yours sincerely, H. A. PRICE.

Eagle House, Yatton.

ARTHUR WIGGINS

Dear Sir,—It is sad to read of the passing of an old friend and ringer, Arthur Wiggins, one of nature's gentlemen. Some of us knew him 40 odd years ago at Wokingham when, as a young police constable, he was always willing to make up the band for a peal attempt whenever his duties permitted. He came from the tower of Boyne Hill, Maidenhead, when that band was in its prime and, as one would expect, his ringing was of the highest order. But it was his wonderful personality that won the hearts of all that met him. His simple goodness and his joy of living make us miss him the more and his place will be hard to fill. May he rest in peace.—Yours, etc.,

Binsted, Hants. W. J. PAICE.

RUGBY BROADCAST

Dear Sir,—Being a Rugby old boy, I was interested to listen to the old five bells in the old tower. I read in 'The Ringing World' the band rang 120 Grandsire Doubles. I regret to say how disappointed I was with the broadcast as we did not hear enough changes to be able to tell what the method was. I often wonder if it is worth the trouble we go to. I never rang on these old bells until after they were rehung on ball bearings some 20 years ago, but as a schoolboy I used to listen to them before the new eight were installed or before the new tower and spire were built. It is hard to believe they are out of order so soon. The wood frame looks as good to-day as the day it was put in. C. H. WEBB.

Radford, Coventry.

N.B.—Listen to Allesley light eight broadcast on Sunday, September 28th, 9.30 a.m.—C. H. W.

LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

Dear Sir,—May I, as the culprit who at the annual meeting of the Leicester Diocesan Guild raised the subject of London Surprise Royal, try to clarify the position in all goodwill and friendliness.

The president of the Leicester Guild had no part in this, in fact he was informed only half an hour before the meeting that the matter would be raised. The Lord Bishop of Leicester was in the chair and accepted the proposal and the reason for it (maybe somewhat bewildered) and put it to the meeting. The proposal called for the acceptance of the peal in the Guild records as a peal of Surprise Royal omitting the word 'London' from the title, pending a decision by the Central Council as to a correct name.

After the meeting a discussion regarding London and other methods took place and Mr. H. J. Poole gave the assurance that any extensions he had rung which also did not comply with the 1950 report he would, where the responsibility was his, withdraw the name and substitute another. He has since confirmed his intention of doing so.

Since the Leicester Guild meeting the Methods Committee have published a report giving a list of extensions which they consider do not comply with the 1950 report—although some of these may be debatable, as was evident at the Central Council meeting at Lincoln. The list Mr. Worth gives, however, is somewhat different from the Methods Committee's.

Mr. Worth raises a most interesting point affecting the 1950 report. Is the effective operation of the 1950 report (having been approved and adopted) dependent upon the adoption of a fifth rule? It is well known that the opposition to a fifth rule has largely been from the Leicester Guild, i.e., to the introduction of tables of pivot bells. It will be as well, therefore, to state again (see my letter in 'The Ringing World,' September 21st, 1951, and as yet unanswered by the Methods Committee) 'that an extension of a method is true or not before the pivot place is made.'

It is to be hoped that after two unsuccessful efforts to persuade the Central Council to accept the very dubious means of determining what is or is not a true extension by use of pivot bell tables, the Methods Committee will now forget them.

In conclusion may I assure Mr. Worth and our Cheshire friends that my proposition at the Leicester Guild meeting did not in any way reflect upon their performance or upon them as individuals, the only question being the use of the name 'London.'

I have yet to meet a ringer who will claim there is a true extension of London Major.—Yours sincerely,

K. A. ROE.

OWNER WANTED FOR CAMERA

Dear Sir,—Last year a band of ringers toured this part of Wales, coming, I believe, from Chichester, the majority being cyclists. One of the party left a camera in the tower of St. Thomas' Church, Neath. If the owner would get in touch with me at the address given below, the article in question will be restored.—Yours sincerely,

E. J. MORRIS.

13, Foundry Row, Skewen, Glam, South Wales.

APPRECIATION OF SERVICE

Dear Sir,—The peal of Bob Minor at the Church of St. Cyr, Stonehouse, Glos, on Saturday, September 6th, was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Tom Price, secretary of the Stroud Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association since 1937 and captain of the tower for over 30 years.

Few people, except other branch secretaries, realise the work entailed in arranging meetings. The Stroud Branch hold their meetings monthly besides the expected annual outing. The letters and visits to the clergy to make these occasions a success are no light matter. Then there are the minutes to be written up and the subscriptions collected. These are a few of the secretary's duties. The members of the branch are most appreciative of the way Mr. Price has carried on as their secretary year after year. But probably even more, many of the members have appreciated his help and tuition and encouragement in the actual art of ringing; he has probably taught more pupils the rudiments of our art than he would care to count, and some, of course, have wasted his efforts by giving up before they had learnt to ring a method. But he is still as enthusiastic as ever and is always ready to help in a tower where members are struggling to improve.

We hope the birthday peal will express some of our appreciation and gratitude.

Thank you, Mr. Price.

D. S. and L. B.

ONE-HAND CLOCKS

Dear Sir,—There is one such clock with a very attractive dial at Edenbridge, Kent.

Regarding the 48-minute clock, this is, no doubt, the relic of the days when this clock had only one hand, and marks the quarter hours. Obviously the minute scale was unnecessary in these clocks. In the first half of the 18th century, even after two hands had been introduced, the quarter-hour circle continued to be engraved or drawn inside the hour circle, while the minute circle, often with very prominent numerals, was drawn outside. This is often seen in the earlier domestic clocks, and is some indication of their age.—Yours faithfully,

F. S. POOLE (Dr.).

Abbots Langley, Herts.

Dear Sir,—Another one-handed clock is at Caddington, near Luton. Made in 1695 by a local blacksmith, the dial is diamond shaped, with a very rusty hour hand, and the clock is still in quite good order. In the churchwarden's accounts, 1720–1763, between 15s. and £1 per annum was paid for winding, but since then it has been included in the general church duties and no separate payments are made.

I am certain the clock would be going now but for the very badly worn stairs and the necessity of daily winding, as a loose screw on the escapement is all that is wrong.—Yours truly, GEOFFREY DODDS.

Luton.

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Quarter peals.—Stoke St. Mary 1s. 6d., Iffley 1s. 6d., Cowley 1s. 6d., Workington 2s., Wandsworth 2s., South Petherton 4s., Warboys 1s. 6d., Allesley 4s., Isleworth 2s. 6d., Silk Willoughby 5s., Baldock 2s., Hadlow 6s., Drayton 2s., Warborough 2s. 6d.

Peal and quarter peal.—Beaconsfield 2s.

THE SOCIETY OF RAMBLING RINGERS

Fifteen Day Tour from Stratford and Through the West Country

IN oddments and 'by various routes the Society met under the shadow of the tower of Stratford-upon-Avon Church on Saturday, August 2nd. The Mushes were the first to arrive and gloatingly addressed the party with the comment that they had already had a ring. After the usual handshakes all round, the bells (10, tenor 19 cwt.) were set going and good striking resulted on these fine-toned bells.

The second and last tower of the day was Bidford (6, 13 cwt.), where moderate striking was had on these lumpy yet mellow bells. Then, after 'tanking up' by a number of the party, way was made to the Youth Hostel for the night.

The next day (Sunday, 3rd) was of the same indeterminate weather as the previous day when the party assembled for service ringing at the Evesham Bell Tower (12, 36 cwt.). The ringing here was not up to standard as the ringers were only just feeling their feet. The majority of the party attended matins.

After a substantial meal Broadway (6, 18 cwt.) was visited and justice was done to this fine, long-draughted ring of six. What a pity it is that the 19th century monstrosity in the village is used more often than this fine old church. Thence on over beautiful hills (although certain members of the party called them otherwise) to St. Mark's, Cheltenham (5, 17 cwt.). These rough-going bells were rung for Sunday service with much hitting of the floor.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL

On Monday at 10.15 a.m. the party were ringing on the fine light eight (tenor 14 cwt.) at St. Mary-de-Crypt, Gloucester. Here they were joined for this tower only by a lady ringer from London, who afterwards showed the only two mechanised members of the Society round the Cathedral.

Berkeley (10, 24 cwt.) was reached at 1 p.m. and ringing on these rough-going bells had to be curtailed owing to a fete being in progress. We were joined at this tower by Mr. and Mrs. Beamish and Margaret who stood in a course of Cambridge Royal.

Thence on to Bristol where we rang at Christ Church (10, 23 cwt.) and were met by Roger O. Fry: SS. Philip and Jacob's (8, 20 cwt.) where the woodwork inside the ringing room, carved entirely by the local steeplekeeper, was most impressive; finally St. James' (10, 28 cwt.) where we met a grand old man of the Exercise who told us of the past glories of his tower and the ringing enthusiasm of those days. A night's drink of our first 'rough' cider concluded a happy day.

CIDER AND RINGING

It was 'once more into the breach, dear friends' when we sallied forth on Tuesday into a weighty day. We arrived on time at Long Aston, but unfortunately no one arrived with the key so we went away disappointed.

The eight at the next tower, Congresbury, was much admired although it was agreed that the tenor went its full 35 cwt. After light refreshment in the local at Wrington, the 37-cwt. ten was much enjoyed despite the cider-bemused state of several, including the Ringing Master. Thence to Chew Magna, a fine-toned eight of 28 cwt., where the double-handed expert found that cider and double-handed ringing did not mix (please note, my dear friend). Banwell (8, 23 cwt.), a glorious ring, completed our heavy yet enjoyable day.

GOOD BELLS AND A WATERLOO

On Wednesday, 6th, the first tower to be visited was Axbridge (6, 19 cwt.)—another good-toned ring. Then on to the two good eights at Cheddar (23 cwt.) and Wedmore (30 cwt.): the ringing on these was of a good standard. At St. Cuthbert's, Wells, we met our Waterloo; whether it was the vastness of the ringing chamber, the long draught or the apparent remoteness of the bells we shall never know.

Four cyclists and the two on the motor-cycle were the only people with sufficient energy left to ring at Pilton (6, 18 cwt.). Here, on these fine bells, the ringing was, to use the name of a method, superlative.

The Cathedral was visited in the evening by those whose accommodation was sufficiently near Wells. Thanks to the locals for letting us 'barge in' on their practice night.

The ringing at Street (8, 23 cwt.) on Thursday was without its Ringing Master, who arrived too late to take part in the proceedings. Thence on to Butleigh (6, 19 cwt.). The low tenor sally here caused much rubbing of the hands after ringing. Some of the cider experts tried some of the verger's local brew, with warming effects!

After a dinner of sandwiches and cider a rattling good course of Rutland was had on the fine-toned eight (tenor 24 cwt.) at Ditcheat. Of this course the Ringing Master remembers nothing, although he rang the tenor.

We regret there was a poor raise in peal on the fine-toned ten (tenor 21 cwt.) at Evercreech. This tower was classed by some as being the finest ten of their weight in the world

LADIES IN THE NEWS

What a glorious ring of bells we found at the next tower, Bruton (6, 25 cwt.), and our touch of Cambridge did full justice to them. Miss Jean Brooks then showed the party that it is possible for a young lady to lower a 25-cwt. tenor in peal. Miss Eileen Burton, not to be outdone, rang it for a touch. (Watch out, men, we're being got at!)

At night, owing to youth hostel accommodation, the party had to split into two sections. Ringing was had with the locals at their practice night on the fine-going six (tenor 17 cwt.) at Stoke-under-Ham. The other tower was Walton (five bells).

Ringing began on Friday 8th at Bridgwater (8, 25 cwt.): excellent-sounding bells. The town was the next objective, that is, Taunton, the home of **cider**. Here on this 19-cwt. eight the ringing was good, perhaps the bracing air had some effect!

A WET JOURNEY

Milverton (8, 18 cwt.) with its fine sallies, was next visited. After this came Ash Priors (6, 12 cwt.), a little oasis in the midst of so much weight. Here a very kind gentleman provided the soaked (with rain) ringers with cups of tea. A very fine gesture which was much appreciated. Midst pouring rain the hardiest among the party journeyed to ring at Bishop's Lydeard (8, 23 cwt.) in the evening. Here a grim battle of the ringers versus the tower was fought. The ringers came out triumphant, until Original was tried.

Next morning, Saturday, 9th, found us at the anti-clockwise (cack-handed) six (tenor 16 cwt.) at Crowcombe. Here the ringing was good despite this handicap. Geoffrey R. Parker said goodbye to us here, and turned to make his long, solitary ride back to Lincoln

The Ringing Master missed the first part of the ringing at Minehead (10, 20 cwt.) due to the facts that he had to go to the dentist's to have two teeth taken out. This ten was much enjoyed and the best ringing of the tour was a course of Grandsire Triples with practically the considered weakest band in.

At Dunster (8, 22 cwt.) our ringing must have been up to scratch as one of the locals said it would do the anti-turn in ringers good to have heard us. After a long, hilly ride and adverse weather, the last tower of the day Bampton (6, 15 cwt.) was rung after tea. These were rough-going yet the ringing went well.

(To be continued.)

OUTINGS

ST. MARY'S, CHATHAM

On Saturday, August 30th, the ringers of St. Mary's, Chatham, augmented by ringers from Bobbing, Frindsbury, Rainham, Sittingbourne and Upchurch and accompanied by their wives, families and friends—a party of 37—set off for a tour of Sussex. Towers visited were Heathfield (8), Southover (10), Brighton (St. Peter's) (10), Ardingly (6) and Tunbridge Wells (8). The day's tour was pronounced as near perfection as could be.

Every place was reached on time with someone there to greet us: all the bells were in splendid going order, meals prompt and excellent fare, some grand scenery en route and weather beyond reproach. What more could one wish for a ringers' outing?

The ringing ranged from Stedman Doubles to Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Bob Minor to Cambridge Major and Treble Ten. The ringing during the day was generally quite good, only two touches (one of Bob Minor and one of Double Norwich) failing to materialise, through the respective conductors missing a bob.

The thanks of the party are accorded to the incumbents and ringers of the churches visited for their assistance and co-operation in making the day so enjoyable. V. A. J.

PRESTBURY, GLOS.

Following last year's experiment, we have again had two half-day outings—on June 14th, when we visited Bushley, Upton-on-Severn, Earl's Croome, Ripple and Twyning: it was a very good day, greatly enjoyed by all and a better selection of bells it would be hard to find. Then, on September 6th, we went to Westbury-on-Severn, Newnham-on-Severn, Blaisdon, Huntley and Churcham. The bells at Westbury proved to be almost too heavy for us, and at the next tower the 'go' left much to be desired, but the others made up for that, so again we were all happy at the end of the day.

We hope to be able to ring in our own tower again before Christmas as we have now raised nearly enough to cover the cost of rehanging, the order for which has been placed with Messrs Mears and Stainbank by the Church Council. C. R.

DEDICATION

KINGSTON SEYMOUR, SOMERSET

At evensong on Sunday, September 7th (harvest festival day), the Lord Bishop of Bath and Wells preached the sermon and also rededicated the six bells which have been tuned and rehung on ball bearings by Mears and Stainbank of the Whitechapel Foundry. The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. P. W. R. Rowlands).

After the service the local ringers rang some well-struck rounds which gave the visitors a chance to hear the beauty of this grand ring. Touches were rung which included Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Bob Minor. All ringers present agreed that the founders had made a first-class job of tuning, and Mr. Douglas Smith is to be congratulated for his part in hanging them.

Details of the bells, which are now a fine ring of six, are as follows: Tenor, 17 cwt. 7 lb., E; 5th, 10 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb., F sharp; 4th, 8 cwt. 4 lb., G sharp; 3rd, 6 cwt. 2 qr., A; 2nd, 6 cwt. 3 lb., B; treble, 5 cwt. 20 lb., C sharp.

The cost of restoration was about £300.

H. A. P.

THE ST. MARTIN'S YOUTHS

By EDGAR C. SHEPHERD

2—THE MEN OF 1820 (continued)

The first of the two notable peals of 1820 was 7,200 of Kent Treble Bob Maximus, rung at St. Martin's on April 17th by the following band: William Bennett 1, James Jarvis 2, William Hassall 3, Thomas Worrall 4, Alexander Saunders 5, Henry Cooper (conductor) 6, Samuel Lawrence 7, Joseph Grayson 8, Joseph Riley 9, Thomas Chapman 10, William Marsh 11, Thomas Thurstans 12. It was the longest length on twelve bells up to that time, was rung at the first attempt, and altogether constituted a very fine performance. St. Martin's Guild has in its possession a printed sheet which refers to the peal as follows:—

'A SUPERLATIVE ACHIEVEMENT IN THE ART OF RINGING.

'Birmingham, April 17th, 1820.

'The Society of St. Martin's Youths having for some time contemplated a Peal of Changes on 12 Bells, which should exceed in number any Peal ever rung in the United Kingdom, appointed Monday the 17th inst. for the attempt; and although there were high odds (say 100 to 1) against any Band ringing a Plain Peal at the first onset, yet by an anxious attention to, and a superior possession of, this great science, they succeeded in completing the Herculean task in 5 hours and 8 minutes. The Peal comprised 7,200 Changes of New Treble Bob Maximus; and what eminently combines to enrich this performance is, that it was rung at the first attempt, was the first Peal of New Treble Bob Maximus ever performed, and the greatest number of changes ever rung on 12 bells.

'Another generation may rise up to eclipse this, but the present will in all probability suffer it to remain a STANDING DISH UNTOUCHED.'

It will be noted that the method is referred to as New Treble Bob Maximus. In the Peal Book of the Guild the record calls it 'Oxford Treble Bob with the Kent Variation,' and it is indeed the first recorded peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus.

6,600 STEDMAN CINQUES

In the December of the same year the Society recorded another fine performance, 6,600 Stedman Cinques, conducted by Thomas Thurstans from the 11th. Saunders and Grayson were not in this peal, their places being taken by Joseph Powell and Charles Thurstans.

They were a distinguished company, these men who made Birmingham famous in 1820—William Bennett, a brass caster with a business in Bordesley Street; tall square-shouldered Thomas Worrall, the upholsterer; Alexander Saunders, the sexton at St. Martin's, who made an illicit income by letting pews in the church; Thomas Chapman, the rather austere-looking jeweller who held an important position with a firm in St. Paul's Square; and that fine ringer Joseph Powell, whose son, Thomas Powell, became an excellent handbell ringer and rang, among other notable performances, in the first peal of Stedman Triples ever rung on handbells.

Jarvis was a stout-built man, a brass caster with a good position in the firm of Pemberton and Sons, Livery Street. He was a good all-round ringer, and probably took part in more peals than any other member of the old St. Martin's Youths. William Hassall, cashier for many years to the old Birmingham Gas Company, rang in the long peal of 1793. He was superannuated by the Gas Company when he was 78 years of age and greatly resented being put on the retired list. Charles Thurstans, brother to the more famous Thomas, was employed by a firm of silversmiths. He was a skilled musician and a member of the orchestra in the town. He is said to have been the first man in Birmingham to play the ophicleide. William Marsh was a short, thick-set man, a very good ringer at the heavy end. He was great-grandfather to Alderman A. Paddon Smith, who was secretary to St. Martin's Guild a hundred years later and who followed Marsh's example as a fine heavy-bell ringer.

Of Thomas Thurstans more must be said when the story of Stedman Triples is told.

Among the ringers of this early part of the 19th century there are two notable figures, Benjamin Pugh and Elijah Roberts, the former conductor to the Society before Cooper, and the latter hovering on the fringe of the great events of 1820.

Ben Pugh, known as 'Old Ben,' was a maker of steel pipes for watch keys, and a very great number of ringers received instruction from him, chiefly at St. John's. There can be little doubt that the well-known peal of Grandsire Triples attributed to Taylor was the composition of Ben Pugh. The peal was published in Shipway's book as Taylor's in 1816, but when it was rung at King's Norton in 1811 it was entered in the Society's records as Pugh's peal. The composition has always been known in Birmingham as 'Old Ben's peal.'

ELIJAH ROBERTS

That extraordinary genius, Elijah Roberts, was born in Birmingham in 1807. He rang in a peal of Grandsire Triples at Aston in 1821 with Thomas Day, and in 1830 he stood in Day's 5,040 Stedman Triples. He was a brass founder by trade, but he was also a clever craftsman, and fond of constructing chiming clocks. For some years round about the '30's he kept The Union Tavern in Jamaica Row, and most of the ringers in the town resorted to this house. He was an excellent ringer and composer, and Thomas Day describes him as a nice lad with bright and keen blue eyes 'and of a very determined nature.'

This last phrase would seem to accord with Roberts' extraordinary feats of endurance and concentration, for in the tapping of peals on handbells he recorded performances the achievement of which we might well doubt but for the testimony of those who witnessed them. The first of these amazing peals was tapped in 1824, when Roberts was sixteen years old. It was made up of a plain course of each of the following: Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman, and Treble Bob Triples; Grandsire, Plain Bob and Treble Bob Major: Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman, and Treble Bob Caters; Grandsire, Plain Bob, and Treble Bob Royal; Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman, and Treble Bob Cinques; Grandsire, Plain Bob, and Treble Bob Maximus; the peal concluding with a course of Treble Bob Sixteen In. In 1827 he tapped 5,040 Treble Bob Maximus, and three years later 7,536 in the same method. On June 30th, 1833, he tapped 5,016 Stedman Cinques, composed by himself and conducted by Henry Cooper. Henry Johnson heard every blow of this peal, which was rung at The Union Tavern.

About the year 1834 Roberts left Birmingham, first to become guard on a stage coach, and later to drive a coach of his own. Subsequently he took The Derby Arms, a public house in Liverpool, and here he rang his last and longest peal. It was 19,440 Kent Treble Bob Maximus, Reeves' Five-Part, and Roberts tapped it on his handbells in thirteen hours and forty-three minutes. There were no witnesses, but there can be little doubt that the stupendous performance took place. It has been written about on many occasions, and in 1911 the discovery of a letter written by Roberts led William Snowdon to produce a critical survey of the peal. Mr. Snowdon dealt skilfully with the pros and cons of Roberts' claim, and left very little doubt that the peal was rung. And there it stands as perhaps the most remarkable feat of concentration in the history of ringing.

Elijah Roberts met his death by his own hand on January 26th, 1865.

(To be continued)

OBITUARY

REV. WALTER O'REILLY

A former president of the Bicester Deanery Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Bell Ringers for many years, the Rev. Walter O'Reilly recently passed away. The deceased gentleman was Vicar of Bicester with Caversfield from 1907 to 1941, when he relinquished his ringing position on moving to Stoke Talmage, Oxon, remaining there until his retirement in 1948.

Deceased was 76, and was ordained priest in 1900. Before coming to Bicester he was a curate at St. Clement's, Cambridge.

A quarter peal peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in memoriam at Bicester, with the bells half-muffled, on September 8th, by the following: Miss A. Jones 1, H. Hatfield 2, Miss M. Skelton (first quarter 'inside') 3, C. H. Kinch 4, W. Baggett 5, H. W. Haynes (first quarter of Triples) 6, E. J. Smith (conductor) 7, A. Baggett (first quarter of Triples) 8.

MR. H. HOWELL'S 400 PEALS

Mr. Howard Howell, of Wolverhampton, who rang his first peal on April 17th, 1933, completed his 400 peals in August. These were rung in 106 different towers for 16 Associations in 11 counties. His list is given below:—

Doubles.—Stedman 11 (conducted 4), Grandsire 8, two methods 6, three methods 3 (1), four methods 1 (1), five methods 3 (1), six methods 1 (1).

Minor.—Plain Bob 15, Kent Treble Bob 7, Oxford Treble Bob 1, Cambridge Surprise 2, two methods 1, three methods 10, four methods 6, five methods 4, seven methods 3.

Triples.—Stedman 10 (1), Grandsire 27, Darlaston Bob 2, Oxford Bob 2.

Major.—Plain Bob 30 (2), Kent Treble Bob 29 (17), Oxford Treble Bob 5 (2), Little Bob 1, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob 2, Duffield 1, Double Norwich 11 (1), Cambridge Surprise 4, Superlative Surprise 4, Norfolk Surprise 2, Ashtead Surprise 1, New Cambridge Surprise 2, Belgrave Surprise 1, Yorkshire Surprise 1.

Caters.—Stedman 76 (57), Grandsire 9, Erin 1 (1).

Royal.—Plain Bob 6 (2), Little Bob 2, Kent Treble Bob 11 (4), Oxford Treble Bob 1 (1), Cambridge Surprise 5.

Cinques.—Stedman 63 (37), Grandsire 2.

Maximus.—Plain Bob 1, Little Bob 1, Kent Treble Bob 2 (1).

Handbells.—Three method Doubles 1, Grandsire Doubles 1 (1), Plain Bob Major 1.

Total rung on tower bells 397 (conducted 134); on handbells 3 (conducted 1).

MR. E. STITCH'S 400 PEALS

Mr. E. Stitch, of Wolverhampton, who rang his 400th peal when Mr. Howard Howell rang his, rang in 87 towers for 12 Associations and in 15 counties. He conducted 65. Details are appended:—

Doubles.—Grandsire 14 (conducted 13), Stedman 1, two methods 1, four methods 1.

Minor.—Plain Bob 19, Kent Treble Bob 8, Oxford Treble Bob 1, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob 1, two, three, four, five and six methods 18, Cambridge Surprise 3, London Surprise 1, York Surprise 1, seven Surprise methods 1.

Triples.—Grandsire 116 (44), Stedman 43, Erin 2, Plain Bob 1, Oxford Bob 4, London Bob 1, St. Clement's' 1, Double Grandsire 1.

Spliced.— Plain Bob Major and Grandsire Triples 1, Plain Bob Major and Oxford Bob Triples 1, New Grandsire and Grandsire Triples 1, St. Illtyd and Oxford Bob Triples 1.

Major.—Plain Bob 38 (5), Kent Treble Bob 27, Oxford Treble Bob 5, Little Bob 1, Forward 1, Double Norwich 2, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob 3, Superlative Surprise (Treble) 1.

Caters.—Grandsire 25 (3), Stedman 31, Erin 1.

Royal.—Plain Bob 5, Kent Treble Bob 6, Oxford Treble Bob 1.

Cinques.—Grandsire 1, Stedman 8.

Maximus.—Kent Treble Bob 1.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD'S WEEK

A Tour in Kent and Sussex

THE Cambridge University Guild held a very successful week this year based at Tunbridge Wells. It will be remembered as the first ringing week to be arranged by a lady member of the Guild (ladies were only in recent years admitted to membership of the University), and Gillian Anderson Smith proved herself more than competent to take charge of the arrangements—so much so that members who sidetracked the programme to the smallest degree had a strong feeling of guilt! Members met on Monday, August 25th, at the ring of eight in Buxted Park, where a creditable peal of Double Norwich was scored. The tourists assembled at the Alexandra Hotel in Tunbridge Wells, and an unofficial expedition left to snatch Frant tower, while others appropriated a bedroom and rang a handbell peal of Bob Major.

Tuesday started with Corporate Communion celebrated by the president (the Rev. A. C. Blyth) at St. Peter's Church. The Guild then toured to the north-west, visiting Penshurst, Edenbridge and Westerham. After lunch the ring of six at Brasted was sampled. Here we found a Guild peal board, celebrating the wedding of Wilfred Hooton. Ringing and tea in Sevenoaks were followed by ringing on the fine eight at Wrotham. After dinner, the usual bedroom was borrowed under duress, and a peal of Bob Royal ' in hand ' scored.

The next morning eight set off for Salehurst in a hurry, to the tune of a kipper on an exhaust manifold, and a peal of Yorkshire Surprise was brought round. For the rest, the malingering at breakfast (usual at this period of the ringing weeks) was sternly dealt with by the organiser, and ringing followed at Wadhurst, Ticehurst and Sedlescombe. The peal band was joined in Battle, followed by ringing on the fine eight. Then on to Christ Church, Hastings, and tea. A splinter group developed in strict secrecy (led, be it known, by the president), and visited Bodiam Castle, to turn up at Hawkhurst rather late. Here the church was hit by a flying bomb during the war, and the nave roof is being rebuilt, but the tower and bells were practically undamaged.

GUILD ANNUAL MEETING

On Wednesday evening, the Guild annual meeting was held, and it was decided to ask Mr. E. M. Atkins, of Teignmouth, to arrange next year's tour in South Devon.

Horsmonden tenor tried the skill of the Guild on Thursday. Here in the belfry is a fine open fireplace, so that the trebles can keep warm during a peal, but we did not see a refrigerator for the tenor ringer. One can stand in the fireplace and look up the chimney to the sky. Ringing followed at Goudhurst and Benenden. At the latter place the ringers' cars filled up the private car park of an inn. This gave a cast-iron excuse for waiving the programme, as the car park was for customers only. Then, after weaving in and out of the ungated level crossings of the Kent and East Sussex Railway, the fine eight at Tenterden were sampled. Here the view from the noble tower is magnificent.

Headcorn was next visited, where one rings to the accompaniment of the Continental boat expresses. Cricket enthusiasts got really fine fielding practice at Leeds on the ninth bell. Here the extent of Bob Major was rung in the 18th century, and the walls of the ringing chamber do justice for a visitors' book. After supper the practice night personnel at All Saints', Maidstone, welcomed the Guild, and a course of Cambridge Royal came round unusually—at the end of the course!

Friday morning gave us some really fine rings—Withyham, the peal ringer's rendezvous—and later Rotherfield. On the way to Mayfield several cars got lost, due to conflicting ideas between map-readers and the driver of one car refusing to go down a very rough track. At Rotherfield after lunch a good peal of Bob Major was rung, the remainder ringing at Uckfield and Warbleton. Excessive zeal on the part of the organiser prevented the peal band having tea, and a very hungry team rang at Heathfield before returning to Tunbridge Wells. After dinner the long-suffering bedroom was treated to a peal of Bob Major, while others snatched Speldhurst tower.

On Saturday, the first failure occurred, when a peal of Superlative Surprise went west at Burwash. We were left with memories of a very successful programme, having rung at the pick of the towers around in delightful weather. In thanking the organiser and all the Kent and Sussex ringers who helped us enjoy the week, we look forward to next year's week by the red cliffs of Devon. B. D. P.

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MISCELLANEOUS

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK. — Practices will in future be held every Wednesday at 7.15 p.m.—C. W. Pipe. 1266

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD. — All ringers and interested persons coming up this session are most cordially welcome. Please contact either the Master, B. Harris, 8, Beech Grove, Hoole, Chester, or the Secretary for information about the Guild. 1289

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MEETINGS

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Eynesbury (6), Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 1311

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — N.E. District. — Meeting at Mistley, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m.—R. Duesbury. 1215

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — N.W. District. — Meeting at Nazeing (6) on Saturday, Sept. 20th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea free. Names, please, to G. Blake, Dis. Sec., Teesta, Jack's Hatch, Epping Upland, Essex. 1246

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. —Meeting, Greenstead Green (6), Sept. 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to A. Saunders, Near the Church, Greenstead Green, Halstead. 1271

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Throwley, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 2s. per head. Special coach will leave Station Road, Faversham, 3.15 p.m. For a seat, please contact, as soon as possible, Mr. W. S. Palin, 9, Napleton Road, Faversham.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1267

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midland District — Meeting in conjunction with Coventry Diocesan Guild to be held at Leamington Spa on Sept. 20th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Evensong at 5.30 p.m. Tea at local cafes.—A. A. Timms, Sec. 1317

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Sept. 20th. Sunbury (8) 2–5; Hampton (8) 6.30–8.45. Tea 5.30, social evening 8 p.m., both at Red Lion, Hampton. Names to G. Ingham, 145, Staines Road East, Sunbury-on-Thames.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec. 1253

NORTH PETHERWIN, LAUNCESTON. — Church bells and tower restoration, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Service 2.30, conducted by the Lord Bishop of Truro, followed by garden party, high tea, auction sale and concert. 1292

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. — Meeting, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells, Annunciation, Chislehurst (8) 3–4. Service, St. John's, Eltham, 4.45. Tea 5.30. Meeting to follow. Eltham bells (8) after meeting. —K. Matthews, Hon. Sec. 1275

SURREY ASSOCIATION —Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Bletchingley, Sept. 20th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. 1307

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Stockbridge, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells (6) 2. Service 4.15. Tea 5 in the Vine Inn. 1265

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch.—Annual meeting, Netherton, Saturday, Sept. 20th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. and business. Outstanding subscriptions should be paid and reports obtained at this meeting.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec. 1269

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Next general meeting, Beverley, on Saturday, Sept. 20th. General committee meet 3.15 p.m. in the Minster Vestry. Service in the Minster 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Rutherfords Hotel, Market Place. General meeting on same premises immediately afterwards. Minster bells (10) available 2.30 till 4 p.m. and after meeting till 9 p.m. St. Mary's (10) available after meeting till 9 p.m. Please note arrangements, as no circulars issued. —L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford. 1247

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting at the Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Sept. 27th. St. Mary Magdalene's, Holloway, afterwards. No ringing at St. Michael's in September.—A. B. Peck. 1310

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Axbridge Branch.—Practice meeting at Brent Knoll, September 27th, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.—G. P. 1259

BROXBOURNE.—A memorial tablet to the late Mr. G. Radley will be dedicated on Saturday, September 27th, at 4 p.m. Ringing before and after the service. All ringers welcome. Tea provided. 1240

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chester Branch.—Autumn meeting, Pulford, Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea not later than Sept. 24th.—Griffiths, 38, Beeston View, Chester. 1258

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Joint meeting with the Derbyshire Association at Chapel-en-le-Frith on Sept. 27th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea please advise Mr. H. Hibbert, Telephone Exchange, Market Street, Chapel-en-le-Frith, Derbyshire, before Sept. 23rd.—C. K. Lewis. 1255

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Meeting, St. Andrew's, Bebington (8), Sept. 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea provided ONLY for those notifying by Sept. 23rd.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 1264

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northwich Branch.—Meeting at Witton (8), Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Make own arrangements for tea, cafe nearby.—D. Smith. 1270

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby and Ilkeston Districts. — Meeting at Breadsall on Sept. 27th at 3 p.m. Names for tea to Miss K. Tivey, 232, Chellaston Road, Derby. 1253

DEVON GUILD.—S.W. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Kelly, Sept. 27th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names by 22nd to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 1261

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Withycombe Raleigh, Sept. 27th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, by Sept. 24th, to B. Pidgeon, East Budleigh. 1324

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting, Newcastle, Sept. 27th. St. Stephen's (8) 10.30–12.30, Fenham (8) 2–4, St. John's (8) 2.30–4.15. Evening ringing will be announced at meeting. Committee: St. John's Vestry, 3. Service: St. John's, 4.15. Tea, followed by business meeting, 5 at Lockhart's, Neville Street (opposite Central Station). Reservation for tea by Sept. 25th is essential.—D. A. Bayles, 12, Crichton Avenue, Chester-le-Street. 1262

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Meeting at Duxford, Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. L. Martin. 1242

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Meeting, Childswickham, Sept. 27th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—P. Baker, 40, St. Michael's Avenue, Bishop's Cleeve. 1296

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Thornbury, Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15. Names for tea by Sept. 23rd to W. F. Scudamore, No. 6, Sandringham Avenue, Downend, Bristol. 1251

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting at Ash (6) on Saturday, Sept. 27th, from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to G. S. Joyce, 130, Ship Lane, Farnborough, Hants. 1243

KEMPSTON RINGERS invite you to their ringing afternoon and social evening on September 27th. The eight bells are available at 2.30. Tea 4.45. Social 6.30–9.30. (Bus leaves Kempston Church End 9.40, arrives Bedford St. Peter's 10.) R.S.V.P. by Sept. 25th. — Michael Stephens, 24, Durler Avenue, Kempston, Bedford. 1244

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—District annual meeting, Sept. 27th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Parish Room 5 p.m. Names, please, to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 1280

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Meeting at Ash-by-Wrotham (6) on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. followed tea and short business meeting. Tea is by kind invitation and names should be sent to me on or before Wednesday, Sept. 24th.—B. W. May, Keithston, Kevcol Hill, near Sittingbourne. Phone Newington 350. 1310

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting at Christ-the-Saviour's, Ealing (8), Saturday, September 27th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Business meeting, with bells to follow at St. Stephen's (8), 6.30. Own tea arrangements.—A. M. Bailey, Dis. Sec. 1309

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Next meeting, Tyldesley, on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells available 2.30. Business meeting follows tea. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to George Houghton, 13, Wynne Street, Tyldesley, Lancs.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec. 1254

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting will be at Calverley on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged only for those who notify Mr. S. Keighley, 6, Salisbury Street, Calverley, by Thursday, Sept. 25th. Business meeting 7 p.m. —H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec. 1241

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting at Barkby, Sept. 27th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Names to George James, 10, School Lane, Barkby.—B. Stedman Payne. 1246

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Deeping St. James', Sept. 27th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Meat tea at the Bridge Hotel, 5 p.m. Please help me by sending your card to me not later than Monday, 22nd, as all teas have to be booked and paid for.—B. H. Dalton, Hon. Sec., Billingborough, Sleaford, Lincs. 1312

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Moulton, Sept. 27th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Tea after service at 4 p.m. Names for tea to Miss F. Oldershaw, Beech House, Moulton, by Sept. 20th. 1260

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Monmouth, Sept. 27th. Bells available 2.30. Service at 4 p.m Tea and business to follow.—F. J. Hannington, 32, Surrey Street, Canton, Cardiff. 1291

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION & LONDON GUILD.—Meeting at St. Andrew's, Enfield, on Saturday, Sept. 27th, at 3 p.m. Service 5.15 p.m., tea and business to follow.—T. J. Lock, Sec. 1273

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Berks Branch.—Meeting at Chilton, Saturday, Sept. 27th. Service 3.30. Notify for tea by the 22nd.—A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks. 1290

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Tackley on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells 2.15 p.m. Service 3.15 p.m. Numbers for tea by Thursday, Sept. 25th, please.—Miss Lottie Pimm, High Street, Eynsham, Oxford. 1308

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Sept. 27th, Penn (6 bells), 3.30 p.m. Names for tea by Sept. 22nd.—Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 1248

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD — Northampton Branch.—Bugbrooke, Sept. 27th. Names for tea to Mr. Eric Nobles, Hon. Branch Sec., 48, Millway, Duston, Northants, by Sept. 24th. Advance notice: Brafield, Oct. 25th: Duston, Nov. 29th. 1268

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at Elveden (8), Saturday, Sept. 27th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. M. Reeve. 1316

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Seaford (8), Saturday, Sept. 27th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea by Sept. 24th.—P. F. Romney, 21, Woodsland Road, Hassocks. 1247

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Southampton District. — Quarterly meeting, Bishopstoke, Sept. 27th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.15. Names for tea by Sept. 23rd to M. J. Butler, 8, St. Peter's Road, Southampton.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Christchurch District. — Practice meeting, Christchurch Priory (12 bells), Sept. 27th. Bells from 3 p.m. Notify for tea, please, by 24th.—A. V. Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 1275

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and DONCASTER DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint meeting, Thorne, Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify, by Thursday, 25th, Mr. J. Thorley, 7, Bridge Street, Thorne. 1320

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch. —Meeting, Preston, Thursday, Oct. 2nd. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting follow. Names by Sept. 29th to G. H. Perry, Love Lane Cottage, Sutton Poyntz, Weymouth. 1237

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—An extraordinary meeting will be held at Evercreech on Saturday, Oct. 4th. Business, proposed change of rules. It is essential that those requiring tea will let me know. Bells 3–4.30 p.m. and after the meeting. Service 4.30 p.m. Ditcheat bells from 7–8.30 p.m.—J. T. Dyke, Chilcompton, Bath. 1274

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-West Division.—Crusader meeting, Downham (6), Oct. 4th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. Pitsea bus from Billericay to Blue House Corner 35 mins. past the hour. City bus Romford–Southend to Castledon Road, Brentwood–Shotgate to Beavoir's Chase 5 mins. past the hour. Names for tea to H. Oliver, Fremnall's Garage, Downham, Billericay. 1265

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION. — Quarterly meeting and six-bell contest at Batley, Saturday, October 4th. For teas please notify, by Sept. 27th, D. Atkins, 37, Victoria Avenue, Batley.—A. Farrand, Hon. Sec. 1287

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Hinxworth, Saturday, Oct. 4th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special method, Oswald Delight.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 1272

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District. — Annual district meeting at Tonbridge (8), Oct. 4th, at 3. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Names for tea by Oct. 2nd to R. A. Whitehead, 19, Deakin Leas, Tonbridge, Kent. Notes of tower activities during this year will be welcomed by secretary for his report. 1271

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District. — Meeting at Surfleet, near Spalding, on Saturday, Oct. 4th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Names for tea not later than Tuesday, Sept. 30th.—Mrs. A. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding, Lincs. 1261

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Festival dinner and social on Saturday, October 4th. Bells 2.30 to 5 at St. Margaret's (12), St Mary-de-Castro (8) and St. John-the-Divine (10). Dinner 6 p.m. at the Co-operative Assembly Rooms, Uppingham Road, Leicester. Tickets 8s. 6d. each from local secretaries up to September 20th and from P. J. Staniforth, 150, Narborough Road South, Leicester, until September 30th, latest. 1305

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Meeting at Blankney (6), Oct. 4th. Tea for those who notify me by Wednesday previous. — C. Brown, 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln. 1256

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oundle Branch.—Ringing Festival, October 4th. Bells 3, Nassington (5) followed by service, tea and meeting 6 p.m. Towers opened: Nassington (5), Kingscliffe (6), Elton (5), Castor (6). Names for tea by Sept. 30th.—P. E. Clarke, 7, Bassett Place, South Road, Oundle. 1325

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Towcester Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Paulerspury, Oct. 4th. Names for tea by Sept. 29th to W. Yates, Welsh Lane, Boycott, Buckingham. 1238

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual dinner, Oct. 4th, all tickets sold. Ringing arrangements later. — F. J. Matthews, Dinner Secretary. 1263

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD. — Northern Section. — Quarterly meeting, Llangattock, Oct. 4th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names by Sept. 30th to W. Smith, Penbont Road, Talgarth, Brecon. 1249

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WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —Winchester District.—Business meeting, Twyford, Saturday, Oct. 4th. Bells (8) 2. Service 4. Tea 4.45 in Dolphin Hotel. Names by previous Wednesday to Mr. J. A. C. King, 29, Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester. 1245

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY. — The fourth annual dinner will be held at King George Hotel, Barnsley, on Oct. 11th at 6 p.m. Tickets 7s. 6d. each obtainable from me.—D. Smith, 18, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 1257

LIVERPOOL PARISH CHURCH (Our Lady and St. Nicholas', Pierhead) RINGERS' DAY. —Sat., Oct. 25th. Bells 10.30 a.m.–3.30 p.m. and 6–9 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. followed by high tea at Reece's Restaurant. Remittances for tea tickets (6s. 6d.) should reach me by Oct. 18th, and stamped addressed envelopes will be appreciated. Complete twelve-bell bands will be allotted definite periods of ringing if organisers will notify me previously and state their approximate arrival times. A room has also been reserved for luncheon at Reece's Restaurant at 12.30 and 1.15 p.m. When applying for tickets (7s. 6d.), please say which sitting is preferred. RINGING FOR SPECIAL SERVICES DURING CONSECRATION FESTIVAL will be as follows: October 20th, 23rd, 28th, 29th, 6.15–7.30 p.m.; Oct. 27th, 5.45–6.45 p.m. All ringers will be welcome at these times as long as they come ALSO on Oct. 25th! Will such ringers kindly advise me of their intentions, so that we may know what help to expect each evening? — J. E. Spice, 30, Glenmore Avenue, Liverpool, 18 (Phone Allerton 3514). 1252

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ARE RINGING EXCURSIONS JUSTIFIED?

A PARTY of ringers recently made a journey of some fifty or sixty miles from the London area to ring a peal at a remote country church. The first arrival was met at the church by a local ringer with the key to the belfry. By the time the other ringers arrived the local ringer had gone and their own colleague was up amongst the bells, having found that one rope was hanging on the belfry wall. In addition to replacing this rope it was necessary to splice another before ringing could commence. The bells in this tower were thoroughly restored, no doubt at considerable expense, about twenty years ago. The state of the ropes gives an indication to the extent to which they are used.

The peal was duly rung and two of the ringers crossed the road to the vicarage to return the belfry key. The vicar was delighted to have had the bells rung, but his chief astonishment lay in the fact that a full band of ringers should think it worth coming fifty miles or so just to ring a peal on his bells, when his own ringers could not be persuaded to cross the road to ring them.

At another tower on another occasion, also this year, a peal ringing party were met afterwards by a local ringer who offered his congratulations and said how much he wished he could ring like that.

Experiences of this kind are by no means new to ringers who have taken the opportunity to ring in strange towers, and surely the fact emerges that in church after church up and down the country, sometimes in a remote hamlet but not seldom in a crowded city, the bells hang still and lifeless month after month and year after year. As the old bell inscription has it, 'Touch me and I sweetly ring, untouched I am a useless thing.' In other places it is the exception rather than the rule for the full number of bells to be rung—in many instances this is a good rather than a bad thing, but at the same time the bells were put there to be rung.

Surely from all this there emerges a good case for the properly conducted peal ringing tour, for the annual ringers' outing, for the 'tower-grabbing' (abominable word) expedition, or any other goodwill mission. As we read in 'The Ringing World' week by week the accounts of these excursions it should be obvious to all but the curmudgeons that the visitors are usually welcome and that in many instances the visited share their pleasure.

Needless to say, there are on occasions some appalling exhibitions of bad taste and the grossest manners on the part of the visitors, but it would be difficult to find any department of life but where some ill-mannered buffoon will spoil things for the majority by his own sheer selfishness. There was the unfortunate incident of a particular peal earlier this year, ventilated ad nauseum in the columns of 'The Ringing World'; there was the indiscretion of the party touring the West Country a few years ago who completed their Sunday afternoon peal some 20 minutes after the commencement of evensong; there was the thoughtlessness of the visitors to Devon who were responsible for closing a call-change tower to change ringers through interfering with ropes when they had been asked not to do so. All these things loom large when a heresy-hunt is in progress, but they fall into their insignificant place when considered with a due sense of proportion against the larger picture.

All of us commit indiscretions at times. We are carried away by our own enthusiasm. We are apt to forget that others are not as keen on ringing as we are, nor have had the pleasure from ringing that we enjoy. Perhaps, therefore, we may remind ourselves of the courtesies that we ought to observe when seeking the privilege of ringing in another tower. Briefly these can be summarised.

Never approach the incumbent direct for permission to ring. If you do not know the name of the correspondent of the local ringers, write to 'The captain of the ringers, c/o the Vicar.' If you are going for a peal always make sure it is thoroughly understood what a peal is and how long it takes. Always say what guild or association the peal will be rung for. If there is an established local band, always say what method you are going for and ask if there is any objection — sometimes the answer is too obvious for the question to be necessary. Never make peal arrangements by telephone with the vicar unless you are certain there are no local ringers. Always send a stamped addressed envelope for a reply to your letter. If you have been given permission to ring either on an outing or a 'tower-grabbing' expedition, always stay sufficiently long to ring the bells properly—do not insult your hosts by scrambling the bells up several at a time, ringing any sort of a badly-struck touch, and scrambling them down again. Behave decorously in the church. If you have to miss a tower from your itinerary through shortage of time, send a telegram and afterwards write and apologise. If you have enjoyed your visit it should not be too much trouble

to write afterwards and offer your thanks. If you haven't enjoyed your visit you should write just the same. And when you have had the use of the bells, helping to wear the ropes and to inflate the electricity bill, you will, if you remember to look, probably have little difficulty in finding an offertory box. If you want to arrange a ringing tour you would be well advised to seek first the co-operation of the general secretary of the local guild or other well-known local ringer. Perhaps this is a good opportunity to record the ungrudging assistance and goodwill that has been experienced in the past from such people.

Last of all the clergy. Often, although you write to the chief ringer, you will receive your reply direct from the Vicar. And what wonderful letters one does receive from the clergy. In several years' experience the writer has only ever received one unpleasant letter from a parson. The gentleman in question thought all ringers were drunken louts, loose livers, often atheists and usually non-churchmen. Well, as most readers of this journal are ringers, they will know how far right or how far wrong the reverend gentleman was in his assertions. P. A. C.

A SOMERSET TOUR

All peals rung for the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.

CORSTON, SOMERSET.
On Sat., Aug. 30, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

Thomas W. Kimber	*Treble*	Margaret Fidell	5
Thomas J. Lock	2	Alick Cutler	6
Patrick I. Chapman	3	*George J. Hawkins	7
William T. Beeson	4	C. Edward Jeffries	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by C. Edward Jeffries.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

CLEVEDON, SOMERSET.
On Mon., Sept. 1, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.

Alfred E. Reeves	*Treble*	*Richard E. Price	5
Alick Cutler	2	Thomas Cullingworth	6
Margaret Fidell	3	William T. Beeson	7
Antony W. T. Cleaver	4	George E. Fearn	*Tenor*

Composed by George Baker. Conducted by George E. Fearn.
* 100th peal.

WRAXALL, SOMERSET.
On Mon., Sept. 1, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr.

Albert R. Lawrence	*Treble*	Eric E. Speake	5
C. Edward Jeffries	2	Patrick I. Chapman	6
Ronald H. Bullen	3	Thomas J. Lock	7
Andrew C. Sinfield	4	Harry Parkes	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. Martin. Conducted by Thomas J. Lock.

BARROW GURNEY, SOMERSET.
On Mon., Sept. 1, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Mary and Edward,
A PEAL OF 5152 SOMERSET SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr.

Joseph T. Dyke	*Treble*	Thomas J. Lock	5
Margaret Fidell	2	Thomas Cullingworth	6
Richard E. Price	3	C. Edward Jeffries	7
Alick Cutler	4	George E. Fearn	*Tenor*

Composed by John Reeves. Conducted by C. Edward Jeffries.
First peal in the method by all except the ringer of the tenor. First peal in the method for the Association.

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOMERSET.
On Tues., Sept. 2, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb.

C. Edward Jeffries	*Treble*	Eric E. Speake	5
Ronald H. Bullen	2	Thomas J. Lock	6
Alick Cutler	3	Thomas Cullingworth	7
George E. Fearn	4	Harry Parkes	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by C. Edward Jeffries.

BACKWELL, SOMERSET.
On Wed., Sept. 3, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

Eric E. Speake	*Treble*	Antony W. T. Cleaver	5
Alick Cutler	2	George E. Fearn	6
Thomas Cullingworth	3	Harry Parkes	7
William T. Beeson	4	Joseph T. Dyke	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. Wilde. Conducted by Joseph T. Dyke.

BANWELL, SOMERSET.
On Wed., Sept. 3, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew.
A PEAL OF 5056 ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 4 lb.

C. Edward Jeffries	*Treble*	William T. Beeson	5
Ronald H. Bullen	2	George E. Fearn	6
*Antony W. T. Cleaver	3	Richard E. Price	7
Thomas Cullingworth	4	Harry Parkes	*Tenor*

Composed by H. G. Cashmore. Conducted by C. Edward Jeffries.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method for the Association.

WINSCOMBE, SOMERSET.
On Thurs., Sept. 4, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5088 ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt.

Mrs. T. J. Lock	*Treble*	*Richard E. Price	5
Margaret Fidell	2	William T. Beeson	6
C. Edward Jeffries	3	Thomas Cullingworth	7
Andrew C. Sinfield	4	George E. Fearn	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Parker. Conducted by Thomas Cullingworth.
* First peal in the method.

DITCHEAT, SOMERSET.
On Sat., Sept. 6, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 4 lb.

Patrick I. Chapman	*Treble*	Eric E. Speake	5
C. Edward Jeffries	2	Thomas J. Lock	6
Ronald H. Bullen	3	William T. Beeson	7
Ronald J. Sharp	4	George E. Fearn	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by C. Edward Jeffries.

TEN BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Sept. 11, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

*John McDonald	*Treble*	Terry R. Hampton	6
Muriel Reay	2	John Pinfold	7
†Anthony Ager	3	Arthur V. Pearson	8
Edgar C. Shepherd	4	George E. Fearn	9
Henry H. Fearn	5	A. Patrick Cannon	*Tenor*

Composed by William Pye. Conducted by George E. Fearn.
* First peal of Royal. † First peal of Cambridge Royal.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Sept. 14, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5184 LITTLE BOB ROYAL

*Arthur B. Wiffen	*Treble*	*Brian J. Howard	6
*Desmond G. Mayell	2	*Frank C. May	7
Ernest W. Furbank	3	*Phillip Sadler	8
*Frank L. Harris	4	*Gerald Frost	9
*Donald Coombes	5	Frank B. Lufkin	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Carter. Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
* First peal in the method.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Sept. 4, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*FRED JACKSON	*Treble*	DENNIS MADDOCK	5
WALTER ALLMAN	2	WILLIAM ALLMAN	6
ELIZABETH M. BIBBY	3	JOHN E. BIBBY	7
HENRY O. BAKER	4	FRANCIS BIBBY	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.
* First Surprise peal. Wedding anniversary peal for ringer of treble.

EAST COKER, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 6, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

G. STEDMAN MORRIS	*Treble*	HARRY G. KEELEY	5
*RAYMOND P. SELWAY	2	ARTHUR SCOTT	6
WALTER H. POOLE	3	ROGER KEELEY	7
E. LEONARD TAYLOR	4	WILLIAM E. TURNER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.
* First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 6, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 25¼ cwt.

*ROBIN G. LEALE	*Treble*	†FRANK TAYLOR	5
†WILLIAM UPTON	2	NORMAN J. SMITH	6
ERNEST TREAGUS	3	JOHN W. MEADE	7
E. WINIFRED KEYS	4	FREDK. W. BURNETT	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by FREDK. W. BURNETT.
* First peal. † 25th peal together.
A wedding compliment from his fellow ringers to Stanley E. Cook, who was married at this Cathedral Church earlier in the day to Miss Joan K. Heathcote.

SWANSCOMBE, KENT.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Sat., Sept. 6, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

THOMAS H. FRANCIS	*Treble*	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	5
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	2	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	6
*MRS. T. H. FRANCIS	3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	7
FREDERICK J. CULLUM	4	ALFRED J. HOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.
* First peal of London.

ABERAVON, GLAMORGAN.
LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Sept. 9, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 16¼ cwt. in E flat.

*RONALD BLICK	*Treble*	TREVOR M. RODERICK	5
J. ARTHUR HOARE	2	EDMOND MORRIS	6
ALFRED HANNINGTON	3	ALBERT J. PITMAN	7
ALBERT E. CHEESEMAN	4	TOM PETTY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT J. PITMAN.
* First peal. Rung on the occasion of Mr. Cheeseman's visit to Port Talbot.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 10, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

*GEORGE W. MOSS	*Treble*	*JAMES H. EDWARDS	5
HILDA G. SNOWDON	2	*LESLIE D. MILLS	6
*ERNEST J. BUTLER	3	*HARRY J. MILLATT	7
MICHAEL D. STANIFORTH	4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by HARRY J. MILLATT.
* First peal of Yorkshire. First peal in the method on the bells. Farewell peal to the ringer of the 4th.

HATFIELD BROAD OAK, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 10, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt.

FRANK V. GANT	*Treble*	FRANK B. LUFKIN	5
*FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN	2	*CHARLES F. WILLMINGTON	6
DAVID W. BEARD	3	*JAMES G. A. PRIOR	7
*HARRY TURNER	4	*JOHN H. CRAMPION	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by JOHN H. CRAMPION.
* First peal in the method. First peal of Lincolnshire Surprise Major for the Association.

CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Sept. 12, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
H. Law James' Seven-part. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

JOHN WALDEN	*Treble*	JOHN FREEMAN	5
RAYMOND F. SMITH	2	JOHN A. FREEMAN	6
STANLEY E. BENNETT	3	H. LESLIE PASK	7
WALTER TOMLINSON	4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

BALDOCK, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 13, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Rev. C. D. P. Davies' Five-part. Tenor 26¼ cwt.

JOHN F. COLLINGS	*Treble*	*WILLIAM J. HITCH	5
HORACE E. WERRETT	2	WALTER D. POOLEY	6
MAURICE A. COLLINGS	3	REGINALD T. NEWMAN	7
JACK S. DEAR	4	*LIONEL B. HUGHES	*Tenor*

Conducted by HORACE E. WERRETT.
* First peal.

CHRISTLETON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 13, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5152 CHESTERFIELD BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt. in F sharp.

BETTY GRIFFITHS	*Treble*	JOHN W. BEST	5
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	2	GEORGE H. RANDLES	6
NORAH M. BIBBY	3	BRIAN HARRIS	7
DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	4	PERCY SWINDLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF (C.C.C. 28). Conducted by J. W. GRIFFITHS.
The first peal in the method by the band and for the Guild.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 13, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Six-part. Tenor 13¼ cwt.

*ANN MILES	*Treble*	JAMES H. LILLEY	5
*LENA S. SKEET	2	WILLIAM SLAUGHTER	6
†MICHAEL JENNINGS	3	GEORGE T. JENNINGS	7
LEONARD STILWELL	4	JAMES T. LAKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by LEONARD STILWELL.
* First peal in the method. † First peal.

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EDENBRIDGE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 13, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.. 7 lb. in F sharp.

MICHAEL FULLER	*Treble*	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	5
*DORIS E. COLGATE	2	RICHARD E. PRICE	6
*BARBARA A. MITCHELL	3	ROBERT COLLINS	7
JOHN S. MASON	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF (C.C.C. 16). Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
* First peal in the method 'inside.'

ICKLETON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 13, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 18½ cwt.

ELSIE K. FULTON	*Treble*	WILLIAM WENBAN	5
T. REGINALD DENNIS	2	ALBERT W. COLES	6
STEPHEN H. HOARE	3	W. NORMAN GENNA	7
ERNEST W. THURLOW	4	H. GEORGE HART	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. NORMAN GENNA.
First peal as conductor. First peal of Stedman on the bells.

KINGSWINFORD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 13, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Groves' Transposition of Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

*DAVID M. LEES	*Treble*	HAROLD J. SHUCK	5
*C. FREDERICK JUKES	2	ALFRED C. BOXLEY	6
BERNARD LAWTON	3	WILLIAM DAVIES	7
†R. ARTHUR PEAKMAN	4	JACK TROMANS	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM DAVIES.
* First peal. † First peal of Triples. First peal of Grandsire Triples as conductor. Rung as a farewell to F. E. Jukes (son of the ringer of the 2nd), on joining H.M. Forces.

KINVER, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Sept. 13, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

*DEREK K. KNOWLES	*Treble*	BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	5
†HARRY GRIFFITHS	2	ERIC E. SPEAKE	6
‡ALAN ELSMORE	3	J. DENNIS HOLDEN	7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First Surprise peal. ‡ First peal of Surprise Major. This is the 100th tower in which the conductor has rung a peal.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 13, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 8 cwt. 91 lb. in G.

RODERICK W. PIPE	*Treble*	URBAN W. WILDNEY	5
GEORGE W. PIPE	2	WILLIAM J. BUTTON	6
ROBERT E. LESTER	3	RONALD G. BUGG	7
EDWARD E. DAVEY	4	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.
Edward E. Davey has 'circled' this tower five times to peals.

MYTHOLMROYD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 13, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt. in F

*ROBERT E. MOULDS	*Treble*	*RALPH BEAUMONT	5
†JOHN F. BRYANT	2	*JOHN H. FIELDEN	6
GEOFFREY F. BRYANT	3	PHILIP P. CARTER	7
GEOFFREY INGHAM	4	DEREK OGDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by T. LOCKWOOD. Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.
* First peal of Bob Major. † First peal. Average age of the band is 18 years 2 months.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Sept. 13, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Washbrook's Variation. Tenor 16½ cwt.

FREDERICK J. CULLUM	*Treble*	THOMAS E. SONE	5
*DORIS DOBBIE	2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	6
*GEORGE KENWARD	3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	7
VICTOR A. JARRETT	4	†GERALD E. POWELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.
* 50th peal together. † First peal. Rung for the Induction of the Rev. D. H. Glanfield as Vicar of Northfleet.

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 13, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb.

W. ALLEN RICHARDSON	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. HOLMES	5
GEORGE R. G. BUTLER	2	WILLIAM ROSE	6
AUBREY D. MILLS	3	HORACE BENNETT	7
BERNARD H. DALTON	4	C. HAROLD WHITTON	*Tenor*

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by C. HAROLD WHITTON.

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 13, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9½ cwt.

*ALFRED LYNALL	*Treble*	JOHN R. COTTERILL	5
ERNEST STITCH	2	J. NORMAN HADLEY	6
JANE COTTERILL	3	HOWARD HOWELL	7
†SIDNEY T. PRICE	4	MAURICE G. TURNER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.
* First peal of eight bells. † First peal of Major.

ST. GLUVIAS, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 13, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GLUVIAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

GEOFFREY W. TAYSOM	*Treble*	FRANK BRADLEY	5
MARION L. LIDGEY	2	A. HUBERT EPLETT	6
*V. MARY MATTHEWS	3	HARRY MILES	7
JAMES P. BLOND	4	HENRY TAYSOM	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY MILES.
* First peal of Stedman. First peal on the bells since their restoration in 1949. A welcome home to Lieut.-Commander Gordon Cross after three years' service in the Far East.

WHITEFIELD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 13, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, STAND,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Rev. C. D. P. Davies' Five-part. Tenor 22 cwt.

NORMAN TOMPKINS	*Treble*	†ORRELL DAVIES	5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	2	ALFRED LOMAS	6
*MARJORIE BROWN	3	PETER CROOK, SEN.	7
RAYMOND JOHNSON	4	JOSEPH THORNELEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.
* First peal 'inside.' † First peal. A birthday compliment to Miss Brown.

SIX BELL PEALS

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Aug. 22, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON	*Treble*	*DEREK WHITFORD	4
*KENNETH HARTLEY	2	*BRIAN H. WOOD	5
*NORMAN SMITH	3	ROGER LEIGH	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.
* First peal of Surprise. First in the method and of Surprise as conductor.

KINGSLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Sept. 2, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 10 methods in 7 extents. (1) Hereward Bob. (2) Double Court. (3) Double Oxford and St. Clement's Bob. (4) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. (5) Cambridge Surprise. (6) Oxford Bob. (7) Double and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

LESLIE EVANS	*Treble*	F. ERIC ROBERTS	4
MICHAEL P. MORETON ..	2	REGINALD T. JONES	5
*GEORGE FRANCIS	3	WILFRID F. MORETON ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal in 10 methods.

ABBOTTS LEIGH, SOMERSET.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 6, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being 7 extents. Tenor 14 cwt.

RONALD G. BECK	*Treble*	VICTOR SAVAGE	4
*JAMES TOPP	2	GEORGE W. MASSEY ..	5
†HERBERT W. KNIGHT ..	3	EDWARD J. CHIVERS ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWARD J. CHIVERS.

* First peal on 6 bells. † First peal of Cambridge Minor. First peal of Surprise as conductor.

STONEHOUSE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 6, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CYR,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different 720's. Tenor 17½ cwt.

DORIS H. SHEPPARD ..	*Treble*	ROBERT COTTLE	4
*JOAN BUSSEY	2	THOMAS PRICE	5
HAROLD HOBBS	3	LESLIE BARRY	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

* 50th peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to T. Price, branch secretary and captain of the tower.

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Sept. 8, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 10 six-scores of Grandshire, 16 of St. Dunstan's and 8 240's Morris's arrangement. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*AUSTIN WIXEY	*Treble*	ALFRED LYNALL	4
LESLIE BARRY	2	TREVOR PRITCHARD	5
DORIS H. SHEPPARD ..	3	FREDERICK TRANTER ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

* First peal.

CLAY-CROSS, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 10, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38½ *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two different extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and three different extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in A

WILFRED L. ROBINSON ..	*Treble*	*MARGARET E. MITCHELL..	4
SAM SCATTERGOOD	2	GORDON C. BRIGGS ..	5
DOREEN ARMSTRONG ..	3	ARTHUR B. COOPER ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRED L. ROBINSON.

* First peal. First peal in three methods as conductor. Quickest peal on the bells.

SPALDWICK, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 10, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr.

MICHAEL DYER	*Treble*	JOHN R. G. SPICER ..	4
*RALPH CHAPMAN	2	FRANK WARRINGTON ..	5
GORDON D. WHITEHEAD..	3	HAROLD S. PEACOCK ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First peal.

MELDRETH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Sept. 11, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 4 extents of Kent Treble Bob and 3 extents of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 11¼ cwt. in F sharp.

ARTHUR H. BYSOUTH ..	*Treble*	WINIFRED M. ELLIOTT ..	4
HAROLD F. HEATHFIELD ..	2	CHARLES A. BYSOUTH ..	5
WALTER J. HOUGHTON ..	3	ERNEST W. ROBERTS ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST W. ROBERTS.



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MORTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Sept. 11, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven 720's: Two of Single Court, two of Single Oxford, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 18 cwt.

*JOHN NICHOLS .. ..*Treble*		†NEVILLE WHITNEY .. 4	
*ELIZABETH M. TAYLOR .. 2		ALBERT E. SCOTT 5	
CECIL WADE 3		JAMES W. HAW .. ..*Tenor*	

Conducted by CECIL WADE.

* First peal. First peal in three methods. First peal on the bells by a lady ringer.

Rung with the best wishes of the ringers for the Rev. J. P. Taggart, Vicar of Morton for seven years, who left on Wednesday, September 10th, to become Vicar of Woodhall Spa, Lincolnshire.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Sept. 12, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents in 35 methods: 1, Fotheringay, Skipton, Balmoral, Chepstow and Dover Delight. 2, Bogedone, Knutsford, Wilmslow, Rostherne and Ely Delight. 3, Crowland, Combermere, Vale Royal, St. Werburgh and Abbeyville Delight. 4, Newdigate, Old Oxford, College Bob IV., Willesden and Marple Delight. 5, Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby and Braintree Delight. 6, Ockley, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury and Morning Star Treble Bob. 7, Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob. 55 changes of method. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in B flat.

*ANNE WORTH .. .. ..*Treble*		*BASIL JONES 4	
*NEIL D. LOMAS 2		C. KENNETH LEWIS .. 5	
*BARRY CORBISHLEY .. 3		JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER ..*Tenor*	

Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

* First peal in 35 methods.

CRANHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 13, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

DORIS H. SHEPPARD ..*Treble*		ERNEST STITCH 4	
J. NORMAN HADLEY .. 2		MAURICE G. TURNER .. 5	
SIDNEY T. PRICE 3		HOWARD HOWELL .. ..*Tenor*	

Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.

INGESTRE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Sept. 13, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 15 cwt.

*FRANCIS A. SEDGWICK..*Treble*		RICHARD J. WARRILOW .. 4	
*NEVILLE R. HOLLAND .. 2		DENNIS BERESFORD .. 5	
JOAN BERESFORD 3		GEORGE E. OLIVER .. ..*Tenor*	

Conducted by GEORGE E. OLIVER.

* First peal of Cambridge Minor. First peal on the bells.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Sept. 13, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in G.

ALBERT M. TYLER .. ..*Treble*		FRANCIS C. MOGFORD .. 4	
*JOHN M. STALLARD .. 2		†RICHARD J. BOWDEN .. 5	
REGINALD G. HOOPER .. 3		‡WILFRED F. WEBB .. ..*Tenor*	

Conducted by WILFRED F. WEBB.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Plain Bob Minor. ‡ 25th peal.

UPPER ARLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(Northern Branch.)
On Sat., Sept. 13, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being 7 different extents. Tenor 9¼ cwt. in A flat.

JOHN H. HICKS .. ..*Treble*		DEREK H. WATSON .. 4	
WILLIAM H. TURNER .. 2		BRIAN R. SUTTON 5	
HAROLD V. COOPER .. 3		ALFRED W. GLAZZARD ..*Tenor*	

Conducted by HAROLD V. COOPER.

Quarterly peal for the Northern Branch.

WEST DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 13, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's each of Single Court and Plain Bob and three of Single Oxford. Tenor 10½ cwt.

DENIS A. FRITH .. ..*Treble*		RONALD RUSSELL 4	
PERCY D. BALDOCK .. 2		ROBERT H. KNIGHT .. 5	
GEORGE SLAUGHTER (73) .. 3		JAMES H. MUSSON ..*Tenor*	

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

A wedding anniversary peal and birthday compliment to the daughter of Mr. William Neal, tower captain at the above church.

HANDBELL PEALS

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Sept. 1, 1952, *in* 1 *Hour and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT BROOM COTTAGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 14 in D.

MICHAEL P. MORETON .. 1—2		WILFRID F. MORETON .. 3—4	
F. ERIC ROBERTS .. .. 5—6			

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Sept. 4, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor size 18 in G.

MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH .. 1-2		PETER J. STANIFORTH .. 5-6	
HAROLD J. POOLE 3-4		ALFRED BALLARD 7-8	
HARRY POYNER 9-10			

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

CORK, IRELAND.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Sept. 7, 1952, *in* 1 *Hour and* 51 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. FINBARRE'S CATHEDRAL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Tenor size 12 in F.

*JEAN STEWART .. .. 1—2		FREDERICK E. DUKES .. 3—4	
†FREDERICK BOGAN .. .. 5—6			

Conducted by FREDERICK E. DUKES.

* First peal on handbells. †.First peal. First handbell peal in Co. Cork. Rung in honour of St. Finbarre's Cathedral Change Ringers, who held an inaugural Ringers' Service that day.

PUDSEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 10, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT 9, PEMBROKE ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

JOHN AMBLER .. .. .. 1—2		WILLIAM BARTON .. .. 5—6	
PERCY J. JOHNSON .. .. 3—4		*GORDON BENFIELD .. .. 7—8	

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

* First peal on handbells.

RISLEY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 10, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
AT 85, DERBY ROAD.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

DENNIS R. CARLISLE .. 1—2		CLEMENT GLENN .. .. 5—6	
ALFRED MOULD .. .. 3—4		DAVID J. MARSHALL .. 7—8	

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by DAVID J. MARSHALL.

First peal of Major as conductor.

WELLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 10, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT 53, LEYS ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 12 in F.

MALCOLM KING .. .. 1—2		ROBIN G. TURNER .. .. 5—6	
JOHN KING .. .. .. 3—4		PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. 7—8	

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ROBIN G. TURNER.

A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. King on their wedding anniversary.

SEVENOAKS, KENT
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Sept. 12, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
AT 44a, ST. JOHN'S HILL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

ROBERT COLLINS .. .. 1—2		PETER C. WRIGHT .. .. 5—6	
FRANK P. WRIGHT .. .. 3—4		DORIS E. COLGATE .. .. 7—8	

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by PETER C. WRIGHT.

BENFIELDSIDE, CO. DURHAM.—On Sept. 13th, 1,440 Bob Minor: G. H. Wilkinson 1, M. R. Pinkney 2, A. Cowan 3, C. T. Lamb 4, J. A. Ainsworth (cond.) 5, S. Thompson 6. Rung to celebrate the 101st anniversary of the church.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Grace 1, C. Corderoy 2, A. R. Greenough 3, C. Aldridge 4, F. James 5, H. Aldridge 6, R. Blond (cond.) 7, C. Corderoy 8.

CAPENHURST, CHESHIRE.—On Sept. 12th, 1,399 Doubles (360 April Day, 480 Plain Bob, 259 Grandsire): P. I. F. Townend (first quarter) 1, B. R. Kenny 2, Betty Griffiths 3, Shirley Golding 4, B. Harris (cond.) 5, J. W. Jones 6.

CHIPPING NORTON, OXON.—On Sept. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Francis 1, H. E. Cook 2, I. Harris 3, S. Pulker 4, R. H. Jarvis (cond.) 5, F. Perry 6, J. H. Jarvis 7, C. Tompkins 8. A compliment to Mrs. Blake on the birth of a son, also a grandson for the treble ringer.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCS.—On Sept. 10th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: V. Forshaw 1, Miss N. Roberts 2, J. C. Ford 3, J. Askew 4, C. H. Ford 5, W. Wall 6, N. M. Newby 7, T. Metcalfe (cond.) 8.

EGREMONT, CUMBERLAND.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jean D. Forbes 1, A. Eilbeck 2, G. Tembey 3, J. Brownrigg 4, G. McKay 5, H. Wilson (cond.) 6, J. H. Rothery 7. Also on Sept. 10th, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: Jean Miller (first quarter) 1, S. Richardson 2, A. Eilbeck 3, G. Tembey 4, J. A. Haile 5, G. McKay 6, J. W. Brownrigg (cond.) 7, J. H. Rothery 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Brownrigg on their 15th wedding anniversary.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Aug. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. A. Johnson 1, E. B. Crowder 2, Miss C. G. Smith 3, F. J. Hurrell 4, F. W. Richardson 5, J. E. Liddiard 6, G. W. Ashdown (cond.) 7, J. Hurrell 8. A 21st birthday compliment to the conductor. Also on Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Rablah 1, T. White 2, F. W. Richardson 3, G. W. Ashdown 4, Miss M. Ashdown 5, F. J. Hurrell 6, E. B. Crowder (cond.) 7, J. Hurrell 8. A farewell to Father John Llewellyn, who is leaving Eltham to be chaplain at his old school, King's College, Wimbledon.

FYFIELD, ESSEX.—On Sept. 13th, 1,440 Little Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. M. M. Osborne 1, Miss S. Booth 2, Miss J. Peacock 3, Mrs. J. C. Northan 4, Miss C. Chinnery 5, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 6. Birthday compliment to Miss S. Booth.

QUARTER PEALS

FINCHLEY, MIDDLX.—On Sept. 13th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. F. Warren 1, Miss M. A. Prockson 2, F. A. Barker 3, L. E. Tubb 4, A. W. Butler 5, D. H. Kingston (first quarter in method) 6, R. H. Begrie 7, J. G. Nash (cond.) 8. A compliment to the Rector and Mrs. Ridley on the occasion of their daughter Clare's recent marriage. Also on Sept. 14th, 1,256 Little Bob Major: F. S. Tubb 1, F. A. Barker 2, F. Goodall 3, F. C. W. Knight 4, J. L. Morris 5, E. F. Pryor 6, B. J. Willis (cond.) 7, L. E. Tubb 8.

FULHAM, MIDDLX.—On Sept. 14th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: Mrs. C. Watts 1, S. Booth 2, Janet Bailey 3, J. Chilcott (cond.) 4, H. Belcher 5, John Phillips 6, James Phillips 7, L. W. Bullock 8, J. Bullock 9, H. M. Page 10. First on ten for 2 and 3. A birthday compliment to Miss S. Booth.

HAZELBURY BRYAN, DORSET.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of St. Simon's, Stedman, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob and 300 of Grandsire): Ben Ridout 1, Bob Ridout, 2 Bert Ridout 3, F. Hillier 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5, W. E. Trevett 6. First quarter in five methods for 1, 2, 3 and 4, and on the bells. Rung for the 70th anniversary (Sept. 14th) of the foundation of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

HEYDOUR, LINCS.—On Sept. 11th, 1,064 Grandsire Triples: N. T. Longland (first quarter of Triples) 1, F. W. Pinchbeck 2, J. H. Musson 3, D. A. Frith 4, F. S. Parsons 5, J. Royce 6, H. R. Woods 7, R. P. Armstrong 8.

HOLYWELL, HUNTS.—On Sept. 14th, 1,440 Surprise Minor (720 Spliced Ipswich and Cambridge with 720 Norwich): J. R. G. Spicer 1, E. J. Parish 2, F. Warrington (cond.) 3, H. S. Peacock 4, W. Ransom 5, A. Clements 6. Rung on the Festival of the Holy Cross.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—Ad gloriam Deo, on Sept. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): Judith D. Shedel (first quarter) 1, M. Baker (cond.) 2, E. M. Baker 3, W. T. Hill 4, B. E. Shedel 5. First quarter in two methods by all the band.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. S. Hawker 1, Miss D. Keeley 2, R. Keeley 3, E. L. Taylor 4, G. H. Whitemore 5, Canon C. C. Cox (cond.) 6, C. W. Powell 7, G. S. Morris 8. Rung to mark the 70th anniversary of the founding of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

MIRFIELD, YORKS.—On Sept. 13th, 1,272 Minor (being 672 Kent Treble Bob Mirfield Minor and 600 Kent Treble Bob Minor): T. Hudson 1, C. Thornton 2, R. Cotterill 3, W. Smith 4, G. Hirst 5, A. Robinson (cond.) 6, D. Schofield 7, with 7 covering. First quarter for 1, 2, 3, 5 and 7. Birthday compliments to Mr. A. Robinson, 70 on Sept. 9th, and Mr. A. North, 81 on Sept. 7th.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, on Sept. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. H. Ashby 1, F. Benfield 2, R. Finch 3, F. Burgess 4, G. F. Roome (cond.) 5, T. Jennings 6. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. T. Jennings.

PUBLOW, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. Dando 1, Miss S. Rogers 2, K. Cobb 3, F. Light 4, C. Bishop (cond.) 5, D. Dando 6. Rung half-muffled to the memory of E. J. Avery, who was this day interred at Sandford, Somerset.

RAWMARSH, YORKS.—On Sept. 13th, 1,334 Plain Bob Major: H. D. Holland 1, H. O. Chaddock 2, F. Brightmore 3, W. Holland 4, G. R. Hiner 5, D. Holland 6, E. A. Thorpe 7, B. Holland (cond.) 8.

RUISLIP, MIDDLX.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: B. Turk (first quarter Bob Major) 1, C. Poulter 2, Elsie Savory 3, P. Thrift 4, A. Hunter 5, W. Pitchall 6, T. Collins (cond.) 7, W. Bunce, jun., 8.

WARBOYS, HUNTS.—On Sept. 7th, 1,360 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Wylmer 1, E. J. Parish 2, O. Norman 3, W. Papworth 4, F. Warrington (cond.) 5. Rung on the Festival Eve of the Nativity of our Lady.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Sept. 7th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Anne Holmes 1, D. Morton (first quarter 'inside') 2, L. W. G. Skinner (first quarter as cond.) 3, Mary Fuller 4, A. S. Richards 5, J. Cannell 6. Also on Sept. 14th, 1,320 Minor (720 Cambridge and 600 Oxford Treble Bob): Anne Holmes 1, Barbara Mitchell 2, Mary Fuller 3, M. Fuller 4, A. S. Richards 5, R. Bird (cond.) 6.

WINDSOR, BERKS.—On Aug. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mary Morshead (first quarter) 1, E. S. T. Farr 2, Monica Howard (first Triples 'inside') 3, Ruth Tabraham 4, K. Buckingham 5, B. Taylor (cond.) 6, W. Butler 7, J. Painter 8.

WYKE REGIS, DORSET.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. J. Abbott 1, F. Simonds 2, J. W. Rose (cond.) 3, F. Stedman 4, J. Hart (first quarter 'inside') 5, F. Crudge 6, W. Chapman 7, J. Rose 8. Rung as a 78th birthday compliment to F. Stedman, captain of the band.

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LATE NEWS

We regret to announce the death on Sept. 17th of Mr. Richard Hasted, Ringing Master of the Farnham District for 20 years and a vice-president of the Guildford Diocesan Guild since 1947. Mr. Hasted was 81.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The late Mr. Arthur Martin, of Maidenhead, who died on May 15th, aged 68 years, bequeathed a legacy of £50 to Mr. Thomas John Fowler, of Cookham, Berks, 'my old friend of long standing in remembrance of his many acts of kindness to me, such bequest to be published by my executor in "The Ringing World."' The late Mr. Martin was connected with All Saints', Maidenhead, for over 50 years.

With the peal of Bristol rung at Thorne, Yorks, on September 6th, J. Martin Thorley has now 'completed the circle' for the second time.

The band who rang the peal at Ickleton on September 13th would like to express their appreciation of the arrangements made by Mr. P. Webb, who is the oldest member of the Ely Diocesan Association. They would like to join his many friends in felicitations on his birthday, which occurred on September 20th.

With reference to the peal of Superlative at Sherborne a correspondent writes: The following 'Terse Verse' (ex 'Readers' Digest') could, I think, be quite 'raisinably' dedicated to one of our better-known heavy-bell bumpers, viz.:—

'They told him it couldn't be done,
With a smile he went right to it.
He tackled the thing that couldn't be done.
And couldn't do it!'

The August issue of 'The Ringing Towers' contains correspondence over the peal rung for the Royal Society of Cumberland Youths at Parramatta, which was criticised by Mr. Duncan, chairman of the N.S.W. Association. Mr. Robert Ferris, the conductor of the peal, writes: 'It was a very well struck peal and I even say it was the best rung peal of Plain Bob Minor in Australia.'

The 70th anniversary of the foundation of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild on September 14th was commemorated by extensive ringing throughout the diocese.

With the peal at Whetstone, Mr. Frederick Watson has now 'completed the circle' at this tower.

Clitheroe, Lancs, bells will be silent until October 18th. The bells are being repaired and overhauled by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., who recast them 24 years ago.

We have received a letter from the secretary of the Piddlehinton, Dorset, band thanking Mr. E. T. P. Field for his friendship and devotion to their belfry.

The ringers who took part in the peal at Upper Arley, Staffs, later listened to a broadcast recording of part of it, made as the background to the B.B.C. report on the National Fishing Contest, on the River Severn just below the church.

An attempt was made for a quarter peal on Saturday, Sept. 6th, at St. John's, Deptford, to mark the wedding of a local ringer, Mr. J. Warner, to Miss D. Bartle. Owing to a shift course this came to grief. All credit to Mr. George Dains for his cheerful acceptance of this, which we are sure will not detract from the good wishes we send to the couple.

Many of our readers know by name Mrs. R. A. Howard, who for the past 2½ years has been assistant to the Editor. This is the last issue in which Mrs. Howard has assisted in the production of 'The Ringing World.' The Editor and the Editorial Committee wish her every happiness in her new home at Bulford Camp, Wilts, where she is joining her husband, A. Denis Howard, who is a regular in the R.A.P.C.

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NINE PEALS RUNG DURING SOMERSET TOUR

JOYS OF CAMPANOLOGY EXPRESSED IN VERSE

NINE peals rung. You will see the details in the peal columns, but these successes were not the only successes during a week's ringing tour of Somerset. Nine other attempts for peals were made and these failures did not prevent a happy and very enjoyable time being spent in what was for most of the party a fresh hunting ground. In addition, twelve other towers were visited for ringing touches.

Mr. Joe Dyke, now enjoying the first few weeks in retirement from professional duties and having completed 33 years of successful married life, kindly supplied the necessary information and gave advice as to the arrangements for the tour.

A coach, owned and driven by Mr. Albert Lawrence, captain of the Hatfield band of ringers, set out on its journey at 8 a.m. on Saturday, August 30th, and picked up some of the party in London en route. Others of the party were met in the Bristol area, where one band rang at Corston and another band rang at St. Stephen's. Unfortunately, at the latter tower Cambridge Surprise Royal was lost after an effort lasting one hour and a quarter. Permission was then obtained to ring at St. Thomas', Bristol, following which the first day's journey ended by arrival at the Crown Hotel, Glastonbury, headquarters for the week. This township has much of historical interest, but it proved to be that there was not even a spare hour to have a look around, nor to have a ring on either of the local rings of bells.

On Sunday morning arrangements included a visit to Wells Cathedral, where Caters and Royal were rung on the heavy ten. It was then learned that the attempt for a peal here on Wednesday evening would have to be brought forward to commence soon after midday, as evensong in the Cathedral now begins at 5.15 p.m. Much discussion took place over this new situation and it was reluctantly decided, for more than one reason, not to make the proposed attempt for the peal. Sunday afternoon was spent by the sea at Weston-super-Mare, where at the Church of St. John the Baptist the party joined with the local band in ringing for evensong. Opportunity is taken here to quote what appears in the ringing chamber:—

CAMPANOLOGY

The unknown art despised by the Ignorant.
How oft mankind exert their utmost powers
To find amusement for their leisure hours;
While some in Bowls or Cricket will unite,
And in such healthful exercise delight,
Others on Chess or Music fix their mind,
Requiring practice of no trifling kind;
Those who are gifted with a tuneful voice
In singing glees or suchlike strains rejoice,
While some to far less noble arts descend,
Their time thus wasted oft in ruin end.
Then why should Ringing be set down as nought
By some who never give the Science thought?
Its exercise amusement doth impart
To those who are proficient in the art;
In it our energies are all required,
Mental and physical and zeal untired:
Its compositions intricate are found,
While in its changes harmony abound:
Then let those critics who our choice condemn
Leave us to follow it—we grant the same to them.

Three peals were rung on Monday, at Wraxall and Clevedon in the morning and at Barrow Gurney in the afternoon. At the former tower the band had the pleasure of meeting a one-time vicar of the parish, the Rev. H. S. Briggs, now of Portishead, and by whom the ringers were complimented on their performance. Mrs. Briggs (née Jukes) was one of the band who took part in the first Ladies' Guild peal at Christ Church, Cubitt Town, in 1912, and many will be pleased to know that she is still enjoying good health. At the latter tower a peal of Somerset Surprise Major, the first in the county, was rung and all the band, except one, earned an appropriate star. During this time those not otherwise engaged were afforded a ring at Long Ashton, where it was a great pleasure to meet Mr. George Yeo, who within a couple of days would be celebrating his 83rd birthday. During the day Richard Price succeeded in ringing his 100th peal, this coming after a few attempts which involved several hours' ringing.

THE TENOR RINGER

Chewton Mendip was invaded on Tuesday morning, and whilst a peal was being rung in nice steady time the rest of the party journeyed for a pleasant ring at Litton. In the afternoon two failures occurred, the heavy eight at Congresbury defying an attempt for Cambridge after half an hour, and a shift course—the first of the week but not the last—upsetting an attempt for Stedman Caters at Wrington, where, eventually, the bells were brought into rounds in good style after 3 hours 7 minutes' ringing. This latter is an example of a 'performance' as suggested at the last Central Council meeting. The tenorman, a ringer whose name, it is said, the printers of 'The Ringing World' do not have to set up in type each week because it is kept permanently blocked eleven times repeated, assumed moral command of the ringing by standing stately, on the extra high tenor box, with his left leg slightly bent and forward of the right leg in military fashion and allowed not one second to be wasted, at the same time keeping the lighter bells moving and dodging behind in sprightly accord.

Wednesday was a 'damp' day. It rained most of the morning; the peal attempt at Nailsea was cancelled owing to a funeral, and a late start was made at Backwell, which meant, through the peal here taking well over three hours, fast driving of the coach and half of the party consuming a well-prepared meal at a 'local' in an exceedingly short time—too short to be enjoyed. The bells at Banwell had been obtained for use in the afternoon, and although success resulted, the ringing was not without its moments. The tower moves quite considerably when the bells are in motion, and at one time a member of the band, seeing a falling object pass one of the windows, was heard to say, 'My word, that was a stone falling from the top of the tower.' Although softly rebuked, he was still confident that something had fallen and repeated his accusation, but the final words in the incident was the reply, 'So what!' A conclusion was drawn that some of the band would make better sailors than the others, as no damage was reported. The 'dampness' continued into the evening when, after ordering dinner to be half an hour earlier, the party returned well behind time and prevented an evening's practice ring at St. John-the-Baptist's, Glastonbury, where the local captain waited, but in vain.

The next day an attempt for a peal of London was made at Chew Magna, but two bells shifted quite cleanly, and without trouble, after two hours and forty minutes. During this attempt the rest of the party travelled to ring at Winford and at Dundry, where visitors on payment of a fee may climb the tower to see Bristol and many acres of the surrounding beautiful countryside. One failure, Cambridge at Blagdon, and one success at Winscombe were recorded in the afternoon, but Friday was a blank day. Two peal attempts were made—Superlative at Charlton Horethorne (intending visitors never be late here or else the Rev. —. Buchan will recall the punctuality of the 1952 touring party) and Bristol at Wincanton—each coming to grief after approximately an hour's ringing. A pleasant surprise item for the non-pealers was the granting of permission to ring on the heavy six at Queen Camel.

RUSHED ATTEMPTS

Saturday came all too quickly, and to local circumstances can be attributed two morning failures. It was a matter at Mark of getting on with the job in order to finish before a funeral, and at Burnham of getting on with the job more quickly to finish before a funeral after having to wait a seemingly long time for a wedding. Neither attempt, for Somerset and Yorkshire respectively, lasted very long, and it enabled the Mark band to visit Wedmore for a short ring. A 'Superlative' effort was made at Ditcheat in the evening and this last peal of the tour proved to be one of the best, and it gave as much pleasure to those listening as it did to those performing. Castle Cary was visited during the evening by those not otherwise engaged.

Good-bye to Somerset was said after service ringing at Shepton Mallet on Sunday morning, and this terminated a memorable week. It is well known that the ringers within the Bath and Wells Diocese have had parties of ringers visiting them before, but again a warm welcome was extended, new friendships were made and it is sincerely hoped that this year's tourists have made a favourable impression by their conduct and ability. The taste of ringing in their midst has been sweet indeed, and it would be very nice to mention personalities, a host of incumbents and local ringers, who contributed in no small measure to the success of the tour, but some may be inadvertently omitted, and so it is hoped that this conclusion may be a message of thanks to all from some appreciative friends and brother ringers.

T. J. L.

Two Stansted Veterans Honoured

On Thursday, September 11th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung at St. Mary's, Stansted, in honour of the brothers Messrs. Walter and William T. Prior, whose birthdays fell a few days before. Mr. Walter Prior is now 83 and Mr. William T. Prior 81.

They have been associated with ringing at St. Michael's, Bishop's Stortford, and St. Mary's, Stansted, for over 65 years. They rang their first peal (Bob Major) together on December 31st, 1888, at Bishop's Stortford, and since then have taken part in many peals in various methods, including London Surprise Major.

The pleasure of the occasion was greatly enhanced by the fact that Mr. William T. Prior was able to take part in the quarter-peal himself. At the conclusion of the ringing the company wished him and his brother many happy returns and expressed the hope that they would ring many more quarters in the future.

The ringers were: W. T. Prior 1, F. Springham 2, H. Watts 3, F. Bird 4, H. Bird 5, F. W. Tharby 6, R. Hayden 7, P. A. F. Chalk (conductor) 8.

P. A. F. C.

Gloucester and Bristol Association

The quarterly meeting of the Swindon branch was held at Stratton St. Margaret on September 13th and visitors were welcomed from Burford, Cromhall, Charlbury, Fairford and Prestbury. The bells are a light, easy-going eight, and it is regrettable that they are seldom rung. A well-prepared service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. R. G. Wolsey) and the choir was in attendance.

At the business meeting it was proposed that meetings be held at Wanborough, Rodbourne Cheney and Christ Church, Swindon, during the next three months. The ringing covered a fairly wide field, including standard methods, Little Bob, Forward, Oxford, Double Norwich, Superlative and Cambridge Major.

OUTINGS IN PROSE AND VERSE

FROM LLANBADARN FAWR TO HEREFORD

Saturday, Sept. 6th, saw 16 pseudo-scientific sightseers start something. Seven, and even seven-thirty, was too early for one young lady of 18, who swings a tenor better than any other bell, so the party left Llanbadarn Fawr, Cardiganshire, for their second annual tour, somewhat behind the clock while the seventeenth member blissfully slept on.

In the hoar frost of the morning, the first stop was at Nantmel — romantically 'Honeybrook' in English—where the Vicar and Mr. Mills, the captain, were greeting the visitors cordially. A smallish tower and longish ropes provided good exercise for a young band.

Next came Llanbadarn Fawr, three miles away, to ring a generally undisturbed good-going five. Romance was in the air, for the visiting Vicar, the Rev. O. G. Rees, with Mrs. Rees, was meeting his former companion of college days and best man too, the Rev. W. Bevan Griffiths. Snapshots outside the church by photographer-ringer Miss Ann Morgan completed a pleasant picture.

At New Radnor, foreman Mr. W. Evans had very kindly prepared for the West Walians' arrival, and the Vicar came along to greet the party after their morning coffee. Further on the route the larger tower of Kington had all the signs of the Herefordshire Diocesan Guild once more reporting mounting membership.

Thanks to Mr. Wilfrid F. Moreton, the cider city of Hereford provided a delightful lunch for the young people before the journey to quiet Burghill, where, through the good offices of the Rev. E. G. Benson, the belfry, with its nicely toned ring, provided the only eight of the day. This was a journey past the asylum, fortunately! Thence to the Rev. C. T. Cottrell's St. Nicholas'. Once again the boys and girls were denied the pleasure of meeting the captain. There was, however, the novelty of an anti-clockwise six and the amusement of noting the sudden sharpening of the wits of the erstwhile clockwisers! Thereafter the leader relaxed, having seen his young band handle long draught ropes, introduced them to some stranger features, and virtually assured himself that the rest of the tour would bring further joys of enthusiasm.

To all the reverend gentlemen and other kind friends very many thanks. The teenagers brought Messrs. Grandsire and Stedman with them, a little disguised here and there perhaps, and took back with them greater hopes and much gratitude to their own Llanbadarn Fawr by Cardigan Bay an hour before midnight.

IN THE COTSWOLD COUNTRY

The Tewkesbury Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association held its annual outing on September 13th and the event was most successful, being voted as 'the best ever.' The Cotswold country was visited, Broadway St. Eadburgh's being the first call, where Mr. Lovell, churchwarden and ringer, met us. An hour's ringing on the six was thoroughly enjoyed.

Then followed a call at Moreton-in-the-Marsh, which was the most disappointing of the day. The eight here did not go too well and trouble was experienced with ropes jumping wheels, etc. However, Mr. Bryan, the captain, was there to welcome us and to put matters right. Chipping Norton came next and ringing was enjoyed until lunch.

Half an hour's run took us to Charlbury's six, where the Vicar (the Rev. T. J. Wood), the tower captain and branch secretary welcomed us. An hour's ringing and then on to Burford and a glorious eight. Here the time went too quickly and all left with the hope that we may have the opportunity to return one day. Saying goodbye to Mr. Dixon, the worthy tower captain, who had welcomed us, we departed for tea, which was thoroughly enjoyed at the Highway Hotel, Burford.

Northleach was the final call, where Mr. Acock met us. Ringing was enjoyed until 8 p.m. when adjournment was made for refreshment interspersed with touches of various methods on the handbells, which had been thoughtfully supplied by the members of Leigh tower.

The branch expresses its appreciation to all who contributed to the success of the outing, particularly to Group Capt. T. V. Lister, who organised it, not forgetting the various incumbents who kindly allowed the branch the use of their bells. J. B.

THE ANNUAL OUTING

Inspired by Newcastle Ringers' Visit to Cumberland

(Sung to the tune of the Tyneside Anthem, 'Blaydon Races').

The day we went the Ringers' Trip, 'twas August Bank Holiday Mon.,
Nineteen hundred and fifty two, beneath a watery sun,
We tyuk the bus from Bewick Street, an' ivery seat was full,
Away we went alang Scotswood Road, as off we went to pull.

Chorus.

Oh me lads, ye shud a hord w' ringin',
Pullin' the bells wi'aall wor might, a-dongin' an' a-dingin',
There were rings of six an' rings of eight, conductors yellin' an' shoutin',
The day we went to Cumberland, for the Ringers' Annual Outin'.

We flew past Armstrang's Factory, an' reet through Blaydon Toon.
By noo the sun had gone away, the rain was pourin' doon,
The rain it poured doon cats an' dogs, the sky it was quite grey,
Ye cudn't expect ne better on, August Bank Holiday.

Chorus.

But when we got to Brampton the sun was oot once more,
So oot the bus, alang the street, an' through the belfry door,
The thord it was an aaful brute, a deadly type of bell,
An' anybody ringin' it, he had to pull like *@&!?

Chorus.

We stopped at Carlisle for wor lunch, an' oh we wor se holla,
But when we'd eaten aal we cud, mair ringin' was to folla,
St. Andrew Penrith after tea—a smashin' ring were they,
Indeed it was the best o' rings, we'd visited that day.

Chorus.

We stopped at Alston for a pint, then aff we went agyen,
An' then we had a paper fight, which lasted halfway hyem,
We stopped the bus at Hexham, but didn't stay for lang,
The beer we think had bordseed in, for we aal borst into sang.

Chorus.

We sung from Hexham to Newcastle, by noo 'twas gettin' dark,
We cudn't see St. Stephen's as we past the Cruddas Park,
But when we got to Bewick Street, an' saa the 'Premier Tower'*
We knew the Annual Outing, once agyen was ower.

Combined effort of K. and J. B. S.

* Newcastle Cathedral.

FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World' of Sept. 27th, 1912

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

The Norwich Diocesan Association

On Thursday, Sept. 19th, 1912, in 3 hours and 3 minutes

At the Church of St. Peter

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5,088 CHANGES

Tenor 8 cwt.

Frederick R. Borrett ..	Treble
Rev. Wm. C. Pearson	2
James F. Duffield ..	3
Edward P. Duffield ..	4
William C. Duffield ..	5
Robert H. Hayward ..	6
Leonard E. Last ..	7
William L. Duffield ..	Tenor

Composed by H. Dains.

Conducted by F. R. Borrett.

The ringers of 3, 4, 5 and 7 are respectively 12, 13, 16 and 15 years of age.

[Another notable member of the band was the Vicar, the Rev. W. C. Pearson, who founded the Cambridge University Guild, then known as the 'Clare Society of Ringers,' in 1879. His father and he held the living continuously for a century or more.]

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Western District

The quarterly meeting of the Western District was held at Oxenhope on September 6th and attended by about twenty members, representing nine towers. Early arrivals soon had the bells going, and the vice-president, arriving with the second contingent, was just in time to give younger members a lesson in rope-splicing.

Ringing then continued until 5 p.m., when the two members who had sent in their names for tea went into the village for meat salad, trifle and cakes, leaving the main body to eat their sandwiches in the schoolroom.

At the business meeting, presided over by Mr. P. J. Johnson, the usual votes of thanks were passed, and Rothwell was selected as the place of the next meeting on December 20th if available. It was generally agreed that the small attendance was largely due to the remoteness of Oxenhope from the main ringing centres and to the rather prohibitive price of the tea.

The election of a member to the vacant seat on the committee was postponed until the next meeting, as it was considered that there were insufficient members present to hold an election. Any nominations should be sent to the district secretary.

Further ringing followed the business meeting and at 8.30 p.m. the bells were lowered in peal, bringing to a close a most enjoyable meeting.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

IRREGULAR LEAD END METHODS

Dear Sir,—In past months there has been much discussion in 'The Ringing World' about methods with irregular lead ends. I should like to add a few comments to that discussion.

Putting on one side for a moment the admirable editorial by Mr. Pink, there are still many questions to be answered by those who wish to ban methods without Plain Bob lead ends. Firstly, what is the attitude of such men to odd bell methods having two hunt bells? Secondly, what is their attitude to the introduction of new principles on the lines of Stedman and Duffield?

From the way in which efforts are being made to stamp out the use of relatively simple methods like Canterbury Pleasure in peal ringing, one is led to believe that it is very lucky that methods like Stedman and Grandsire have already been generally accepted. It is easy to imagine that if seven-bell ringing had developed with all 'inside' bells doing the same work (as in, say, Penning's Bob) and Grandsire were a new idea, it would be received with horror. Think how terribly irregular a method with two hunts would appear if the idea were new, and how much more so would Stedman appear.

In other words, the Exercise has in the past got used to much more revolutionary ideas than that of an irregular lead end and has turned them to very good use. As I think has been recently shown in 'The Ringing World,' there are many more sets of lead ends than the Plain Bob group, and it is more than likely that there are a great number of admirable methods in those groups.

Finally, even if such methods ARE second rate, which I do not myself believe, is it good to ban them? Is it fair? Nobody makes any attempt to ban dance bands because there is music by Beethoven to listen to. In other words, tastes differ. If a man wants to ring an irregular method, or even a second rate one AND can find others of like mind, let him. I can think of no other field in which minority ideas can be so easily catered for. Just give the party a tower and nobody outside is compelled to listen to an odd method! Let the peal only be true and the striking good.

Which brings us back to Mr. Pink's suggestion. HAS the Central Council the right to tell us what we may or may not ring to the glory of God? I am in complete agreement with him in thinking it has not. However, I am of the opinion that it would be much better for the Exercise if the Central Council tactfully allowed those who have strong views on the subject to abide by them, and not to attempt to dictate one way or the other.

In considering the editorial by Mr. Pink, I should like to add that no peal of his that I have seen has been without some connection with the Church, and few better people are available to express the ideas he has.—Yours sincerely,

MALCOLM S. CLOKE.

Hawkhurst, Kent.

[NOTE.—The Central Council has made it clear on more than one occasion that it has no desire to dictate to ringers what they should ring. The Council, however, stipulates what it recognises as a peal to be recorded in its records.—Ed.]

ONE-HANDED CLOCKS

Dear Sir,—Perhaps some of your correspondents on the above subject would be interested to know that there is a one-handed clock in Birmingham. It is situated in the back smoke room of the Trocadero in Temple Street. It is at present not in working order, probably due to one missing hand.—Yours faithfully,

BRYAN WOOLLEY.

Birmingham.

MR. C. H. HATTERSLEY'S PEAL

Dear Sir,—Re Mr. P. Green's letter, my parents were not even courting in 1889, but married in the 90's. My ringing commenced in 1921. I have not seen a 'Bell News' or 'Ringers' Record,' and, as far as Mr. Hattersley is concerned, I have none of his compositions, nor have I seen any. When I got my figures together it was for Yorkshire Surprise Major, and as Yorkshire was not even thought about in 1889, I shall still claim my figures for that method. Now I find many more Surprise Major methods will go to this composition.

Perhaps Mr. Green will publish or at least send the figures on to you, as Editor of 'The Ringing World,' for I am informed from another source they are based on a Mr. Reeves' peal. As in law, a patent is void after 50 years, so, I presume, are figures except if they are in the Central Council Collection.—Yours faithfully,

FRANK WARRINGTON.

VISITING AUSTRALIA

Dear Sir,—In the Belfry Gossip column of 'The Ringing World' dated July 18th there was a paragraph about Mr. Stafford H. Green, of Devon, sailing to Australia on October 29th, but it does not say to what part of Australia he is coming to.

If we could have information when ringers such as Mr. Green are leaving and to what part of Australia they are coming to, we could make contact with them before they leave or when they arrive here.

Last year you mentioned in your columns about another ringer from Chester immigrating to this country, but did not say to what part, but fortunately he contacted us and we now have his services. I have also met two other ringers, but they seldom bother to ring.

I appeal to all who intend to visit or immigrate to Australia to let us know of their place of destination and we will be only too happy to greet them.—Yours faithfully,

R. FERRIS.

126, Thomas Street, Parramatta, N.S.W.

THE WRITTEN WORD

Sir,—I found the letter under the heading, 'The Written Word,' on page 571, very interesting, and it contains a great number of truths, but the last sentence rather amused me. 'He' writes, 'Let us fight openly and honestly and happily and then forget it,' and then promptly signs himself, 'Nona.' He wasn't given this name at his baptism.—Yours faithfully,

DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD.

Buckley, Chester.

KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB

Dear Sir,—Mr. Maurice Hodgson's admirable exposition of the various mixtures of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob omitted to say one thing. These two methods can be spliced in complete leads in the normal way, and there is not the slightest need for these mongrel concoctions to be used at all. All methods we ring are symmetrical about the half-lead—a decision of the Central Council many years ago, and one which does not, so far, appear to have come under fire! Why these versions of Treble Bob, involving as they do the use of an assymetrical method which is neither Kent nor Oxford, are still tolerated, goodness knows.—Yours faithfully,

'B.'

48-MINUTE CLOCK

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. P. Amos, I find 48-minute clocks in abundance whilst travelling around Rutland at the summer festival meeting. I noted the first at Edith Weston and the second at Greetham, the latter being a one-hand clock.—Yours sincerely.

ERIC NOBLES.

Duston, Northants.

SHEFFIELD & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Silver Cup Contest

A record crowd saw Handsworth win the cup after a thrilling contest at Treeton; their nearest rivals were Sheffield Cathedral, who just failed by a narrow margin. A high standard of ringing was maintained by the other three teams taking part, although Rotherham Parish Church and Whiston rang out and Bolsover, the holders, were off form. The contest was very ably judged by Mr. H. T. Rooke and Mr. F. Flint, of Warsop, and afterwards a tea was served in the Church Schools.

At the business meeting which followed, the Rector of Treeton, the Rev. T. P. Hounsfield, acted as chairman, and, after hearing the judges' decision, he called upon the winning captain to step forward and receive the cup. A very sporting gesture by the Handsworth leader (Mr. J. J. L. Gilbert) was much appreciated when he suggested that Mrs. J. E. Turley, being the only lady member of the team, should have the honour in his stead; this she did amid applause.

Further ringing took place in the town and a few ringers adjourned to the local hostelry, where the cup was passed round to winners and losers alike.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

Half-Yearly Meeting at Heydour

This meeting was held at Heydour, a village off the beaten track with its bells made famous by the record length of London which was rung here on October 4th, 1947. An attendance of about 80 members and friends enjoyed ringing on this very nice eight. The service was conducted by Canon C. H. Leeke, president of the Guild's Southern Branch.

After a picnic tea the business meeting was held in the schoolroom, presided over by the Guild Master, Mr. J. A. Freeman.

The question of a Guild badge has been under consideration for some time; a type was decided upon and it is hoped that a supply will soon be available.

To avoid confusion in the future it was decided that the Guild half-yearly meetings be held each year on the second Saturday in September. The hon. secretary thanked the members for their co-operation in connection with the Central Council's visit to Lincoln.

A warm welcome was extended to the visitors by the Master. Mr. K. S. B. Croft (Southampton), Mr. C. McGuiness (Newcastle) and Mr. A. W. Coles (North Mimms) responded.

The members were later joined in the tower by friends from Leicester, Loughborough, etc.

PLAIN BOB WITH FOUR BLOWS BEHIND

Dear Sir,—Re the argument about the Central Council rulings regarding methods with irregular lead ends, I should like to see the Council state that Plain Bob be ruled out the same as Grandsire on even bells, with bells lying four blows behind.

Each association sends members or representatives to the Council, whom we members of the ringing associatons consider the Central Council for legal government of ringing, and their decisions are ringing laws; the same as other matters in connection with rules, or else the Council is useless.—Yours faithfully,

WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

Gillingham, Kent.

TWO TOWER BELLS TO A PEAL

Dear Sir,—I was talking to a bell-ringer some time ago and he told me he has rung two bells at once. Is this possible and has anybody else ever tried or do any of your readers know of such cases?—Yours faithfully,

MARION STUBBINGS.

Sandon, Chelmsford.

[NOTE.—There are many occasions on which a ringer has rung two tower bells to a peal, the most frequent exponent being Mr. Tony Price.—Ed.]

FOR BEGINNERS—AND A WORD TO THE OLDER HANDS

XIII.—CALLING STEDMAN TRIPLES

There are many ringers who are fond of ringing Stedman Triples, but never trouble themselves about the calling of it, yet Stedman Triples is a very interesting method to conduct. It is a method that keeps the conductor specially alert by reason of the constantly changing coursing order of the bells.

In this method, as in any other, the young conductor should aim at a certain amount of proficiency in keeping the bells right, and he can obtain it by study and practice. There are some ringers who can follow the working of the bells 'in the slow,' wherever they may be themselves, and while that is the ideal standard to which every Stedman conductor should try to attain, there is no reason for a ringer to be discouraged if he finds his abilities do not reach as far as that. He can content himself with much less and still have a good working knowledge of his job, if he will really study the subject on paper as well as in the tower.

It is hardly necessary, perhaps, to tell the budding Stedman conductor that a bob in the method can be made at any 'six.' The bob change is the first change of the 'six' and, therefore, has actually to be called before the end of the previous 'six'—usually at the handstroke change before the 'six-end.'

Usually touches and peals are composed with the 7th as the 'observation' bell and, except sometimes at singles, it is not usually disturbed. Accordingly, bobs have to be made when the 7th is below 5ths place, which means that they must come when the 7th is in 5—4 down, in the slow, or when it is a quick bell.

There are six times when a bob may be called while the 7th is a 'slow' bell and two in which a call may be made while it is 'quick,' without disturbing its course. The bob places are known by the number of the 'six' in the course.

A bob at 3 is called when the 7th is completing its dodging in 5—4 (down) before going in 'slow.'

A bob at 4 at the first handstroke of the first whole-turn.

A bob at 5 at the handstroke of the 3rds place before the first half-turn.

A bob at 6 at the handstroke before the last half-turn.

A bob at 7 at the first handstroke of the last whole-turn.

A bob at 8 at the handstroke in 3rds place before going out of the slow.

A bob at 12 is called when the 7th is completing its dodging in 5—4 (down) before going in 'Quick.'

A bob at 13 at the handstroke in 2nds on the way out.

Usually bobs come in pairs in Stedman; that is, a bob at 3 is followed by one at 4; a bob at 5 by one at 6; a bob at 7 by one at 8; and a bob at 12 by one at 13.

A pair of bobs at 3—4 is sometimes indicated by the letter S (meaning 'Slow'); at 5—6 by H (meaning half-turn); at 7—8 by L (meaning Last whole-turn); and at 12—13 by Q (meaning 'Quick'). The calling of your touch or peal may be written either way. For instance, here is a touch of 252 :

2 3 1 4 5 6 7	5—6	12—13	2 3 1 4 5 6 7	H	Q
3 4 5 2 6 1 7	—	—	3 4 5 2 6 1 7	—	—
4 2 6 3 1 5 7	—	—	4 2 6 3 1 5 7	—	—
2 3 1 4 5 6 7	—	—	2 3 1 4 5 6 7	—	—

At any time you want two courses, or 168, you can get it by calling any one of the pairs of bobs in each course; thus 3—4 twice or 5—6 twice, etc. Three courses are produced by calling any one pair twice followed by another later pair twice as 3—4, 3—4, 12—13, 12—13; but remember the two middle pairs are in the same course.

This is how you can work out touches for yourself;

For 2 courses, call either S.L., S.Q., or L.Q., and repeat.

For 3 courses, in addition to those mentioned above, you can call either S.H.L. or H.Q. three times.

For 5 courses either S.H., S.H.Q., H.L. or H.L.Q. five times.

You can join some of the touches together to lengthen them, as long as in doing so you do not ring more than a plain course without a bob. You may run the risk, in some instances, of ringing a false touch (by a repetition of changes), but that is not a serious matter when you are practising calling. For instance, if you have rung two courses produced by calling S.L. twice, you cannot get a true touch by tacking on Q. twice, because S.L.Q. is a touch which produces rounds and would, therefore, bring you back to changes which you have already rung.

THE LATE DR. J. C. E. SIMPSON'S PEALS

We record herewith the peals of the late Dr James C. E. Simpson, whose early death is deeply deplored by the Exercise:—

Minor.—Oxford Treble Bob 1 (conducted 1); 3 methods 1; 4 methods 1 (1); 5 methods 4 (3); 6 methods 1 (1); 7 methods 3 (2); 7 Surprise methods 2.

Triples.—Grandsire 2; Stedman 13.

Major.—Plain Bob 15 (10); Double Norwich Court Bob 27 (10); Little Bob 1 (1); Double Oxford Bob 1 (1); Loughborough Bob 1 (1); Double Coslany Court 1; Cheltenham Bob 1 (1); St. Clement's Bob 1 (1); Gonville Bob 1 (1); Pershore Bob 1; St. Lawrence Bob 1 (1); Kent Treble Bob 16 (13); Oxford Treble Bob 6 (5); Combined Kent and Oxford 1 (1); Albion Treble Bob 1 (1); Cambridge Surprise 65 (35 and 1 non-conducted); Superlative Surprise 44 (19); New Cambridge Surprise 7 (6); Yorkshire Surprise 21 (7); Bristol Surprise 39 (19 and 1 non-conducted); London Surprise 61 (45 and 1 non-conducted); Rochester Surprise 7 (2); Norfolk Surprise 3; Lincolnshire Surprise 3 (2); Rutland Surprise 3 (3); Liverpool Surprise 3 (2); Pudsey Surprise 3 (1); Wembley Surprise 2 (1); Eastcote Surprise 2 (2); Northchurch Surprise 1; Napsbury Surprise 1; Wallasey Surprise 1; Edinburgh Surprise 1 (1); Ipswich Surprise 1 (1); Cheshire Surprise 1 (1); Watford Surprise 1 (1); Guildford Surprise 1; Glasgow Surprise 1 (1); Ashtead Surprise 1; Kendal Surprise 1; Claybrooke Surprise 1 (1); Hanbury Surprise 1 (1); Ealing Surprise 1 (1).

Spliced Surprise Major. — Cambridge and Superlative 1 (1); 4 methods 20 (13 and 1 non-conducted); 5 methods 2 (2); 6 methods 4 (incl. 6,496) (4); 8 methods 4 (incl. 8,032) (4); 12 methods 3 (1).

Caters.—Grandsire 1; Stedman 11.

Royal.—Plain Bob 1; Little Bob 1; St. Clement's Bob 1; Isleworth Bob 1; Double Norwich Court Bob 1; Kent Treble Bob 5 (1); Combined Oxford and Kent 1; Cambridge Surprise 29 (incl. 15,480) (9); Yorkshire Surprise 7 (incl. first Surprise Royal in Scotland); Rochester Surprise 4 (3); Rutland Surprise 4; London Surprise (No. 3) 4 (1); Pudsey Surprise 1; Lindsey Surprise 1; New Cambridge Surprise 1.

Spliced Surprise Royal. — Cambridge and Yorkshire 1.

Cinques.—Stedman 21; Erin 1.

Maximus.—Plain Bob 3 (2); Little Bob 1; Kent Treble Bob 2 (1); Oxford Treble Bob 1 Cambridge Surprise 16 (incl. first in north of England and first in Ireland) (4); New Cambridge Surprise 2; Yorkshire Surprise 6 (1); Rochester Surprise 1; total 543 (conducted 254 and 4 non-conducted).

OLDHAM CHANGE RINGERS

Provide Popular Stall at Hobbies Exhibition

For the second time, Oldham has been entertained by an Exhibition of Leisure Time Activities. Last year it was organised by the town's education authorities, but this time it was the Oldham and District Association of Societies which was responsible. This association was formed, after the last exhibition, by societies who took part in it. Almost every type of hobby was represented: among them were aquarists, model engineers, philatelists, speliologists, sports-fans, youth organisations and—campanologists! The bellringers' stand this time was by the Oldham and District Society of Changeringers, which was re-formed (after lapsing into obscurity during the war years) following last year's exhibition.

The exhibits were somewhat similar to the previous show: handbells, bellropes, models, diagrams, charts, books, photographs, etc., and a small bell of about 2¼ cwt. which was cast in 1756. The show was open during the evenings from Monday to Friday and afternoon and evening of Saturday. For a short while the stand was treated with similar respect to an unexploded bomb—with curiosity from a distance! However, the tinkling of a model bell during a demonstration to a more adventurous type soon brought the people along, and from then on it was almost a continuous stream.

The questions asked and the explanations requested soon gave us proof of real interest. As was expected, very few people knew anything whatever about the subject, and naturally were astounded at the knowledge imparted to them. All, that is, except the schoolboy who said that the steward's information did not correspond with the details given in his weekly comic, and so we were wrong! A Latvian lady, beautiful and resplendent in her national costume, proved a very interested listener, as also was the steward when the lady spoke of the bells in Latvia. Considerable difficulty was experienced in trying to explain to two Ukrainian gentlemen, who just could not visualise the business whatsoever. We compromised by inviting them specially to the tower to watch proceedings! A young lady—also in national costume—from the Ukraine was also baffled by the full swinging bell, AND the language difficulty. She laughingly gave up the struggle!

Two or three times each evening, when circumstances allowed, a plain course of Grandsire Doubles or Triples was rung by members standing in front of the stand, the visitors simply flocking round each time. One gentleman insisted that we ring Doubles three times in order that he could watch each ringer to see who was giving signals or instructions.

On the Thursday evening a tune-ringing concert was given by the Oldham Handbell Ringers in the exhibition concert room and proved to be a tremendous success. Numerous visitors approached the writer after the concert and commended in no uncertain manner the beauty of the bells and the ringing. Just how many visitors passed through the exhibition we cannot yet say, but the local Press has given the association a remarkable 'write-up,' and ask that next time the exhibition be held at the Town Hall; suggesting also that it is most certainly worthy of more support and interest from the 'city fathers.'—E. C.

Members of the East Devon Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers met at Sidmouth Parish Church at 9.15 a.m. on September 14th, and rang for the Communion service, after which all took part in the service. The Vicar, Preb. Ball, visited the belfry and expressed his pleasure at seeing the ringers take part in the service.

THE SOCIETY OF RAMBLING RINGERS

(Continued from page 604)

SUNDAY morning found us ringing at Tiverton (8, 25 cwt.). The bells are a beautiful ring, full of tone and really splendid 'go.' We had a company of the locals watching us, and I do not think that we discredited ourselves.

After attending evensong at the Cathedral at Exeter, we ascended the belfry with some trepidation. But once the bells were raised (six men to the tenor) and set going to Grandsire Caters, our doubts quickly vanished. and a good course was had. The 2½ hours spent here were unexpected but thoroughly enjoyed. A section of the party reluctantly left the Cathedral early for evening service, ringing at Heavitree (8, 25 cwt.). Their self-sacrifice was rewarded with a really fine ring of bells. Despite the fact that the ringers were devoid of many of the 'cracks,' they executed the ringing well, and left a good impression, or so we believe. In the evening we rang at Alphington (8, 16 cwt.), a call-change tower, obvious by the length of ropes and numerous certificates. What a pity it was that with some of the call-change ringers listening we could not have emulated some of our previous performances.

After the usual nightcap we made our way back to Exeter. On the return journey Denis Mottershead took it upon himself to give his first practical demonstration of the law of conservation of linear momentum. The leading cyclist decided to try his brakes, hence the demonstration, plus an attempt to fly without wings. Ottery St. Mary (8, 18 cwt.) was the next port of call, with a reasonable eight accompanied by reasonable ringing. At Axminster (8, 25 cwt.) the fine tone of the bells was not paralleled by the ringing, due in no small way to the arrival in oddments of the experts.

At Chard (8, 23 cwt., quite a good ring) there was a vast improvement in the ringing. South Petherton (8, 25 cwt.), with its fine octagonal tower and hopelessly flat tenor, was next visited. Thank goodness the ringing here was not as flat as the tenor! The first seven bells were of glorious tone, followed by the horrible discordant clank of the tenor. At Martock, ringing on the grand eight (tenor 25 cwt.), together with a grand course of Bristol, completed another enjoyable day.

ANOTHER WEIGHTY DAY

Tuesday, 12th, began another day of weight, the first tower on the list being the magnificent ring of ten (tenor 40 cwt.) at Yeovil. Here a local ringer complimented us on a fast course of Cambridge Royal. Then to Sherborne (8, 46 cwt.), where the best course of Yorkshire of the tour was rung. This grand ring of bells is best summed up in the words of one of the ringers when we first pulled off in rounds, 'This is it!' Miss Jean Brooks again showed her prowess by ringing the tenor. The heaviest ringing six in the world, Queen Camel (tenor 36 cwt.), were then visited. These are really a grand ring, but the slow pace of ringing almost beat us. The relatively light but noisy six (tenor 17 cwt.) at Crowcombe came as a welcome rest after all the weight.

Shepton Mallet (8, 25 cwt.) was the first tower visited on Wednesday. Here the tenor and seventh box join and are of the same height. Then came another octagonal tower and another out of tune tenor (Doulting, 6, 24 cwt.). Mr. Denis Mottershead, not to be suppressed, decided to give another practical demonstration, this time impulsive tensions in chains (cycle). The net result of all the complex stresses set up—one irreparable cycle and one deposited Dennis. Thereafter, by the aid of his thumb and the ferry service of the motor-cycle, the honourable gentleman managed to remain with us for almost the rest of the tour. The next tower, Bradford (8, 30 cwt.) was obtained thanks to the efforts of Roger O. Fry, to whom we were very grateful, as the bells are a fine ring. The wildly gyrating tower of Batheaston was the last call of the day. The bells (6, 18 cwt.) went their full weight, due solely to the intricate patterns woven by the tower. In the 'local' afterwards, a sing-song was held, led by a member of the Roving Ringers!

A disappointment awaited us at our first tower on Thursday, Corsham. The bells were unringable due to the condition of the ropes, the relative letter from the Rector not reaching the hon. secretary. Due to the kindness of the Rector of Lacock (6, 14 cwt.), we were able to tower-grab here instead. Thence on to Chippenham, where the eights (tenors 20 and 16 cwts.) were much enjoyed, especially the tone of St. Andrew's. The eight (tenor 24 cwt.) were then sampled at Calne. In the evening, after a long wait whilst the Ringing Master found the belfry key from a huge bunch of keys, the five (tenor 12 cwt.) at Aston Keynes were rung.

MORE 'THUMBING'

On Friday the two similar eights as regards weight of Fairford and Burford (both 17 cwt.) were rung. But Burford had by far the better ring. Owing to the condition of the two pillion riders, the motor-cyclist thought it advisable to leave them in Burford. Nevertheless, the power of the thumb prevailed and the aforementioned gentlemen arrived not too late at the next tower, Hook Norton (8, 20 cwt.). This was a grand ring of bells and much enjoyed. Here also we had a ring with the parson, a quite unusual event. The two 'high' members, just to show their independence, said they would make the youth hostel under their own steam. Their efforts were rewarded, for they managed to obtain a ring at Banbury (10, 17 cwt.) after a peal of London Royal had come to grief. Harwell (5, 9 cwt.) was the last tower of the day.

On Saturday we saw no more of the cycleless one—what had happened to him we did not know. Byfield (6, 13 cwt.) was visited and the 'go' of the bells found a bit sluggish. Thence to Daventry and a ring on the anticlockwise eight (tenor 18 cwt.). The ringing at Market Harborough was the poorest of the tour, due to the fact that all were tired after a hard two weeks. The six (11 cwt.) at Hallerton, after trouble with clock hammers, finished up the day.

Service ringing next morning was carried out at Wissendine (6, 17 cwt.). As the bells of this church were fallen in peal and as the dying hum of the bells blended with the opening notes of the first hymn, we then knew that the tour was at last over.

The methods rung during the week were: Cinques: Grandsire. Royal: Cambridge, St. Lawrence Little Bob, Kent, Plain, Little Bob. Caters: Grandsire, Stedman. Major: London, Bristol, Cambridge, Superlative, Rutland, Yorkshire, Braunstone, New Cambridge Surprise, Double Stedman, Double Norwich, Kent, Plain, Little, Gainsborough, Original, Spliced 2 and 3 Surprise, Spliced 2 and 3 Plain. Triples: Grandsire, Stedman. Minor: London, Wells, York, Durham, Ipswich, Norwich, Primrose, Cambridge, Double and Single Court, Double and Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Thelwall, Childwall, College Single, Plain Original, Kent, Oxford. Doubles: St. Simon's, New, Stedman, Grandsire, Orpheus, Plain.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This was held in Batheaston belfry under the chairmanship of the Master.

Officers elected: Ringing Master, John E. Cook; Assistant Ringing Masters, John B. Bennett and Dennis Mottershead; hon. secretary, John E. Cook.

The accounts were then read and accepted, together with the minutes of the last meeting.

The tour for next year will be in the area of Norfolk and Suffolk, the date to be the same as this year (first two whole weeks in August).

A vote of thanks was proposed to Margaret A. Swan and David S. Harris for organising the tour, and also the incumbents and local ringers at the various towers for all the help they gave us.

J. E. C.

OBITUARY

MR. E. J. AVERY

Eddie Avery, as he was affectionately called, died of cancer on September 19th last, at the age of 48. He was a brave man, for in spite of pain, and his own certainty of approaching early death, he kept his cheerfulness to the last, and concealed from others the gravity of his illness. No one ever saw him angry. Even when things went wrong, and other men would probably have lost their tempers, he remained serene. His loss means a great deal to the community in that corner of Somerset in which he lived. He was the moving spirit of village organisations and never spared himself on behalf of others. He was the secretary of the largest branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association of Change Ringers, and his place will be indeed hard to fill.

Evidence of the high esteem in which he was held was shown by the large number of mourners. The church at Sandford where he was buried was full, and scores of people were unable to get in. Ringers were present from the Axbridge, Bath, Cary, Chew, Bridgwater and Frome branches; ringers carried the corpse to the grave, and ringers from the Cary, Chew and Frome branches rang Grandsire Triples over it. Long after the burial was over ringers hung about in groups as though loath to tear themselves away, and there was scarcely a dry eye.

AN APPRECIATION

It was with deepest regret that I read of the passing of Mr. Avery and with feelings of personal loss I should like to pay my humble tribute to a true gentleman. I have been a fairly frequent visitor to the Axbridge Branch meetings, both before and since the war, and have always greatly appreciated Eddie's warm welcome and cheerful smile and his keenness to 'have a go' at any method suggested, and these will be greatly missed in the future. To those who were near and dear to him and to the Axbridge Branch I extend my most sincere sympathy. May he rest in peace.—E. T. P. F.

THE REV. R. HORNE

A good friend of ringers, the Rev. R. Horne, Vicar of St. Andrew's, West Hillingdon, for nearly 23 years, has died. He was an honorary member of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild for some 20 years.

On September 8th a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples, half-muffled, was rung by the following members of the Hillingdon band: P. E. Jones 1, T. G. Bannister 2, Mrs. A. R. Turley 3, W. H. Coles 4, A. R. Turley 5, F. Corke (cond.) 6, H. Impey 7, S. Humphreys 8.

MR. GEORGE BASFORD

Mr. George Basford, who was 74 years of age, collapsed in Finedon Parish Church during evensong on September 14th and died immediately. The funeral took place in Finedon Cemetery on September 18th. Chief mourners were Mrs. Basford (widow) and two daughters, Miss W. Basford (Finedon) and Mrs. I. Corney (Bristol). Also present were Messrs. J. Main, E. Chapman, C. Richardson, H. Tompkins and P. Manning (former colleagues in the belfry), T. Garley (Isham) and A. Bigley (Wellingborough branch secretary of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild).

Half-muffled ringing took place during the evening, those participating being Messrs. E. W. Whitmore (Raunds), J. Watson (Burton Latimer), H. Pettit (Burton Latimer), A. Bigley, J. Skerritt and W. Perkins (Irthlingborough) and J. King (Wellingborough), together with the local ringers.

Ill-health prevented Mr. Basford from getting about in recent years, but during his 40 years' ringing career he was towerkeeper at Finedon and a member of the Guild Committee for over 20 years prior to 1943. Amongst the 130 (approx.) peals which he had rung were peals of Superlative, Cambridge, Bristol and London Surprise Major.

IRISH ASSOCIATION

Cork Cathedral Has a Local Company

A ringers' service was held in St. Finbarre's Cathedral, Cork, on Sunday, September 7th, to mark the reorganisation of the local bell-ringers' company. Fifty visiting ringers attended from St. Mary's Cathedral, Limerick, Waterford Cathedral, Doneraile, Ballymodan and Kilkenny, as well as representatives from the Northern and Eastern Districts.

The bells of the Cathedral (8, tenor 27 cwt.) were cast by Rudhall in 1751 and rehung for ringing in 1903 by Taylor's. They were rung up to 1914, when the local band became depleted, and were again rung from 1934 to 1939, when the frame girders became corroded. Local repairs were carried out last year, and with the transfer of a keen Limerick ringer to Cork a new team was formed and the bells are again rung regularly for the Cathedral services.

During the service handbells were rung by the St. Finbarre's ringers to changes as a background for the hymns. The lessons were read by Mr. Cyril W. Galbraith, district secretary, and Mr. Fred E. Dukes, general secretary. The Dean of Cork preached an appropriate sermon on the relationship of bells and bell-ringers with the Church.

After the service the ringers had tea in the Cathedral Schools, where the Dean welcomed them. Mr. J. E. Harris (vice-president) thanked the Dean and congratulated him and the local ringers on their great effort in ringing the beautiful Cathedral bells again. The visiting ringers made good use of the bells from early afternoon and again after tea, when touches of Plain Bob were rung.

5,056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

No. 1

By CHAS. J. SEDGLEY, IPSWICH

B	M	W	H	23456
x			—	23564
		—	3	62534
	—		2	24536
x			—	24365
		—		62345
	—	—		43526
x			—	43265
		—		64235
	—	—		32546
x			—	32465

Repeat.

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The annual 'Hoylandswaine Cup' Six Bell Contest was held, at Barnsley on September 13th. Four bands entered. Result and order of ringing:—

Sandal	..	191 Faults
Shelley	..	93 Faults
Cawthorne	..	83 Faults
Silkstone	..	119 Faults

Cawthorne were declared the winners and hold the cup for twelve months, and each ringer received a small copper jug as a prize. Canon Morley presented the cup and prizes to the winners. Mr. H. Chant was the judge. The first three bands rang Oxford and Silkstone rang Kent.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. F. Perry 1, Mrs. J. C. Northan 2, Miss S Booth 3, H. Corney 4, L. W. Bullock 5, D. J. Woodhams 6, N Phillips (first quarter as cond.) 7, A. T. Langstone 8. Birthday compliments to Miss S. Booth and H. F. Perry.

SALISBURY, WILTS.—On Sept. 14th, at St. Thomas's, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): R. Lowe 1. Miss M. Page 2. L. A. Page 3. H. H. Abrahams (cond.) 4. J. Mussell 5. E. J. Doel 6. Rung to mark the 70th anniversary of the founding of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

SAPCOTE, LEICS.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. Messenger (first quarter) 1, Miss R. Stratford 2, Miss D. Stratford 3, A. Chapman 4, M. E. Brown (cond.) 5, R. Hall 6. Rung on Wake Sunday by Sunday service band, average age 18 years.

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ROBERTS—MASSEY. — On Saturday, Sept. 20th, at St. Catherine's Church, Edge Hill, Liverpool, by the Bishop of Liverpool, assisted by the Vicar, the Rev. O. V. Eva, David Paterson, only son of the late Rev. and Mrs. David Roberts, to Georgina (Ina), only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Massey, of Liverpool. 1413

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MISCELLANEOUS

BROXBOURNE.—Owing to unforeseen difficulties, the dedication of the memorial tablet to the late Mr. G. Radley has been postponed. The new date will be published later. 1409

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting at the Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Sept. 27th. St. Mary Magdalene's, Holloway, afterwards. No ringing at St. Michael's in September.—A. B. Peck. 1310

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch. — Joint meeting with the Derbyshire Association at Chapel-en-le-Frith on Sept. 27th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15.—C. K. Lewis. 1255

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby and Ilkeston Districts. — Meeting at Breadsall on Sept. 27th at 3 p.m. Names for tea to Miss K. Tivey, 232, Chellaston Road, Derby. 1253

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Meeting at Duxford, Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. L. Martin. 1242

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting at Ash (6) on Saturday, Sept. 27th, from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—G. S. Joyce. 1243

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—District annual meeting, Sept. 27th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Parish Room 5 p.m. Names, please, to Mr .T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 1280

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Meeting at Ash-by-Wrotham (6) on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. followed tea and short business meeting.—B. W. May. 1310

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting at Christ-the-Saviour's, Ealing (8), Saturday, September 27th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Business meeting, with bells to follow at St. Stephen's (8), 6.30. Own tea arrangements.—A. M. Bailey, Dis. Sec. 1309

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION & LONDON GUILD.—Meeting at St. Andrew's, Enfield, on Saturday, Sept. 27th, at 3 p.m. Service 5.15 p.m., tea and business to follow.—T. J. Lock, Sec. 1273

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Sept. 27th, Penn (6 bells), 3.30 p.m.—Barker. 1248

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Seaford (8), Saturday, Sept. 27th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5.—P. F. Romney. 1247

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tuesday, Sept. 30th, 7.15 p.m., advanced practice, Christ Church, Ealing Broadway. Monday, Oct. 6th, 7.15 p.m., practice, St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge. Saturday, Oct. 11th, meeting, Camberwell. St. George's (8) 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea and business, Parish Hall, 113, Wells Way, 5 p.m. (names, please). St. Giles' (10), 6.45–8.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. HOU 3921. 1411

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Meeting, Preston, Thursday, Oct. 2nd. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting follow. Names by Sept. 29th to G. H. Perry, Love Lane Cottage, Sutton Poyntz, Weymouth. 1237

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—An extra-ordinary meeting will be held at Evercreech on Saturday, Oct. 4th. Business, proposed change of rules. It is essential that those requiring tea will let me know. Bells 3–4.30 p.m. and after the meeting. Service 4.30 p.m. Ditcheat bells from 7–8.30 p.m.—J. T. Dyke, Chilcompton, Bath. 1274

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Willington (6) on Oct. 4th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Special method, Kingston Treble Bob.—Michael Stephens. 1269

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Wrenbury, Oct. 4th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea MUST be received by Oct. 1st.—W. Kerr, 26, Davenham Crescent, Crewe. 1397

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Quarterly general meeting, Ripley, Oct. 4th, 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m., followed by tea at local cafes. Meeting at 6 p.m. in Church Room.—Denis R. Carlisle. 1387

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting, Heighington, Saturday, Oct. 4th, 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify by Thursday, Oct. 2nd.—D. R. Airey, 20, Westbrook Villas, Darlington. 1392

EAST DRAYTON, NOTTS.—Dedication of augmented and newly-hung ring of six, two new trebles and recast tenor, 13 cwt. (John Taylor and Co.), by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Southwell on Saturday, Oct. 4th, at 3 p.m. Tea afterwards. All welcome. Brumptons bus from Anchor Inn, Retford, 1, 3.15, 4.45 and 6.45 p.m.—H. Denman. 1400

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-West Division.—Crusader meeting, Downham (6), Oct. 4th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. Pitsea bus from Billericay to Blue House Corner 35 mins. past the hour. City bus Romford–Southend to Castledon Road, Brentwood–Shotgate to Beavoir's Chase 5 mins. past the hour. Names for tea to H. Oliver, Fremnall's Garage, Downham, Billericay. 1265

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Practice meeting at Hersham on Saturday, Oct. 4th. Bells (8), recently rehung, from 3.30. Tea at 5 p.m. IF YOU LET ME KNOW by Wednesday, Oct. 1st.—W. Simmonds, 33, Burwood Close, Hersham, Walton-on-Thames. 1398

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION. — Quarterly meeting and six-bell contest at Batley, Saturday, October 4th. For teas please notify, by Sept. 27th, D. Atkins, 37, Victoria Avenue, Batley.—A. Farrand, Hon. Sec. 1287

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Hinxworth, Saturday, Oct. 4th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special method, Oswald Delight.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 1272

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Bengeo (8 bells) on Saturday, Oct. 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. Names for tea to J. Kemp, 16, North Road Avenue, Hertford, Herts. 1267

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Elstree (6), Saturday, Oct. 4th, 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30.—R. G. Bell, 131, Hamper Hill Lane, Watford (Watford 7936). 1385

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District. — Annual district meeting at Tonbridge (8), Oct. 4th, at 3. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Names for tea by Oct. 2nd to R. A. Whitehead, 19, Deakin Leas, Tonbridge, Kent. Notes of tower activities during this year will be welcomed by secretary for his report. 1271

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Padiham on Saturday, Oct. 4th. Ringing at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify (not later than Wednesday) Mr. Parkinson, 1, Bridge Street, Padiham, near Burnley. — Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 1390

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Standish Parish Church on Saturday, Oct. 4th. For tea please send word to Mr. Birchall, 163, Preston Road, Standish. — W. O. Farrimond, Branch Sec. 1412

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Festival dinner and social on Saturday, October 4th. Bells 2.30 to 5 at St. Margaret's (12), St Mary-de-Castro (8) and St. John-the-Divine (10). Dinner 6 p.m. at the Co-operative Assembly Rooms, Uppingham Road, Leicester. Tickets 8s. 6d. each from P. J. Staniforth, 150, Narborough Road South, Leicester, until September 30th latest. 1305

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Meeting at Blankney (6), Oct. 4th. Tea for those who notify me by Wednesday previous. — C. Brown, 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln. 1256

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting at Ashby Oct. 4th. Bells (8) 2.30. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify E. W. Beadsmoore, Packington Road, Ashby, by Oct. 2nd. 1410

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

ANNUAL DINNER

will be held in the Lion Hotel, Guildford, Saturday, Oct. 18th, commencing 7 p.m. Tickets (10s. 6d. each) from R. F. Mills, 35, Fowler Road, West Farnborough, Hants. Ringing arrangements, etc., will be notified later. 1408

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION. — Meeting at Newcastle, Saturday, Oct. 4th. Names for tea to Mr. A. Gaunt, 125, Orme Road, Newcastle, Staffs.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 1395

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Banbury Branch. — Quarterly, Wroxton, Saturday, Oct. 4th. Service 4. Tea. Hanwell bells evening.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Oxon. 1405

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—A monthly meeting at Fenny Stratford on Saturday, Oct. 4th. Bells (6) at 5.30 p.m. All welcome.—R. H. Howson. 1384

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice at Hurst (8) on Saturday, Oct. 4th, at 6 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 1383

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Towcester Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Paulerspury, Oct. 4th. Names for tea by Sept. 29th to W. Yates, Welsh Lane, Boycott, Buckingham. 1238

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guilsborough Branch. — Meeting at Guilsborough, Saturday, Oct. 4th. Names for tea must reach me by Oct. 1st.—E. Orland, High Street, Long Buckby, Rugby. 1404

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Melksham, on Oct. 4th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service and tea. Names to Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 1401

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch. — A meeting will be held at Whitechurch Canonicorum on Saturday, Oct. 4th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Service at 4, followed by tea and meeting. Please notify for tea.—C. H. Lathey. 1212

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting at Sheffield on Saturday, Oct. 4th. St. Marie's (8) at 2.30 p.m. Cathedral (12) after tea until 9 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Oct. 1st, to Mr. H. O. Chaddock, 1, Hemsworth Road, Sheffield 8.—J. E. Turley. 1403

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual dinner, Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, Oct. 4th. Ringing arrangements: St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, 3–4; St. James', Clerkenwell, 3.30–4.30; St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, 4.15–5.30. All tickets sold.—Frank J. Matthews, Dinner Sec. 1380

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — Nottingham District.—Quarterly meeting, Goose Fair, Saturday, Oct. 4th, at Nottingham. St. Mary's bells from 2.30, St. Peter's from 6. Please bring own food. Cups of tea provided. 1388

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM. — Quarterly meeting, Oct. 4th, at Erdington Parish Church. Bells (8) available at 4 p.m. Erdington Abbey bells (8) available from 3 p.m. until 4 p.m. only. Tea for those who notify G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Phone Springfield 1025. 1391

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division. — Practice meeting, Warnham, Saturday, Oct. 4th, 3 p.m. Tea for those who advise me by Oct. 1st.—G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 1382

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD. — Northern Section. — Quarterly meeting, Llangattock, Oct. 4th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names by Sept. 30th to W. Smith, Penbont Road, Talgarth, Brecon. 1249

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Business meeting, Twyford, Saturday, Oct. 4th. Bells (8) 2. Service 4. Tea 4.45 in Dolphin Hotel. Names by previous Wednesday to Mr. J. A. C. King, 29, Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester. 1245

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD. — First practice meeting of term, Great St. Andrew's (opposite Christ's College), 8 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 8th. Freshmen very welcome. Also Sunday 10.30 a.m.—F. E. Roberts, Selwyn College. 1407

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual dinner at Bollands, Eastgate, Chester, Saturday, Oct. 11th, 6.30 p.m. Please forward names and remittance (12s. 6d., jun. 10s.) by Saturday, Oct. 6th.—J. Kingdon, 3, Grey Friars, Chester. 1389

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Meeting at Northchurch (8), Saturday, Oct. 11th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Ashby, 38, High Street, Northchurch, Berkhamsted, by Oct. 9th.—P. A. Martin, Dis. Sec. 1394

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—Annual district meeting, Maidstone (10), Oct. 11th. Details next week.—Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher. 1393

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION and SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Combined meeting, Lewisham and N.W. Districts, will be held at Eynsford on Saturday, Oct. 11th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea (2s.) not later than Tuesday, Sept. 30th, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.—R. Lathbury, A. G. Hill, District Secs. 1386

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Half-yearly meeting, Scunthorpe, Oct. 11th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. at Jubilee Cafe, but only for those who notify F. Lord, 107, Bushfield Road, Scunthorpe, by Tuesday previous. 1278

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Newbury Branch.—Annual meeting, Newbury, Oct. 11th. Bells (10) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Notify for tea by Oct. 8th.—H. T. E. Curtis, 67, Kings Road, Newbury. 1403

PETERBOROUGH GUILD. — Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Earls Barton (8) on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Names for tea, 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough, Wellingborough. 1277

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — North Notts Branch.—Meeting at East Markham (8), Saturday, Oct. 11th. Names for tea to Mr. E. Preston, Lincoln Road, East Markham, Newark, by 8th. Blue bus from Anchor Inn, Retford, to church at 2.30. Short walk by following: Lincolnshire 1.30, 2.20 and 3.20, Midland 2.40, all from Cannon Square.—H. Denman. 1399

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION. — Half-yearly meeting at St. John's, Alloa, on Oct. 18th. Ringing from 2.30. Names for tea by the 15th to Rognvald Wilson, 15, Durham Road, Portobello, Midlothian. 1283

LIVERPOOL PARISH CHURCH (Our Lady and St. Nicholas', Pierhead) RINGERS' DAY.—Sat., Oct. 25th. Bells 10.30 a.m.–3.30 p.m. and 6–9 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. followed by high tea at Reece's Restaurant. Remittances for tea tickets (6s. 6d.) should reach me by Oct. 18th, and stamped addressed envelopes will be appreciated. Complete twelve-bell bands will be allotted definite periods of ringing if organisers will notify me previously and state their approximate arrival times. A room has also been reserved for luncheon at Reece's Restaurant at 12.30 and 1.15 p.m. When applying for tickets (7s. 6d.), please say which sitting is preferred. RINGING FOR SPECIAL SERVICES DURING CONSECRATION FESTIVAL will be as follows: October 20th, 23rd, 28th, 29th, 6.15–7.30 p.m.; Oct. 27th, 5.45–6.45 p.m. All ringers will be welcome at these times as long as they come ALSO on Oct. 25th! Will such ringers kindly advise me of their intentions, so that we may know what help to expect each evening? — J. E. Spice, 30, Glenmore Avenue, Liverpool, 18 (Phone Allerton 3514). 1252

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SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—A dinner will be held at Wadsworth's Restaurant, Wednesbury, on Saturday, Nov. 15th, at 6.30 p.m. (owing to catering difficulties the dinner will not take place in Wolverhampton as previously announced). Tickets (8s. 6d. each) can be obtained from either Mr. F. Brotherton, 25, Beech Road, Oxley, Wolverhampton, or Mr. Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourn. Early application is advised as accommodation is limited. Ringing arrangements later. 1381

Essex Association

Whether it was the attraction of the Southend illuminations, the hospitality of the local band or the typical Taylor eight is not known, but the summer quarterly meeting of the South-Western Division held on Sept. 6th at Thorpe Bay was exceptionally well attended.

Since the last meeting the sound difficulty in the ringing chamber has received attention and each bell is now heard perfectly, the lay-out is also excellent and the 'go' of the bells very good. Great credit is due to the keen local band, who have more ambitious improvements in mind.

The meeting made good use of the bells, and the ringing ranged from rounds to Spliced Surprise.

ROYSTON, HERTS.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. H. Bysouth 1, G. A. Bysouth 2, W. A. Bysouth 3, H. F. Heathfield 4, S. E. Roberts 5, W. J. Houghton 6, L. W. Houghton (first quarter in method as cond.) 7, R. E. Swann (first quarter) 8.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On Sept. 14th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: J. Jelley (first quarter) 1, J. E. Clarke, 83, 2, Glenys R. Bodycote (first quarter 'inside') 3, Mary A. Carpenter 4, A. E. Bodycote 5, H. Kilby 6, E. Jelley 7, J. J. Morris (cond.) 8.

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IN DEFENCE OF THE LEARNERS

I QUOTE from the 71st annual report of the Association of which I am now a resident member. It is typical of the many of various County and Diocesan Guilds I have collected over the past 50 years:—

The objects of this Association are:—

(1) To cultivate and encourage the good old English art of change ringing and to create a more general interest in it.

(2) To secure the due recognition of ringers as church officials and the proper care and use of bells and belfries.

This is a large Association; it has over 1,000 members and embraces over 250 towers. It figures very prominently in the peal lists, so must have capable ringers. Unlike most other Associations, the 'Rules' do not set any standard of proficiency as a requisite of membership; the veriest tyro may join and many come and go. There is no dearth of recruits, at least in my immediate neighbourhood.

To-day, even if I wished to enjoy even moderately good change ringing in humble methods for service or practice it would be necessary to travel at least 40 miles. Many bells are not rung at all for service and many rings are left to decay. I am aware we are not alone in this; the same could be said of many other parts.

Our primary object is to ensure the ringing of all our bells for service to the glory of God and in such a manner that it will create a more general interest in it. General interest means not only those who attend the church but the listening public. 'Pshaw! The **public**,' I can hear my local towerkeeper say, 'What do I care about the public?' Yet we never fail to invite them to pay for our bells, which they do most generously.

Why, then, after over 70 years is our ringing so deplorable? It can be summarised in three words—**incompetent initial instruction.**

Despite the provision made in the 'Rules,' this Association does nothing to foster proper instruction. The most important factor in ringing is bell control; for if one has this all things are possible, without it nothing can be done. Unlike some, I do not aver that bell control is merely a natural asset which few possess. It is a matter of correct personal instruction by one who can himself handle a bell properly and he need not be a prolific peal ringer. Bell control cannot be learned from books; but consists mainly of the meticulous correction of faults as they arise. Therein lies the snag.

'Most church work is voluntary and one has in these days to be very careful; people are so easily offended.'

Recently at a practice a visiting captain burst into the ringing room with these words: 'I met the great X last week! What I think of him is that he will not have any ringers at all in 12 months.' So much for our much vaunted Christian conduct. 'We don't want him. He will drive them all away.' Yet the great X was truly great. He had then led his band for 50 continuous years and it is a band to be proud of; whereas his mentor has never yet taught anyone proper bell control, although he has plenty of learners and wields much authority in his own tower.

All our great peal bands for generations have looked for their material ready-made. If peals of merit in intricate methods are to be rung it must be so and one cannot blame the convener; he has the rest of the band to consider. However, if the standard of bell control continues to decline at its present rate our art will recede more and more into the pursuit of the fortunate few, maintained by the shillings of the faithful, but not so proficient, and of the many learners who come and go because they have not had a square deal. It is not a square deal if a learner finds after some years he has been taught by one who himself lacked bell control and he has absorbed his faults. There is the exception who insists on teaching and can't; but by and large those who teach bell control do so because they must and the proficient are content to let them, picking the wheat from the chaff for peals.

Personally I rang two peals before being allowed by my instructor to join the Association. Entry into an Association is too easy and savours too much of a scramble for members and money. Entry should at least entail proper bell control in rounds and should be strictly vouched for by both proposer and seconder. Certificates should be given to all after reaching a certain standard and the presentation should be made personally at a district meeting so that the recipient will value it as I do my first. Without Associations there would be no Central Council, therefore no 'Ringing World' and no publicity for peal ringers. I wonder if the tally of peals would decline? I think it would, but it would make little difference to the over-all standard of ringing. This is a matter to which all Associations should give serious thought.

W. B.

SOUTH AND WEST WALES TOUR

ABERGAVENNY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 6, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 25 cwt. 18 lb. in D.

DONALD G. CLIFT	*Treble*	ARTHUR H. REED	6
JACQUELINE S. EVANS	2	MICHAEL P. MORETON	7
*RONALD F. DISERENS	3	JOHN HILL	8
†JACK R. WORRALL	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	9
NOEL J. DISERENS	5	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.
* First peal on ten bells. † 150th peal. First peal in the method on the bells.

LLANSTEPHAN, CARMARTHENSHIRE.
THE ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Sept. 8, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,
A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

*ARTHUR H. REED	*Treble*	*MICHAEL P. MORETON	5
*RONALD F. DISERENS	2	*THOMAS J. SOUTHAM	6
*WILLIAM A. THEOBALD	3	*JOHN HILL	7
NOEL J. DISERENS	4	WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
* First peal of Pudsey Surprise Major. First peal in the method on the bells, in the county and for the Guild.

ST. DAVID'S, PEMBROKESHIRE.
THE ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Sept. 9, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
IN THE CAMPANILE OF THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. DAVID,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in D.

DONALD G. CLIFT	*Treble*	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM	5
*RONALD F. DISERENS	2	MICHAEL P. MORETON	6
ARTHUR H. REED	3	JOHN HILL	7
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD	4	WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method in the county and for the Guild.

TENBY, PEMBROKESHIRE.
THE ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Sept. 11, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

DONALD G. CLIFT	*Treble*	WILFRED WILLIAMS	5
*ARTHUR H. REED	2	MICHAEL P. MORETON	6
*JOHN HILL	3	*NOEL J. DISERENS	7
*WILLIAM A. THEOBALD	4	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM	*Tenor*

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method in the county and for the Guild.

PEMBROKE.
THE ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Sept. 11, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 12¾ cwt.

RONALD F. DISERENS	*Treble*	DONALD G. CLIFT	5
*ALBERT DISERENS	2	JOHN HILL	6
†MICHAEL P. MORETON	3	*NOEL J. DISERENS	7
ARTHUR H. REED	4	WILLIAM A. THEOBALD	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT DISERENS.
* 50th peal together. † 150th peal. First peal of Stedman Triples in the county of Pembroke.

CARDIFF, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Sept. 13, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 27 cwt.

DONALD G. CLIFT	*Treble*	WILLIAM F. THOMPSETT	6
*RONALD F. DISERENS	2	†MICHAEL P. MORETON	7
ARTHUR H. REED	3	JOHN HILL	8
NOEL J. DISERENS	4	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM	9
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD	5	WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
* First peal of Royal. † First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal. First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal on the bells and in the county of Glamorgan.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 6, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 25 cwt.

HENRY O. BAKER	*Treble*	PETER J. STANIFORTH	7
WILFRED STEVENSON	2	ALAN A. POTTS	8
JAMES FERNLEY	3	PETER LAFLIN	9
JOHN E. BIBBY	4	WALTER ALLMAN	10
C. KENNETH LEWIS	5	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	11
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	6	JOHN WORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

BIRMINGHAM.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Sept. 18, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	*Treble*	GEOFFREY J. LEWIS	7
MURIEL REAY	2	R. THOMAS NEWMAN	8
ALBERT WALKER	3	*GEORGE E. FEARN	9
MRS. JOHN THOMAS	4	*ARTHUR V. PEARSON	10
JOHN THOMAS	5	JOHN PINFOLD	11
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	6	THOMAS W. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.
* 200th peal together.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Sept. 20, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

HOWARD HOWELL	*Treble*	*ARTHUR ROGERS	7
J. NORMAN HADLEY	2	ARTHUR T. DUTTON	8
MAURICE G. TURNER	3	ERNEST STITCH	9
GEORGE A. PACKER	4	SAMUEL BIRCH	10
IVOR R. NICHOLS	5	RICHARD D. LANGFORD	11
EDGAR T. SMITH	6	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.
* First peal on twelve bells. Rung for the Patronal Festival and as a compliment to Mr. G. H. Davis and Miss Marjorie Poxon on the occasion of their wedding at this church.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

ALDERSHOT, HAMPSHIRE.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 10, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 10 lb. in A flat.

*DAVID B. WILLIAMSON	*Treble*	REX J. CORKE	5
†SHIRLEY CORKE	2	E. JOHN WELLS	6
†MURIEL LEWIS	3	ROY COLLINS	7
WILLIAM J. PAICE	4	EDWARD J. BRAGG	*Tenor*

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by EDWARD J. BRAGG.
* First peal of Major. † First peal. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a 15th birthday compliment to Shirley Corke.

HOLBEACH, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Sept. 11, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Original. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in E.

WALLACE W. COUSINS	*Treble*	ERNEST H. MASTIN	5
MRS. J. THOMAS	2	NORMAN V. HARDING	6
JOHN THOMAS	3	CLAUDE COUSINS	7
CECIL V. EBBERSON	4	WILLIAM ROSE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

HEMSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 13, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 6 lb. in A.

F. BERNARD DITCHER	*Treble*	WILFRID F. MORETON	5
J. EDWARD CAWSER	2	J. FREDERICK MILNER	6
*HOWARD SCOTT	3	GIBSON JACKSON	7
J. MARTIN THORLEY	4	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.
* First peal in the method. First peal of Surprise on the bells. A sincere welcome to W. F. Moreton on his return to his native county.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 13, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

Stanley R. Cockell	*Treble*	Frank A. Penn	5
Donald E. Lee	2	William C. West	6
Percival W. J. Harding	3	Frederick S. Slatford	7
Laurence E. Hitchins	4	Charles F. Andrews	*Tenor*

Composed by G. H. Cross. Conducted by Charles F. Andrews.
Rung to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the Guild. Also for the wedding of Mr. Robin Hunt to Miss Marion Norrish.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 13, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5184 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

Reginald A. Reed	*Treble*	Brian G. Warwick	5
*Betty Faithfull	2	A. Yorke-Bramble	6
Norman Hayes	3	Maurice J. Butler	7
†Winifred Burton	4	*Tom Chapman	*Tenor*

Composed by F. Robinson. Conducted by Reginald A. Reed.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Treble Bob Major.
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. W. F. Shail, who was inducted as Rector of this parish on July 11th, and on the eve of the Harvest Festival, marked by the civic visit of the Mayor of Eastleigh.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 13, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5088 BATTERSEA SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

Alfred J. House	*Treble*	*Francis Kirk	5
*Alick Cutler	2	John R. Mayne	6
Anne B. Speed	3	Richard F. B. Speed	7
Ronald J. Sharp	4	Charles W. Roberts	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Richard F. B. Speed.
* 50th Surprise Major method for a peal. The first peal in the method.

WYE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 13, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Gregory and Martin,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. in D.

William C. Marshall	*Treble*	*Mark S. Lancefield	5
Albert J. Lancefield	2	Henry G. Keeley	6
Wilfred W. Ring	3	Thomas Cullingworth	7
Mark W. Marshall	4	Harry Parkes	*Tenor*

Composed by H. G. Cashmore. Conducted by Mark S. Lancefield.
* 200th peal.

WELLS, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Sept. 14, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 100 lb. in F sharp.

*Jack S. Williamson	*Treble*	Cecil V. Ebberson	5
George Sayer	2	Bert Gogle	6
Vincent R. Ovens	3	H. William Barrett	7
Nolan Golden	4	Norman V. Harding	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Nolan Golden.
* First peal of Treble Bob.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Sept. 15, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At Bishop Ryder's Church,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

Evelyn M. Fletcher	*Treble*	Arthur V. Pearson	5
John McDonald	2	Bryan D. A. Woolley	6
Muriel Reay	3	Terry R. Hampton	7
Henry H. Fearn	4	George E. Fearn	*Tenor*

Composed by H. Law James. Conducted by George E. Fearn.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Sept. 15, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5184 SAXLINGHAM IMPERIAL BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 48 lb. in G.

Thomas R. Simmons	*Treble*	William Love	5
F. Charles Goodman	2	Arthur G. Bason	6
H. William Barrett	3	Bert Gogle	7
George Sayer	4	Nolan Golden	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Nolan Golden.
First peal in the method.

LODDON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 17, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5184 ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

Ernest G. Shorting	*Treble*	Arthur G. Bason	5
F. Charles Goodman	2	H. William Barrett	6
George Sayer	3	Bert Gogle	7
Stanley W. Copling	4	Nolan Golden	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Nolan Golden.
First peal in the method by all, on the bells and for the Association.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Sept. 18, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

Andrew C. Sinfield	*Treble*	*Dennis Knox	5
Bryan F. Sims	2	John Church	6
Ronald J. Sharp	3	*Sydney J. Woodcock	7
C. Edward Jeffries	4	*Patrick I. Chapman	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. Edward Jeffries.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major.
A 21st birthday compliment to S. J. Woodcock.

COLEORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Thurs., Sept. 18, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

Wm. Geoffrey Hair	*Treble*	Walter G. Soar	5
John Underwood	2	Joseph Wm. Cotton	6
Ernest W. Beadsmoore	3	Percival W. Grice	7
Peter Marriott	4	Roland Beniston	*Tenor*

Composed by Ernest Morris. Conducted by Roland Beniston.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 20, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 21¼ cwt.

Albert E. Whiting	*Treble*	George A. Fleming	5
*Patricia Clarke	2	Ernest E. Grimes	6
Leslie C. Wightman	3	Walter W. Miller	7
Frank Ruffles	4	Leslie G. Brett	*Tenor*

Conducted by Leslie G. Brett.
* First Surprise peal.

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FRITTENDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 20, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

HARRY BAKER	*Treble*	WILLIAM P. GARNER	5
WILLIAM C. MARSHALL	2	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	6
*CYRIL S. JARRETT	3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	7
WILFRED W. RING	4	HARRY PARKES	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.
* First touch of Yorkshire.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 20, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb. in G.

PHILIP A. F. CHALK	*Treble*	†JOHN WEST	5
FRANK L. HARRIS	2	JOE E. G. ROAST	6
*JOHN CRAWLEY	3	ARTHUR H. EDWARDS	7
PETER J. CAME	4	ROBERT H. YOUNG	*Tenor*

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.
* First peal on an 'inside' bell and of Major. † First peal of Bob Major.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 20, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
J. W. Washbrook's Variation of Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 10 cwt.

WM. GEOFFREY HAIR	*Treble*	WILLIAM F. WOODWARD	5
ALBERT E. THOMPSON	2	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	6
ERNEST W. BEADSMOORE	3	JOSEPH WM. COTTON	7
GEORGE PEERS, SEN.	4	ARTHUR YATES	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH WM. COTTON.

ORMSKIRK, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 20, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in E.

JOHN E. BIBBY	*Treble*	WALTER ALLMAN	5
*WILLIAM ALLMAN	2	DENNIS MADDOCK	6
HENRY O. BAKER	3	CECIL RADDON	7
*HAROLD WORRAL	4	RALPH G. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.
* First peal in the method.

OVERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 20, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM F. WOODWARD	*Treble*	ALBERT E. THOMPSON	5
*WALTER G. SOAR	2	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	6
FRANCIS R. LOWE	3	JOSEPH WM. COTTON	7
HAROLD TAYLOR	4	FREDK. E. WILSHAW	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
*75th peal.
Rung on the eve of the Patronal Festival, and to mark the wedding of the Rev. David P. Roberts and Miss Georgina Massey, who were married on this day at the Church of St. Catherine, Edge Hill, Liverpool.

PENSHURST, KENT.
THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 20, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. (7th observation). Tenor 18 cwt.

*OSWALD H. CUNNINGTON	*Treble*	LUTHER J. HONESS	5
MAXWELL F. OAKSHETT	2	ALEC E. RICHARDSON	6
†LEONARD P. GOATER	3	ERNEST J. LADD	7
EDWARD J. JENNER	4	WILLIAM R. MANSER	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.
* First peal. † First peal on 'inside' bell.
Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Richardson.

RANMORE, SURREY.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Sept. 20, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20¼ cwt.

DAVID E. PARSONS	*Treble*	MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT	5
WILFRED WILLIAMS	2	JOHN HILL	6
*ROY D. TOMLIN	3	A. PATRICK CANNON	7
JACK R. WORRALL	4	JOHN E. CHILCOTT	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
* First peal. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to John Hill.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 20, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
C. H. Middleton's. Tenor 23 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

ROBERT COLLINS	*Treble*	DORIS E. COLGATE	5
*BARBARA A. MITCHELL	2	MICHAEL FULLER	6
MARY FULLER	3	JOHN S. MASON	7
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
* First peal of Surprise 'inside.'
Specially arranged for the silver weddings of Mr. and Mrs. W. Rogers, of Rotherfield, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Short, of Whitby. Also for the wedding of Michael A. Causley and Jean Durrant, which took place at Buxted the same day.

UPPINGHAM, RUTLAND.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 20, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in E.

RONALD RUSSELL	*Treble*	DENIS A. FRITH	5
HERBERT GOAKES	2	ERNEST MORRIS	6
JOHN H. BLUFF	3	†JAMES H. MUSSON	7
*PERCY D. BALDOCK	4	‡REGINALD T. BERRIDGE	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES TOPP. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
* First peal of Triples. † First peal of Triples 'inside.' ‡ First peal. 50th peal together by the ringers of treble and 3rd and 5th and 7th.

SIX BELL PEALS

ALMELEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., April 20, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

PERCY JENKINS	*Treble*	G. JAMES R. PRICE	4
DENNIS SHARPLES	2	*JOHN NEWMAN	5
FREDERICK R. HARRIS	3	RICHARD SQUIRES	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK R. HARRIS.
* First peal.
Rung half-muffled in memory of James T. Randle, for many years a ringer at this church.

OLD RADNOR, RADNORSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sun., May 18, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 40 six-scores and one Morris's 240. Tenor 16 cwt.

*RONALD BOUNDS	*Treble*	A. BRYAN ELLSMORE	4
MRS. E. CHANDLER	2	WILFRED NORGROVE	5
FREDERICK R. HARRIS	3	RICHARD LINGEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK R. HARRIS.
* First peal. A farewell to the Rev. A. J. Goss, who has left the parish.

OLD RADNOR, RADNORSHIRE
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Aug. 17, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 16 cwt.

DOROTHY HUGHES	*Treble*	*RONALD BOUNDS	4
MRS. E. CHANDLER	2	A. BRYAN ELLSMORE	5
FREDERICK R. HARRIS	3	ARTHUR WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK R. HARRIS
* First peal 'inside.' A welcome to the Rev. A. D. Hill.

RANWORTH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Sept. 8, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. in F.

*GEORGE W. FORD	*Treble*	F. CHARLES GOODMAN	4
NOLAN GOLDEN	2	ARTHUR G. BASON	5
GEORGE SAYER	3	BERT GOGLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal.

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Sept. 9, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents of 120, 10 different callings. Tenor 13¼ cwt.

CLARENCE F. BRIGGS	*Treble*	ANTHONY W. BARLEY	4
SIMON L. BARLEY	2	FREDERICK G. HOOPER	5
F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER	3	CHARLES J. COPP	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK G. HOOPER.

Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Ven. J. P. Hales, D.S.O., O.B.E., former Archdeacon of Newark, who died on September 6th, 1952, aged 81, and who spent 53 years as priest in the Diocese of Southwell.

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Sept. 9, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F sharp.

WALLACE W. COUSINS	*Treble*	JOHN THOMAS	4
MRS. J. THOMAS	2	ERNEST H. MASTIN	5
CECIL V. EBBERSON	3	CLAUDE COUSINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.

WHETSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 13, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four 120's of Plain Bob and ten of Grandsire; twice repeated. Tenor 8½ cwt.

G. R. WILKINSON	*Treble*	PETER J. THOMAS	4
FREDERICK WATSON	2	ROGER G. W. SOARS	5
ERNEST MORRIS	3	JOHN H. BURBAGE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

Rung half-muffled to the memory of John Grundy, verger and ringer of All Saints', Loughborough. Ringers of 1, 2, 3 and 6 are ringers respectively of Elmsthorpe, Croft, Leicester (St. Margaret's), and Whetstone.

CHURCHILL, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Sept. 16, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

J. WEADON	*Treble*	R. DARE	4
MARJORIE LEGG	2	GEORGE PRESCOTT	5
W. J. TILEY	3	*COLIN ROYNAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.

* First peal.

Rung with bells half-muffled, in memoriam Edward J. Avery, secretary of the Axbridge Branch.

WALLINGTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 13, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5760 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Netherseale, Norwich, Bourne and Cambridge. Tenor 8½ cwt.

GEORGE CHERRY	*Treble*	JOHN CHURCH	4
PETER W. CROFT	2	DEREK P. JONES	5
DAVID L. GULLICK	3	FRANK W. CROFT	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK W. CROFT.

First peal in eight Surprise methods by all the band.
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. David J. T. Bickerton.



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COTGRAVE, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 17, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Comprising 34 extents (10 callings) and 4 of Morris's 240's.
Tenor 17¼ cwt.

JOHN F. W. HOODLESS	*Treble*	WALTER NICHOLS	4
JOAN E. HOODLESS	2	ARTHUR W. HOODLESS	5
ALLEN SIMPSON	3	ARTHUR E. HOODLESS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR W. HOODLESS.

First peal of Grandsire Doubles by all except the conductor. First peal of Grandsire Doubles on the bells.

In memoriam Joseph Atkinson, a member of Barton and Barrow-on-Humber, Lincolnshire, band, interred at Barrow this day. Also to Archdeacon Hales, a former Rector of this parish, interred at Southwell on September 9th.

GREAT BARR, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Wed., Sept. 17, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

*MICHAEL P. MORETON	*Treble*	†BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	4
†MURIEL REAY	2	‡FRANK E. HAYNES	5
†JOHN MCDONALD	3	‡GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.

* First peal with treble bob hunt. † First peal of Cambridge Minor. ‡ 300th peal together. Miss Reay has now rung Cambridge from Minor to Maximus.

MARKET DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 17, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GUTHLAC,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven 720's in nine methods: (1) London and Wells, (2) Norfolk and Primrose, (3) York, (4) Ipswich, (5) Beverley, (6) Durham, (7) Cambridge. Tenor 16 cwt.

CHARLES WOODS	*Treble*	FREDERICK W. FRENCH	4
HORACE M. DAY	2	CECIL WADE	5
JAMES W. HAW	3	ALBERT E. SCOTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by HORACE M. DAY.

A birthday compliment to H. M. Day, F. W. French and W. A. Holmes.

BERGH APTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Sept. 18, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's, and Oxford Treble Bob, and two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 99 lb.

HERBERT C. BOGGIS	*Treble*	LIONEL A. LESTER	4
STANLEY W. COPLING	2	REGINALD H. DRANE	5
GODFREY G. WALPOLE	3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT C. BOGGIS.

Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Mr. T. H. Denny Cooke, churchwarden at Bergh Apton for 37 years, whose funeral took place earlier in the day.

HELMDON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Sept. 19, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

CECIL HINTON	*Treble*	MONTAGUE SAUNDERS	4
WILLIAM J. CHESTER	2	*GEORGE F. BURTON	5
HENRY G. KEELEY	3	WILLIAM YATES	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM YATES.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor.

KIRKBY-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Furness and Lake District Branch.)
On Sat., Sept. 20, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob; three extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

*CLIFFORD H. FORD	*Treble*	†WILLIAM WALL	4
†NORMA ROBERTS	2	THOMAS METCALFE	5
†JOHN ASKEW	3	NICHOLAS M. NEWBY	*Tenor*

Conducted by NICHOLAS M. NEWBY.

* First peal. † First peal in three methods.

Rung as a farewell peal to S. C. Ford, who is joining the Forces.

MOBBERLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 20, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. WILFRED AND MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
In 35 methods: (1) Dover, Skipton, Chepstow, Balmoral and Fotheringay Delight. (2) Ely, Knutsford, Rostherne, Wilmslow and Bogedene Delight. (3) Crowland, Combermere, Vale Royal, St. Werburgh & Abbeyville Delight. (4) Willesden, Newdigate, College Bob IV., Old Oxford and Marple Delight. (5) College Exercise, Norbury, Ockley, Duke of Norfolk and Morning Star Treble Bob. (6) Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby and Braintree Delight. (7) Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

*JEAN C. BROWN	*Treble*	*SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN.	4
*ERIC SIMPSON	2	BARRY CORBISHLEY	5
*M. JILLIAN BRIERLEY	3	*DENNIS MOTTERSHEAD	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENNIS MOTTERSHEAD.

* First peal in 35 methods. The first peal in 35 methods on the bells.

Rung in grateful remembrance of those who 'laid down their lives for their friends' in the Battle of Britain, September, 1940.

SAWLEY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 20, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr.

MRS. W. E. SIMPSON	*Treble*	R. ALAN HICKTON	4
*SHELAGH KILBOURNE	2	W. RODNEY HARRISON	5
WILLIAM E. SIMPSON	3	DAVID J. MARSHALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID J. MARSHALL.

* First peal 'inside.'

SEALE, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 20, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob and three each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in A flat.

*†D. B. WILLIAMSON (16)	*Treble*	‡BRIAN P. E. BATT (16)	4
*†SHIRLEY J. CORKE (15)	2	†REX J. CORKE (17)	5
†PETER G. SHERWOOD (16)	3	†E. JOHN WELLS (16)	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal in three methods. ‡ First peal. Average age of the band 16 years 2 months. Believed to be the youngest band to ring a peal for the Guild.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. R. Hasted, of Farnham, who was buried this day.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Sept. 22, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different 720's. Tenor 6¼ cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON	*Treble*	B. STEDMAN PAYNE	4
EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD	2	ERNEST MORRIS	5
ALAN CATTELL	3	PETER J. THOMAS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

Rung to mark the 25th anniversary of the ministry in the Leicester Diocese of the Rector (Rev. G. E. Simms-Reeve, M.A.).

HANDBELL PEALS

EPSOM, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Sept. 18, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT 74, HOOKFIELD,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 20 in E.

JILL R. BRITTAIN	1—2	*JOHN A. ACRES	5—6
RUTH M. K. HOW	3—4	EDWIN J. LINDELY	7—8
JOHN HILL	9—10		

Composed by GEOFFREY DODDS. Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.

* 50th peal 'in hand' and 25th peal as conductor.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Sept. 19, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT 160, BROCKWELL LANE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Original.

WILLIAM J. THYNG	1—2	ALBERT H. WARD	5—6
CLEMENT GLENN	3—4	SIDNEY F. PALMER	7—8

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

A birthday compliment to S. F. Palmer, 78 on this date.

BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.—At St. Michael's, on July 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Leavey 1, Miss J. Huddleston (first 'inside') 2, Mrs. J. Weaver 3, N. Grover (first 'inside') 4, J. Weaver 5, A. Smith 6, R. Story (cond.) 7, K. Biggs (first quarter) 8.

BRABOURNE, KENT.—On Sept. 16th, 1,300 April Day Doubles: Miss R. P. Longhurst 1, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 2, M. J. Martin 3, G. F. Gray 4, J. R. Cooper 5, E. J. Walker 6. First in the method for all.

BREDENBURY, HEREFORDS.—On Aug. 16th, 1,260 Minor (720 Oxford and 540 Plain Bob): W. Watkins 1, J. Bedford 2, J. Thomas 3, W. Mantle 4, G. Corbett 5, T. Cooper (cond.) 6. Also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Watkins 1, J. Bedford 2, J. Thomas (cond.) 3, W. Mantle 4, G. Corbett 5, W. Turner 6. Rung as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Tomkins.

BUCKINGHAM.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Spokes 1, G. W. Holland 2, H. Jones, jun., 3, F. Townsend 4, C. Gough 5, H. G. Keeley 6, W. Yates (cond.) 7, W. H. Yates 8. Also on Sept. 21st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: W. H. Yates (first of Major) 1, F. Townsend (first of Major 'inside') 2, H. Jones, jun. (first quarter of Major) 3, T. E. Roberts 4, C. Gough 5, W. Yates 6, H. G. Keeley 7, G. W. Holland (cond.) 8. Rung for Battle of Britain service.

CHECKENDON, OXON.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. S. Nobes 1, W. A. C. Grey 2, E. Baughan 3, B. Wakefield 4, G. J. Hearns (cond.) 5, H. Winfield 6. In memory of Mr. A. Wiggins.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKS.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. E. Lloyd 1, Miss M. A. Bailey 2, Miss M. E. L. Beamish (cond.) 3, J. E. S. Morton 4, Mrs. D. E. Beamish 5, J. Gibbons 6, J. A. L. Thompson 7, R. Rose (first quarter) 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Mrs. H. C. Harding, wife of the Rev. H. C. Harding.

CRADLEY, WORCS.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Griffiths 1, Miss F. Raybould 2, R. Wyre 3, A. G. Hall 4, H. White 5, R. Dunn 6, H. J. Shuck (cond.) 7, L. R. Hall 8. Rung as a compliment to Miss F. Raybould, B.A., who is leaving to take up a teaching post at Wigton, Cumberland.

HANSLOPE, BUCKS.—On Sept. 21st, 1,264 Bob Major: L. Cadwell (first of Major) 1, F. C. Case 2, A. Armstrong 3, H. G. Keeley 4, F. Vickers 5, V. Adams 6, W. Yates 7, G. W. Holland (cond.) 8.

QUARTER PEALS

HESTON, MIDDLX.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Moore (first quarter) 1, J. B. Sansom 2, W. W. Webb 3, E. R. Gladman 4, B. A. Rose 5, J. E. Chilcott 6, M. V. Chilcott (cond.) 7, W. J. Winter 8. Rung fully-muffled for the funeral of Mr. Gurney, churchwarden and great friend of the ringers.

IXWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 18th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: K. Brown (first as cond.) 1, M. Sharpe 2, E. Bishop 3, B. Hammond 4, L. Sharpe 5, H. King 6.

LICHFIELD, STAFFS.—At the Cathedral, on Sept. 22nd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: F. T. Hayle 1, E. Malin 2, A. F. Sedgwick 3, A. Ager 4, N. Hadley 5, J. B. Webb 6, G. Peers 7, D. Beresford 8, G. E. Oliver (cond.) 9, M. N. Culling 10. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to Rev. F. A. Iremonger, D.D., Dean of Lichfield.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFS.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (480 April Day, 360 Plain Bob and 420 Grandsire): Miss Ann Barr (first quarter) 1, D. W. Barr 2, M. W. Fairey 3, T. Reynolds 4, C. M. Smith (cond.) 5, A. G. Isaacson 6. First quarter in three methods by all and on the bells. Rung for the service at which the treble ringer was confirmed.

MARHAMCHURCH, CORNWALL.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. H. Vinnicombe 1, L. C. Duke 2, A. E. Bissat 3, R. J. Hicks 4, A. J. Hicks (cond.) 5, A. E. Ham 6. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the conductor.

NEWINGTON, FOLKESTONE, KENT.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss R. P. Longhurst 1, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 2, J. Soles 3, M. J. Martin 4, J. Chittenden 5, T. J. Wilson 6. Half-muffled in memory of those who laid down their lives in the Battle of Britain.

PADBURY, BUCKS.—On Sept. 17th, 1,440 Minor (720 Oxford, 720 Kent Treble Bob): C. Gough (first of Treble Bob) 1, Miss D. Spokes (first in the method) 2, W. Yates (cond.) 3, H. G. Keeley 4, F. Vickers 5, G. W. Holland 6.

PIDDLEHINTON, DORSET.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Clothier 1, H. J. Gladwyn (first of Minor) 2, A. Tyers 3, J. Coombes 4, N. B. Davis 5, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 6. Rung for the 70th anniversary (Sept. 14th) of the foundation of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. Osborn 1, Mrs. Northen 2, H. Corney (first quarter as cond.) 3, H. Perry 4, N. Phillips 5, A. Langham 6.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. T. C. Ryder 1, D. Adams 2, F. Fisher 3, A. Firth 4, C. Wright 5, J. E. Turley 6, N. Chaddock (cond.) 7, T. C. Ryder 8. Also on Sept. 21st, 1,296 Little Bob Royal: D. Adams 1, Mrs. N. Chaddock 2, F. Fisher 3, Mrs. T. C. Ryder 4, A. Stamp 5, H. E. North 6, P. E. North 7, A. Firth 8. T. C. Ryder 9, N. Chaddock (cond.) 10. First of Little Bob Royal by 1, 2, 3 and 6.

ROTHWELL, YORKS.—On Sept. 20th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: G. W. Steel 1, Audrey T. Robson (first quarter) 2, J. Wormald 3, A. G. Wood 4, T. W. Strangeway (cond.) 5, P. Massam 6, E. Spencer 7, H. Homer 8. Rung for the annual choir festival of the Whitkirk Rural Deanery.

SHERBORNE, DORSET.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. A. F. Godley 1, W. H. Poole 2, G. Gaylard (first of Stedman) 3, J. W. Drew 4, P. H. Hull 5, W. E. Turner 6, H. J. Gaylard (cond.) 7, W. H. Pope 8.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCS.—On Aug. 30th, 1,260 Double Oxford Minor: D. H. Mettam 1, L. Willders 2, P. D. Baldock 3, H. O. Collin 4, D. A. Frith 5, J. H. Musson (cond.) 6. First quarter in the method by all except the 3rd.

THETFORD, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 10th, at St. Peter's, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. Fuller 1, Miss E. Peckett 2, W. Bowers 3, Miss D. Reeve 4, T. Stagg 5, E. Bishop 6, G. Miller 7, J. Paul (cond.) 8. First of Major for 2 and 6. Rung for golden wedding of Mr. T. Hubbard, churchwarden.

WESTON-SUPER-MARE.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Owen 1, R. O. Fry 2, M. Horseman 3, Miss M. Legg 4, E. Shearn 5, H. W. Knight 6, G. Prescott (cond.) 7, W. A. Prescott 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam E. J. Avery.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 20th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: W. Yates 1, G. E. Green 2, F. C. Case 3, W. J. Chester 4, H. E. Edwards 5, H. G. Keeley 6, T. E. Roberts 7, G. W. Holland (cond.) 8.

WISBECH, CAMBS.—On Sept. 14th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: G. Duffield 1, C. Butter 2, Miss M. Whitlock 3, H. Piggins 4, S. Haw 5, W. Jarvis 6, F. Wigmore (cond.) 7, W. Freeman 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Frank B. Yates, a highly respected member of the St. Martin's Guild, has very generously offered to defray the cost of twelve new ropes for the bells of Birmingham Cathedral. Although ill-health prevents Mr. Yates from taking an active part in ringing for the time being, his interest is as keen as ever and he derives great pleasure from listening to the Cathedral bells.

Mrs. Melville, who has turned 80 years of age, attended the ringing meeting at Wonston, Hants, recently and rang in four touches. Are any other octogenarian ladies still ringing?

Who was the conductor, trying to call Holt's Original at Sittingbourne last week, who nearly hanged himself in the last 700? In doing so he missed the last bob before the first single. Perhaps it was physical strain, not mental. Would some kind lady ringer please answer?

His many friends at Stansted and Bishop's Stortford will regret to hear that Mr. Walter Prior was taken ill while on holiday at Birmingham and has undergone a serious operation. We trust that his progress will be maintained.

The eight at Christ Church, Radyr, South Wales, after a lapse of 23 years are now being rung for service, by a company of 11 men and four youths. All visitors are welcome to the practices on Mondays from 7–8.30. Mr. William Dare, of Whitchurch, near Cardiff, is captain and trainer.

Visiting ringers from Cardiff, Whitchurch and Llanbradach attended at Radyr on September 17th as a silver wedding tribute to Mr. and Mrs. E. Goodacre. Mr. Goodacre being vice-captain of the local tower. The company included that grand old veteran, Mr. Seymour Barker. The Rector and Mrs. W. S. Pontin provided tea for ringers and guests in the Church Hall, and gifts were presented to Mr. and Mrs. Goodacre to mark the occasion.

It was at Norton-in-Hales, Shropshire, during the incumbency of his father that the Rev. David Roberts, now Vicar of Marston, near Shropshire, learned to ring as a boy of 11. His wedding on September 20th at St. Catherine's, Edge Hill, Liverpool, to Miss Georgina Massey, of Liverpool, was an occasion for a number of touches on the bells. The Ringing Master (Mr. Archie Harrison) and members of the band wish the Rev. and Mrs. David Roberts every happiness in their future life.

The peal of Treble Bob at North Stoneham was memorable for more than one purpose. It welcomed a new rector and marked the first visit of the Mayor of Eastleigh to St. Nicholas' Church. To four of the band it was a happy occasion as since April they had lost 15 or 16 successive attempts, and one member had made no fewer than 20 abortive attempts!

Mr. W. Rogers had a big disappointment on his silver wedding day. A year previously he had promised Mr. Harry Short, of Whitby, Yorks, that he would arrange a peal attempt of London Surprise to commemorate their respective silver weddings. Owing to a business engagement he could not stand in the peal himself, so Cambridge Surprise was rung instead. The band send their special greetings to Mr. and Mrs. H. Short.

Owing to a rope breaking, the peal attempt at Market Deeping, Lincs, on September 3rd, for the birthdays of Messrs. N. M. Day, F. W. French and W. A. Holmes, was unsuccessful. The peal was scored on September 17th. Market Deeping tower was selected in order that Mr. French could score his first peal at the tower where he learned to ring 50 years ago. Mr. Day, who was 71 this month, also learned to ring at this tower, and both rang the particular bells they first learned to handle.

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BEDFORDSHIRE YOUNG RINGERS IN DEVON

520 MILES DURING A WET FORTNIGHT

EARLY on Saturday, August 2nd, the railway staff at St. John's Station, Bedford, may have noticed that the seven young people getting on the train with cycles were wearing bell badges. If so, they may have guessed rightly that they were bellringers off for a ringing tour. Devon was the county we were making for, and the fortnight's tour included ringing at several places in Wiltshire and Somerset on the way.

Leaving the train at Oxford, we were at Wantage by midday, joining two others who had cycled all the way from Bedfordshire. From then on it was against a stiff wind and in persistent rain that we dragged our cycles over the hills of the White Horse to Aldbourne and Marlborough. We were denied rest at Aldbourne, for the hard-going bells are difficult to ring, with 80 feet of stretchy ropes. However, we had more success at St. Mary's, Marlborough, undeterred by the absence of the stay on the third.

Marlborough Youth Hostel is on the main Bath road, and it was this road we took next morning after ringing on the really rough and odd-struck ring of eight at St. Peter's for morning service. More wind, rain and adverse slopes delayed our arrival at Batheaston Youth Hostel and Bath Abbey

A visit to the Abbey next morning preceded the many miles of cycling over the Mendips. Ringing was at St. Cuthbert's, Wells, Glastonbury and Street. The last named bells are not easy to strike well, being rather heavy-going, but not as bad as we had been led to believe.

TAUNTON IMPRESSES VISITORS

Any dampness that remained from overnight was soon blown out of us as we swept down the slopes from Street Youth Hostel next morning, to the plains surrounding Bridgwater. We passed several magnificent Somerset towers, but none were as fine as the tower of pink stone at St. James', Taunton. Even through difficult to hear, the eight are as fine as the tower that contains them. Our lunch at Taunton will be remembered as being in a skittle alley at an inn.

Although forewarned by our maps, we did not perhaps appreciate the full significance of the closeness of the contours until we started to cross them. The hills became more enormous. Milverton, another church built in the local pink stone, was a welcome stopping place. The ring of eight here is easy to manage and really delightful to listen to. Yet another hill confronted us, the biggest of the lot, and after we had surmounted it, in a minor thunderstorm, it was almost all downhill to Bampton. Devon at last! The tenor at Bampton defied all attempts to turn it in to Minor, but Doubles went much better.

A late night, an early rise next morning, and we were on our way along the Exe Valley to Tiverton. We had been told several times of the excellence of this eight. Nor were we disappointed; both with the tenor drumming and turned in (to a touch of Tiverton Little Bob), they sounded grand. The eight at Crediton followed, which are certainly tough round the back end. Very wet and bedraggled, we eventually arrived at Hole Farm, Highampton, our headquarters for several days, the home of Pat Gilbert, a Bedfordshire ringer in exile, and two of her friends. An enormous meal was awaiting us and we soon dried off in front of a log fire.

QUARTERED IN HAY LOFT

Some of us were quartered in the hay loft, and our first night's sleep was somewhat disturbed by the nocturnal activities of Chieftain, the farm dog, an affectionate seven-stone monster, and of a ginger kitten. We were reminded of the old litany, 'From Ghoulies and Ghosties and Long Legged Beasties, and Things that go Bump in the Night, Good Lord deliver us.'

On Thursday the nine of us arrived at Bradford almost shaken to pieces by the rough roads. The light ring of six is similar in many ways to Shebbear, the next port of call. Both sixes are tuneful and easy running.

More skilled map reading got us to Petrockstowe, an even lighter six that the previous two, where we were welcomed by the Rector, the Rev. W. H. Smale, and several local ringers. Here some of us were initiated into the art of call-change ringing. In vain we waited after the ring down for the clouds to stop raining. Our shoes were thoroughly soaked by the time we reached Hatherleigh, the last call of the day.

DAPHNE'S BIRTHDAY

Next day our number was increased to ten; that is, after the tenth cycle had been assembled. Even then, we didn't all get to Bridgerule until a puncture had been mended en route. After a ring on the light eight, and an incident on Rolypoly Hill (the name explains the incident!), we went on to the fairy-like six at Pyworthy. Torrents of rain fell on us on our way to Holsworthy, but all thoughts of rain were dispelled for an hour or so while we enjoyed ourselves at a cafe in Holsworthy, it being Daphne Hare's birthday party. After that we adjourned to the church for some good ringing on another pleasant eight, attracting the attentions of the local policeman. At 6 p.m., having lowered the bells, we heard the chimes strike the tune, 'Holsworthy Church Bells,' composed by S. S. Wesley when he was organist at Exeter Cathedral. A convivial evening was spent in honour of Daphne's birthday.

Saturday was spent in quite a different direction. First place was Okehampton, where Mr. Fred Smale met us. A form of sound control is installed to enable the bells to be heard distinctly in the ringing chamber; it seems to be quite effective.

Next we went on to North Tawton, of Christmas broadcast fame. Our ringing here was not up to the usual standard. The ease with which the 18 cwt. tenor was turned in seemed to impress the local ringers, however. We were rather disappointed in North Tawton bells on the whole; at neighbouring Sampford Courtenay the tone is far superior.

The wind had considerably increased in force and was blowing half a gale as we found our way to Exbourne, a place worth visiting even if only to see the rare standard of craftsmanship displayed in the wood carving of the screen and pew-ends. The bells are light, similar to the many other rings of six round there of the same weight. In the evening, at the Golden Inn, Highampton, the local vocalists gave us a recital of once-popular tunes, and we entertained them with handbell ringing.

To our surprise, Sunday morning was flooded with brilliant sunshine, presenting an opportunity for several spools of camera film to be used. We rang both 'scientific' and call-changes for Matins at Black Torrington, until the third developed a mechanical hitch preventing further ringing. In the evening, after an afternoon of relaxation, we went to St. Lawrence's, Sheepwash, and rang for the patronal festival (including a touch of St. Lawrence Little Bob). We were invited to supper at the Rectory, where we stayed until dusk fell.

AT CLOVELLY

Monday was intended to be almost free from ringing so that we could make the most of our day in Clovelly. We had an hour's ring on the six at the church (light bells in a small tower), and then went down the well-known and well-worn steps to the village.

The rest of the day might easily have become a washout. The rain started at midday and did not stop until nightfall. At Hartland the Vicar offered us the shelter of his greenhouse and entertained us with reminiscences of his forty-four years in the parish, whilst we attempted to fill the void that the eight hours since breakfast had caused. At the Vicar's suggestion, six of us cycled to Hartland Parish Church, where the recently recast bells are probably among the finest six anywhere. The twenty miles ride in the wet back to the hayloft had to be faced and so, after a short ring, we met the others and headed for home.

A stiff breeze accompanied the sunshine next morning and blew us like leaves at varying speeds towards Merton. The special method here was Merton Delight. After this it was only a short ride to Little Torrington (6) and to Great Torrington (8). After ringing on Great Torrington bells we went with the Rev. W. H. Smale to Castle Hill, overlooking the River Torridge, 300 feet below.

On the way back to Highampton we called at Petersmarland and rang there. We stopped also in Sheepwash, where we heard some astonishing yarns from the ringing captain, and at the Union, Black Torrington. We made the most of that night, our last at the farm, talking and ringing handbells until well past midnight.

FAREWELL TO THE FARM

We were sorry to have to say goodbye to the little Devonshire farm with its long white thatched house overlooking the farmyard. For the last time the ten pairs of cycle tyres left their imprints in the muddy farm track and for the last time the people of Highampton waved to the ten cyclists passing through on their way to fresh territory. When we did get to Tavistock (forty minutes late) we were joined by Mr. Elliot, a Hertfordshire ringer on holiday in Plymouth, and found that there had been a mistake as to the date of our visit. When we eventually obtained the keys and started to ring, the organ tuner in the church had to stop work for a while—the one-sided competition was too much for him.

Buckland Monachorum is well off the main Tavistock-Plymouth road, which meant many miles of rough cycling on the moorland roads in the hot sunshine. No wonder, then, that our ringing was not up to standard. However, refreshed by the final run-down into Plymouth, our ringing at Emmanuel and St Andrew's was improved, particularly as Mr. Tom Myers and other resident ringers were there to help us out. After supper we found our way to the Youth Hostel, a building that looks something like a Greek temple.

Thursday morning we had free to do what we liked. Most of us went swimming. Soon after noon we collected at St. Maurice's, Plympton, first class both to ring and to listen to. Then, after lunch, we rang at St. Mary's, another ring of eight. It was another sunny day, and on the A38 road we quickly reached South Brent, the Church of St. Petroc, with its ring of six, poised on the bank of the River Avon. After ringing, conscious of the hills to climb up into the fastnesses of Dartmoor to the Youth Hostel, without delay we attacked the one in five slopes and eventually reached the hostel.

Everyone got more or less soaked in the rain the next morning on the way to Buckfastleigh, where we rang, and at Buckfast Abbey (where we didn't, but some went up the tower to see the ring of fourteen and bourdons). At Ashburton we had our lunch and, wonders! the rain stopped. Still on the A38, we pushed on to Chudleigh to ring on the eight (and a very nice eight they are, too). The next place was Topsham, near Exeter, and the night was spent in Exeter Youth Hostel.

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS

Northern Branch at Netherton

The Northern Branch annual meeting at Netherton on September 20th drew a large attendance, 27 of the 35 towers in the branch being represented, together with many visitors.

The service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. R. C. Stevens, who welcomed the branch to Netherton, afterwards joining in at tea and presiding over the business meeting, at which Mr. Stanley Prestidge, of Netherton, was elected Branch Ringing Master for the ensuing twelve months in place of Mr. Derek Watson, who asked to be allowed to relinquish the office owing to his increasing commitments. Mr. B. C. Ashford and Mr. T. Greenhall were re-elected secretary and Central Committee representative respectively.

The secretary thanked the members for their continued support and referred to the flourishing condition of the branch, there being 222 fully paid-up performing members, the highest total yet recorded, a circumstance which reflected great credit upon the tower secretaries for their efforts in maintaining a steady flow of recruits. He gave a brief resumé of the Central Council's proceedings at Lincoln and invited questions from the members then or at any subsequent time concerning the various matters under consideration.

New members were then proposed, the Rector being made an hon. vice-president, while seven performing members were elected.

Mr. Clifford Skidmore, the Association Master, reminded the members of the annual dinner at the Guildhall, Worcester, on October 25th, and asked for fullest support.

A hearty vote of thanks was then passed to all who had worked to make the meeting a success, and the Rector, after suitably replying, declared the proceedings closed. The members then returned to the tower to keep the bells busy, from rounds to Surprise.

Beds Young Ringers in Devon—Cont.

IN EXETER

The next day, Saturday, we rang on three eights in the Exeter area, besides at the Cathedral itself. First was Alphington, then St. Thomas', and finally St. David's.

At 6 p.m. we went with the Cathedral ringers up to the belfry. The powerful diapason notes of Grandison tend to swamp the voices of all its lesser brethren: the music of the Stafford ten (leaving Grandison out and including the flat sixth) is less confused and infinitely more beautiful. When finally the bells were rung down, most of us went to see Great Peter, in the other tower, and as a result nearly got locked up there for the night. It is not known what use the Cathedral ringers made of the plums that were inadvertently left behind in a paper bag on the ringing chamber table.

Our last ringing of the tour took place at Heavitree, where we rang for morning service. This fine-toned ring of eight is thought by some to be the best in Devon, though others say this of the eight at Taunton: there is really not much to choose between them.

And so the time came to take our leave of Exeter and the fair county of Devon. We had our lunch beside the brown waters of the river and made a presentation to Mr. Michael Stephens, to whose thorough planning and organisation the success of the whole tour was mainly due. After weighing ourselves on the railway station platform to find out what 520 miles, 46 towers and 1,400 (approx.) steps had done to our weight, the Cornish Riviera Express and the preceding relief train came in and bore us all swiftly homewards.

We should like to thank not only the incumbents who gave such ready permission for us to ring at the various places, and who were often there in person to welcome us, but also all those ringers who met us: we were often very glad of their help. R. W. S.

TOUR OF SOUTH AND WEST WALES

Six Peals and Some Failures

LED by two adventurous Welshmen, a party, including eight other ringers, mainly from the Home Counties, visited South and West Wales for a week's ringing tour.

The party met at Abergavenny on the afternoon of Saturday, September 6th, and with the help of Jack Worrall and Wilfrid Moreton and Miss Jacqueline Evans, rang the first peal of Stedman Caters on the bells. The next day the party proceeded to Brecon, where an attempt for Pudsey failed, due to the indisposition of one of the band. A visit was then paid to the fine Taylor six at St. David's, Brecon, and then away we sped to Carmarthen, which was to be our headquarters until the following Thursday.

On Monday a peal attempt at Llanstephan was brought to an abrupt close by a rope breaking, but our sorrows were soon brightened by the fine example of Welsh hospitality of the Vicar, the Rev. G. T. Morris, who entertained us to lunch and then invited us to try again that evening. So after returning to Carmarthen to ring there, Llanstephan was again visited and a peal of Pudsey safely brought round.

Tuesday again saw us on the road, this time to Haverfordwest for a short ring and then on to St. David's Cathedral to score a peal of Yorkshire on that grand ring of bells. Back again in the 'digs' at Carmarthen, we were entertained with bedtime stories by our bell-hanging member who related to us the one about 'The Chest' previously told on another tour recently in the West of England.

SKELETONS IN THE TOWER

On Wednesday we journeyed across Cardiganshire to Aberystwyth, where an attempt for Superlative was lost at Llanbadarn Fawr. Whilst passing through Tregaron on the way to Aberystwyth three members of the party paid a visit to the tower, a fairly large one, in the hope of 'snatching' another ring. Upon reaching the church they were invited to climb up to the belfry to see the solitary bell. In what would have been the ringing room several skeletons had just been removed from about 4ft. of earth covering the floor. The skeletons were presumed to have been the remains of persons hanged in the tower for sheep stealing.

Pembroke was visited on Thursday morning, and after some adjustments had been made to the fittings, a short touch was rung on the bells, whereupon we were invited by the Vicar to attempt a peal on them. A hurried visit was made to Tenby for a peal of Lincolnshire, and we sped back again to Pembroke to ring a peal of Stedman Triples. On the return journey to Carmarthen our Welsh conductor, who was driving, allowed some of his English friends to show him the way, and in consequence we revisited Tenby at 11 o'clock at night via one of the most tortuous lanes in Wales. The driver's comments during the journey are not for publication.

Friday was celebrated in the traditional way; peals were lost at Sketty and Cowbridge. The party was getting travel-worn, having nearly completed the 826 miles of the tour. Saturday morning was spent at Penarth, where a well-struck attempt for Cambridge was lost three leads from the end. In the afternoon we were welcomed to St. John's, Cardiff, by the genial captain, Mr. Seymour Barker, and a peal of Cambridge Royal on these fine bells brought the tour to a happy close. Whilst the peal was in progress one member of the party, who did not stand in, heard what was apparently a broadcast in Welsh by the B.B.C. of the tour. It sounded most peculiar, with expressions such as 'Yorkshire Surprise Major' and 'Stedman Caters' interspersed between the otherwise unintelligible lilting intonation of the Welsh language.

We would like to express our thanks to the incumbents and local ringers of the towers visited for their help and particularly to Mr. Wm F. Thompsett for standing in the Cambridge Royal at Cardiff at almost a moment's notice. A. D.

FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World' of Oct. 4th, 1912

ODD CHANGES

Mr. George Dawson, of Duffield, has achieved a remarkable record. Although he rang his first peal as long ago as 1884—the 'first peal on the bells, and the first by all the band' at Duffield, conducted by Sir Arthur Heywood—he waited until last week before ringing his first peal away from his own tower. In the meantime he had scored 94 peals.

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The band at St. Matthew's Church, Auckland, New Zealand, are making progress and have scored a 672 of Grandsire Triples and a quarter peal. The former was rung on Sunday, August 4th, and the latter on August 11th, the band on each occasion being J. F. Colegrove 1, N. Smallwood 2, J. Heather 3, O. Throssell 4, S. C. Hamblin 5, E. J. Hamblin 6, A. J. White (conductor) 7, P. W. Barringer 8.

WEDDING OF MISS NORMA HOWES

The bells of St. Helen's, Darley Dale, Derbyshire, pealed out on September 20th, when Miss Norma Howes, one of the local ringers, was married to Mr. S. Quigley. Miss Howes is a good ringer and has taken part in a number of peals ranging from Doubles to Major.

The service was conducted by the Rector of Darley Dale (the Rev. R. J. Stanford) in the presence of many friends. The bells were fired as the wedding party left the church. Later in the day an attempt for a peal of Plain Bob Triples was made, but was lost after 1¼ hours' excellent ringing. The ringers presented their good wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Quigley with a case of cutlery.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION AT NAZEING

The most well-attended meeting to be held by the North-Western District of the Essex Association in post-war years was at the six-bell tower of Nazeing recently. A total of 61 ringers were present and represented many towers from Essex, Middlesex and Hertfordshire. Among those present were the secretary of the Association, Mr. R. Heazel, and the Master and Past Master of the South-Western District, Mr. J. Crampion and Mr. J. Chalk.

Ringing started at 3 o'clock and was followed by a service conducted by the Rev. H. Hawkins, Vicar of Nazeing. The organist was Miss D. Mansfield, one of the most enthusiastic members of the local company.

An excellent tea followed in the Church Hall kindly provided by Mr. C. Mansfield and other members of the Nazeing band. After a short business meeting, ringing continued, when touches of Stedman Doubles, Grandsire, Bob Doubles, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Minor, Little Bob and Cambridge were rung.

LADIES' GUILD

A quarterly meeting of the Western District was held at Wrington (10) on September 13th. Ladies and friends were present from Devon, Somerset, Gloucester and Wiltshire, some members travelling 70 miles to be present.

Ringing was of a high standard, ranging from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge Royal. After the service an excellent tea was provided by Mrs. Knight and her helpers.

At the business meeting it was decided to hold the December meeting in Bristol, the March meeting in Wiltshire and the June meeting in Dorset.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MEMORIES OF JAMES PETTIT

Dear Sir, — With regard to Mr. Barnett's inquiry re the late Mr. James Pettit, I was told many years ago that he was one of the fast dying out skilled silk hat makers, and that was why he always wore a 'topper' himself. I believe my informant was Mr. G. N. Price, who was well acquainted with the St. Paul's band of those days.

Apropos of the late Mr. Pettit, those who possess a copy of Mr. Morris' book, 'The History and Art of Change Ringing,' will find a picture (rear view) of him in the illustration facing page 79. This was taken by flashlight about 48 years ago, and subsequently published in 'The Sphere,' a leading illustrated periodical of those days.

Mr. Pettit is shown just above the word 'Youths' on the treble, which bell, I understand, he always rang.

Others whom I can identify are Mr. G. N. Price on the 7th (partly obscured by the ringer of the 3rd), the late Mr. Challis F. Winney on the box of the 8th, and on the tenor box the late Mr. William T. Cockerill, who was for so many years the hon. secretary of the College Youths.

In the small group at the back, the one on the right, with his feet crossed, is (I believe) Mr. Alfred B. Peck, who succeeded Mr. Cockerill as secretary, and still holds that post. The youthful figure with his hands in his jacket pockets is myself.—Yours faithfully,

F. WHITE.

Luton.

HITCHIN BELL FOUNDRY

Dear Sir,—It appears from Northill's churchwarden's accounts that its old 3rd bell had a recasting at Hitchin in 1580 and that the Hitchin bell founder worked again on the bells in 1594–7 and 1599. This is not mentioned in North's book, nor does he seem to mention a Hitchin bell foundry. Can any of your readers supply information about this foundry?—Yours sincerely,

A. J. NIXSEAMAN.

Northill Rectory.

METROPOLITAN ROYAL

Dear Sir,—Below are shown the first eight change-rows (the rest are irrelevant to my point) of 'Metropolitan' Royal:—

1234567890

2135476980
1253749608
2157394068

2517930486
5271394068
5217930486
2571390846

On examination of these, it will be found that BOTH the change-rows with the treble in fourths place are in-course. In any Treble Bob method, I believe, one of such a pair of change-rows must be in-course and the other out-of-course. Hence it appears that 'Metropolitan' Royal is unacceptable as a method.—Yours faithfully,

D. MOTTERSHEAD.

Wilmslow, Cheshire.

CLOCK WITH NO HANDS

Dear Sir,—We have heard recently about a number of one-hand tower clocks, but so far no mention has been made of a clock with NO hands. There is one at Chipping Ongar, Essex, Parish Church. It strikes the hours only. This clock is very old, but no one appears to know its age. It keeps perfect time.

HARRY KING.

Brickwall House, North Weald, Essex.

C.C. MEMBERSHIP

Dear Sir,—Re the articles by A. R. Pink and P. J. Corby respectively, do we all take this matter of the choice of Central Council representation sufficiently seriously? It so often seems to happen that, once elected to the Council, a man is re-elected many times, often to the exclusion of other and sometimes better or more suitable men. Do we consider all the facts carefully enough when election time comes round? Mr. Pink suggests that some representatives, though 'without doubt well loved and trusted by their members,' are not always the best qualified for the task for which they are chosen.

I feel that we should give this matter our fullest attention every time that we are called upon to choose our delegates. Stop re-electing out of habit, or out of regard for the feelings of the retiring member. This matter is too important for sentiment. Make quite sure that the representation that we send is the best we have. The Central Council should be made up of the finest brains in the country. No doubt many of the personnel of the Council are unequalled in their abilities in the Council chamber, but until we all send of our best, without fear or favour, there will still be room for improvement.

Mr. Corby rightly states that membership of the Council is a privilege. It is not one, however, that should be regarded as a reward of virtue.—Yours faithfully,

JESSIE M. KIPPIN.

57, Bugle Street, Southampton.

WYMONDHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—May I point out that this method has not yet been rung?

In the late A. J. Corrigan's 'Surprise Methods,' part E, page 50, it is recorded as having been rung at Walesby on June 6th, 1938. The error doubtless arose through confusing with it the performance of the plain major method of that name on June 6th, 1937, and, in turn, may have led to the omission of the latter from the 'first performances' table in the new edition of the Council's Collection of Plain Major Methods.—Yours, etc.,

NOLAN GOLDEN.

THE FREDERICK PEAL

Dear Sir,—First, I would like to offer my congratulations to the band that rang the 'Frederick' peal at Dodderhill on September 6th. With regard to the inquiry in Belfry Gossip, may I say that a 'Frederick' peal of Grandsire Triples, also Parker's Twelve-part, was rung at Rolvenden, Kent, on June 20th, 1926.

Should your correspondent wish to have the particulars as given in your paper, I shall be pleased to supply them if he will favour me with his name and address.

This peal bore the footnote, Believed to be the first Frederick peal rung,' and this has not been contested.—Yours sincerely,

F. WHITE.

68, Stratford Road, Luton.

BRANCH PEAL QUESTIONED

Dear Sir,—I would like to inquire as to the meaning of 'Furness and Lake District Branch' which appears with the peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Boughton-in-Furness, Lancashire, on September 6th, appearing in 'The Ringing World' of September 19th.

I always understood this to mean that all members taking part in the peal are members of that particular branch or district, but this peal has a footnote to the effect it was arranged for a visitor, so perhaps the conductor could explain his meaning of this or correct a misunderstanding of mine.—Yours sincerely,

E. NOBLES.

Duston, Northants.

OUTING

BURES AND DISTRICT

Six towers in Bucks, Herts and Beds were visited by Bures and District ringers on the occasion of their annual outing on Sept. 13th.

The heavy octave at Olney came fully up to the party's expectations, and they were met by the Vicar and Mr. F. Boswell. At Newport Pagnell, Messrs. Hall and Howson greeted the visitors and ringing commenced on this excellent eight with good touches of Plain Bob and mixed Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

Mr. H. D. Harris was patiently awaiting the Bures ringers at Woburn, and while the first touches of Plain Bob and Superlative hardly did the bells justice, the band settled down and Cambridge and Stedman went well. With Mr. Harris as guide the party proceeded to Dunstable, where Mr. R. Matthews had everything ready. Ringing here included excellent touches of Double Norwich and Superlative.

After tea Mr. H. J. Millatt expressed the thanks of the party to Mr. Leslie Mills, the Bures captain, for making the excellent arrangements. Still guided by Mr. Harris, a move was made to Luton, where Mr. A. Rushton and other ringers met the party. On this lovely Taylor ten (25 cwt.) some good touches of Treble Ten, Stedman Caters and Little Bob Royal, in which the locals joined, were enjoyed, the final being Double Norwich on the back eight. After bidding farewell to Mr. Harris and the Luton ringers we went on to the last tower at Hitchin to be welcomed by Messrs. Todd and Winters. After a minute's silence in memory of the late Mr. A. E. Symonds, president of the Herts Association and himself a native of Suffolk, the bells were rung to Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge.

A pleasant run homeward ensued in the gathering dusk, and after a short call at Dunmow for refreshments and the inevitable 'fish and spuds,' home was reached by midnight.

H. J. M.

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ONE-HANDED CLOCKS

Sir,—Re one-handed clocks, I have a one-handed silver watch, oval in shape with a brass and lacquered face. It fits into a leather case, now damaged. Inside the watch is inscribed, 'John Hooke fecit.' The watch does not work as the axle of the balance wheel is broken, and it has no hair spring (did it ever have one?), also the fusee chain has snapped. Could anyone tell me about the age of the watch, also of anyone to whom I could send it who would put it to work.—Yours faithfully,

W. H. R. TREWHELLA.

Penhevla, Crantock, Newquay.

GETTING THE TRUE ECHO-EFFECT?

Dear Sir, — I have often wondered, when listening to bells rung half-muffled to changes, whether it would not be possible to ring so that each change is once repeated. I imagine the 'true-echo' effect so produced would sound very effective.

Have 'whole pull' changes in this respect ever been attempted?—Yours truly, A. J. G.

[NOTE.—Such ringing would violate, in our opinion, the principles of change ringing.—Ed.]

THE ST. MARTIN'S YOUTHS

By EDGAR C. SHEPHERD

(Continued from page 605)

3.—WILLIAM CHATTELL

The great days of 1820 passed and ringing in Birmingham suffered a decline. The bells at St. Martin's were rehung in 1825, but a very poor job was made of them. Samuel Lawrence died in this year, Alexander Saunders and William Bennett in 1831, and Riley in 1833. Cooper had opened 'The Bell' public house, and shortly afterwards the silver cup vanished. Elijah Roberts, whose tapped peals were causing so much excitement, was soon to leave the town, and Thomas Day, incensed at Cooper's action over the peal of Stedman Triples, would not enter the belfry. Between 1820 and 1830 less than twenty peals were rung, and between 1832 and 1842 there was no real society in the town. During this latter period the centre of activity moved to Aston, where John Hopkins and the young Henry Johnson, in company with a notable newcomer, William Chattell, conducted peals of Triples, Caters, and Royal.

Ringing, therefore, was not dead in Birmingham. Together with Hopkins, who never lost hope, and Johnson, who was growing in physical and mental stature, there were many promising young men. Moreover, Thomas Thurstans and Isaac Lates were both busy with the problems of Stedman Triples, and this period saw the beginning of the long struggle against the obduracy of the method, and the rivalry of the two men which culminated in the victory of 1846. None the less, but for the intervention of William Chattell it might have gone hard with ringing in the town.

William Chattell was a native of Irthlingborough, Northants, where his father was a farm labourer. William dabbled in a number of trades, finally becoming a baker. As a young man he lived for some time at Leicester where he learned to ring, teaching himself the elements of pricking changes and conducting by the aid of an old copy of 'The Clavis.' He seems to have left Leicester on foot early in 1833, and before arriving in Birmingham had visited London, Exeter, Salisbury, and Bristol. On May 29th., 1833, he came plodding through Bromsgrove, very dusty, very ragged, and with his shoes tied to his feet with string. He came into Birmingham the same day and soon obtained employment with Mr. Perks, a flour dealer and baker in Charlotte Street. Shortly afterwards, probably through visiting Elijah Roberts at the beerhouse in Jamaica Row, he fell in with the Birmingham ringers, and soon made his name as a very good ringer.

CONTROL OF ST. PHILIP'S

Hopkins and Roberts both recognised that here was a most promising recruit, and the latter in particular gave the baker a great deal of encouragement. By the year 1840 Chattell had achieved two things. He had made his name as a conductor, and he had secured control of the belfry at St. Philip's. Hines, the new Beadle at this church, knew nothing about bells or ringing, and Chattell took advantage of this fact to come to an agreement whereby the Sunday Service chiming should be done and men found for the paid ringing occasions. But seeing that under this arrangement Hines was to have five per cent. of the moneys, the old hands at St. Philip's took offence and resigned in a body. This suited Chattell very well, and in a short time he had a band of youngsters, attracted by his offer of free tuition and membership of the new St. Philip's Society.

Among these men were Thomas Srawley, Joseph Spencer, and the rather shifty Thomas Bingham. The latter gentleman is described by John Day as a rather short, stout-built man, of fresh complexion, with light brown curly hair, generally well dressed and rather striking in appearance. He was an excellent ringer, but had the name for being associated with many queer tricks and doubtful exploits. He it was, round about the year 1832, who made his home in the tower of St. Martin's Church while the Sheriff's Officer was seeking him in the town. He and his brother Charles were also said to have been responsible for the flying of a black flag from the tower of St. Philip's when the Reform Bill of 1831 was thrown out by the Lords. A serious view of this matter was taken by the authorities, and Charles Bingham had to leave the town.

Round about the year 1842 Chattell left Mr. Perks and set up a bakery of his own in Pope Street. It happened that at this time the parents of John Day were living in this street, and the family bread was taken to Chattell's to be baked. Through this circumstance the baker discovered that young John Day was the nephew of Thomas Day, the composer, and he invited the youth to St. Philip's to see the ringing. The result was that John Day joined the St. Philip's band, assisted with the chiming, and was taught to ring in return.

Chattell now had all the material for a first-rate band. The youngsters were well in hand; John Day was a very useful recruit; and there was little to fear from St. Martin's. But his manner was overbearing and rough, and most of the young men took it amiss. One by one they broke away and went to The Bull Ring where the geniality and kindness of Johnson and Hopkins were found to be a pleasant change from the uncouthness of Chattell. The bells of St. Martin's were going so badly that little could be done at first, but encouraged by the arrival of new blood Hopkins began to raise money to carry out repairs. About £40 were raised and the bells were put into some sort of ringing order. The work, carried out by C. Oliver, was not very satisfactory, but it enabled the twelve to be rung, and if the eleventh had been satisfactory much more ringing would have been possible.

AN UNEASY PARTNERSHIP

There was now a kind of truce or agreement between the old and the young ringers, and a combined band met at St. Martin's on alternate Sundays. But the partnership was an uneasy one. Chattell could bear with no rival real or imaginary, and Johnson and Hopkins both found the baker's manner offensive and intolerable. Within two years there were serious quarrels. First Johnson broke off acquaintanceship, and then, at the ringing for the Birmingham Musical Festival, Chattell picked a quarrel with Hopkins, accusing him of enticing his men away from him, and ending by grossly insulting him. The rest of the band greatly resenting this, Chattell resigned from the paid band at St. Philip's, although he held on to his work in the tower.

In the next year, when the ring of ten at West Bromwich was opened, there was some sort of reconciliation between Johnson and Chattell, and a year later the quarrel with Hopkins was patched up. A new band was formed at St. Philip's, with John Perks, the son of Chattell's old master, appearing as the most promising of the recruits. John Day was able to return to the band, and together with a mixed company from round about, helped by an occasional visit from Lates, Grandsire Triples and Caters were rung regularly. A tremendous lot of handbell practice was put in, mostly at the bakehouse, where it was no uncommon thing for the handbells to be going until well after midnight.

A period of prosperity followed and some excellent peals were rung, culminating in 10,047 Stedman Caters at Aston, conducted by the brilliant young Perks. But the prosperity was a failing one. Chattell offended Day, and then grew jealous of his clever pupil, Perks; and all the time he was giving way more and more to drink. By the year 1866 he was beginning to break up. He found it difficult to walk about, and his breath was bad. Still he continued to teach beginners and to abuse his old friends. He rang one more peal, calling Lates's 5,024 Treble Bob at Bishop Ryder's, but thereafter he deteriorated rapidly. His manner destroyed his business, and with his business went his means; and at last he was moved into a home where he died within three weeks. He was buried in Harborne Churchyard.

JOHN DAY'S TRIBUTE

It is well to dwell on the career of this remarkable man, for his sojourn in Birmingham had a profound influence on ringing in the town. John Day knew him perhaps as well as anyone of his day, and the following passages give a considered opinion of Chattell and all his works.

'I think I have made it clear that ringing was at a very low ebb when Chattell came to Birmingham, and there can be little doubt that his influence had much to do with its revival.

'He taught more young ringers than anyone else I have ever known or heard of in Birmingham, as the old ringers generally took the contrary course, and usually tried to make everything mysterious. His pupils could generally hold their own both in tower and on handbells.

'Than Chattell I should think a better ringer could scarcely be. He was equally at home from treble to tenor, a fine striker all round and a terror to bad ones. He had a good theoretical as well as practical knowledge of the Standard Methods, justly prided himself on his ability as a Stedman ringer, and at the tenor in Treble Bob had few equals. When at his best his great strength and powers of endurance enabled him to ring with comparative ease a bell that another man dare not tackle. He was a safe conductor, in fact I never heard of his losing a peal through missing calls or anything of that kind, but I have known him patch one up.

'As a tower keeper Chattell was untiring. If a bell did not go well, he never rested until he found out the cause. He rehung the seventh and eighth, and afterwards the fourth, having the bells out, the gudgeons cased and turned, new brasses fitted, and made them go well. The tenor was his master, for although he had it out time after time, he could do little with it.'

(To be continued.)

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

Summer Festival in Rutland

A new venture of the Guild in the form of a summer festival took place on September 13th. Headquarters were at the village of Market Overton in the heart of Rutland. Many towers in the county were open during the day and this opportunity was put to good use by the 'tower-snatchers.' A good number of Guild members from most of the branches were joined by visitors from neighbouring associations at the service at 4.15 p.m., which was conducted by the Rector of Cottesmore in the absence of the Rector of Market Overton.

A sumptuous tea was provided in the Village Hall and was followed by a short special meeting, the Master, Mr. E. Whitmore, presiding. The one item of business was to appoint a general secretary, pro tem, following the resignation of Mr. R. C. Noon, who has left the diocese. Mr. G. W. Jeffs was appointed to the office.

The occasion was also used to make a presentation to Mr. Noon on his forthcoming marriage to Miss Joy Rawding. The Master, in asking the acceptance of the gifts, which took the form of a Westminster chime clock and hanging mirror, spoke of this tangible recognition by the Guild of the services rendered by Mr. Noon as general secretary. Mr. Noon replied and thanked everyone for the presents.

Surrounding towers were open after tea, and later many returned to the Village Hall for a social evening, which went on until 10 o'clock.

OBITUARY

MR. R. HASTED

Ringing Master of the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers for 20 years and a vice-president of the Guild since 1947, Mr. Richard Hasted, of 33, St. George's Road, Farnham, died at his home on September 17th. Aged 81, he had been in failing health for some months, but remained captain of the Farnham Parish Church tower.

A native of Privett, he joined the Hampshire County Constabulary as a young man and rose to the rank of inspector before his retirement in 1921. Mr. Hasted spent his years of retirement in Farnham, devoting much enthusiasm and energy to his lifelong hobby of bellringing. His election as Ringing Master dated from 1928; he composed, rang and conducted many peals. A copper beech walking stick presented to him on his retirement as Ringing Master in 1947 bore an inscribed silver band and a testimonial which stated that the gift was made 'in gratitude and affection' by ringing members of the Branch. Mr. Hasted's wife and family are left in bereavement.

The funeral service at Farnham Parish Church on September 20th preceded interment in Ash Cemetery. In addition to family mourners present the following ringers attended:—Mr. A. Harman (Master, Guildford Guild), Mr. G. L. Grover (general secretary), Mr. C. W. Denyer (Farnham District Ringing Master), Messrs. J. Read, C. Wells, J. Wells, C. J. Beadle, A. C. Beadle, Mrs. C. Read (Farnham tower), E. Gardner and Miss M. Cass (Seale). As the cortege left the church the bells rang out half-muffled, and at Ash the bells were also rung half-muffled during the committal at the graveside. Ringers who attended here were Messrs. E. and P. Sherwood, E. Pepler, Miss S. Sherwood, C. D. Manfield, A. H. Pulling (vice-president), G. S. Joyce (District secretary), R. Mills (assistant secretary) and Major E. J. Bragg (assistant Ringing Master). Two courses of Grandsire Doubles on handbells were rung over the open grave by Messrs. A. H. Pulling, C. Denyer and E. J. Bragg, and in the evening 1,260 Doubles (540 Stedman, 360 each of Grandsire and Plain Bob) was rung by C. W. Denyer (conductor) 1, Miss M. Cass 2, P. Sherwood 3, E. Pepler 4, E. Sherwood 5, R. H. Mills 6.

MR. J. T. GODWIN

The Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild has lost one of its stauncher members by the death on September 19th of Mr. John Thomas Godwin, of 30, South Court Avenue, Dorchester.

Mr. Godwin had rung at St. Peter's, Dorchester, for 45 years and last rang a fortnight before his death. He had been Rector's warden for nearly 20 years. He was the principal of Messrs. J. T. Godwin, who have china and glassware businesses at Dorchester and Weymouth.

Canon A. Wilkinson Markby, chairman of the Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, officiated at the funeral service in St. Peter's Church on September 23rd. He was assisted by Canon Clare Morrow, Rural Dean of Dorchester, and the Rev. A. F. Godley, former Rector of Stratton and a fellow-ringer.

The large congregation included the Mayor and Mayoress of Dorchester. Ringers were present from St. Peter's, Fordington, Abbotsbury, Wyke Regis, Upwey, Yetminster, Preston, Frampton and Wool, with Mr. R. H. Steed, captain of St. Peter's, in charge. Also present was Mr. W. J. Simons, oldest member of St. Peter's tower, who had been ringing with Mr. Godwin for 45 years.

At Mr. Godwin's wish the bells were rung half-muffled before the service and an open touch as his coffin was carried from the church he had served for almost a lifetime. Cremation was at Weymouth.

FOR BEGINNERS—AND A WORD TO THE OLDER HANDS

XIV.—AIDS TO CALLING STEDMAN TRIPLES

If the young conductor of Stedman will carefully study the method, he will find many things that will assist him in 'keeping the bells together.' He must not expect to see everything at once—only practice will enable him to become a master of his job—but there is no need to wait for things to become apparent by constant occurrence. Study of the figures will enable the 'bob caller.' to pick up many useful hints to make himself a 'conductor.'

For example, you probably know that the bell immediately in front of you and the one immediately behind you in the dodging are going into the work in front, in the opposite way to you. If you are a 'slow' bell, they are 'quick'; if you are 'quick,' they are 'slow.' The mere knowledge of the fact will often enable you to prevent a trip when you see a hesitating blow on the part of either of these ringers.

Again, when you are dodging up, the bell you are dodging with will go IN, the same way that you have come OUT. This applies on all numbers, but we are more particularly concerned here with Triples.

Another very useful thing to bear in mind is the relationship between two bells, not actually coursing in the dodging, but separated by a six. When you have trained yourself to know, subconsciously, as it were, what the bells thus separated are doing, you have a very helpful knowledge of what the majority of the bells are doing.

You already know that the bell in front of you and the one behind go out into the 'slow' (for that is a general way of describing the work of the front three bells, even if the six happens to be a 'quick' six) the opposite way to yourself. If you are 'slow' they are quick and they are soon out of the way; if you are quick you leave them both in the slow, and as they are separated in their work by a six, if you know what one is doing you automatically know what the other should be doing. That, with your own bell, gives you a grasp of five of the seven bells.

The relationship between these 'separated' bells is not difficult to follow. In between the quick sixes—when one has finished and before the other begins the quick work—they dodge together in 4—5, and while one is in 'quick' the other is in 6—7. This dodge in 4—5 is the only time they dodge together while in this relationship. At other times when they are dodging one is in 4—5 (up) when the other is in 7—6 (down); when the latter is in 5—4 (down) the former is in 6—7 (up).

When they get into the 'slow' together the first one in does its last half-turn when the second one does its first whole turn; and when the first one does its last whole turn the last one does its first half-turn.

Now, when your own bell is in the 'slow' you can, with the above in mind, keep your eye on both the slow bell ahead of you and the slow bell behind you. And in the spaces between you have a pair of 'quick' bells, in similar relation to each other.

Suppose you are ringing the 7th in the plain course, when you go into the slow you find the 4th there; as the 4th leaves the treble comes to its slow work. Here you will see it in figures:—

3467251	4175236
4376521	147
347	174
374	7142563
734	
743	1724653
4735612	127
	217
7453162	271
754	721
574	7126435
547	
457	1762345
4751326	716
	761
7415236	671
471	617
417	1673254

Examine the relationship between the 4 and 7 and then between 7 and 1. You cannot expect to get all the detail into your head in one 'go,' but study and practice will teach you quite a lot which, presently, will become as much a part of your ringing as is the actual method itself.

The real difficulty in following Stedman, of course, is the rapid changes caused by the bobs; but here again you can go picking up 'tips' if you use pencil and paper at home and use your eyes in the belfry.

The orthodox touches and peals of Stedman Triples have bobs only in pairs, and, although odd bobs can be used, we are not troubling about that now.

You will remember what we said last week about the calling places for pairs of bobs being designated S, H and L for the three pairs 3-4, 5-6 and 7-8 respectively, and Q for the 12-13. One useful thing to remember is that the bell dodging 7–6 (down) at either S, H or L is always a QUICK bell afterwards; and consequently the bell dodging 6–7 (up) is always a SLOW bell afterwards.

The bell that 'makes' the first bob of either of these pairs—that is the bell that makes 5ths and turns round in 4-5—is always a QUICK bell, and, if four bobs are called, makes the last as well as the first bob, but being then (as the SECOND of a pair) always slow.

Pairs of bobs called at Q have precisely the opposite effect both on the bells in 6-7 and the bells making the bobs

These are some of the simpler things which we advise young conductors to assimilate and then to make a further study of touches for themselves to see how the calling of bobs transposes the relationship of the bells.

Here is the calling of a famous quarter peal which you may like to try your hand on:—

2314567

2463517	S		L
4325617	S	H	Q
3425167		H	

Repeat that calling four times. Your other part ends will be:—

4531267
5142367
1253467
2314567

We would ask those who are interested in calling Stedman to make a careful study of this quarter peal, because we shall return to it later on.

MR. T. PARTRIDGE

The death of Mr. Tom Partridge, of Sefton, has been a severe blow to the ringers of the Liverpool District. He was an hon. member of the Lancs Association and took a great interest in its work. Although not a ringer, he was never happier than when ringers visited Sefton.

He was laid to rest on September 17th near to the bells he loved. He was the instigator of increasing the old ring of six to eight, giving the second bell in memory of his wife. The ringers of Sefton rang before and after the service and on Sunday, the 21st, a half-muffled peal of Bob Major was rung on the bells with some of the Liverpool and Sefton ringers. Mr. Tom Partridge will be a much-missed man. May his soul rest in peace. J. R.

OUTINGS

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX

For the first time for 13 years a full day's outing was recently enjoyed by members of the Harlow Common band. Starting at 8.15 a.m., the first halt was at Woolwich, followed by a call at Bromley Common. The stay at this tower was unfortunately very short as extensive road repairs encountered after leaving Woolwich had put the party behind schedule.

After a very pleasant run through the Kent countryside, the party rang at Edenbridge prior to partaking an excellent lunch at the town's 13th century restaurant.

The first afternoon call was at Tonbridge, where the stay was all too short, but Chatham had to be reached for tea. A peal of Stedman in progress at the Chatham Parish Church provided a fitting accompaniment to the meal. Visits to towers at Frindsbury and Dartford completed the day, in which the standard methods were rung up to Cambridge and Superlative. A most enjoyable outing, which had been ably organised by Mr. W. Aley, was concluded with the traditional light refreshment.

Thanks are due to all tower secretaries and members of towers visited for their co-operation.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK

On September 6th, the ringers of St. Remigius' Church, Hethersett, augmented with ringers from St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, and Wymondham Abbey and accompanied by their wives and friends, made a tour of churches in the Ely Diocese. Towers visited were Littleport, Ely (St. Mary's), Long Stanton, Over, St. Ives and Huntingdon (All Saints' and St. Mary's). Lunch was taken at Ely and tea at Huntingdon.

Ringing ranged from rounds for learners to Double Norwich and Cambridge Major.

The thanks of the party are accorded to the clergy for the use of the bells, Wally Cousins, general secretary of the Ely Diocesan Association, Marion Grain of Ely, Harold Peacock and Jack Spicer of Huntingdon.

LITTLE ASTON, SOUTH STAFFS

A visit to North Staffordshire was paid by the ringers of St. Peter's, Little Aston, who were accompanied by friends from Coseley, Wolverhampton, Rugeley and the R.C. Abbey of Erdington, Birmingham.

After ringing on the anti-clockwise five at Abbots Bromley, with a tenor of 17¼ cwt., the party were not so fortunate on the five at Alton, North Staffs, where the attention of a bell founder, the retuning of the treble and the addition of rope guides are necessary. Mayfield has a pleasant six (tenor 12 cwt.) and a course of Cambridge was achieved.

Following lunch various Doubles methods were rung at Ellastone, where there was a delay owing to the fourth rope breaking. Kingsley provided a surprise with having one of the best kept six-bell ringing chambers and an excellent ring. It was felt that the invitation to come again and ring a peal here will not be unanswered.

Mr. William Potts, the Ringing Master, accorded the visitors a welcome at Cheadle, a very pleasant six, and although the party were an hour late, Mr. H. Hodson was awaiting their arrival at Stone, another anti-clockwise ring with a treble that caused anxiety. The last tower was on a private estate at Ingestre, near Stafford, where documents had to be produced to gain admittance. Ringing was strictly limited to half an hour as one or two inhabitants had not quite recovered from the first peal on the bells the previous week.

Special thanks are not only due to incumbents and those who met the party, but to Mr. Dennis Holden, of Coseley, who helped so much with the arrangements.

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ENGAGEMENT

RILEY—PLAYFORD. — The engagement is announced of Derek, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Riley, of Loughton, and Daphne, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Playford, of Ongar. 1425

GOLDEN WEDDING

TINGLE—WOOLMER.—On Oct. 2nd, 1902, at All Saints' Church, Rushton, Kettering, Frederick Tingle to Charlotte Woolmer. Present address: 15, North Street, Ripon. 1430

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MEETINGS

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Saturday, Oct. 4th, Aldermanster (6). Bells 3 p.m. Please arrange own tea.—R. J. Edden. 1427

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Quarterly general meeting, Ripley, Oct. 4th, 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m., followed by tea at local cafes. Meeting at 6 p.m. in Church Room.—Denis R. Carlisle. 1387

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-West Division.—Crusader meeting, Downham (6), Oct. 4th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. Pitsea bus from Billericay to Blue House Corner 35 mins. past the hour. City bus Romford–Southend to Castledon Road, Brentwood–Shotgate to Beavoir's Chase 5 mins. past the hour. Names for tea to H. Oliver, Fremnall's Garage, Downham, Billericay. 1265

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Practice meeting at Hersham on Saturday, Oct. 4th. Bells (8), recently rehung, from 3.30. Tea at 5 p.m.—W. Simmonds, 33, Burwood Close, Hersham, Walton-on-Thames. 1398

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Quatt on Saturday, Oct. 4th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Notifications for tea to H. G. Thomas, 104, Victoria Road, Bridgnorth. 1416

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Bengeo (8 bells) on Saturday, Oct. 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. Names for tea to J. Kemp, 16, North Road Avenue, Hertford. Herts. 1267

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Elstree (6), Saturday, Oct. 4th, 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30.—R. G. Bell, 131, Hamper Hill Lane, Watford (Watford 7936). 1385

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District. — Annual district meeting at Tonbridge (8), Oct. 4th, at 3. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Notes of tower activities during this year will be welcomed by secretary for his report. 1271

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting at Ashby Oct. 4th. Bells (8) 2.30. Tea 5 p.m. 1410

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch. — A meeting will be held at Whitechurch Canonicorum on Saturday, Oct. 4th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Service at 4, followed by tea and meeting. Please notify for tea.—C. H. Lathey. 1212

SALISBURY GUILD. — Calne Branch. — Meeting, Yatesbury (5), Oct. 4th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to Mr. J. Goddard, 19, Yatesbury, Calne, Wilts. 1415

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual dinner, Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, Oct. 4th. Ringing arrangements: St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, 3–4; St. James', Clerkenwell, 3.30–4.30; St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, 4.15–5.30. All tickets sold.—Frank J. Matthews, Dinner Sec. 1380

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — Nottingham District.—Quarterly meeting, Goose Fair, Saturday, Oct. 4th, at Nottingham. St. Mary's bells from 2.30, St. Peter's from 6. Please bring own food. Cups of tea provided. 1388

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM. — Quarterly meeting, Oct. 4th, at Erdington Parish Church. Bells (8) available at 4 p.m. Erdington Abbey bells (8) available from 3 p.m. until 4 p.m. only. Tea for those who notify G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Phone Springfield 1025. 1391

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —Winchester District.—Business meeting, Twyford, Saturday, Oct. 4th. Bells (8) 2. Service 4. Tea 4.45 in Dolphin Hotel. Names by previous Wednesday to Mr. J. A. C. King, 29, Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester. 1245

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Monday, Oct. 6th, 7.15 p.m., practice, St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge. Saturday, Oct. 11th, meeting, Camberwell. St. George's (8) 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea and business, Parish Hall, 113, Wells Way, 5 p.m. (names, please). St. Giles' (10), 6.45–8.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. HOU 3921. 1411

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual dinner at King George Hotel, Barnsley, Oct. 11th, 6 p.m. Tickets 7s. 6d. each. Ringing at St. Mary's 2.30 to 5.30 p.m.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 18, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 1455

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Deanery.—Meeting, Kingston Seymour, Oct. 11th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 1453

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Kilmersdon, Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Bus service 2.20 from Frome and 3.15 from Radstock. Names for tea to G. Pomeroy, Babington, near Frome. 1423

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Ilchester Deanery Branch.—Meeting at South Petherton, Oct. 11th. Service 4.30. Early notice for tea essential.—F. Farrant, Martock. 1446

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District. — A meeting will be held at Northill on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells 6 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—L. H. Bywater, Sec. 1444

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mark's (6) on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Perry, Lynwood, Lyncombe Vale, Bath. 1457

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting on Oct. 11th at Pocklington. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Church Hall. Please notify by first post Wednesday, Oct. 8th, Mr. C. Bairstow, 9, Victoria Road, Pocklington, numbers requiring tea. 1431

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District—Meeting at Christ Church, North Shields, on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Names for tea by Oct. 9th to J. Palmer, 104, Belford Terrace, North Shields. 1449

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Ely, Cambridge and Hunts Districts) and the CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.—Joint meeting, Oct. 11th, at Longstanton (8). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Miss M. Grain, Belmont, Ely. 1437

ELY ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech Branch. — Meeting, Shouldham, Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Tea provided.—J. E. Fox, Dis. Sec., Walpole Highway, Wisbech. 1459

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Swindon Branch. — Wanborough (6), Oct. 11th. Tea.—W. B. Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon. 1421

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Meeting at Northchurch (8), Saturday, Oct. 11th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Ashby, 38, High Street, Northchurch, Berkhamsted, by Oct. 9th.—P. A. Martin, Dis. Sec. 1394

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION and SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Combined meeting, Lewisham and N.W. Districts, will be held at Eynsford on Saturday, Oct. 11th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.—R. Lathbury, A. G. Hill, District Secs. 1386

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—Annual district meeting, Maidstone (10), Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells 2.30. Tea in College Room 4.15, followed by business. Evensong 6. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, near Maidstone. 1436

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Joint meeting with Furness and Lake District Branch and the Ladies' Guild, Saturday, Oct. 11th, at Morecambe. Bells (8) available 2.30–9. Lancaster Priory bells (8) available 2–4.30 (men only). Tea at Morecambe 5. Names for tea to H. Palmer, 14, Oxford Street, Morecambe, not later than Wednesday previous. —R. F. Eccles, Branch Sec. 1418

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting, Oct. 11th, at Crosby (6). Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 for those sending names to Mr. E. Porter, 1a, Endbutt Lane, Crosby.—J. M. Preston, Branch Sec. 1458

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at St. Luke's, Heywood, Oct. 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 8th, to J. K. Mills, 33, Hornby Street, Heywood.—F. Pritchard. 1420

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Bilsborrow, Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bring own food. Preston–Lancaster bus, alight Roebuck.—L. Walmsley. 1426

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Meeting, Lockington, Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea in Village Hall 5. Cups of tea, bring own food.—C. W. Hall. 1424

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District. — Meeting, North Kilworth, Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.15, White Lion 5 p.m.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. Note change of date. 1440

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Meeting at Great Dalby, Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells 2.30. Tea at Royal Oak 4.30. Service 6 o'clock. Names MUST BE SENT to Mr. H. T. Bonshor, Great Dalby. 1445

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Half-yearly meeting, Scunthorpe, Oct. 11th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. at Jubilee Cafe, but only for those who notify F. Lord, 107, Bushfield Road, Scunthorpe, by Tuesday previous. 1278

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION & LONDON GUILD.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturday, Oct. 11th, at 3 p.m. No tea arrangements, shops nearby.—T. J. Lock. 1442

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION and OXFORD GUILD.—Joint meeting, Oct. 11th, St. Andrew's, Uxbridge (8), 2.30–4. St. John's, Hillingdon (10) 3–4.30 and after tea. Service 4.30. Tea 5, and social evening 7.45, in St. John's Hall. NAMES, PLEASE, to F. W. Goodfellow, Seaford, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks, by previous Tuesday.—F. W. Goodfellow and A. D. Barker, Hon. Secs.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Newbury Branch.—Annual meeting, Newbury, Oct. 11th. Bells (10) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Notify for tea by Oct. 8th.—H. T. E. Curtis, 67, Kings Road, Newbury. 1403

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Reading Branch.—Monthly practice, Saturday, Oct. 11th. Pangbourne (6) 3–5 p.m., Whitchurch (6) 6–8.30 p.m. Tea can be obtained in Pangbourne.—A. Diserens, Branch Sec. 1422

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch.—Meeting at Dorchester, Oxon, on Oct. 11th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 4. Tea and meeting afterwards for those who notify me by Oct. 7th. — H. Badger, Branch Sec. 1433

PETERBOROUGH GUILD. — Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Earls Barton (8) on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Names for tea, 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough, Wellingborough. 1277

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD — Thrapston Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Sudborough, Saturday, Oct. 11th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by Tuesday, please.—G. W. Jeffs, 4, Highfield Road, Thrapston, Kettering. 1434

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Meeting, Condover (8), Oct. 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea advise W. A. Farmer, 70, Oakfield Road, Shrewsbury, or G. C. Bagley (Hon. Sec.), Endale, 34, Wharfage, Ironbridge. 1456

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Practice meeting, Kirdford, Oct. 11th, 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, by 8th, to E. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis. 1419

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS. — Dedication of new ring of eight (John Taylor and Co.) by the Bishop of Oxford, Sunday, Oct. 12th, 2.45 p.m. Ringers' Day and branch meeting combined, Saturday, Oct. 25th, 3 p.m. All welcome. 1417

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Glaston Deanery. — Meeting, Baltonsborough, Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells 3. Service 4. Tea and meeting. Names for tea by Tuesday, 4th. —W. Marsh, 4, Dovecotes, Street. 1447

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual dinner will be held in the Lion Hotel, Guildford, Saturday, Oct. 18th, commencing 7 p.m. Tickets (10s. 6d. each) from R. F. Mills, 35, Fowler Road, West Farnborough, Hants. Ringing arrangements, etc., will be notified later. 1408

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — An extra-ordinary general meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 18th, at 3 p.m. in St. Peter's belfry, St. Albans. Important business. Tea 5.30 p.m., Abbey Institute, 2s. 6d. Ringing will be announced at meeting. Names for tea to H. V. Frost, Hon. Gen. Sec., 43, Leyland Avenue, St. Albans. 1441

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District. — Annual district meeting at Rochester Cathedral (10) on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells from 3 p.m. Evensong with parts of the ringers' service 4 p.m. Tea in Patricia's Pantry followed by the business meeting 4.45 p.m. Names for tea to me before Tuesday, Oct. 14th.—B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, near Sittingbourne, or phone Newington 350. 1432

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Oct. 18th, at Canterbury. Bells, St. Alphege's, from 3 p.m., St. Stephen's and St. Dunstan's from 2.30. Service, St. Alphege's, 4.15. Tea 2s. 3d. per head. Names for tea (with cash, please), together with nominations for officers, must reach me not later than first post Wednesday, Oct. 15th.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 1439

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Quarterly general meeting, Burbage (8) on Oct. 18th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea in Old Schools at 5. Names to F. K. Measures, 58, Lychgate Lane, Burbage, near Hinckley, Leics, by 15th.—W. A. Wood, Gen. Sec. 1438

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Gainsborough District. — Next meeting will be at Brigg on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Names for tea to me by Tuesday previous.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 1460

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Culworth Branch. — Meeting, Sulgrave, Saturday, Oct. 18th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous.—A. E. R. Walker, Eydon, Rugby. 1443

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch. — Meeting, Dodford, Saturday, Oct. 18th. Names for tea to Mr. R. Smith, The Hollies, New Street, Weedon, Northampton, by Saturday, Oct. 11th.—F. W. Hancock. 1454

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION. — Half-yearly meeting at St. John's, Alloa, on Oct. 18th. Ringing from 2.30. Names for tea by the 15th to Rognvald Wilson, 15, Durham Road, Portobello, Midlothian. 1283

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Autumn meeting, St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, Oct. 18th. Bells (10) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at St. Paul's Institute 5 o'clock. Names for tea not later than Oct. 15th to Mr. B. G. Key, 54, Rolleston Road, Burton-on-Trent.—Fred Bennett, Hon. Sec. 1429

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District. —Ringing meeting, Saturday, Oct. 18th, 2.30 p.m., at Benhall (6). Tea, own arrangements. Annual subscriptions will be collected.—P. S. Bedford. 1450

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, Oct. 18th, St. Mary's, Lewisham. Ringing 2.30. Service 4.45 p.m. Circulars following this notice. Any members without circulars by Oct. 11th please notify Mary Martin, 80, Middle Lane, Hornsey, N.8. 1451

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WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The annual dinner will be held at the Guildhall, Worcester, on Saturday, Oct. 25th, at 5.45 p.m. Bells available: St. John's (8) 3–5 p.m.; All Saints' (10), 3–5.15 p.m. Tickets (7s. 6d. each) obtainable until Tuesday, Oct. 21st, from Messrs. C. Skidmore, T. W. Lewis, Branch Secs., or J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 1428

LIVERPOOL PARISH CHURCH (Our Lady and St. Nicholas', Pierhead) RINGERS' DAY. —Sat., Oct. 25th. Bells 10.30 a.m.–3.30 p.m. and 6–9 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. followed by high tea at Reece's Restaurant. Remittances for tea tickets (6s. 6d.) should reach me by Oct. 18th, and stamped addressed envelopes will be appreciated. Complete twelve-bell bands will be allotted definite periods of ringing if organisers will notify me previously and state their approximate arrival times. A room has also been reserved for luncheon at Reece's Restaurant at 12.30 and 1.15 p.m. When applying for tickets (7s. 6d.), please say which sitting is preferred. RINGING FOR SPECIAL SERVICES DURING CONSECRATION FESTIVAL will be as follows: October 20th, 23rd, 28th, 29th, 6.15–7.30 p.m.; Oct. 27th, 5.45–6.45 p.m. All ringers will be welcome at these times as long as they come ALSO on Oct. 25th! Will such ringers kindly advise me of their intentions, so that we may know what help to expect each evening? — J. E. Spice, 30, Glenmore Avenue, Liverpool, 18 (Phone Allerton 3514). 1252

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—The 315th anniversary dinner will be held at Mecca Restaurant, Plantation House, Mincing Lane, Fenchurch Street, E.C., on Saturday, Nov. 1st, at 6 p.m. Tickets 15s. 6d. Early application advisable.—A. B. Peck. 1452

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COMPLACENCY

'Whilst the mind is occupied with the intricacy of the method, the hands are actively employed in the proper command of the bell, the dextrous management of which forms a very essential part in the art treated on. However acute the ear and unclouded the practitioner's intellect may be, yet if he is deficient in this point he can never attain the degree of excellence requisite to become a fine striker. . . . It is almost incredible what extremely small portions of time are forced upon the observation in change ringing . . . . a sixteenth part of a second becomes an appreciable quantity.' (H. Hubbard, 'Elements of Campanologia,' 1876, Preface.)

READ this through again and, on pondering the words, many thoughts arise. One is constantly told of the continued progress and improvement of ringing. The organisation and fellowship, through Guilds and Associations, has made enormous strides; facilities for learning and ringing are likewise easier than ever before; the fields of composition and method construction have been explored and widened and the mathematical side has become an exact study, thus catering for all tastes without losing the earnest desire for truth or sacrificing the high principles connected with our art.

All this is very good, but has created a sense of complacency in certain respects, and to the discerning ringer the future picture is far from bright. The words of Henry Hubbard quoted above are as true to-day as eighty years ago, but an appreciation of their true significance is being missed more and more. It must be conceded by anyone who has known a high standard of ringing that the proportion of poor handlers and strikers is becoming higher.

The real art in ringing, as distinct from its scientific side, lies in handling and striking, and as striking is the final result by which the listener may judge the ringing, then it must be given priority, though the two things are inseparable.

Why should this most difficult and important part of our art be neglected? Surely it is because the accent is being laid on the academic, and not the practical aspect. A generation is arising that can ring an enormous variety of complicated methods on any number of bells, and yet cannot chime perfect rounds on six bells, because they have never heard or attempted perfect striking. It is not realised that perfect striking is a definite possibility, but is only obtainable by constant striving, study and application, and the determination always to strike better than ever before, even if one has been ringing many years. By such self-dedication and humility, we may truly deserve the honour of ringing 'to the glory of God.'

Thinking, then, on these things, and exploring the avenues of thought leading to this conclusion, one is confronted with the amazing paradox that the blame must be laid originally on the progress in bell-hanging and tuning. The superiority and excellence of modern bells cannot be denied, but they are so easy to 'ring' that young ringers do learn to 'handle' them in no time. There is no need to 'drive the bells,' they 'go on their own' and so on. At least, that is what many ringers think. The position of the hands and grip on the rope, the stance and length of pull do not have the same importance for full control, and the sally is allowed to slide through the fingers until a gentle clench stops the bell in the balance, while the hands never rise much higher than the ringer's chin.

These same ringers are, of course, found out as soon as they get away from their 'drawing room' peals and then one hears wails of 'unringable,' 'impossible to keep up,' etc., or, as one of our poets put it recently, 'the culprits are the bells.'

This lackadaisical handling leads to anything but good striking, but there again, when the bells are perfect in note and tone, their resonance covers up the bad striking, and in many towers the bells can scarcely be heard, particularly certain peals of twelve. They just blend together, and as long as the unskilled pull after each other in the correct order, everyone is satisfied. They forget that the bells are usually loud and distinct outside the tower. In reports of dedications of bells one reads that 'the tone and go leave nothing to be desired,' but never 'the front four and the eleventh are inaudible in the tower, while the noise outside is simply deafening.' It may be maintained that these two faults are none of the founders' business—that their job is to cast perfect bells and hang them well, and they are not to be blamed for faults arising only when the bells are rung, but therein lies more food for thought.

Falseness of bells is not eliminated until the centre of balance of the bell coincides with the mathematical centre, but so many ringers are oblivious to the fact that if, say, a bell is quick at hand at the beginning of a peal, it will remain so all the way through, and for ever until the bell is recast or turned.

There is only one quality of striking that may be called perfect, and wherever one goes in the country the general standard is poor compared with 'perfect.' Ringers who deny this are guilty of a low standard themselves; possibly they have never heard ringing which has been nearly per-

fect, and the chances are they never will, though there is one area in the country where the bells are old and go badly, yet the ringers trained on them delight in putting their backs into the job, and to ring with them is an enjoyable experience.

With the decline in the art of ringing the focus has moved to peal ringing; from quality to quantity, and as all peals look the same in print, imposing lists of achievements are receiving undue admiration. No one will deny the enthusiasm, the efforts, the time and expense involved, and the personal satisfaction in ringing so many peals per year, but many of the individuals concerned will admit that they have had to put up with some 'rough stuff' to achieve this object.

Let ringers who read this article examine their own ringing analytically and critically, be honest and recognise where second best is being accepted, and since the standard of any community depends on the standard of the individual, the result must lead to better striking and a better enjoyment of ringing by all. S. O'C. H.

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Tenor 33 cwt. 21 lb. in C sharp.

HENRY H. FEARN	*Treble*	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	7
*MURIEL REAY	2	ERIC E. SPEAKE	8
†WINIFRED M. BURTON	3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	9
ALBERT WALKER	4	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	10
BRIAN G. WARWICK	5	FRANK E. HAYNES	11
TERRY R. HAMPTON	6	*GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.
* 100th peal together. † First peal of Cambridge Maximus.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Tues., Sept. 23, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

FRANK E. HAYNES	*Treble*	TERRY R. HAMPTON	7
MURIEL REAY	2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	8
HENRY H. FEARN	3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	9
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	4	*CHARLES T. RICHARDS	10
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	5	GEORGE E. FEARN	11
JOHN PINFOLD	6	†A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
* First peal of Maximus. † First peal of Cambridge Maximu

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Sept. 25, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 25 cwt.

JOHN R. SMITH	*Treble*	†JOHN G. GIPSON	7
WINIFRED M. BURTON	2	*T. REGINALD DENNIS	8
HARRY POYNER	3	JOHN B. BENNETT	9
HAROLD J. POOLE	4	J. FREDERICK MILNER	10
*ERNEST G. HIBBINS	5	PETER J. STANIFORTH	11
†WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	6	COLIN P. WALKER	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDERICK H. DEXTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* 100th peal together. † First peal on twelve bells.
Specially arranged for Messrs. Hibbins, Ridgman, Gipson and Dennis, of Cambridge.

TEN BELL PEALS

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Sept. 23, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

ALLEN MORGAN	*Treble*	HERBERT W. KNIGHT	6
*R. GEORGE MORRIS	2	†GEORGE PRESCOTT	7
GEORGE E. LARGE	3	REGINALD WOODYATT	8
MRS. J. THOMAS	4	CYRIL TANSELL	9
JOHN THOMAS	5	THOMAS W. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.
* First peal of Plain Bob Royal. † First peal of Royal. Birthday compliment to Herbert W. Knight (Wrington) and the conductor.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 27, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 25 cwt. 3 qr.

THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY	*Treble*	*ALEXANDER E. MARSH	6
GORDON BENFIELD	2	PERCY J. JOHNSON	7
DONALD R. MARSHALL	3	WILLIAM BARTON	8
*JOHN W. GIBSON	4	JOHN AMBLER	9
ALFRED ASHTON	5	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.
* First peal of Treble Bob Royal.
Arranged as a birthday compliment to Mr. P. J. Johnson and Mr. E. H. Simpson.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 27, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb.

R. GEORGE MORRIS	*Treble*	ALLEN MORGAN	6
JOHN THOMAS	2	GEORGE PRESCOTT	7
GEORGE E. LARGE	3	CYRIL TANSELL	8
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	4	THOMAS W. LEWIS	9
REGINALD WOODYATT	5	WILLIAM A. PRESCOTT	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM KENT. Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

EAST RETFORD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Sept. 27, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

GRACE BURCHNALL	*Treble*	FRANK VERNON	6
*KATHARINE BURCHNALL	2	JAMES W. RAITHBY	7
CLEMENT GLENN	3	ARTHUR CHILTON	8
†PETER N. WHITE	4	*KENNETH BEARDSALL	9
FREDERICK G. HOOPER	5	J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters
sire Caters.

WIGAN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 27, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 28 cwt.

CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE	*Treble*	*JOHN ASHCROFT	6
THOMAS BARKER	2	JAMES BLACKBURN	7
E. ROGER MARTIN	3	JOHN CHARNOCK	8
JAMES W. GROUNDS	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD	9
G. ALEC DIMMOCK	5	ARTHUR HATCH	*Tenor*

Composed by J. GROVES. Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.
* First peal of Caters. First peal as conductor of Stedman Caters.

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EIGHT BELL PEALS

AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 20, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

*KENNETH HARTLEY	*Treble*	JACK ASHCROFT	5
MARGARET E. RIDYARD	2	THOMAS HESKETH	6
THOMAS HORRIDGE	3	EDWIN C. BIRKETT	7
†RONALD KENRICK	4	†JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
*50th peal and first in the method. † 100th peal together.
Rung in honour of the wedding of the Rev. D. P. Roberts and Miss I. Massey, which took place at St. Catherine's, Liverpool, the same day.

WHALLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 20, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Original. Tenor 22 cwt.

CHARLES BLAKEY	*Treble*	*ALBERT YATES	5
BRIAN A. TOMLINSON	2	†WILLIAM PROCTOR	6
NORMAN TOMPKINS	3	JOSEPH THORNLEY	7
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	4	JOHN BENSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.
* First peal in the method. † 25th peal.
Rung to the Glory of God and to celebrate the ordination of six priests in Manchester Cathedral the following day.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Sept. 21, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Washbrook's Variation. Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

HARRY PARKES	*Treble*	DORIS E. COLEGATE	5
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	2	*MARK S. LANCEFIELD	6
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	7
ROBERT COLLINS	4	THOMAS W. BLEWITT	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.
* First peal of Stedman Triples 'inside.'
Rung for the thanksgiving service for the restoration of the church; also for Battle of Britain Sunday.

HARTLEBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Sept. 21, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt.

MURIEL REAY	*Treble*	TERRY R. HAMPTON	5
BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	6
SHIRLEY V. RYMER	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	7
ANTHONY AGER	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

ROCK, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Sept. 21, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Wilde's Transposition. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

R. GEORGE MORRIS	*Treble*	GEORGE PRESCOTT	5
CYRIL TANSELL	2	*REGINALD WOODYATT	6
ALLEN MORGAN	3	THOMAS W. LEWIS	7
GEORGE E. LARGE	4	WILLIAM A. PRESCOTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.
* 250th peal.

SEFTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Sept. 21, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

WILLIAM DEACON	*Treble*	GEORGE SKELLAND	5
SIDNEY FLINT	2	THOMAS HESKETH	6
KENNETH HARTLEY	3	*EDWIN C. BIRKETT	7
THOMAS HORRIDGE	4	*JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
* 50th peal together.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. T. Partridge, an honorary member of the Association and a great friend of the ringers.
William Deacon, a member of the local band, has now 'circled the tower.'

SWAFFHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Sept. 21, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 107 lb.

STANLEY G. ELSEY	*Treble*	CECIL V. EBBERSON	5
GEORGE P. ADAMS	2	ERNEST H. MASTIN	6
EDWARD BARKER	3	WILLIAM ROSE	7
WALTER J. FORD	4	BERT GOGLE	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.
Rung for the Harvest Festival.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Sept. 22, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

*FRANK SMITH	*Treble*	G. BRIAN GROVER	5
†ROLAND W. MORANT	2	GEORGE L. GROVER	6
‡RONALD H. KENWARD	3	EDWARD G. L. COWARD	7
J. OLIVER GLANVILLE	4	ALBERT HARMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.
* First peal. † First peal on eight bells 'inside.' ‡ First peal of Major.
Rung to commemorate the ordination on the previous day at the Pro-Cathedral of Timothy Fletcher and Peter Cole as Deacons, both of whom are to serve in the Guildford Diocese.

STOKE PRIOR, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Sept. 22, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES
Parker's Six-part, No. 13. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

R. GEORGE MORRIS	*Treble*	ALLEN MORGAN	5
GEORGE E. LARGE	2	CYRIL TANSELL	6
REGINALD WOODYATT	3	THOMAS W. LEWIS	7
*GEORGE PRESCOTT	4	*WILLIAM A. PRESCOTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.
* First peal in the method.

SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Sept. 22, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in E flat.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Treble*	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	2	CHARLES T. RICHARDS	6
HENRY H. FEARN	3	JOHN PINFOLD	7
BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Sept. 22, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 18 lb. in E flat.

*CHARLES T. RICHARDS	*Treble*	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	6
JOHN PINFOLD	3	HENRY H. FEARN	7
*BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	4	†GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
* First peal of Superlative. † 900th peal.

GREAT HOLLAND, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Sept. 23, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Pritchard's Four-part. Tenor 15 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

URBAN W. WILDNEY	*Treble*	GEORGE WATERMAN	5
FELIX H. EARITH	2	R. ROGER SAVORY	6
DONALD C. ANDREWS	3	WALTER A. SOUTHGATE	7
RONALD G. BUGG	4	EDWARD E. DAVEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

LYE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Tues., Sept. 23, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
At Christ Church,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 3¼ cwt.

Henry H. Fearn	*Treble	*Charles T. Richards	5
John Pinfold	2	Arthur V. Pearson	6
Frank E. Haynes	3	Clifford Skidmore	7
Jack L. Millhouse	4	George E. Fearn	*Tenor

Composed by George Baker. Conducted by Frank E. Haynes.
* First peal of Rutland.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 24, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6½ cwt.

E. Alan Jacques	*Treble	S. Anthony Jesson	5
Harold J. Poole	2	*Michael E. Brown	6
John R. Smith	3	*Colin P. Walker	7
Mrs. H. J. Poole	4	John B. Bennett	*Tenor

Composed by Frederick H. Dexter. Conducted by Harold J. Poole.
* First peal in the method.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Sept. 25, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in F.

Anthony Ager	*Treble	John Pinfold	5
Henry H. Fearn	2	Eric E. Speake	6
Arthur V. Pearson	3	Jack L. Millhouse	7
Frank E. Haynes	4	George E. Fearn	*Tenor

Composed by F. H. Dexter. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

KINGSWINFORD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Thurs., Sept. 25, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt. in F sharp.

A. Patrick Cannon	*Treble	Eric E. Speake	5
Henry H. Fearn	2	John Pinfold	6
Jack L. Millhouse	3	*Frank E. Haynes	7
Arthur V. Pearson	4	George E. Fearn	*Tenor

Composed by William Barton. Conducted by George E. Fearn.
* 500th peal.

TUNSTALL, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Sept. 25, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9¼ cwt.

John W. Unwin	*Treble	*Stanley V. Rayfield	5
George A. Naylor	2	†Stanley M. Evans	6
William A. Wood	3	George Kenward	7
Doris G. Dobbie	4	Eric Naylor	*Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Eric Naylor.
* First peal of Treble Bob 'inside.' † First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Basil A. Edwards, captain of St. Margaret's Ringers, Rainham, who was married to Miss Joy Woolley at St. Margaret's on Saturday, September 20th. Also an 81st birthday compliment to G. Wood, of Queenborough.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Sept. 26, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

*Horace O. Over	*Treble	Harold J. Poole	5
Mrs. H. J. Poole	2	*Roland Beniston	6
*John A. Underwood	3	*Michael E. Brown	7
*C. William Hall	4	*John B. Bennett	*Tenor

Composed by H. Law James. Conducted by Harold J. Poole.
* First peal in the method. In memoriam John H. Grundy, of Loughborough.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 27, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

Albert W. Bond	*Treble	Arthur W. Gravett	5
*A. James Ede	2	Roger A. Beale	6
*Leslie W. Penfold	3	Herbert W. Woolven	7
Frank Bennett	4	Alfred J. Bull	*Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Frank Bennett.
* First peal of Major. Rung on the 19th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Roger A. Beale.

CHADDESLEY CORBETT, WORCESTERSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Sept. 27, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Cassian,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 16 cwt. 23 lb.

Muriel Reay	*Treble	Arthur V. Pearson	5
John McDonald	2	J. Martin Thorley	6
Anthony Ager	3	*Henry H. Fearn	7
Michael D. Staniforth	4	†George E. Fearn	*Tenor

Conducted by Arthur V. Pearson.
* 50th peal this year. † 100th peal this year.

DARTFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 27, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
At the Church of The Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Washbrook's Variation. Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. in E flat.

Isaac Emery	*Treble	John E. Lyddiard	5
Walter Lemon	2	Herbert E. Audsley	6
*Tom Brett Smith	3	Frederick J. Cullum	7
†A. Ronald Ling	4	Percy J. Spice	*Tenor

Conducted by Herbert E. Audsley.
* First peal of Stedman. † First peal of Stedman Triples.
Rung to commemorate a peal rung in this tower on September 17th, 1892, in which I. Emery took part, which was his seventh peal.

HASLINGDEN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 27, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. James.
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MAJOR
Containing 2,016 St. Clement's, 2,016 Plain Bob, 672 Double Bob and 336 Little Bob. 35 changes of method. Tenor 16 cwt.

James W. Williams	*Treble	Norman Smith	5
Kenneth Hartley	2	F. Eric Roberts	6
Roger Leigh	3	Brian H. Wood	7
Charles W. Blakey	4	Chris. M. P. Johnson	*Tenor

Composed by George Williams. Conducted by Roger Leigh.
First peal of Spliced Major on the bells and by all except the 6th. K. Hartley has now 'circled' the tower and is the first ringer to do so.

HOOK NORTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 27, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 20¼ cwt.

Hubert E. Ashley	*Treble	Leonard Trevor	5
Michael L. Callow	2	Brian D. A. Woolley	6
Paul K. Williamson	3	†James L. Garner-Hayward	7
*David A. Carpenter	4	John A. L. Thompson	*Tenor

Conducted by Leonard Trevor.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Surprise away from the treble. Believed to be the first peal of Cambridge on the bells.

ROCK, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 27, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

*William Davies	*Treble	Alfred W. Glazzard	5
*Christopher Wallater	2	Maurice G. Turner	6
Gerald Bowen	3	Roderick J. Lees	7
†Alfred C. Bowen	4	Howard Howell	*Tenor

Composed by F. Hopgood. Conducted by Howard Howell.
* 25th peal together. † 50th peal.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

CASTLEACRE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Sept. 4, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10¼ cwt. in G.

EDWARD BARKER	*Treble*	ERNEST H. MASTIN	4
CLAUDIA A. HARDING ..	2	NORMAN V. HARDING ..	5
CECIL V. EBBERSON	3	FRANK H. HICKS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.
First peal in seven methods on the bells.

NORTH CREAKE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Sept. 14, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

*ROBERT LANGLEY	*Treble*	JOHN COUZENS	4
†DAVID EMMERSON ..	2	ROBERT ALLCOCK	5
ROY OWEN	3	TONY OWEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by TONY OWEN.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal 'inside.' Rung for the Harvest Thanksgiving.

EAST PECKHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 17, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, St. Clement's, Single Oxford and two extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 14 cwt.

TOM SAUNDERS	*Treble*	LUTHER J. HONESS	4
WILLIAM R. MANSER ..	2	PETER C. WRIGHT	5
GEORGE F. CANTRILL ..	3	FRANK P. WRIGHT	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK P. WRIGHT.

ROADE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Northampton Branch.)
On Fri., Sept. 19, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of six six-scores each of St. Simon (4 callings), Reverse Canterbury Pleasure (4 callings), Southrepps Pleasure (2 callings), Reverse St. Bartholomew (3 callings), Old (3 callings), April Day (3 callings) and Plain Bob (4 callings). Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb.

ANTHONY J. BAKER	*Treble*	JOHN HARROLD	3
KENNETH D. PERKINS ..	2	*ALAN C. COZENS	4
ERIC NOBLES	*Tenor*		

Conducted by ERIC NOBLES.
* First peal in seven methods 'inside.' 50th peal as conductor. Rung as a Dedication Festival peal.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 20, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

GORDON WHEWELL	*Treble*	CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON ..	4
FRANK STEAD	2	ROGER LEIGH	5
CHARLES J. ABRAHAMS ..	3	NORMAN SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by NORMAN SMITH.

BRAMLEY, SURREY.
GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 20, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*JOHN K. KNIGHT	*Treble*	FREDERICK OLDROYD ..	4
WINIFRED OLIVER	2	J. OLIVER GLANVILLE ..	5
ROLAND W. MORANT ..	3	TOM PAGE	*Tenor*

Conducted by TOM PAGE.
* First peal.



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WISSENDINE, RUTLANDSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 20, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 1,440 Plain Bob and 3,600 Grandsire. Tenor 15¼ cwt.

H. WAND .. ..*Treble*	PETER J. THOMAS 4
FREDERICK WATSON .. 2	FRANK T. LONG 5
REGINALD SCOTT 3	GEORGE R. WILKINSON .. *Tenor*

Conducted by PETER J. THOMAS.

ARELEY KINGS, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Sept. 22, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, 10 callings. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

JOHN H. HICKS .. .. *Treble*	ALFRED C. BOXLEY .. 4
GERALD L. BOWEN 2	ALFRED W. GLAZZARD .. 5
A. REGINALD ROWLEY .. 3	*HENRY M. PERKINS .. *Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED W. GLAZZARD.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Gerald L. Bowen and Miss Vilma Boxley, and for the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred C. Boxley.

HALSE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Tues., Sept. 23, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 14 six-scores each of April Day (five callings), Plain Bob (four callings) and Grandsire (ten callings). Tenor 12 cwt.

HARRY COUSINS .. ..*Treble*	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT .. 4
STANLEY N. BRISTOW .. 2	CLAUDE TARR 5
REGINALD W. STONE .. 3	TOM HANCOCK .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

EARDISLEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Clifford District.)
On Wed., Sept. 24, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 8 cwt.

*WILLIAM H. PRICE .. ..*Treble*	JOHN NEWMAN 4
GEORGE BARKER 2	G. JAMES R. PRICE 5
DENNIS SHARPLES 3	ARTHUR WILLIAMS .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by G. JAMES R. PRICE.

* First peal away from covering bell.
First peal on the bells since being rehung by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., and rung as a compliment to the Rector and parishioners.

INGATESTONE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 24, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND EDMUND,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 of Cambridge Surprise and two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

FREDERICK A. ABREY ..*Treble*	CHARLES J. HARRINGTON.. 4
GEORGE A. ROGERS .. 2	HARRY TURNER 5
HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.. 3	JOHN SITCH .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. E. F. Hudson, who, on September 17th, was inducted as Rector, and to Mrs. Hudson.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., Sept. 26, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of: Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ..*Treble*	R. ROGER SAVORY 4
ROBERT E. LESTER 2	GEORGE W. PIPE 5
GEORGE WATERMAN 3	RONALD W. STEWARD .. *Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.

HUNTINGDON.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Sept. 26, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being 1,440 changes each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and 2,160 of Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

JOAN HARDING .. .. ..*Treble*	JOHN R. G. SPICER 4
FRANK WARRINGTON .. 2	FRANK W. LACK 5
HAROLD S. PEACOCK .. 3	STANLEY GILBERT .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by STANLEY GILBERT.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Gilbert upon the birth of a son.

UPCHURCH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Sept. 26, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, two extents of Kent Treble Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. in G.

DORIS G. DOBBIE .. ..*Treble*	CYRIL S. JARRETT 4
GEORGE A. NAYLOR .. 2	GEORGE KENWARD 5
FRANCIS J. CHEAL 3	ERIC NAYLOR .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by ERIC NAYLOR.

FITZHEAD, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Sept. 28, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

HARRY COUSINS .. ..*Treble*	FRANK BLANCHFLOWER .. 4
REGINALD W. STONE .. 2	CLAUDE TARR 5
*DAVID V. SMITH 3	†WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.. *Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

* First peal. † 100th peal.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 27, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Oxford Treble Bob, two extents of Kent Treble Bob and two extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

KENNETH W. MUTTOCK ..*Treble*	RONALD E. BURT 4
*BETTY SYRETT 2	FRANK PEARSON 5
FRANK C. J. ARNOLD .. 3	FRANK C. W. PHILLIPPO .. *Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK C. W. PHILLIPPO.

* First peal 'inside.' Rung for the Patronal Festival.

MARCH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 27, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WENDREDA,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Six callings. Tenor 16 cwt. approx. in E.

JOHN R. G. SPICER .. ..*Treble*	TREVOR A. BEVIS 4
FRANK W. LACK 2	HERBERT GOAKES 5
FRANK WARRINGTON .. 3	P. JOHN WILKIN .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

Rung as a triple birthday compliment to Mr. Charles Goakes, father of the ringer of the 5th, Mr. H. Goakes and his son, Stanley Goakes, aged 21 years (total ages 167 years).

HANDBELL PEAL

WARWICK.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Sept. 26, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT 21, THE BUTTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 3½ in A flat.

WILLIAM H. MALE 1—2—3—4	THOMAS MALE .. .. .. 5—6

Conducted by WILLIAM H. MALE.

First peal of Minor 'in hand' by both ringers. First peal of Minor as conductor.

BEDWELLTY, MON.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Bryant 1, G. Flower 2, Miss H. Evans 3, A. R. Price (cond.) 4, Miss J. Powell 5, A. Williams 6. First quarter for 1 and 6. For harvest festival.

BENHILTON, SURREY.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): C. Blundell (first of Doubles) 1, W. Parrott 2, P. Richardson 3, P. Leech 4, E. Gosden (cond.) 5, E. Goldsmith 6. Rung for the harvest festival.

BITTESWELL, LEICS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Grandsire, 360 Plain Bob, 300 Stedman): Mrs. W. Vann 1, A. E. Barlow 2, W. Vann (cond.) 3, A. J. Timson 4, E. W. Tipler 5, A. E. Peabody (first quarter) 6.

BRISTOL.—At St. Mary Redcliffe, on Sept. 14th, 1,311 Stedman Cinques: F. G. Leaker 1, A. M. Tyler (cond.) 2, Mrs. M. P. Mayell 3, A. Pearce 4, J. M. Stallard 5, R. J. Bowden 6, P. L. Pearce 7, F. C. Mogford 8, A. A. Hillier 9, W. H. Parker 10, N. H. Coombs 11, E. F. Hancock 12. First quarter Stedman Cinques for ringers of 6 and 9.

BROXBOURNE, HERTS.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Carnill 1, Miss N. Radley 2, C. Goldsmith 3, A. Langridge 4, S. Carter (cond.) 5, L. Radford (first quarter) 6, A. Radley 7, J. Luxam 8. To mark the 53rd wedding anniversary of Mr. C. Goldsmith.

CARLISLE, CUMBERLAND.—On Sept. 29th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Hodgson (first quarter) 1, E. A. Palmer 2, J. Boustead 3, T. B. Porter 4, T. Ling (cond.) 5, C. Lightning 6.

CHATHAM, KENT.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: D. S. Norris 1, Miss P. Smee 2, H. G. Springate 3, R. Skinner 4, T. A. Cross (cond.) 5, T. Beaumont 6, R. E. Norris 7, C. E. J. Norris 8.

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.—On Sept. 28th, 1,254 Grandsire Cinques: A. Hume 1, Mrs. J. Harris 2, Mrs. P. Andrews 3, L. J. Clark (cond.) 4, E. J. Runter 5, Miss H. Snowden 6, F. Harris 7, R. Groves 8, R. C. Thrift 9, G. Andrews 10, P. Eves 11, J. Crawley 12. First quarter of Grandsire Cinques by all except conductor. Rung for the Essex harvest thanksgiving service.

CHELSFIELD, KENT.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Bridget Cox 1, J. A. Pannell 2, Ann Pannell 3, J. Parker 4, J. C. Carpenter (cond.) 5, V. Webster 6.

QUARTER PEALS

CHURCHILL, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Joe Franks 1, G. Gilling (cond.) 2, C. Roynan 3, R. Dare 4, K. Gatchouse 5, Jim Franks 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam E. J. Avery, local branch secretary.

CLAPHAM PARK, SURREY.—On Sept. 26th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: S. Marrington 1, D. Maidment 2, E. Kiernan 3, T. Taffender 4, G. Lucas (cond.) 5, T. Tyers 6. First quarter of Minor for 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6. For harvest thanksgiving.

COUNTESTHORPE, LEICS.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Margaret A. Elsey 1, R. T. E. Hubbard 2, B. S. Chapman 3, L. E. Chapman 4, W. J. Root 5, P. J. Staniforth 6. First quarter Plain Bob Minor for 1, 5 and 6. A compliment to Mr. H. Warburton, who has completed 50 years as a ringer and 40 years as verger of this church.

DALLINGTON, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (300 Grandsire, 240 April Day, 720 Plain Bob): R. Old (first quarter, 14) 1, E. Nobles 2, J. Nash (first quarter) 3, J. G. Chapman (first quarter as conductor) 4, C. T. Windram 5, C. H. Bushell 6. For harvest thanksgiving.

DAYBROOK, NOTTS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Cawthorne 1, P. Preston 2, Miss J. Hoodless 3, B. Buswell 4, J. Troughton 5, A. Simpson 6, J. A. Barratt (cond.) 7, H. W. Perkins 8. In memoriam Harold Pailing, late ringing master, Daybrook.

EAST HARLING, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 28th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: L. King 1, F. Arnold 2, Dr. P. Jonason 3, F. Phillippo (cond.) 4, F. Pearson 5, W. Eagling 6. For harvest festival. Believed to be first quarter by local Sunday service band for 40 years.

EBBW VALE, MON.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Evans (first on eight) 1, Miss A. Stevens 2, R. Stevens 3, A. Evans 4, R. Alsop 5, J. Alsop (cond.) 6, B. Werry 7, J. Jeynes 8.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints', on Sept. 28th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: M. J. Dyer 1, H. B. Bull 2, J. R. G. Spicer 3, C. J. Young 4, H. S. Peacock 5, S. Gilbert (cond.) 6. For harvest festival.

NEW RADNOR, RADNOR.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Hughes 1, T. Jones (cond.) 2, T. Giddings 3, F. Owens 4, D. T. Roberts 5, J. Baker 6. Rung as a tribute to the late Rev. R. Winn, B.A.

NORTH KILWORTH, LEICS.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): C. N. Bennet 1, K. H. Rowland 2, J. S. Haynes 3, P. J. Thomas (cond.) 4, D. Allsop 5. Rung half-muffled in memory of Capt. Albert Henry Hornby. Also on Sept. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): C. N. Bennet 1, D. Allsop 2, J. S. Haynes 3, P. J. Thomas (cond.) 4, K. H. Rowland 5. Rung to welcome the new Rector (the Rev. Frank Waterton).

NOTTINGHAM.—On Sept. 30th, at the Church of St. Mary, 1,264 Bob Major: C. Barnes 1, Mrs. M. J. Pailing 2, Miss J. E. Hoodless 3, H. Lewin 4, A. Simpson 5, F. A. Salter (cond.) 6, A. Hoodless (longest touch on 'inside' bell) 7, W. Nichols 8. First quarter in method for 2, 3 and 5. In memory of Harold Pailing

NYNEHEAD, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 19th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss B. M. Rowsell (first of Minor) 1, Miss J. Tattersall 2, L. J. Alderman 3, G. Walford 4, D. T. North 5, F. W. Slocombe (first as cond.) 6. Rung for harvest festival.

ST. IVES, HUNTS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,248 Plain Bob Major: F. Warrington (cond.) 1, H. W. Pratt 2, E. J. Parish 3, G. Nicholls 4, W. O. Noble 5, G. H. Dunnington 6, A. Clements 7, L. W. Fisher 8. Rung for harvest festival.

WOLBOROUGH, DEVON.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. M. Atkins 1, W. J. Harvey 2, Rev. N. F. D. Coleridge 3, H. G. Lewis 4, R. T. Perry 5, J. E. Lilley 6, F. Wreford (cond.) 7, B. Pidgeon 8. First on eight 'inside' by 2 and 3.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFS.—At St. Luke's, Blakenhall, on Sept. 9th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: A. A. Elsmore 1, H. Griffiths 2, D. J. Tranter 3, T. Reynolds 4, E. Stitch 5, J. N. Hadley 6, J. D. Holden 7, E. E. Speake (cond.) 8. First quarter of Surprise Major for 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6.

WOODFORD, ESSEX.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Matthews (first quarter) 1, Miss S. Booth 2, J. Waugh 3, F. Maynard 4, L. Bullock 5, C. Morss 6, J. Crampion (cond.) 7, B. Petty 8. A farewell to R. Matthews, who is joining the Merchant Navy.

YATELEY, HANTS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Goss (first quarter) 1, C. Butler 2, A. Hearmon 3, Miss J. Butler 4, S. Bunch 5, B. Goodall 6, G. Butler (cond.) 7, A. Gibbs 8. For harvest festival.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

A sixty years after peal is indeed an achievement. Mr. Isaac Emery rang his seventh peal at Dartford on September 17th, 1892. His peal at Dartford on September 27th was a noteworthy anniversary.

Ringing at the Biggleswade District meeting at Northill, Beds, to-morrow will start at 3 p.m. and not 6 p.m. as stated in the previous issue.

By taking part in the peal of Stedman Cinques at Leicester on September 25th, Mr. W. J. Ridgman, of Cambridge, has rung in peals of Stedman from Doubles to Cinques.

By the peal at Croft on September 22nd, Fred Watson (verger) completed 50 peals at this church. After the peal the ringers were kindly entertained by the Rector.

As St. Margaret's, Rainham, is under repair and no ringing is possible, the wedding peal for Mr. Basil Edwards and Miss Joy Woolley was rung at Tunstall Church. St. Margaret's ringers wish Basil and Joy every happiness in their future life together.

Darley Dale ringers were able to provide Mr. Bob Edden, of Southam, Warwicks, with plenty of ringing during his visit. There was ringing at Darley Dale, Winster (5), Elton (5) and Edensor (6). Unfortunately an attempt for a peal of Stedman Doubles at Edensor came to grief.

Extract from a Shropshire weekly describing a meeting at Clive Church: 'A feature of the meeting was a heavy ring of six (tenor 25 cwt.) by Mr. John Taylor (Scarborough). Other items included Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Cambridge Reds.' Comments our correspondent: Any information relating to this probably little-known bell founder or the even less known last mentioned method will be welcome! Some years ago appeared a report of a peal of 'Double Knowledge' C.B. Major rung at Wem.

Last Saturday eleven members of the Devon Guild of Ringers, all resident in the county, attempted a peal of Grandsire Caters at Exeter Cathedral to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the first peal on the bells. The attempt was organised by Mr. J. E. Lilley, whose father, the late C. R. Lilley, took part in the first peal. After two hours of excellent ringing the attempt came to grief. The same band hope to make another attempt in the New Year.

The band consisted of W. E. Ashdown (Broadclyst) 1, J. E. Lilley (Newton Abbot) 2, E. W. Biffin (Exeter) 3, A. M. Atkins (Teignmouth) 4, W. H. Howe (Exeter) 5, A. Truman (Kenn) 6, F. Wreford (Exeter) 7, Rev. J. Scott (Exeter) 8, T. G. Myers (Plymouth) 9, W. Harvey and C. A. Uglow (Totnes) tenor. The way the two Mid-Devon members handled the tenor was favourably commented upon.

Those wishing to attend the College Youths' Dinner are advised to make an early application for tickets in view of the disappointments that attended the first London dinner of the season—the Cumberlands'.

Mr. T. Elcox has completed 75 years as a ringer at Areley Kings, Worcs. To commemorate his 88th birthday he rang the second to 1,260 Plain Bob Minor. Others in this quarter were J. Hicks 1, W. H. Turner 3, C. E. Lucas 4, G. R. Bowen (conductor) 5, A. W. Glazzard 6.

The peal at North Bradley, Wilts, was rung to mark two events, one being the 70th anniversary of the founding of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, the other for the wedding of Mr. R. Hunt to Miss M. Norrish, and was an expression of thanks from the Parish Church to Robin for the many hours of voluntary work in the churchyard, which bears fine testimony to his hard work.

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LONDON'S DERELICT BELLS — SUGGESTIONS MADE FOR JOINT ACTION AT THE ANNUAL DINNER — AUSTRALIAN PEAL RECOGNISED — MR. GEOFFREY CARTER'S EXPERIENCE WHEN EAVESDROPPING AT COLLEGE YOUTHS' PEAL

A VARIETY of topics was introduced in the speeches delivered at the annual dinner of the Royal Society of Cumberland Youths held at the Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, on October 4th, and ranged from Coronation ringing to the restoration of derelict bells in the City, while Mr. Geoffrey Carter gave sparkling reminiscences to the delight of the company.

The Master, Mr. G. H. Cross, presided, and Mr. C. C. Matthews acted as toastmaster. Arrangements for the dinner were admirably made by Mr. F. J. Matthews (junior steward). After the loyal toast Mr. W. R. Winterton, in submitting 'The Church,' said he had done it so often that he felt he had become a pillar of the Church—a Corinthian. They were exceedingly lucky in their two vicars. Mr. Charles-Edwardes had kept the bells of St. Martin's to a proper pitch and Mr. Meredith Davies had had Shoreditch bells restored into first-class ringing order. They were grateful to him as they 'go' extremely well, but there could be some improvement in the control of noise. A few weeks ago he was detained by the police when going to Shoreditch and listened to the bells outside and they were somewhat noisy. He hoped they could help Mr. Davies to get them quietened.

DERELICT RINGS

Before they met again there would be the Coronation which would be a great festival for ringing. During the last week there had been an appeal for £4,000,000 to restore some of the ancient churches of the country. He hoped that part of the £4,000,000 would go towards getting some of the derelict bells in working order for the Coronation.

The Rev. L. M. Charles-Edwardes, in reply, said in the City of London there were a number of churches with derelict bells and he suggested that the Masters of the Royal Society of Cumberland Youths and the Ancient Society of College Youths should get in touch with Col. Searle, the secretary of the fund launching the appeal, and persuade him to spend some of the money on bells. It was said that there was nothing that an Englishman liked better on a Sunday morning than the sound of bells in his ears and then he walked in the opposite direction.

He felt that the ringers should do something to capture the imagination of youth in ringing. Every church had its youth guild or young people's fellowship and they ought to approach them and get them interested in the art. He would like to see the bells of St. Martin's and Shoreditch rung each Sunday morning and evening and not alternately as at present.

As the result of broadcasting from St. Martin's, they received many letters appreciating their bells. One wrote: 'After listening to the lovely bells we hoped to have a beautiful service. We left it on the air and tuned in to Radio Luxembourg.' Another wrote: 'Thank you so much for your lovely bells last Sunday. Our baby had hiccoughs, but they drowned it.'

The Rev. Meredith Davies also responded and said he hoped they would not regard their ringing on Sundays as a duty but rather as a service to the Church. He would like to pay a tribute to their Master and members of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths. Mr. Cross met him and talked over the restoring of Shoreditch bells to their former glory and the Society had helped very considerably in that work. When they could get men to climb into a dirty belfry, scrape the walls and make it clean, it was real service to the Church. He was proud to be associated with the Royal Cumberland Youths and hoped they would extend their services to other churches and bring about that inspiration that would draw people back to the Church.

A HISTORY WANTED

The toast of 'The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths' was proposed by Mr. J. W. Raithby, who said the Society went back to 1747 and he believed that prior to that the Society was known as the London Scholars, which started in 1702 or before that date. Throughout the ages the Society had had its ups and downs, but he thought 1952 saw it in a very eminent position. In an age of changing values and changing morals the Society continued from strength to strength. He hoped somebody would write a history of the Cumberland Youths. Their Society meant something in the annals of change ringing and it was time a history was written.

They must not forget that the Cumberlands were a national Society. Although his views might not be acceptable to all, he thought the two national Societies—the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Cumberlands—had more influence than the Central Council. A pronouncement by either Master was received with more interest than a report of the Central Council.

One of the earliest articles of the Cumberlands recommended civility, peace and punctuality. That was wise counsel in 1747 and it was wise counsel to-day. One of the things that marred ringing was the constant bickering; it existed at parochial level and also at diocesan level. They had examples in the little acts of jealousy and ill-feeling. Could they not follow the exhortation of St. Paul and put away childish things. He implored the Cumberlands not to have anything to do with ungentlemanly conduct.

The Master, who replied, extended a special welcome to Mr. J. G. A. Prior, Master of the Ancient Society. He apologised for the absence of Jack Millhouse, Dick Newman and Dr. Taylor, who completed 50 years as a member of their Society that month.

THE AUSTRALIAN PEAL

During the year three peals had been rung for the Society. There was a peal of Bob Major at Finchley conducted by Arthur Butler and a peal of Bob Minor in Australia. He expected they had read about the Australian peal and they had decided to book that peal. Mrs. Matthews had received letters from the conductor, Mr. Botting and the umpire, and they all said it was a good peal. The other peal was at Swanscombe.

Next year they would be ringing for the Coronation. He hoped that members would take part in those peals and that some of them would be rung for the Cumberlands.

There were two members they would like especially to congratulate that evening. They were Mr. and Mrs. Charles McGuiness who had been married 25 years and celebrated the occasion by both ringing in a silver wedding peal. On the call of the Master the company stood and drank their health.

The Master also made an appeal on behalf of the restoration of the bells at Clifton, Bedfordshire. A collection was taken, that raised £3.

Mr. G. F. Carter, in a happy strain, proposed the health of 'The Visitors and Kindred Societies.' He thanked the Master of the College Youths for his good services to him in teaching him to ring Surprise. Among the company present he saw two Fifth Columnists, Dick Hawkins and Dick Deal. They were very quiet and he wondered what report they would present to their members in secret conclave.

TOLD TO 'MOVE ON'

Some years ago he was passing St. Paul's when they were ringing a peal. He dismounted from the bus and stood in the little doorway known to all ringers A policeman spotted him and walked over to him and said, 'Are you one of the ringers?' He had to admit that he could not aspire to be one, so was curtly told to 'move on.' He did as requested and pondered on the exclusiveness of a Society that would not let other ringers listen to their peals.

Mr. Carter had a special word of welcome to Miss Steele recalling her and other Bedfordshire ringers' friendliness to him after the war. He also mentioned that that was the last time Mr. Denis Layton would be with them as Master of the London University Society and it pleased him very much to have him with them.

Mr. J. G. A. Prior, in acknowledging the toast, brought the good wishes of the Ancient Society. They had been referred to as 'the opposition.' He wished that the Cumberlands would go from strength to strength as his Society was going. 'I hope we will remain exclusive and I hope that you will continue to take the ladies, as we won't.'

Recalling Mr. Carter's attempts at Surprise, he said he promised to put half-a-crown in the box when he rang a course without a mistake. He succeeded and they got the half-crown.

The concluding toast, 'The Press,' was proposed by Mr. F. E. Hawthorne (senior steward) and replied to by Mr. White.

Before the party broke up, Mrs. Deal thanked Mr. Frank Matthews for making the arrangements for the dinner.

During the evening Mr. Jimmy Potterill entertained and mystified and the special choir of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields sang motets.

THE COMPANY

Supporting the Master and Mrs. G. H. Cross were the Rev. L. M. and Mrs. Charles-Edwardes, the Rev. Meredith Davies and Mrs. Davies, Miss Evelyn Steele, Mr. J. G. A. Prior (Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths) and Mr. W. R. Winterton.

Others present were Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Hawthorne, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. N. Halsey, Mr. and Mrs. A. Rushton, Mr. and Mrs. A. Mason, Mr. and Mrs. R. Lathbury, Mr. and Mrs. H. Burton, Mr. and Mrs. G. Dodds, Mr. and Mrs. J. O'Dell, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Raithby, Mr. and Mrs. H. Stevenson, Mr. and Mrs. C. McGuiness, Mr. and Mrs. T. Bevan, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Francis, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Newman, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Deal, Mr. and Mrs. W. Oatway and Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Kirkby.

Messrs. P. N. Bond, R. Sharpe, N. Smith, L. Bywaters, A. Sinfield, W. S. Chandler F. W. Vernon, A. E. Chilton, C. F. Briggs, E. C. Thrale, A. J. Hill, A. Patten, D. Lavton, F. J. Russell, G. F. Carter, E. Russell P. Humphries, J. Hill, N. Stevenson, W. Stevenson, W. Bottrill, A. R. Ling, J. S. Hawkins, W. Prockson, T. Clarke, A. Butler, M. Butler, W. Glasspool, N. Hayes, F. J. Matthews, R. Davies, H. Sandon and T. W. White.

Mesdames J. D. Matthews, E. E. Davies, F. Smith, A. Hill and T. Lock.

The Misses Mason, W. Keys, N. Shorter, M. Pullen, K. Read, W. Walshaw, E. Smith, J. Ilott, M. Prosser, P. Steere, M. Prockson, J. Cox, M. F. Jackson, L. Porter, J. Smales and M. Salt.

A new first.—A contribution of 5s. to 'Ringing World' funds from the band who crashed a peal attempt at Eccleston. There is to be another attempt on December 13th and we are promised double the amount if successful.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The Society's September meeting was held at Calverley on the 27th ult. The bells were raised within a few minutes of the official time for starting and were kept going until 5 p.m., when all present adjourned to a nearby cafe for a satisfying tea.

After tea further ringing was attempted until 7 p.m., when the business meeting was held in the tower. The president was chairman, and members were present from Armley, Bramley, Burley, Calverley, Drighlington, Idle, Harrogate, Leeds Parish Church, Pudsey, Collingham, Wetherby, with a visitor from Darlington.

The Misses B. Fletcher, C. Steel, J. Ball, M. Howarth and J. Rogerson, all of the Collingham tower, were elected members of the Society. The vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and local company, especially Mr. S. Keighley, was proposed by Mr. I. Slack and seconded by Mr. S. H. Barron.

The secretary stated the next meeting, due to be held on October 25th at Liversedge, coincided with the Snowden Memorial Dinner and the open day at Liverpool Cathedral. After much discussion it was carried that the meeting be held on the usual day, the last Saturday in the month, subject to the Liversedge ringers being agreeable.

The Society's proposed trip which had been discussed at tower level, was considered. As no great enthusiasm was reported, a proposal that no trip be held next year was carried.

Further ringing took place until 8.30 p.m.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

The quarterly meeting of the Society was held on September 20th at Chislehurst and Eltham.

Ringing took place at Chislehurst during the afternoon and a service was held at Eltham. The Vicar, the Rev. D. A. Hodges, said, in his address, that while the present building was comparatively modern, a church had stood on the site since the 12th century. He was very proud of his bells and gave the Society a very hearty welcome.

Nine new members were elected at the business meeting, viz., Tom Chapman (Eastleigh), Norman Hayes (Eastleigh), Brian Luff (Washington), Derek Stone (Old Windsor), John Dennis (Hampstead), Miss Kathleen Read, Miss Mary Prosser and Miss Emily Smith (Erith) and Tom Brett-Smith (Bromley).

The belfry elections of Miss Audrey Smallbone, Miss Diana Spice and Miss Doreen Hayne, of Bray, were ratified.

Regarding the peal of Bob Minor rung for the Society at Parramatta, N.S.W., last April, Mr. G. H. Cross, the Master, was of the opinion that there was no reason to doubt the integrity of the conductor or the band.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the incumbents for the use of the bells and to Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Hurrell and Mr. P. Spice for the excellent tea arrangements.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World,' October 11th, 1912

LEYSTONSTONE

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Sunday, October 6th, 1912, in 2 hours and 22 minutes.

At 8, Sansom Road.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES.

5,040 Changes.

Thurstans' Four-Part

Ernest Pye	1-2
William Pye	3-4
George R. Pye	5-6
James George	7-8

Conducted by George R. Pye.

This was the conductor's 100th peal on handbells.

[A rare achievement at the time, but it had already been accomplished by Messrs. Ernest and William Pye.]

ARCHITECTS' INTEREST IN BELLS AND RINGING

Attending a course on 'The Preservation and Repair of Ancient Buildings' recently held in York, were practising architects and surveyors from all parts of England and Wales. Included in the syllabus was a series of lectures on bells and bell hanging given by Mr. Frederick Sharpe, the convener of the Towers and Belfries Committee of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.

Mr. Sharpe dealt with the history of bells from the twelfth century to the present day, and the development in their shape and design during these eight centuries; the partial-tones of bells and methods of tuning from mediæval to modern times; bell-frame construction during the past seven centuries; methods of repair of bell-frames and gear; modern bell-frames and gear and the installation of new rings of bells; the horizontal and vertical forces set up by swinging bells and their effects on the masonry of towers; the causes of oscillation of bell towers and methods of preventing it; the acoustics of bell towers and methods of sound control; and the arrangement and furniture of ringing chambers.

The lectures were illustrated by over 200 photographs of bells and their gear, by plans of bell-frames and scale drawings of inscriptions, by scale models of bells hung for ringing, by casts and drawings of founders' marks and by handbells. Mr. Sharpe also used his own collection of actual bells dating from the 17th century to the present day.

Although not in the syllabus the architects proved to be interested in the art of change ringing, and members taking the course, which was residential, asked to be instructed in the elementary principles of the art during the evenings. Before the course terminated 12 of them managed to ring a plain-hunting course on 12 handbells.

The course was under the direction of Dr. W. A. Singleton, of Manchester.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

After a lapse of 17 years the Northern Division held a successful meeting at Greenstead Green on September 20th, which was attended by 46 ringers from 14 different towers.

At the service the Vicar (the Rev. C. H. M. Fasson) gave a warm welcome to the ringers and also an inspiring address. Tea was served in the Village Hall by ladies from the church.

Miss H. G. Snowden, the District Master, presided at the business meeting, supported by the Vicar. Two new members from Stisted were elected and Dunmow was chosen for the next meeting in November. Handbells were next rung and during the afternoon and evening the six bells in the church were kept going to a large variety of methods.

Gratefully Acknowledged

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UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY

The summer tour of the University of London Society was held at the end of July and beginning of August in Dorset. The first tour, seven years ago, was in the West Country, and those members who were on it were pleased to revisit an area of fine towers and fine scenery.

The party stayed in Dorchester and the assorted transport, typical of such a tour, was used to carry the 16 members and guests over most of Dorset and into Somerset.

On Saturday the party met at Dorchester and rang locally and at Weymouth. Sunday service ringing began at 7.30 a.m. at Dorchester and ended at 6 p.m. at Lyme Regis, after which members had the rest of the day free for bathing or (a more popular choice) eating. It was noticeable that the enthusiasm with which the provision of spare time for swimming had been urged was replaced, when the shore was reached, by a conviction that another part of the coast, on a later occasion, would be more suitable.

On Monday Bere Regis, associated with Hardy's 'Tess,' Corfe-Mullen and Sturminster Marshall were visited in the morning. The first tower in the afternoon, Canford Magna, is connected with Canford School and has no ascertainable dedication: 'St. Arnold of Rugby' was suggested as the most likely. St. John-the-Evangelist's, Bournemouth, and the ten at Poole closed the day.

THE THREE MINSTERS

Wool, Wareham and the magnificent modern church at Kingston led to Swanage and another opportunity for bathing. The following day the programme included Whitchurch Canonicorum and on Thursday and Friday Milton Abbey and Sherborne, the three great Minsters of Dorset. The classical style of Blandford Forum, unusual outside the big towns was admired by some. On Friday Somerset was visited, at Crewkerne and Yeovil; the ten at the latter town were the second of the tour. Frampton and the new eight at Cattistock were the only towers visited on Saturday morning, and in the evening Abbotsbury and Preston closed the week.

The following Sunday and Monday gave time for service ringing and exploring the country around Dorchester, and a return by car, motorcycle or train.

The great innovation of the tour was the entertainment on the last Saturday night, the organisation of which occupied some considerable time and much secrecy. The results in refreshments and games were well worth the effort, however, and the sight of well-known ringers frantically drinking from a baby's bottle or seeking thimbles, razor blades, pins, and other elusive articles concealed in a remarkably crowded room, was most unusual. Great thanks are due to those responsible.

Thanks are also due to Mr. David Gay, who organised the tour.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

The North-Western District meeting at Mortlake, where the bells have been silent for several years, attracted over 50 ringers. A new band has been recruited by Mr. Hill, which, with the help of the district secretary, has had instruction. Good progress has been made, some of the learners ringing in rounds at their first meeting.

The service was taken by Dr. Tenten, who expressed his pleasure at holding his first ringers' service and to hear the joyous sound of the bells again. St. Mary's, Putney, bells were open for the evening ringing.

Mr. D. Cooper presided over the meeting held in the tower. The secretary confirmed October 11th as the date for the combined meeting with the Kent Association, Lewisham District. The next district meeting will be held at Benhilton on December 6th.

Mr. Cooper closed the meeting with a vote of thanks to Dr. Tenten and the organist of St. Mary's, also to Mr. Elson for having Putney bells ready for the evening.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

LONDON ROYAL (No. 3 Version)

Dear Sir,—The Leicester Diocesan Guild have probably more 'versions' to their credit than any other Association, yet they, above all others, are righteously indignant when London Royal (No. 3) is added to their list. How ludicrous!

Mr. Roe hastens to absolve Mr. Harold Poole from any responsibility in regard to his Guild's resolution. When one recollects that through Mr. Poole's eloquence upon a subject he admitted he knew nothing about, the Council members shelved the Methods Committee's report, he could no doubt have restrained his wild henchmen against the desirability of precipitous action, had he been really minded to do so.

The prominence which has been given recently to the Leicester Guild's resolution and to the skeletons which still repose in their own cupboard has shown they have made one particular method a scapegoat. Despite Mr. Roe's assurances, their action was, putting it mildly, illogical and not a little unfair.

A new name was selected for London Royal (No. 3) some years ago but it will not be disclosed until the position in regard to other versions is clarified. Even then there is no intention of making the date of the change retrospective, to save the faces of our discomforted Leicester friends. The name of the method on the date it was rung at Loughborough was London Surprise Royal (No. 3 version) and if they do not wish to recognise its correct name, they know what to do with it.—Yours faithfully,

CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

Beddington, Croydon.

A NOTE TO DOUBLES CONDUCTORS

Dear Sir,—Peals of Doubles have been rung recently at Kings Bromley, Staffs, and Quedgeley, Glos, which included extents of St. Dunstan's. It therefore seems necessary to point out, to the conductors of those peals in particular and to five-bell ringers in general, that by the latest ruling of the Central Council, neither St. Dunstan's Doubles nor Reading Doubles (numbers 12 and 13 respectively in the Collection of Doubles and Minor Methods) can now be accepted in peals. At least three leads are now required to the plain course of any acceptable five-bell method, and both the above-mentioned have only two.—Yours sincerely,

ALAN R. PINK.

Kennington, Oxford.

KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB

Dear Sir,—Some time ago it was my pleasure to ring a peal of Spliced Oxford and Kent Minor in blocks of 1,440 with one 720 of Kent. I, myself, have yet to get a true 720 of Kent and Oxford 'Spliced.' The 'mixture' is simple.—Yours faithfully.

F. WARRINGTON.

EXPANDING TENORS

Dear Sir,—While not wishing in any way to belittle the fine performances of the ringers on the 'Somerset Tour' recorded in your peal columns on September 26th, I should like to point out the following discrepancies in the tenor weights quoted.

Wraxall tenor weighs 22 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. and not 23¼ cwt. The fine tenor at Backwell weighs 17 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. and not 19¼ cwt. as is generally believed. It is interesting to note that while Backwell fifth is 9 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb., the sixth weighs only 7 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.; this being the difference between the old and new methods of casting.

There is also an error of a few pounds in the weight of Clevedon tenor which is, in fact, 14 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.—Yours faithfully.

M. J. HORSEMAN.

Nailsea, Somerset.

PLAIN BOB WITH FOUR BLOWS BEHIND

Dear Sir,—I was sorry to see the letter written by Mr. W. A. J. Knight, of Gillingham, Kent, in which he says he would like to see the Central Council ban Plain Bob with four blows behind. What benefit will the Exercise gain if this useless wish is allowed to materialise?

At a later date someone else would want the same treatment meted out to Bob Doubles, Grandsire and Kent Treble Bob.

More valuable time could be used by one and all discussing new ways and means of finding and teaching recruits and getting more of our poor old rings of bells ringable.—Yours faithfully,

CECIL W. PIPE.

Grundisburgh, Suffolk.

Dear Sir,—A ringable ring of bells has existed in our tower since 1826. Past incumbents have appealed time and time again for someone to learn to ring them on Sundays. On my arrival in the parish I carefully studied the possibilities of starting a company and found ringers had a very bad name due to peal attempts on Saturdays by visitors.

In spite of the dismal prophets I started with some youngsters, finally lashing three bells and making them cut and hold, raise and fall (no one should be allowed to ring rounds until they can raise and fall; evidence of this I saw recently when a learner in a nearby tower nearly lowered her bell with the rope flying all over the place).

We started on Grandsire Doubles but I found we made no progress, odd dodging being the cause. We went to Plain Bob Doubles with the tenor to lead from and no back dodges to worry them. I found we could use calls, so to get them used to the work I used singles as well.

Next came Minor, which was easily mastered after the experience with Doubles. We followed this with Bob Triples and eight-bell timing was the only thing to learn. We practised hard at this and eventually we rang the first quarter peal by a local company here. What a fine quarter it was, with no mistakes; 18 4-6's, six 7-4's, six 6-7's rolling up!

During this time we had had one experienced ringer come amongst us and we went to Bob Major (again without trouble); thence, being so used to even dodging and calls, we tried Little Bob, then Kent Treble Bob and soon we hope to start Cambridge Major; four of us can ring it.

We have rung the first local peal and, apart from one slight hesitation to lead after laying with the treble, the whole peal was perfect. This has all been accomplished whilst those who started with Grandsire are still struggling along, all our success being due to four blows behind.

We have a waiting list of experienced ringers wanting a peal of Bob Triples here and when we start we hope really to enjoy it.

After all, a Grandsire Single has **four blows**, a Kent Bob **four blows**. Double Oxford half-course of call changes front and back. Superlative Bob bell 34 changes rung while it is doing 3rds and 4ths.

A peal of Triples being an extent, what does it matter whether you have the regular lead ends in a particular place, because these change rows must come somewhere? Well, I ask you, Mr. Knight!—Yours, etc.,

L. M.

WIDFORD, ESSEX.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. Payne 1, J. Crawley 2, Mrs. P. Andrews 3, R. Thrift 4, W. Glover 5, L. J. Clark (cond.) 6, G. Andrews 7, A. Bewers 8. Rung for harvest thanksgiving.

CENTRAL COUNCIL RULINGS

Dear Sir.—In reply to the editorial comment following my letter published in 'The Ringing World' of September 26th, page 619, I quite admit that the Central Council does not attempt to **dictate** what a man may ring. On the other hand, most Associations that I know of have some rule on the lines of 'that this Association shall abide by the decisions of the Central Council.' Theoretically it is, therefore, possible for a man who rings an unrecognised method in a peal to be expelled from his home Association for not obeying this rule. This is most unlikely to happen, since refusing to recognise the peal would be thought sufficient. However, it could happen.

There seems to be no objection to irregular methods in service ringing. Is the attitude to be that what is good enough for a service touch is not good enough for a Council-recognised peal?

In general, I think that the Central Council is still regarded with a great deal of respect and that when a decision is finally made it will be obeyed. I think, also, that the outcry over what is regarded as a possible bad decision is some measure of the respect still held for the Council. Were there no such respect, then the ruling would just be disobeyed. It is because of this respect and **not** because of dictation that the final ruling will be followed.—Yours sincerely,

MALCOLM S. CLOKE.

Hawkhurst, Kent.

BECOME A POSTAL SUBSCRIBER TO-DAY

A new quarter starts with this issue. Become a postal subscriber by posting 6s. forthwith to Mr. J. E. Jeater, 11, Frankswood Avenue, Petts Wood, Kent.

HEIGHT OF SALLIES

Dear Sir,—In the course of visits to other towers over a wide area, I have noticed a lack of uniformity in the heights of the sallies, both from belfry to belfry and from bell to bell. Obviously various steeplekeepers have their own ideas on this subject, but I put forward the following suggestion.

If we assume the average sally to be three feet in length and that the person of average height will catch it in the middle, then a distance of five feet six inches from floor or box to the bottom of the tufting would cater for almost every ringer and allow adjustment of, say, three inches up or down when the rope is moved in the garter hole

The height given is for ropes which have been stretched and are not greatly affected by atmospheric conditions. I might add that this is a personal matter as I stand six feet four inches and have often taken punishment from a bell with a low sally. What about it, steeplekeepers?—Yours truly,

J. H. GILBERT.

Lyndhurst, Hants.

COLLECTION OF PLAIN MAJOR METHODS

Dear Sir.—I regret that I have to mention another slight error in the new Collection of Plain Major methods. This is on page 33 in the example showing how formula method 319 is worked out. The figures of the lead on the right actually reveal the misprint which is in the half-lead place, i.e., the example should read 'Half lead. From Table Two. 5-8' (not 1-8).

We trust that nobody has been unduly puzzled, and are grateful to Mr. Baldry, of Warrington, for pointing it out.—Yours sincerely,

K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

Southampton.

A WEEK IN DEVONSHIRE

'Pipe's Pilgrims' Picked the Best Towers

GRUNDISBURGH was again the scene for the start of the now popular annual tour of 'Pipe's Pilgrims,' and at the hour of 6 a.m. on August 3rd the familiar red coach left on the long trip to Exeter, which was to be headquarters for the week. At St. Paul's Cathedral more members were taken aboard while the junior members made a hasty visit to the Cathedral belfry to see the middle six raised in peal.

Lunch was enjoyed at Sherborne St. John, near Basingstoke, after which another Sherborne, in Dorset, made us welcome for ringing and tea. The Bystock Hotel, Exeter, was reached at 8.15 p.m.

Monday, at 8.30 a.m., found us on our way to our first tower at Cullompton, where a grand ring of ten gave us an hour's enjoyment. One lady tourist seemed happy to inform Bill Simmonds that his obituary notice appeared on the war memorial, the result of which was he received the nickname of 'The Corpse' for the rest of the week. A few miles through the lanes and we were at Uffculme, where in a ground floor ringing chamber we set a good full-throated ring of eight into methods from Stedman to Spliced Surprise.

At St. Peter's, Tiverton, one of Devon's finest rings, we were met by Mr. A. J. Taylor and Mr. Stafford H. Green, and after ringing methods from London downwards we felt that we had given of our best on those beautiful bells.

A short journey brought us to the Church of the Holy Cross, Crediton, a magnificent building, and it was a little disappointing to find that its bells have not yet been brought up to the usual standard one meets with in Devon.

30-YEAR-OLD AMBITION

Our last engagement for the day was in Exeter, where we had received permission for two hours' ringing at the Cathedral. In spite of the Cathedral authorities' letter of permit we had to put back our ringing to 6.30 p.m. owing to an overlooked service. We opened our efforts on this melodious and grand ring of twelve (72 cwt. in B flat) with rounds twice for the beginners. We then rang a full course of Cambridge Royal with Jim Pipe on the box, followed by a course of Grandsire Cinques. A further three leads of Treble Ten enabled 'The Corpse' to realise a 30-year-old ambition to ring Exeter tenor, while even the doubtful honour of being strapper to the tenor ringers did not fail to find ample and willing hands to perform this task. The welcome and painstaking efforts of Messrs. Howe and Wreford, the Cathedral steeplekeepers, will be remembered.

On Tuesday we set off at our usual hour of 8.30 for St. Mary's, Wolborough, overlooking Newton Abbot. This lively and musical ring of eight (15¾ cwt. in F) afforded us a delightful hour's ringing. An old bell, cast by Ralf Bird in the fifteenth century, complete with stock and original ironwork, gives the visitor a perfect example of the bellfounders' and bellhangers' work of four centuries ago. At Kingsteignton we were welcomed by the Vicar and were delighted with the fine ring of eight (16¼ cwt. in F) which we rang in methods up to London Surprise. The next part of our journey, to the Teign Estuary and along the coast road to Torquay, brought many expressions of pleasure. It would help many who rely on 'Church Bells of Britain' to note that Paignton's bells are at St. John-the-Baptist Church and not Christ Church, as printed. We rang through the Major methods up to Bristol on this musical ring of eight (tenor 21 cwt.). An enjoyable hour was spent on the grand old ring of eight (28 cwt. in D) at Totnes. After ringing on so many modern rings of bells it comes almost like a change of air to hear a ring like that at Totnes.

We now made our way to Ashburton and the music of this fine ring (8, 22 cwt.) was some compensation for the fact that we had not been able, owing to holiday crowds, to obtain permission to ring at Buckfast Abbey. The last tower for the day was St. Pancras', Widdicombe-in-the-Moor, where we rang a host of Minor methods before adjourning to the local, where we could easily have stayed all night with such friendly people as we found there.

AT PLYMOUTH

Wednesday morning found the mists still thick on the Exeter side of the moors as we made our way to the Plymouth district. About halfway we had a most uncomfortable experience as the coach became filled with a stench that defied description. For some three miles we were forced to follow in the wake of a lorry filled with pig swill, and only on managing to pass the vehicle were we able to clear the tainted air. We arrived at Plympton St. Mary's (8), 25 cwt. in D) at 10 a.m. and had an hour's excellent ringing. Bells and the 'go' are first class and our ringing here did not disgrace them. On again to St. Andrew's, Plymouth, where Mr. Tom Myers introduced us to his noble ring of ten (35 cwt. in D flat). Wide open spaces surrounding the church give mute evidence of Plymouth's suffering during the war but the bells still ring out over a partly-restored church and a town slowly arising from tthe ruins of the past. Emmanuel Church, Plymouth, next claimed our attention, where ringing was again up to a good standard.

To travel from Plymouth to Tavistock for the ride alone is worth making the journey. St. Eustachius' Church, Tavistock, has a ring of eight (24 cwt., Bilbies') recast by Taylors in 1925. Our 'Mayne' guide on this part of the journey certainly knows his way round Dartmoor and we found Moretonhampstead bells a bright little ring of eight with a tenor of 15 cwt. A local ringer who met us discoursed freely about scientific ringers. We hope we did not disappoint him; we rang methods up to Bristol, which is scientific enough for anyone. The fearful disease of tower-snatching now attacked the party and Jim Pipe's persuasive voice had, via the telephone, procured us the privilege of an hour's ringing at Chagford. If this eight (18 cwt. in F) are the remedy for tower-snatching then that disease is well worth catching.

RAIN IN NORTH DEVON

Okehampton was the first call on Thursday and the churchyard showed ample signs of a cloudburst the previous day: we had to pick our way through the mud before we could enjoy the music of the pretty ring of eight. We had a long run through some of Devon's finest scenery to reach Bideford and a Taylor ring of eight (tenor 17¼ cwt.). Major methods again seemed to find favour and a full course of Bristol preceded the falling of the back six at the end of an hour's ringing. It was through a veritable downpour that we made our way, via Barnstaple, to reach a tower of which it would be hard to find an equal. St. Hieritha's Church, Chittlehampton, can certainly take pride in the local rhyme about its tower, for there is truth in the saying, Bishopsnympton for length, South Molton for strength and Chittlehampton for beauty. The ring of eight bells (tenor 13 cwt.) is a joy and it was a pleasure for the visitors when the Vicar, the Rev. W. H. B. Andrews, took a rope with them for a touch of Stedman. The downpour had now turned into a deluge as we took the road again to South Molton to enjoy the melody of another Taylor ring of eight (24¼ cwt). Mention must be made of the touch of Spliced Surprise in four methods, in which Roddy Pipe, age 12, rang, it being his first attempt at spliciny. Our last tower was Broad Clyst, where Mr. Stafford Green again joined us and helped us to ring methods up to Spliced Surprise.

PILTON'S SEXTON'S EAR FOR RHYTHM

Friday morning's ride was across Devon to the North Coast, where we commenced our ringing on the heavy eight (25 cwt.) at St. Mary-the-Virgin, Pilton. The local sexton certainly had an ear for striking and gave the writer a glowing account of the rhythm of round ringing. He also agreed that the first course of Cambridge was well struck, but his expression of disgust when the tenor missed a dodge in Superlative perhaps explains why scientific does not find favour in this part of Devon.

The shortest way to Braunton proved impassable to the coach and we had to return almost to Barnstaple before finding another road to the church of St. Brannock, where on an old Taylor eight (tenor 16 cwt.) we rang Kent, Bristol and Stedman. Then to Ilfracombe, and on the lively eight at Holy Trinity Church we rang methods from Grandsire to Rutland Surprise. The weather again decided to do its worst and as we climbed up through Combe Martin to make our crossing over Exmoor, heavy rain blotted out the scenery. The descent of Lynton Hill to Lynmouth and the climb up Countisbury Hill were a delightful experience and finally down Porlock to reach Minehead, where we thoroughly enjoyed the last ringing of our tour.

Before we retired for the night, Bill Simmonds thanked Jim Pipe for his efforts in organising yet another excellent tour and asked his acceptance of a travelling alarm clock as a measure of our appreciation. To our driver, Leslie Woods, Jim expressed our very grateful thanks. His cheerful demeanour and courtesy thoroughly earned him his memento of a Ronson petrol lighter.

Our special thanks are due to Aubrey Bennett for his organisation; to Mary Hynard, who at every stop managed to find the inevitable picture postcard of the tower; to Harry Millatt, our regular map-reader; to all local ringers who made us welcome; and lastly to the clergy of the various churches for permission to ring.

TOURIST.

BEVERLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

A Knowledgeable Address

On September 13th the Society held a meeting at Patrington for the second time this year as the original tower was not available and the second tower had all the officials away on holiday. The Patrington ringers ably stepped in to arrange the meeting at 24 hours' notice.

The Rev. G. E. Chandler, R.D., deputising for the Rector, conducted the service and gave the address. He spoke with authority on ringing and bells and wove them skilfully into his address. The knowledge of ringing matters was understood when it was known that he had spent his early life in Fressingfield, Suffolk, the parish of the Rev. J. J. Raven, author of the book on the bells of that county. His great-grandfather, Edward Chandler, was a ringer in the same parish for over 70 years; Queen Victoria had autographed a photograph for the grand old ringer, who had rung for all royal occasions during her reign up to the Jubilee, and for three of her royal predecessors.

Mr. Chandler had also served as a curate under the late Canon Nolloth, at Beverley Minster, who was instrumental in the recasting of three of Yorkshire's finest rings. Remembering his great-grandfather, the talks with Canon Nolloth and knowing Beverley's oldest ringer, whose ringing career overlaps that of his grandfather and combines over a century of continuous ringing, there was little wonder that the Rev Mr. Chandler spoke with such ease and authority.

The bells, a handy ring of eight, were rung during the afternoon and evening in rounds and standard methods and were going best when time brought the meeting to a close.

FOR BEGINNERS AND OTHERS

XV.—STEDMAN CATERS

It was not our intention in these articles to go beyond the scope of eight-bell ringing, because we felt that when a beginner had mastered ringing up to eight bells he could go on to the higher numbers by other means than help from this column. However, as we have had in past months several requests for an article on Stedman Caters to assist young conductors, this may be a fitting point, following on the last two articles on Stedman Triples, to devote a little attention to Caters.

We must suppose, however, that our readers know the method and also know that the only differences between Triples and Caters are the two additional dodging places in 8-9 (sandwiched between the dodging in 6-7 up and 7-6 down), and the moving of the bob place from 5ths to 7ths.

In Stedman, therefore, whether in Triples or Caters, only the last three bells are affected by a bob or single. In some respects Stedman Caters is easier to conduct than Stedman Triples, because, apart from a 'going off' and 'turning' or 'homing' course, the bobs do not cut up the coursing order of the bells to anything like the same extent; and the bells are coursing two sixes longer in the dodging places. Moreover, in the body of a long touch or peal only one or two bobs in a course are necessary and this, again, simplifies the conductor's task.

As in Triples the calling is done by the sixes, which are numbered from 1 to 18. Composition in Caters is facilitated by keeping 7, 8 and 9 undisturbed in certain relative positions and retaining the same bell in 2nds and also in 5ths place. Thus five of the nine bells are 'fixed' which is another great help, for in Triples you have only one.

The result of fixing all these bells is that once you get these 'fixed' bells into position, you are limited, if you do not want to disturb them, to bobs made in the 5th and 16th sixes and called, of course, a whole pull before those sixes begin. These, as will be inferred, are known as bobs at 5 and 16. If the 5th place bell is changed it is done by a bob at 4. The 2nds place bell, if it is changed other than in the turning course, is moved by a bob at 15.

The 'tittums' position, in which at the course end the bells behind strike 9-7-8, and come away in the coursing order 7, 8, 9 is generally preferred in peals and long touches, with, often, a change of music by turning over to what is known as the 'handstroke,' that is bringing the back bells into the 'rounds' position at handstroke when they are behind together, so that, if the 6th is the 5ths place bell, the handstrokes, in the 'six' after the course-end, come up 6-7-8-9 and the bells are in the coursing order 7, 9, 8, 6.

We would suggest that those who wish to go further into this should write out full courses of Caters beginning both from 2 1 3 4 6 5 9 7 8 and 2 1 4 3 6 5 8 7 9, drawing a line between each six and numbering the sixes, 1 being the first change of the first six. Study the courses well and examine the order in which the bells come up behind.

Next week we hope to say something further about this subject.

TWO TOWER BELLS TO A PEAL

Dear Sir,—The first ringer to ring two tower bells to a peal was the late J. W. Washbrook, of Arklow, Ireland, on September 19th, 1901. He rang 3-4 and called Holt's Original. On October 19th, 1901, he rang 3-4 again and called Holt's Ten-Part in the same tower.

The footnote to the first peal says it was the first time two tower bells had been rung by one person, and was rung half-muffled as a mark of respect to President McKinley.

I have both records by me, taken from 'The Bell News.'—Yours faithfully,

W. F. TUCKER.

Eastleigh, Hants.

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—Mr. Corby is rather hard on Mr. Warrington. He states that the peal on page 560 of 'The Ringing World' is a variation of the well-known peal by Hattersley. He produces little to substantiate this statement.

If Hattersley's peal is examined it is found to break down into a number of Q-sets plus the block:—

43526	B	M	W
53624		—	
32546	X		
43526			—

If, however, Mr. Warrington's peal is dissected, the following block remains:—

23456	B	M	W	H
52436			—	
43526			—	—
53624		—		
25346	X			2
23456			—	2

This appears to be designed to exclude quite a number of musical courses. So far, Mr. Warrington seems fairly safe; Hattersley would never have owned this round block.

Now, however, suppose the lessons of the little book 'Variation and Transposition' are applied to Hattersley's peal. One of the considerable variety of peals which comes out of the bag is this:—

23456	B	M	W	H
52436			—	3
34625		—	—	3
23645			—	3
42635			—	3
62534		—		
35426		—	—	
42356			—	—
54326			—	
32546			—	—
43526			—	
53624		—		
25346	X			2
23456			—	2

(Incidentally, I find this, starting from 32546, credited to J. S. Wilde.)

Now if in this peal a bob is called at the 14th course end and the 18th is brought up, having lost four courses, it is necessary to bob the 24's and the 34's. Behold, we have a peal by J. S. Warrington (née Hattersley).

Some years ago there was a dispute over the authorship of a peal of Surprise Royal. It seemed that if a Bob was called at a certain point in a peal of Superlative composed by one gentleman, the other gentleman's peal of Surprise Royal was produced. Whose peal, then, was it? Now, as then, no final answer seems possible.

However, from Mr. Warrington's letter, he appears to be remarkably ill-informed on the subject. Surely he knows that the majority of one's compositions have been produced before (I believe a certain Benjamin Annable has given Mr. Warrington a lot of trouble in the past). The answer seems to be to retire discreetly and try again after having discovered in rather more detail what has been produced.

In closing, one may say that just because Hattersley had not heard of Yorkshire there was no reason why he should not compose a peal true for any method with the appropriate lead ends and falseness. After all, Middleton's peal of Cambridge has been rung to Eastcote (Heaven knows why), a method with a different lead end and rather less falseness, but Middleton still got the credit.

Mr. Warrington's ideas on patent law are both erroneous and irrelevant.—Yours sincerely,

R. F. B. SPEED.

P.S.—I am relieved that Mr. Corby did not give any more of his transpositions of Hattersley's peal. He might have managed to get the extent of the 82's.—R. F. B. S.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The Hunts District held their September meeting at St. Mary's Church, Eynesbury. Standard Minor methods were well practised, including rounds for the younger ones, whom it was pleasing to note were eager to learn.

Ringers and friends were present from Biddenham, Blunham, Brampton, Cardington, Weston Hail, Houghton-Conquest, Huntingdon, Leighton-Bromswold, St. Ives, St. Neots and Wilden. The ringers' service was incorporated in Evensong conducted by the Rector of Eynesbury.

At the business meeting presided over by the Rector, Mr. F. Warrington (ought to have been at home) stated a case for the consideration of the meeting for a grant from the Belfry Fund to St. Mary Magdalene's, Warboys, should the scheme for a Coronation bell be proceeded with. It was decided to make a grant of £10, viz., £5 in 1952 and £5 in 1953. Mr. F. W. Lack read a letter of thanks from the Vicar of Godmanchester for a £10 grant made to St. Mary's, Godmanchester. Mr. Peck, of Eynesbury, very kindly made all arrangements.

F. W.

TOWER PERMISSIONS

Dear Sir,—Your leader of September 26th regarding ringing excursions is quite a good article in parts, but the section summarising the courtesies to be observed contains some advice which is not necessarily good.

The approach for permission to ring should in all instances be addressed to the incumbent, not the captain of ringers. After all, the incumbent is the lawful authority, together with the churchwardens, who may or may not permit the ringing of the bells in a Church of England tower. The last paragraph of the leading article is confirmation of my point: to receive a reply from the incumbent, when the application was addressed to the captain of ringers, is sufficient in itself.

I feel it is gross discourtesy to do as P. A. C. suggests, in making an approach through anyone other that the incumbent of the parish.

W. R. JACKSON.

Redditch, Worcs.

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QUARTER PEALS

FAREHAM, HANTS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss S. K. M. Knight 1, Miss B. M. Ball 2, E. A. Marsh 3, P. Page 4, W. Linter 5, A. H. Sturgess 6, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 7, G. Miles 8. First in method for 1, 3, 6 and 8. For harvest festival.

GRANTHAM, LINCS.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Royce (first quarter of Minor) 1, R. H. Parker 2, D. A. Frith (cond.) 3, F. W. Pinchbeck 4, H. R. Woods 5, F. S. Parsons 6. A compliment to Mr. E. Nidd on completing 54 years in this belfry.

HALSTEAD, ESSEX.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,264 Bob Major: Hilda M. Snowden (first of Bob Major, aged 13) 1, C. Snowden 2, G. Trendell 3, F. Claydon 4, T. Bird 5, J. Brett 6, W. Arnold 7, Hilda G. Snowden (cond.) 8.

HARROW, MIDDLX.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. E. Rootes, J. D. A. Cleaver 2, J. Scofield 3, Anne B. Speed 4, R. Rowley 5, W. Wenban 6, R. F. B. Speed 7, T. W. Sheppard (cond.) 8. For Battle of Britain Sunday. Believed to be the first quarter of Surprise Major on the bells.

HORBURY, YORKS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. Rowley (cond.) 1, Miss P. Wood (first quarter) 2, Miss A. Wood (first quarter 'inside') 3, A. Bowers 4, R. Axford 5, M. Axford 6, J. W. Milner 7, E. Atkinson 8. An 84th birthday compliment to H. Rowley. A send-off to Martin Axford, who is going to Cambridge.

HOUGHTON CONQUEST, BEDS.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent and 540 Plain Bob): R. A. Ward 1, S. J. Ivin 2, Mary E. Stephens 3, R. W. Stephens 4, A. Pattison 5, A. E. Rushton (cond.) 6.

LODDON, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 28th, 1952, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Margaret Lewis (first quarter) 1, J. W. Forder 2, Evelyn Killington (first quarter 'inside') 3, S. W. Copling 4, G. G. Walpole 5, H. W. Barrett (cond.) 6.

MAYFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. T. Lewry 1, A. Grimwood 2, H. Vaughn 3, E. J. Ladd 4, T. J. Lambert 5, W. A. Kitchenside (cond.) 6, C. A. Bassett 7, A. Relfe 8. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Miles. Also an 81st birthday compliment to Arthur R. Miles, captain of the local band for over 54 years.

MELKSHAM, WILTS.—On Sept. 29th, at St. Michael and All Angels, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Abbott (first quarter on eight) 1, C. F. Andrews 2, A. W. Angel 3, Miss R. Gibbons 4, S. R. Cockell 5, A. W. J. Hunt 6, W. C. West (cond.) 7, H. Cockell 8. Rung for patronal festival.

PIDDLEHINTON, DORSET.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Ruth Jeanes 1, N. B. Davis 2, A. Tyers 3, Christine Davis 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5, F. C. Davis 6. For harvest festival.

QUEDGELEY, GLOS.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Parsons 1, A. Wixey (first 'inside') 2, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 3, W. Woodyatt 4, C. Rouse 5, H. Tranter 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. M. Male, member of the choir and a sidesman.

SHOULDHAM, NORFOLK.—On Aug. 1st, at All Saints', 1,260 Minor (being 720 Oxford Bob, 540 Plain Bob): V. Bowen 1, S. G. Elsey 2, Miss C. A. Harding 3, W. Buckenham 4, E. Barker 5, E. H. Mastin (cond.) 6. Rung for the induction of the Rev. Hicks.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Brown 1, C. E. Broyd 2, C. J. Barker 3, B. W. Pettit 4, S. Dace 5, J. Brett 6, A. Catterwell (cond.) 7, A. Ruffle 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of sympathy for Mr. F. Wiseman, a local ringer, on the death of his wife.

SUNNINGWELL, BERKS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 360 Reverse Canterbury, 420 Grandsire): F. Honey 1, Miss K. Andrews (first quarter 'inside') 2, James Honey 3, Jonathan Honey 4, A. R. Pink (cond.) 5, W. Cudd 6. For harvest thanksgiving.

UPPER CLAPTON, LONDON.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. K. C. Wilkings, Miss G. L. Friswell 2, Mrs. R. K. C. Wilkings 3, Miss M. A. Prockson 4, D. Neal 5, G. A. Parsons (cond.) 6, W. Prockson 7, C. F. Neal 8. Rung for the patronal festival.

WALSALL, STAFFS.—On Sept. 21st, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: A. T. Dutton 1, A. Elsmore 2, H. Howell 3, H. T. Higgins 4, A. Botterill 5, G. W. Hughes 6, W. R. Hughes 7, M. G. Turner (cond.) 8, J. S. Eastwood 9, E. T. Smith 10. First quarter of Grandsire Caters for 1 and 4. Rung for the patronal festival.

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Walford 1, D. W. Lentell 2, D. T. North 3, G. J. Salter 4, L. J. Alderman 5, G. J. Gammon 6, F. W. Slocombe (cond.) 7, A. E. Hawkins 8. For harvest thanksgiving.

WHITBY, YORKS.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Tindale 1, J. R. Waller 2, D. Elwick (first quarter 'inside') 3, W. A. Breckon 4, G. W. White 5, S. R. Elwick 6, H. Short (cond.) 7, A. V. Coates 8. Rung on the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. H. Short, who were married at this church on Sept. 21st, 1927.

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NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The East Norfolk Branch meeting at Somerleyton on September 13th was attended by 29 members. The Rector (the Rev. R. B. Feast) conducted the service.

At the business meeting, which followed tea, Mr. Alan A. J. Utting, of Winterton, was elected a member and Mr. S. E. Farrow, of Raveningham, an hon. member. If possible, it is proposed to hold a joint meeting with the Suffolk Guild at Beccles on November 15th.

Thanks to the Rector for presiding and for the use of the bells were voiced by Mr. E. R. Goate (branch chairman), and also to Mr. E. Brown for acting as organist and arranging the tea.

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LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Saturday, Oct. 11th, meeting, Camberwell. St. George's (8) 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea and business, Parish Hall, 113, Wells Way, 5 p.m. (names, please). St. Giles' (10) 6.45-8.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. HOU 3921. 1411

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Kilmersdon, Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Bus service 2.20 from Frome and 3.15 from Radstock. Names for tea to G. Pomeroy, Babington, near Frome. 1423

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Ilchester Deanery Branch.—Meeting at South Petherton, Oct. 11th. Service 4.30. Early notice for tea essential.—F. Farrant, Martock. 1446

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Ely, Cambridge and Hunts Districts) and the CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.—Joint meeting, Oct. 11th, at Longstanton (8). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Miss M. Grain, Belmont, Ely. 1437

ELY ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech Branch. — Meeting, Shouldham, Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Tea provided.—J. E. Fox, Dis. Sec., Walpole Highway, Wisbech. 1459

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—Annual district meeting, Maidstone (10), Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells 2.30. Tea in College Room 4.15, followed by business. Evensong 6. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, near Maidstone. 1436

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AND LONDON GUILD.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturday, Oct. 11th, at 3 p.m. Bells of St. Saviour's also available 2.30 to 4 p.m. No tea arrangements; shops nearby. Business at St. Mary's 6.30 p.m.—T. J. Lock. 1492

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION and OXFORD GUILD.—Joint meeting, Oct. 11th, St. Andrew's, Uxbridge (8), 2.30–4. St. John's, Hillingdon (10) 3–4.30 and after tea. Service 4.30. Tea 5, and social evening 7.45, in St. John's Hall.—F. W. Goodfellow and A. D. Barker, Hon. Secs. 1435

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Reading Branch.—Monthly practice, Saturday, Oct. 11th. Pangbourne (6) 3–5 p.m., Whitchurch (6) 6–8.30 p.m. Tea can be obtained in Pangbourne.—A. Diserens, Branch Sec. 1422

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch.—Meeting at Dorchester, Oxon, on Oct. 11th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 4. Tea and meeting afterwards.—H. Badger, Branch Sec. 1433

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Meeting, Condover (8), Oct. 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea advise W. A. Farmer, 70, Oakfield Road, Shrewsbury, or G. C. Bagley (Hon. Sec.), Endale, 34, Wharfage, Ironbridge. 1456

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Halesworth District.—Branch quarterly meeting at Wenhaston, Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 1476

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS. — Dedication of new ring of eight (John Taylor and Co.) by the Bishop of Oxford, Sunday, Oct. 12th, 2.45 p.m. Ringers' Day and branch meeting combined, Saturday, Oct. 25th, 3 p.m. All welcome. 1417

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Glaston Deanery. — Meeting, Baltonsborough, Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells 3. Service 4. Tea and meeting.—W. Marsh, 4, Dovecotes, Street. 1447

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Taunton Branch. — Quarterly Sampford-Arundel, Oct. 18th. 2.45. Service 4.15. Rockwell Green 7.30-8.30. Names for tea.—A. H. Reed, George Street, Taunton. 1474

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Meeting, Luton (10), 3 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 18th. Business meeting 4.30 p.m. Cafes available for tea.—Dennis Knox, Dis. Sec. 1483

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Nantwich, Oct. 18th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea must be received by October 15th.—W. Kerr, 26, Davenham Crescent, Crewe. 1466

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Meeting, Wallasey St. Hilary (6), Oct. 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea provided for those notifying me by 14th.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 1490

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Ormesby (North Yorks) at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 18th.—P. W. B. Semmens, Hon. Sec. 1484

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Quarterly meeting, Monk's Kirby, near Rugby, on Saturday, October 18th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea at the Denbigh Arms 5 p.m., followed by business. Names for tea by Wednesday previous, please.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton (Phone Nuneaton 3296.) 1481

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Holywell (6), Saturday, October 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. S. Peacock. 1479

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Wickwar (6), Oct. 18th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Notify for tea by Oct. 15th.—Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 1473

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Dinner, commemorating the name of John S. Goldsmith, Lion Hotel, Guildford, Oct. 18th, at 6.30 p.m., the Lord Bishop of Guildford presiding. Ringing at Holy Trinity (8), S. Nicolas' (10) and St. Mary's (6) 3-4.30. Commemorative service in Cathedral Crypt 5.15. Application for tickets (10s. 6d.) from R. Mills, 35, Fowler Road West, Farnborough, before 16th, please. 1475

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS — N.E. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bradninch, Saturday, October 18th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea.—C. G. Dymond, Silverton. 1468

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — An extra-ordinary general meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 18th, at 3 p.m. in St. Peter's belfry, St. Albans. Important business. Tea 5.30 p.m., Abbey Institute, 2s. 6d. Ringing will be announced at meeting. Names for tea to H. V. Frost, Hon. Gen. Sec., 43, Leyland Avenue, St. Albans. 1441

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton Districts.—A combined practice, Church Stretton, Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells (8) 3 p.m.—G. Randle. 1477

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Oct. 18th, at Canterbury. Bells, St. Alphege's, from 3 p.m., St. Stephen's and St. Dunstan's from 2.30. Service, St. Alphege's, 4.15. Tea 2s. 3d. per head. Names for tea (with cash, please), together with nominations for officers, must reach me not later than first post Wednesday, Oct. 15th.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 1439

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District. — Annual district meeting at Rochester Cathedral (10) on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells from 3 p.m. Evensong with parts of the ringers' service 4 p.m. Tea in Patricia's Pantry followed by the business meeting 4.45 p.m. Names for tea to me before Tuesday, Oct. 14th.—B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, near Sittingbourne, or phone Newington 350. 1432

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—Meeting at St. Annes on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided. —J. H. Foster. 1488

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—Meeting at St. Michael's, Flixton, 3 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 18th. Cups of tea provided. Bus from Cannon Street. All welcome.—R. Benson. 1489

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Quarterly general meeting, Burbage (8) on Oct. 18th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea in Old Schools at 5. Names to F. K. Measures, 58, Lychgate Lane, Burbage, near Hinckley, Leics, by 15th.—W. A. Wood, Gen. Sec. 1438

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Gainsborough District. — Next meeting will be at Brigg on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Names for tea to me by Tuesday previous.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 1460

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Autumn meeting, St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, Oct. 18th. Bells (10) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at St. Paul's Institute 5 o'clock. Names for tea not later than Oct. 15th to Mr. B. G. Key, 54, Rolleston Road, Burton-on-Trent.—Fred Bennett, Hon. Sec. 1429

STRADBROKE, SUFFOLK.—Dedication of the restored ring of eight and two new trebles by the Lord Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich, Saturday, Oct. 18th, at 6 p.m. Ringing up to 10 p.m. Running buffet free to ringers open. Tower also open for ringing Sunday afternoon. 1486

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District. —Ringing meeting, Saturday, Oct. 18th, 2.30 p.m., at Benhall (6). Tea, own arrangements. Annual subscriptions will be collected.—P. S. Bedford. 1450

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Barcombe, Oct. 18th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify by Wednesday, 15th.—P. F. Romney, 21, Woodsland Road, Hassocks. 1480

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, Oct. 18th, St. Mary's, Lewisham. Ringing 2.30. Service 4.45 p.m. Circulars following this notice. Any members without circulars by Oct. 11th please notify Mary Martin, 80, Middle Lane, Hornsey, N.8. 1451

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Evesham bell tower on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells (12) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business. Names by Tuesday, Oct. 14th, at latest, to W. J. Newman, 7, New Road, Hampton, Evesham. 1470

ESSEX and HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS.—A joint meeting of the N.W. District, Essex Association, and Eastern District, Hertford County Association, will be held at Sawbridgeworth (8) on Saturday, Oct. 25th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names, please, to G. Blake, Teesta, Jack's Hatch, Epping Upland, Essex.—J. Kemp and G. Blake, Dis. Secs. 1472

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Oct. 25th, at St. John's Church, Erith, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, not later than Tuesday, Oct. 21st, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent. 1467

LIVERPOOL PARISH CHURCH (Our Lady and St. Nicholas', Pierhead) RINGERS' DAY.—Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells (12) 10.30 a.m.-3.30 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m., followed by tea at Reece's Restaurant. See previous notices for details of other ringing during Consecration Festival. N.B.—There will be no opportunity for general ringing on Oct. 18th. Please send remittances for tickets not later than Oct. 18th (tea 6s. 6d.; luncheon 7s. 6d.). Stamped addressed envelopes appreciated.—J. E. Spice, 30, Glenmore Avenue, Liverpool 18. 1487

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Hingham, Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Fairland Hall for all who send names and numbers, not later than Wednesday, Oct. 22nd, to Mr. A. Haines, 9, Walton Road, Hingham, Norwich. Tel. Hingham 336. No names no tea.—H. Tooke, Branch Sec. 1465

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bicester Deanery Branch—Meeting, Souldern, Oct. 25th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5. Names to C. Kinch, The Causeway, Bicester. 1464

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Churchill on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Numbers for tea by the previous Tuesday, please.—J. Keyte. 1471

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The annual dinner will be held at the Guildhall, Worcester, on Saturday, Oct. 25th, at 5.45 p.m. Bells available: St. John's (8) 3–5 p.m.; All Saints' (10), 3–5.15 p.m. Tickets (7s. 6d. each) obtainable until Tuesday, Oct. 21st, from Messrs. C. Skidmore, T. W. Lewis, Branch Secs., or J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 1428

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Snowden Dinner.—Windmill Hotel, Blossom Street, York, Saturday, Oct. 25th, 6 p.m. Tickets 10s. each. Names, not later than Tuesday, Oct. 21st, to Mr. S. H. Steel, 7, Ings Way, Rawcliffe Lane, York. Minster bells 11 to 12.30, 2.30 to 3.55, 4.45 to 5.30. The Association will attend Evensong in the choir at 4 p.m. 1463

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—The 315th anniversary dinner will be held at Mecca Restaurant, Plantation House, Mincing Lane, Fenchurch Street, E.C., on Saturday, Nov. 1st, at 6 p.m. Tickets 15s. 6d. Early application advisable.—A. B. Peck. 1452

NORTHOWRAM, HALIFAX. — RINGERS' DAY.—Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells from 2.30 to 9. Tea by ticket (2s. 6d.) from W. G. Turner, 4, Marldon Road, Northowram. Names not later than Oct. 25th, please. 1491

BELFRY GOSSIP

Only a small sum is now needed to complete the cost of the restored ring of eight at Stradbroke, Suffolk, in which Mr. David Vincent, of Hale, Cheshire, has taken such a deep interest. The dedication is on Saturday, October 18th. Donations should be sent to Canon K. E. Shaw, Stradbroke, near Diss, Norfolk.

Arrangements for the Ladies' Guild 40th Anniversary Dinner to be held in Leicester on October 25th are near completion. The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress and the Bishop of Leicester have accepted invitations to be present. A few tickets are still available for which early application should be made before October 18th to Mr. P. J. Staniforth, 150, Narborough Road South, Leicester.

Two Peals of York Surprise Major

Dear Sir,—I enclose two peals of York Surprise Major. I do not claim any originality for them, but I should like to know to whom they belong.—Yours sincerely,

PERCY GREEN.

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The peal at Whetstone on September 13th to the memory of Mr. John Grundy, verger of All Saints', Loughborough, was a tribute by four fellow vergers from Elmsthorpe, Croft, Leicester (St. Margaret's) and Whetstone. It was hoped to have six vergers in this peal, which was a tribute to a very fine ringer and verger who will be greatly missed.

WHITCHURCH CANONICORUM, DORSET.—On July 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. D. Robinson (first quarter) 1, D. N. Layton (cond.) 2, Pamela Martin 3, Mary Fuller 4, G. F. Carter 5, J. Seager 6, D. J. R. Martin 7, J. Crawley 8.

WHITCHURCH, OXON.—On Sept. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. S. Nobes (first quarter) 1, G. Clark 2, W. O. Short 3, H. Winfield 4, G. J. Hearns (cond.) 5, W. Cracknell (first quarter) 6. A birthday compliment to W. O. Short.

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HOW GOOD A RINGER ARE YOU?

LAST week's editorial, 'Complacency,' had as its objective better bell control in the widest possible sense. But the fact remains that many of our ringers to-day have no idea of how low their standard is. With the object of testing your ringing truthfully answer the following quiz. If you score 100 points you can hold your head up, but even then don't forget there is always room for improvement. It may be an advantage to cut this out and post it up in the belfry. Off we go, and answer 'yes' or 'no,' and be honest!

Section A. To be answered for you, preferably by someone of experience.

(1) Are your hands always within an inch of each other, whether on the sally or not?

(2) If you are not left-handed, do you ring with the right hand above the left?

(3) Does the sally slide through your fingers?

(4) Does any kink appear in the rope as your hands go up at backstroke?

(5) At handstroke, do you hold the tail-end in the crook of your thumb, with all four fingers round the sally?

(6) Also at handstroke, does the rope hang over the back of your hand?

(7) Do you stand rigidly upright all the time you are ringing?

(8) When ringing, do you ever lean against the tower wall if it is close enough?

(9) Do your hands rise above eye-level, both ways?

(10) Do your hands rise to the same height exactly, both ways?

(11) Can you successfully ring the treble to a rise or fall?

(12) Can you tap out with your fingers a good rhythm for 6, 8, 10 or 12 bells?

(13) Can you ring changes on handbells, preferably double-handed?

(14) Is either hand ever visibly clear of the rope?

Section B. To be answered by yourself.

(15) Do you know the musical changes in the standard methods?

(16) Do you listen only to the interval between yourself and the bell you are following?

(17) Do you listen to all the bells all the time?

(18) Can you tell when you are guilty of a bad blow?

(19) When ringing the tenor behind, do you keep it at exactly the same speed?

(20) Within a few changes, can you tell which bells are false, which way, and how much?

(21) Does a bad blow by yourself or anyone else make you wince?

(22) Do you consider that you can handle and strike perfectly?

(23) Judging by your own standards, do you *generally* associate with ringers the same or better than yourself?

Scores.

	Yes.	No.		Yes.	No.
1	10	—	13	5	—
2	5	3	14	—	5
3	—	5	15	5	—
4	2	5	16	2	—
5	5	—	17	5	—
6	5	1	18	5	—
7	3	5	19	—	5
8	—	5	20	10	—
9	5	—	21	5	—
10	10	—	22	—	5
11	3	—	23	5	—
12	5	—			

If you have less than 50, it would be best to start learning all over again, under different circumstances, should you aspire to become a useful ringer.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LINCOLN.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Oct. 4, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
In St. Hugh's Tower in the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 24 cwt.

Charles H. Kippin	*Treble*	Walter Allman	7
David W. Beard	2	John Walden	8
Michael V. Chilcott	3	Wilfrid F. Moreton	9
John E. Bibby	4	Frederick E. Collins	10
Leslie W. G. Morris	5	John S. Mason	11
John Hill	6	Wilfred Williams	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Wilfred Williams.

TEN BELL PEALS

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 27, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Lawrence,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 12 cwt. 6 lb. in F.

Patrick I. Chapman	*Treble*	George Care	6
Frank H. Hicks	2	*Bernard J. Ongley	7
Norman V. Harding	3	*Brian Austin	8
*Harry Wooding	4	Geoffrey E. Watson	9
William J. Whitmore	5	Brian S. Cope	*Tenor*

Composed by John Carter (C.C.C. No. 30).
Conducted by Geoffrey E. Watson.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters.
Rung in honour of the marriage of Miss Joy Rawdings to Mr. Ronald C. Noon (General Secretary of the Guild) at this church on this day.

BEDFORD.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Sept. 29, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb.

Mrs. P. J. Staniforth	*Treble*	Alan Jacques	6
Alfred Ballard	2	John B. Bennett	7
Mrs. H. J. Poole	3	John R. Smith	8
Harry Poyner	4	*Peter J. Staniforth	9
Harry G. Wayne	5	Harold J. Poole	*Tenor*

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Harold J. Poole.
* 50th peal of Yorkshire. First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal in the county and for the Association.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 4, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
At the Church of Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in D.

Maurice G. Turner	*Treble*	‡Geoffrey C. Bagley	6
Alfred S. Bayley	2	G. Leonard Hewitt	7
J. Norman Hadley	3	Edward V. Rodenhurst	8
*†Christopher Wallater	4	Clifford A. Barron	9
*Ernest Stitch	5	†Howard Howell	*Tenor*

Composed by W. D. Croft. Conducted by Howard Howell.
* 50th peal together. † 150th peal together. ‡ First peal of Royal.
Rung for the Harvest Festival and a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Turner on the occasion of their wedding anniversary.

EDINBURGH.
THE SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 4, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 41 cwt.

Frank Varty	*Treble*	Ernest A. Stafford	6
William H. Pickett	2	Edwin C. Birkett	7
Katharine M. H. Branson	3	Percival W. Cave	8
Thomas C. Winderam	4	Charles R. Raine	9
Leslie Boumphrey	5	Ralph G. Edwards	*Tenor*

Composed by G. R. Fardon. Conducted by Percival W. Cave.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 4, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

George A. Fleming	*Treble*	James Bennett, sen.	6
Frank L. Fisher	2	Charles A. Andrews	7
Nolan Golden	3	†Harry D. Lister	8
Charles J. Sedgley	4	*H. William Barrett	9
*Roderick W. Pipe (12)	5	George W. Pipe	*Tenor*

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley. Conducted by Nolan Golden.
* First peal of Surprise Royal. † First peal of Cambridge Royal; has now rung the method from Minor to Maximus.

WORCESTER.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 4, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 23 cwt. in E.

R. George Morris	*Treble*	Joseph D. Johnson	6
Claudia A. Harding	2	*Allen Morgan	7
G. William Critchley	3	Cyril Tansell	8
Sidney T. Holt	4	Reginald Woodyatt	9
Clifford Skidmore	5	†Thomas W. Lewis	*Tenor*

Composed by W. Pye. Conducted by G. William Critchley.
* First peal of Surprise Royal. † 400th peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

ROYSTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 27, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Original. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

Horace Werrett	*Treble*	John Church	5
R. Thomas Newman	2	Walter D. Pooley	6
Walter Houghton	3	Charles A. Bysouth	7
*Harold Heathfield	4	Arthur A. Bysouth	*Tenor*

Conducted by R. Thomas Newman.
* First peal in method.
Rung for Harvest Thanksgiving and the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels.

SEFTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 27, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Helen,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11½ cwt.

*John Webster	*Treble*	John McKee	5
Thos. W. Riley	2	Thomas W. Hesketh	6
A. Ronald Pocklington	3	†Arthur Williams	7
Thomas S. Horridge	4	Edwin C. Birkett	*Tenor*

Composed by John R. Pritchard. Conducted by Thomas S. Horridge.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Major.

STAFFORD.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Sept. 27, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 11 lb.

*Charles Hone	*Treble*	Charles H. Page	5
Frederick E. Wilshaw	2	Neville R. Holland	6
William Carnwell	3	Richard J. Warrilow	7
Eric Nixon	4	Arthur Pritchard	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Arthur Pritchard.
* First peal of Major. A wedding peal for the Rev. D. P. Roberts and Miss G. Massey, married at Liverpool on September 20th.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Sept. 27, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
At the Collegiate Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 12 cwt.

*†Richard Wilson	*Treble*	Norman J. Smith	5
John W. Meade	2	Raymond Wood, jun.	6
E. Winifred Keys	3	Frederick W. Burnett	7
*Brian J. Luff	4	Henry C. Weaver	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frederick W. Burnett.
* First peal in the method. † 25th peal.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Sept. 29, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Washbrook's Variation. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

FREDERICK A. MITCHELL	*Treble*	*HARRY ARGENT	5
CYRIL S. JARRETT	2	ALBERT E. BEANEY	6
VICTOR A. JARRETT	3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	7
FREDERICK J. CULLUM	4	PETER F. BORER	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.

* First attempt for a peal of Stedman. Rung as a 74th birthday compliment to Mr. F. M. Mitchell, hon. treasurer of the Association, and captain of the local band.

WHISTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
On Mon., Sept. 29, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Being 1,408 Cambridge, 1,472 Lincolnshire and 2,176 Yorkshire, 138 changes of method. Middleton's. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

*HERBERT O. CHADDOCK	*Treble*	*ARNOLD HILL	5
ARTHUR FIRTH	2	ERNEST THORPE	6
*GORDON C. BRIGGS	3	*NORMAN CHADDOCK	7
*JOHN J. L. GILBERT	4	*JOHN E. TURLEY	*Tenor*

Arranged by E. A. BARNETT. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise. Rung on St. Michael's Day.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Hinckley District.)
On Tues., Sept. 30, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14 cwt.

KATHLEEN PROCTOR	*Treble*	ALFRED BALLARD	5
SHEILA PROCTOR	2	FRANK K. MEASURES	6
IRIS PROCTOR	3	MICHAEL E. BROWN	7
*NANCY MARKLEW	4	CURZON CLARK	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK K. MEASURES.

* First peal in the method.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Iris Proctor and in honour of her engagement to Mr. G. S. M. Young, of Sapcote.

ALLESLEY, COVENTRY.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Oct. 1, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

PAUL K. WILLIAMSON	*Treble*	LEONARD TREVOR	5
FRANK E. PERVIN	2	*DAVID A. CARPENTER	6
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	3	*JAMES L. GARNER-HAYWARD	7
*H. ERNEST SIBLEY	4	*HUBERT E. ASHLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by FRANK E. PERVIN.

* First peal in the method.

Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Joyce Weston, only daughter of Councillor Harry Weston, vice-president of the Guild, and Mrs. H. Weston to Lieutenant Godfrey Tetley, only son of the Rev. and Mrs. F. Tetley, Croxton Kerrial Vicarage, Grantham. The wedding took place on this day at St. Barbara's Church, Coventry.

HINGHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 1, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5088 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

*MARGOT THOMPSON	*Treble*	NOLAN GOLDEN	5
GEORGE SAYER	2	F. CHARLES GOODMAN	6
†JOHN W. C. BLYTHE	3	BERT GOGLE	7
WILLIAM LOVE	4	ARTHUR G. BASON	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Little Bob.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 1, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Six-part. Tenor 13½ cwt.

*JOAN M. PHILLIPS	*Treble*	†W. LESLIE WELLER	5
LEONARD STILWELL	2	EDGAR R. RAPLEY	6
NORMAN J. SMITH	3	GEORGE FRANCIS	7
BRIAN LUFF	4	*DAVID H. J. BODY	*Tenor*

Conducted by LEONARD STILWELL.

* First peal. † First peal on eight bells.

WASHINGBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Oct. 1, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in G.

SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS	*Treble*	JOHN A. FREEMAN	5
*PETER N. BOND	2	H. LESLIE PASK	6
STANLEY E. BENNETT	3	JOHN WALDEN	7
JOHN FREEMAN	4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal of Bristol Surprise Major.

A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Charles McGuiness.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Oct. 2, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 NEW GLOUCESTER SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

ERNEST H. KILBY	*Treble*	*THOMAS J. LOCK	5
*C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	2	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	6
†ALICK CUTLER	3	*ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
ANNE B. SPEED	4	*WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

* First peal in the method. † 100th peal on the bells.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 4, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-AND-ALL-ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

ERNEST MORRIS	*Treble*	PERCY D. BALDOCK	5
J. GEOFFREY GEARY	2	RONALD RUSSELL	6
REGINALD SCOTT	3	JOHN H. BLUFF	7
DENIS FRITH	4	JAMES MUSSON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. DEBBS. Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.

EPSOM, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 4, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

*JOHN S. SEAGER	*Treble*	GEORGE L. GROVER	5
FRANK OAKSHOTT	2	ALBERT HARMAN	6
†ROLAND W. MORANT	3	EDWARD G. L. COWARD	7
CHARLES W. MUNDAY	4	*DENNIS OAKSHOTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples.

Rung as a birthday compliment to ringer of the tenor and to commemorate the 16th anniversary of Mr. E. G. L. Coward's wedding.

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FARNWORTH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 4, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Washbrook's. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*Geoffrey Pearson	*Treble*	Joseph Thornley	5
Arthur Tomlinson	2	James L. Wright	6
*Alan Pendlebury	3	Peter Crook, sen.	7
*Norman Tompkins	4	*Henry Prescott	*Tenor*

Conducted by Peter Crook, sen.

* First peal of Stedman.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of Mr. William Pitchforth, a former ringer, and to the three men killed in the mining tragedy at Mossley Common.

HOOK NORTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 4, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Original. Tenor 20¼ cwt.

Francis Powell	*Treble*	William H. Male	5
Clarence R. Steed	2	Harold Huxley	6
William Collett	3	C. Arthur Manning	7
Frederick C. Lyne	4	Ernest H. Bosworth	*Tenor*

Conducted by William H. Male.

Rung on the eve of Harvest Festival.

LAMBOURN, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 4, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
At the Minster Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt.

*Douglas O. Wilks	*Treble*	*Peter Anger	5
*Pauline Manning	2	Reginald W. Rex	6
Brian Bladon	3	*Harold P. Reed	7
*Anthony R. Peake	4	Alan R. Pink	*Tenor*

Composed by Nolan Golden. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.

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

Rung within the octave of the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 4, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Thomas,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Being 12 methods, viz., 960 each of London and Rutland and 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Cray, Eastcote, Lincolnshire, New Gloucester, Pudsey, Superlative, Wembley and Yorkshire, with 139 changes of method. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

James A. Milner	*Treble*	C. Kenneth Lewis	5
Fred Dunkerley	2	Wilfred Stevenson	6
*Basil Jones	3	Peter Laflin	7
James Fernley	4	Joseph Whittaker	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. Pitman (reversed). Conducted by C. K. Lewis.

* First peal in 12 Spliced Surprise Major methods.

Rung for the Harvest Festival; also on the 22nd anniversary of the 6th ringer's wedding.

REDHILL, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 4, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John the Evangelist,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14 cwt.

Alfred H. Winch	*Treble*	Francis T. Hoad	5
James W. Knight	2	†‡E. John Henstridge	6
*Bessie Saggers	3	†Colin J. Champion	7
*Barbara J. Mayers	4	*Henry J. Comber	*Tenor*

Conducted by Colin J. Champion.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Triples. ‡ First peal 'inside.' Rung for the Dedication Festival.

ROTHWELL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 4, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 15 cwt. 21 lb.

Charles E. Lawson	*Treble*	George W. Steel	5
Arthur G. Wood	2	Percy Massam	6
Joshua Wormald	3	Thomas W. Strangeway	7
William H. Senior	4	Harry Homer	*Tenor*

Conducted by Thomas W. Strangeway.

First peal of Stedman on the bells.

Rung on the eve of the Dedication Festival.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Wirral Branch.)
On Wed., Sept. 24, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents, viz.: Norfolk, Norwich, Hull, Annable's London, Rossendale, Berwick and Primrose. Tenor 11 cwt. 9 lb. in G.

James M. Pemberton	*Treble*	Thomas Smith	4
A. Trevor Sutton	2	Alexander J. Martin	5
Stanley D. Sutton	3	Charles B. Pemberton	*Tenor*

Conducted by Alexander J. Martin.

First peal in seven '6th place' Surprise methods by all the band. Believed to be first peal in seven '6th place' Surprise methods for the Guild. A farewell to the Vicar, Rev. Kenneth Lee, who is leaving to become Rector of Heswall.

GREAT BROMLEY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 27, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. George,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

John Gould	*Treble*	Arthur G. Button	4
Felix H. Erith	2	Alan R. Andrews	5
Kenneth Mitchell	3	George N. Orman	*Tenor*

Conducted by Alan R. Andrews.

LIMPSFIELD CHART, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 27, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, C.C.C. Nos. 147, 144, 141, 138, 140, 151 and 150. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in G.

Ralph Bird	*Treble*	James W. Knight	4
*Hildegard I. G. Bird	2	David E. Parsons	5
Leonard A. Tidy	3	Frank E. Darby	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank E. Darby.

* First peal in the method. The conductor has now called peals in the method from Minor to Maximus.

BASSINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Sept. 28, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Single Court, one each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

John R. Worsdall	*Treble*	†Louis Wilders	4
*Geoffrey Paul	2	†Robert W. Parker	5
Peter N. Bond	3	Jack L. Millhouse	*Tenor*

Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

* First peal in five methods. † 25th peal together.

Rung for Michaelmas.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Sept. 29, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. George, Colegate.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

Margot B. Thompson	*Treble*	John Blythe	4
David Heighton	2	Nolan Golden	5
Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow	3	Arthur G. Bason	*Tenor*

Conducted by Arthur G. Bason.

Rung with best wishes to the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow on leaving St. George's for St. Andrew's, Norwich.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Oct. 1, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

Frederick Watson	*Treble*	Alan Cattell	3—4
*Peter J. Thomas	2	Ernest Morris	5
Edward R. Whitehead	*Tenor*		

Conducted by Alan Cattell.

‡ 25th peal and second wedding anniversary. First of Minor as conductor on two tower bells.

GREAT DALBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE GOSCOTE SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS AND THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Oct. 2, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being seven extents each of St. Bartholomew, April Day, St. Simon's, Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILFRED L. GOODACRE	*Treble*	HAROLD T. BONSHOR	3
J. HARRY COOK	2	ALFRED HINMAN	4
CHARLES E. COOPER	*Tenor*		

Conducted by CHARLES E. COOPER.

Rung for the 70th anniversary of the Goscote Society, which was founded on October 2nd, 1882.

BELCHAMP ST. PAUL, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 4, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

*HILDA M. SNOWDEN	*Treble*	GEORGE TRENDELL	4
CLAUDE SNOWDEN	2	†WALTER ARNOLD	5
FRANK CLAYDON	3	HILDA G. SNOWDEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by HILDA G. SNOWDEN.

* First peal (age 13). † First peal in the method. Rung for the Dedication Festival.

HAMMERWOOD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 4, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being eight extents each of St. Simon's Reverse, Canterbury, April Day, Plain Bob and 10 extents of Grandsire. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

DAVID CORNFORD	*Treble*	*HENRY N. VAUGHN	3
ARTHUR T. LEWRY	2	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT	4
WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	*Tenor*		

Conducted by WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE.

* First peal of Doubles. First peal in five methods on five bells by all the band, and first peal in five methods on the bells.

SEIGHFORD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Oct. 4, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 720 each of Stedman, Plain Bob, April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew and 2,160 Grandsire. Tenor approx. 7 cwt.

FRANK H. ELEY	*Treble*	CHARLES T. HONE	3
EDMUND MALIN	2	RICHARD J. WARRILOW	4
NEVILLE H. HOLLAND	*Tenor*		

Conducted by RICHARD J. WARRILOW.

First peal in five Doubles methods by all. First peal on the bells.

ST. HILARY, GLAMORGAN.
LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 4, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being eight six-scores each of Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps and April Day and nine six-scores each of Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

FRANK J. BAILEY (80)	*Treble*	*MALGWYN H. WILLIAMS	3
HARRY GREEN	2	FREDERICK J. BAILEY	4
GEORGE FRANCIS	*Tenor*		

Conducted by GEORGE FRANCIS.

* First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells. A birthday compliment to Malgwyn Williams; also an 80th birthday compliment to Mrs. F. J. Bailey, wife of the treble ringer.

STISTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 4, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in A flat.

*HAROLD MOORE	*Treble*	ALAN SYDER	4
JUNE STARLING	2	TERRY EARLE	5
ALBERT SAUNDERS	3	RONALD SUCKLING	*Tenor*

Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.

* First peal.



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ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., Oct. 6, 1952, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being an extent each of: Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise.
Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb.

GEORGE A. FLEMING	*Treble*	ROBERT E. LESTER	4
GEORGE WATERMAN	2	URBAN W. WILDNEY ..	5
JAMES BENNETT, SEN. ..	3	RONALD W. STEWARD ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

HANDBELL PEALS

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 3, 1952, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 19 in F.

FREDERICK E. WILSHAW ..	1—2	MICHAEL SLANEY	5—6
ERIC NIXON	3—4	PETER BORDER	7—8
		FRANK P. WRIGHT	9—10

Composed and Conducted by MICHAEL SLANEY.
Composition contains the extent of 56789ts and 65879ts.

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Thurs., Sept. 4, 1952, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT COURTSIDE, WEST AVENUE, BASFORD PARK,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 17 in A.

*FRANK P. WRIGHT ..	1—2	PETER BORDER	5—6
MICHAEL SLANEY	3—4	†EWART AUGUSTUS EDGE	7—8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. No Bobs called.
* First peal 'No Bobs.' † First peal 'in hand.'

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Sept. 8, 1952, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5008 SPLICED PLAIN ROYAL
In 11 methods: Plain Bob, Double Bob, Reverse Bob, St. Clement's College Bob, Childwall College Bob, Wellington Little Court, Medium Little Bob, Medium Little Court, Medium Little Place Court, Little Bob, Little Place Bob, with 154 changes of method. Tenor size 18 in G.

*ERIC NIXON	1—2	MICHAEL SLANEY	5—6
*FREDK. E. WILSHAW ..	3—4	*PETER BORDER	7—8
		FRANK P. WRIGHT	9—10

Composed and Conducted by MICHAEL SLANEY.
* First peal of Spliced Royal. First peal of Spliced Royal for the Association. The greatest number of methods yet rung in a peal of Royal. No three lead course methods.

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Wed., Sept. 10, 1952, in 1 Hour and 48 Minutes,
AT COURTSIDE, WEST AVENUE, BASFORD PARK,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Tenor size 14 in D.

*FRANK P. WRIGHT	1—2	†MICHAEL SLANEY	3—4
		†PETER BORDER	5—6

SILENT PEAL.
* First peal of Minor 'in hand.' † Completing Kent from Minor to Maximus 'in hand.'

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 17, 1952, in 1 Hour and 44 Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Comprising two exents of Kent, two of Oxford and three of Plain Bob.
Tenor size 17 in A.

ERIC NIXON	1—2	*MICHAEL SLANEY	3—4
		FREDK. E. WILSHAW ..	5—6

Conducted by MICHAEL SLANEY.
* 50th peal.

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The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

ALFORD, LINCS.—On Sept. 24th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: H. Scoffin 1, H. C. Caunt 2, J. I. Smith 3, E. D. Chandler 4, J. R. Ketteringham (cond.) 5, J. W. Haw 6. Also on Sept. 27th, 1,440 Doubles (720 Grandsire and 720 Plain Bob): H. Scoffin 1, J. I. Smith 2, H. C. Caunt 3, S. H. Sutton 4, J. R. Ketteringham (cond.) 5, L. Slack (first quarter) 6.

ANSTEY, LEICS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Disney 1, Miss J. M. Simpson 2, R. D. Wilson 3, Miss J. M. Hooke 4, R. F. Elkington (cond.) 5, W. A. Lacey 6, R. Copson 7, D. S. Harris 8. For harvest festival.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.—On Oct. 5th: J. F. Hunt (first quarter) 1, Brenda Payne (first 'inside') 2, A. Winch (cond.) 3, J. T. Symonds 4, G. Marriner 5, A. Smith 6, E. Coward 7, G. Peters 8. For harvest festival.

BARROW-ON-HUMBER, LINCS.—On Sept. 17th, 1,296 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Tomlinson 1, N. Bell 2, W. Goddard (cond.) 3, H. J. Chapman 4, M. Walker 5, A. Crowder 6. Rung half-muffled following the interment of Joe Atkinson.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, LINCS.—At St. Peter's, on Sept. 20th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: F. J. Hoodless 1, M. Walker 2, W. Goddard 3, J. H. Broughton 4, H. J. Chapman 5, J. Tomlinson 6, A. Crowder 7, A. W. Hoodless (cond.) 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memoriam J. Atkinson.

BEXLEY, KENT.—On Sept. 21st, at St. Mary's, 1,260 Doubles (being 480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): Miss D. M. Ward 1, Miss B. A. Thompson 2, Mrs. B. Richardson 3, P. P. Brown (first as cond.) 4, A. G. Williams 5, Miss M. Andrews 6. First quarter for 1 and 6. Rung for harvest festival.

BIBURY, GLOS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Smith 1, J. Dowdeswell 2, Peter Bartlett 3, W. Godwin (cond.) 4, Pat Bartlett 5, M. Day 6. First quarter by all except conductor.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. H. Corderoy 1, E. J. Grace 2, A. Greenough 3, C. Aldridge 4, F. James (cond.) 5, R. Blond 6, H. Aldridge 7, C. Corderoy 8. For patronal festival.

BOURNEMOUTH.—At St. John's, on Sept. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. A. Coutte 1, Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay 2, Miss J. Gibbons 3, D. T. Matkin (cond.) 4, A. G. Rose 5, J. E. Daniels 6, H. A. Mitchell 7, W. Miller 8. A wedding compliment to Ralph Featherstone (son of the Vicar and Mrs. Featherstone) and Sheila Baker, who were married at Stamford the previous day.

BROMYARD, HEREFORDS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,440 Single Oxford Bob Minor: J. Hicks 1, A. C. Boxley 2, G. Bowen (cond.) 3, T. Cooper 4, A. F. Wall 5, A. W. Glazzard 6. For the ordination of the Rev. B. Smith.

CASTLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.—On Sept. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. Brown 1, R. Suckling (cond.) 2, T. Earle 3, June Starling 4, P. Wood 5, A. Little 6.

CHERTSEY, SURREY.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Shepherd 1, D. Sleet 2, R. J. Andrews 3, W. A. Goldstone 4, R. J. Shepherd 5, W. A. Peck (cond.) 6, E. J. Crocker 7, T. Warden 8. A welcome to the Rev. P. Blewett.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. P. Billington 1, Miss M. A. Bailey 2, Miss M. E. L. Beamish (cond.) 3, Mrs. D. E. Beamish 4, J. Ford 5, J. Draycott 6, A. H. Beamish 7, R. Rose 8. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of the treble ringer (formerly Miss P. Clarke) and her husband, Mr. Hayward Billington, of Nuneaton.

CLERKENWELL, MIDDLX.—On Oct. 5th, 1,296 Plain Bob Major: Miss M. Prockson 1, W. D. Prockson 2, R. Newman 3, J. L. Morris 4, D. F. Harman 5, W. A. Theobald 6, R. H. Begrie 7, F. C. W. Knight (cond.) 8. Rung for harvest festival.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Kershall (first quarter) 1, R. Overy (cond.) 2, J. Jeffery 3, G. Apps 4, N. Lilley 5, J. Lilley 6, K. Snelling 7, E. Brett 8. Also for Evensong, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. K. Snelling (first quarter) 1, G. Apps 2, N. Lilley 3, C. Stephenson 4, K. Snelling (cond.) 5, J. Jeffery 6, J. Lilley 7, E. Brett 8.

DANBURY, ESSEX.—On Sept. 28th, 1,440 Cambridge Minor: E. W. Roast 1, E. E. S. Johnson 2, E. W. Furbank 3, P. J. Came 4, J. West 5, J. E. G. Roast (cond.) 6. Rung for harvest thanksgiving.

DAYBROOK, NOTTS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: H. Cawthorne 1, P. A. Preston 2, P. E. Ball 3, J. Troughton 4, B. M. Buswell (cond.) 5, A. J. Barratt 6, E. Clemence 7, W. Perkins 8. First in the method by all. Rung for the harvest festival service, and also as a compliment to Mr. A. J. Barratt, who learned to ring in this tower 50 years ago.

DONCASTER, YORKS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,274 St. Clement's Triples: E. C. Stacey 1, H. Ashton 2, E. Baldwin 3, F. A. Staveley 4, J. McCluskey 5, R. C. Westney 6, W. E. Critchley (cond.) 7, P. J. Dawe 8. A farewell to the tenor ringer, who is leaving the district.

QUARTER PEALS

DURWESTON, DORSET.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. C. Shute 1, Bob Ridout 2, Ben Ridout 3, F. Hillier 4, D. W. C. Chant 5, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 6. Rung on the 21st anniversary of the first ringing lesson given to the ringers of 5 and 6 as a compliment to their instructor, Mr. W. C. Shute.

FAIRFORD, GLOS.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Burge 1, R. Wenban 2, Miss E. Morse (cond.) 3, B. Myles 4, W. Godwin 5, R. Pearson (first quarter) 6.

FRINDSBURY, KENT.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Springate 1, F. J. Cheal 2, S. T. Jarrett 3, P. F. Borer 4, V. A. Jarrett 5, T. Beaumont 6, C. S. Jarrett (cond.) 7, A. Hewitt (first quarter) 8. Rung for harvest festival.

FULHAM, MIDDLX.—On Sept. 28th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: E. G. Fenn 1, Mrs. C. G. J. Watts 2, H. Belcher 3, S. O'C. Holloway 4, John Phillips 5, J. Chilcott (cond.) 6, James Phillips 7, M. V. Chilcott 8, R. F. Deal 9, H. M. Page 10.

GRANTHAM, LINCS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,007 Grandsire Caters: R. P. Armstrong 1, S. Proctor 2, G. Vinters (first quarter of Caters 'inside') 3, F. W. Pinchbeck 4, J. Watson 5, P. Turner 6, R. C. Chapman 7, H. R. Woods (cond.) 8, F. S. Parsons 9, R. Pick 10. Rung for harvest festival.

GREAT BOWDEN, LEICS.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. A. Messam 1, C. A. Swann 2, F. Arnold 3, D. E. Griffin 4, A. J. Millward (cond.) 5. Rung as a wedding compliment to R. C. Noon.

HALIFAX, YORKS.—On Oct. 5th, at All Souls' Church, Haley Hill, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. E. Moulds 1, H. Brown 2, J. F. Bryant 3, R. Beaumont 4, R. Mann 5, C. Sweeney 6, G. F. Bryant (first as cond.) 7, V. Bottomley 8. Rung for harvest festival.

HAWKHURST, KENT.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. J. Hannington 1, Miss H. Gorringe 2, Miss D. Kent (first quarter Triples) 3, W. Gorringe (cond.) 4, C. Baker 5, G. Billenness 6, J. Brown 7, A. H. Kemp 8.

HELMDON, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. R. Haynes 1, E. Saunders 2, W. J. Chester (cond.) 3, M. Saunders 4, C. Hinton 5, H. Batchelor 6. To commemorate the anniversary of the restoration of the bells by Gillett and Johnston, Ltd.

HILLINGDON WEST, MIDDLX.—On Oct. 5th, at St. Andrew's, 1,288 Little Bob Major: P. Jones 1, H. W. Impey 2, Mrs. A. R. Turley 3, Mrs. N. Manchip 4, T. G. Bannister 5, A. R. Turley 6, W. N. Genna 7, F. Corke (cond.) 8. First in the method by ringers of 1, 2, 3 and 6. Rung for harvest festival, also a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Velda T. Bannister, and a birthday compliment to Miss S. Corke.

HOOLE, CHESTER.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Holmes (first quarter) 1, Miss R. Crewe 2, E. C. Crewe 3, Miss D. Jones 4, J. W. Griffiths (cond.) 5, S. S. Wood 6. Rung for harvest festival, and as a farewell to S. S. Wood.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX—On Sept. 28th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: L. Woods (first of Treble Bob) 1, A. H. Worboys 2, J. Carrott 3, A. J. Salisbury 4, D. M. Salisbury 5, S. Penfold 6, T. East 7, G. E. Wright (cond.) 8.

HOUGH-ON-THE-HILL, LINCS.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. L. Millhouse (cond.) 1, A. Makears 2, J. Walden 3, H. L. Pask 4, S. A. Chambers 5, P. N. Bond 6.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss H. Chapman (first quarter) 1, Miss M. Garley 2, A. Garley 3, R. F. Turner 4, Inspector Johnson 5, T. Garley (cond.) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Chapman.

KEYMER, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. W. Linington (first quarter) 1, P. C. Hollingdale 2, C. D. Linington (cond.) 3, J. Backshall, sen., 4, P. F. Romney 5, F. Cox 6. For patronal festival.

KINGSWOOD, SURREY.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Jackson (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Bostel 2, Miss M. Munt 3, A. Cheasley 4, C. Munt (cond.) 5, D. Briggenshaw (first quarter) 6.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.—On Sept. 21st, 1,280 Lincolnshire Surprise Major: Mrs. J. Crampion 1, Mrs. R. Deal 2, R. Smith 3, T. Last 4, T. Fox 5, F. Housden 6, E. Smith 7, J. Crampion (cond.) 8. First quarter in method for 2, 3, 4 and 7.

LISS, HANTS.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): T. Riley 1, H. E. Tice 2, C. Pound 3, J. Newman 4, A. Betsworth (cond.) 5, T. Fry 6, R. Pound 7, K. Wright 8. A compliment to the second ringer, who became a grandfather on Sept. 21st.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. Morris (first quarter) 1, R. Keeley 2, Canon C. C. Cox 3, E. L. Taylor 4, G. H. Whitemore 5, H. G. Keeley 6, G. S. Morris (cond.) 7, C. W. Powell 8. For harvest festival.

MARDEN, KENT.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Collins (first quarter) 1, P. Carter 2, Miss J. Haffenden (first 'inside') 3, F. W. Mitchell 4, S. G. Waters (cond.) 5, C. Claeys 6. For patronal festival.

MILTON REGIS, KENT.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. A. Naylor (cond.) 1, G. Kenward 2, F. E. Fagg (first quarter) 3, B. W. May 4, S. V. Rayfield 5, Miss D. G. Dobbie 6.

NORTH MYMMS, HERTS.—On Sept. 17th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: T. J. Lock (cond.) 1, Miss A. Salter 2, R. A. Cochrane 3, G. Spencer 4, P. J. Coles 5, J. E. Lofty 6, A. Sherlock 7 covering. Welcome home to J. E. Lofty, and first quarter peal since rehanging. Also on Sept. 24th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss M. Lawrence 1, T. J. Lock (cond.) 2, Miss A. Salter 3, A. Sherlock 4, G. Spencer 5, P. J. Coles (first 'inside' of Major) 6, J. E. Lofty 7, A. R. Lawrence 8. First of Major by 1, 3 and 4.

NORTH OCKENDON, ESSEX.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. J. Carter 1, A. R. Chapman 2, Miss S. Booth 3, F. V. Gant (cond.) 4, C. Brown 5, L. W. Bullock 6. For harvest festival.

OXHEY, HERTS.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Gillian Flitton 1, Mary Flitton 2, Mary Delderfield 3, T. Clark 4, J. Rootes 5, F. W. Brinklow (cond.) 6.

PAUL, CORNWALL.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Marlene E. Ladner 1, Marion L. Lidgey 2, Decima Carne 3, Elizabeth S. Ford 4, H. Miles (cond.) 5, W. R. Curtis 6. First quarter by 1 and 3.

PENKRIDGE, STAFFS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Bastone 1, E. Malin (first as cond.) 2, C. Hone 3, A. Garbett 4, R. Hawksworth 5, R. Warrilow 6, R. Mowforth 7, R. Bastone 8. For dedication festival.

POWICK, WORCS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. G. Morris (cond.) 1, Miss S. Jackson 2, D. Trumper 3, G. J. Lewis 4, H. Cole 5, F. Hyde 6. For harvest festival.

PINCHBECK, LINCS.—On Sept. 25th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: H. Bennett 1, J. E. Allen (first in method) 2, R. C. Noon 3, C. Wander 4, A. D. Mills 5, S. E. Bennett 6, W. A. Richardson 7, C. H. Whitton (first of Surprise as cond.) 8.

RAVENINGHAM, NORFOLK.—On Oct. 5th, 1,440 Doubles (360 Grandsire, 360 St. Simon's, 720 Bob): J. Forder 1, B. Barber 2, G. Walpole 3, D. Fenn 4, A. E. Long (cond.) 5. For harvest festival.

RAYNE, ESSEX.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Stock (first quarter) 1, June Starling 2, T. Earle 3, Mrs. Jarvis 4, J. Leeming 5, R. Suckling (cond.) 6. Also on Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: H. Moore 1, Mrs. Jarvis 2, J. Warner 3, R. Suckling (cond.) 4, E. Bones 5.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. M. M. Osborne 1, Mrs. J. C. Northan 2, H. Corney 3, Miss S. Booth 4, D. J. Woodhams 5, L. W. Bullock 6, N. R. Phillips (cond.) 7, H. F. Perry 8. A 40th wedding anniversary compliment to Mrs. M. M. Osborne.

SILSOE, BEDS.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Kirby 1, D. Brazier 2, R. Sharp 3, C. Mann 4, A. Allen 5, T. Harris (first quarter as cond.) 6. First Minor on bells. First Minor for 1, 2 and 5.

SOUTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Sept. 28th, 1,313 Grandsire Caters: D. Brown (first quarter) 1, D. C. Williams 2, D. Driver 3, J. W. Faithfull 4, Miss S. M. Wickens 5, A. Page 6, C. H. Kippin 7, M. J. Butler 8, W. Glasspool (first of Caters as cond.) 9, O. N. Curtis 10. First quarter of Caters for 3, 5 and 6. A welcome back to the captain, Mr. J. W. Faithfull, after his recent illness.

STEEPLE CLAYDON, BUCKS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (480 St. Simon's, 480 Plain Bob and 300 Grandsire): V. G. Phillips 1, Miss D. Spokes 2, G. W. Holland 3, C. Gough 4, W. Yates (cond.) 5, Miss M. Coleman 6. For patronal festival.

THORNTON CURTIS, LINCS.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Tomlinson 1, M. Walker 2, A. Crowder 3, E. Button 4, J. Chapman (cond.) 5, W. Goddard 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memoriam Joe Atkinson.

THURLASTON, LEICS.—On Sept. 8th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: S. Paragreen 1, J. Taylor 2, G. Pickering 3, A. Hallam 4, J. Barfield 5, P. Hallam (cond.) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to P. Hallam.

WATERLOO, S.E.—On Sept. 28th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. A. Hales 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, Miss A. M. Castle 3, N. G. Hollingworth 4, E. T. Beauchamp 5, C. W. Ottley 6, W. D. Grainger 7, J. Bullock 8. For harvest festival.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Sept. 30th, 1,440 Surprise Royal (Corrigan's No. 597): R. Rowley 1, G. Seaman 2, Mrs. R. Speed 3, W. Wenban 4, S. Hoare 5, C. Mayne 6, R. Bell 7, R. Speed 8, T. Sheppard 9, H. Cashmore (cond.) 10.

WITHAM, ESSEX.—On Oct. 5th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Miss W. Mellin (first quarter) 1, W. H. P. Mellin 2, J. Elliott 3, J. Chalk 4, S. Bones 5, A. Elliott 6, C. Burton 7, E. Bright (cond.) 8. Also 1,344 Plain Bob Major: J. Edwards (first quarter) 1, W. S. Butler 2, Miss M. Edwards 3, P. Elliott 4, W. H. P. Mellin 5, J. Elliott 6, C. Burton 7, E. Bright (cond.) 8. For harvest festival.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Roger 1, W. Clifton 2, R. Perry 3, F. Bastin 4, J. L. S. Glanvill 5, C. Deem (cond.) 6, J. Deem 7, J. Cox 8. Rung for Battle of Britain commemoration service.

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LATE NEWS

We regret to record the deaths of Mr. George Henry Bridge (83), of Rettendon, Essex, and Mr. William F. Stevens (45), of Arundel, Sussex.

BELFRY GOSSIP

'A Dorset Rabbit' inquires where members of the University of London Society on their tour rang at Weymouth as many Dorset ringers would be glad to add a tower in Weymouth to their list. The nearest ringable bells, according to 'Dorset Rabbit,' are at Preston.

The quarter peal at Chelsfield, Kent, on September 28th, was the first ever attempted by the local band.

A correspondent inquires for a list of gramophone records of English bells. Can any reader oblige?

Mr. F. W. Brinklow, of Oxhey, rang in two Frederick peals—at All Saints', Poplar, in 1903, and at Beddington in 1947.

Correspondents have informed us that the figures given on page 656 of York Surprise Major are false. The peals are true for Belgrave Surprise Major.

By chance, when ringers assembled at Okeford Fitzpaine Church, Dorset, to ring after the harvest thanksgiving service, it was found that there were six Ridouts at the bells. They were Mr. Frank Ridout, his two sons, Bert and Leonard, and his three nephews, Tom, Ben (the captain) and Robert. It was Mr. Frank Ridout's 74th birthday and he has been a ringer in the tower almost since childhood.

Ashtead, Surrey, ringers formed the St. Giles' Society of Change Ringers on October 1st. The officers elected were:—President, the Rector (the Rev. C. J. Halsey); vice-president, Mr. George Cook; Ringing Master, Mr. Coward; secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. T. Symonds. A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. A. Harman (Leatherhead) and Mr. Oakshot (Christ Church, Epsom) for their unfailing loyalty and assistance. The weekly practice is at 7.45 p.m. on Thursdays.

Hearty congratulations to that grand Kent stalwart and worker, Mr. George Wood, of Queenborough, who rang the tenor on his 82nd birthday in the unfortunate lost peal at Sittingbourne—a shining example for the seventh ringer.

Mr. James Bennett rang a peal at Ashbocking, Suffolk, on October 6th, where he learnt to ring in 1904. He returned to the village last August.

Pinhoe, Devon, bells have been removed to the foundry for their restoration. The village has raised over £800 towards the cost.

Mr. Robert Congreve-Pridgeon, of Steyning, Sussex, in his will, stated: 'Should my brother ringers wish to ring a peal, let the Steyning bells be rung open at a good, fast stroke. . . . No mourning or hideous Victorian paraphernalia at my funeral.' He left £8,138 gross.

Mr. F. H. Parr, of Bucknall, near Honiton, informs us that the clock in his tower was originally one-handed, but was changed into a double-handed clock over 100 years ago. Those interested in old clocks would find this one of great interest.

The peal at Edenham was the 260th tower for a peal by Mr. Ernest Morris, of Leicester. It is 44 years since he rang his last peal in Lincolnshire (June 8th, 1908) which, by coincidence, was his first peal in the same method—Kent Treble Bob Major.

Essex readers will rub their eyes over the peal of Plain Bob Minor at Belchamp St. Paul on October 4th, which was Mr. Walter Arnold's first of Bob Minor. Walter is well known for his prowess in conducting, being one of the late William Keeble's pupils. He has conducted many Surprise peals, including London, from a non-observation bell. The peal was also the first of 13-years-old Hilda M. Snowden, who started ringing last January. Her striking throughout was excellent.

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REPEATING CHANGES IN HALF-MUFFLED RINGING

The suggestion of once repeating the change in half-muffled ringing to produce the true echo effect has brought forth a number of advocates of this procedure. Here are some of the letters.

GETTING THE TRUE ECHO EFFECT?

Dear Sir,—The development of change ringing from set changes through whole pull ringing to half-pull ringing, a process which was to some extent bound up with the improvement in the form of wheel used and the position of the rope on it, is adequately described in Morris' 'History and Art of Change Ringing.'

Mr. Morris also mentions in a note the quite common practice to-day of ringing changes in whole pulls with the bells half-muffled, and in my experience this is one of the most effective methods.

I remember well a 720 of Plain Bob rung in whole pulls in exactly one hour in memory of the late John W. Taylor.—Yours sincerely,

Tring. W. H. J. HOOTON.

A SUPERB EFFECT

Dear Sir,—Permit me through the medium of 'The Ringing World' to reply to the query posed by 'A. J. G.' on the matter of ringing changes on half-muffled bells in whole pulls.

At Adlington Parish Church it is a rule of the tower that on Good Fridays the bells shall always be rung muffled. In recent years the bells have been rung half-muffled in whole pulls to either Grandsire or Plain Bob, and I can assure 'A. J. G.' that although this manner of change ringing may be regarded by some as a deviation from the 'straight and narrow,' the effect is superb.—Yours faithfully,

Anderton, near Chorley. J. BLACKBURN.

'VIOLATION IS JUSTIFIABLE'

Dear Sir,—'A. J. G.' asks if it is possible to ring half-muffled changes so that each change is repeated, to give a true echo effect, and whether such ringing has ever been attempted.

The answer to both questions is 'Yes.' I remember ringing Minor in this manner at Long Stanton in the 1920's. I cannot say from where the idea came, nor whether it has been practised elsewhere; but in my opinion it is by far the best kind of muffled ringing I have heard for effect, and I think it a pity to condemn it out of hand because it 'violates the principles of change ringing.' This, sir, seems one of those cases which the rules have not taken into account, and where a little violation is justifiable.

I can only hope that 'A. J. G.' will not be deterred, but will get his band to try it if occasion arises. He will find it needs patience, and is somewhat more difficult than half-pull ringing.

Finally, to forestall purists and strict enforcers of the law, I would add that no peals or competitive lengths were ever rung in this manner.—Yours faithfully,

Bushey Heath. C. W. WOOLLEY.

RECOMMENDED BY TROYTE

Dear Sir,—The answer to 'A. J. G.'s' query whether whole pull half-muffled changes have ever been rung is to be found in a letter to 'Church Bells' of November 18th, 1871, by Col. C. A. W. Troyte, author of 'Change Ringing,' and the first president of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers.

The letter states that this idea had for some time previously been carried out at Huntsham. Snowdon, who quotes the letter in full on page 124 of 'Ropesight,' 7th edition, is of the opinion that 'This plan should certainly be generally adopted, not only because it is the best way of ringing muffled changes, but also because the effect so obtained is much more beautiful than anything that can in any other way be produced on bells.'

May I say that having more than once taken part in half-muffled changes in this manner, I am in hearty agreement with such eminent authorities. Needless to say, it is worse than useless attempting such ringing unless all the band are competent strikers.—Yours faithfully,

Tiverton, Devon. E. J. TAYLOR.

WHOLE PULL CHANGES

Dear Sir,—I was very interested in the question asked in 'The Ringing World' by 'A. J. G.' on whole pull changes.

Before our old band of ringers became a half-pull band the usual practice was to ring every sally from cards. These cards are still in the tower now and are 120 changes Grandsire Doubles, BBSBBS, if you were calling them in change ringing; every line was preceded by a letter of the alphabet.

I know this style of ringing has been carried on in another tower quite close to us for years since we stopped. I remember our old ringers ringing a quarter peal off these cards, and that started them change ringing.—Yours faithfully,

Bucknell, near Honiton. F. H. PARR.

FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World' of Oct. 18th, 1912

NUNEATON

The Warwickshire Guild

On Thursday, Oct. 10th, 1912, in 2 hours and 58 minutes

At the Church of St. Nicholas

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5,024 CHANGES

Tenor 14½ cwt.

James F. Clarke, jun.	Treble
Joseph W. Timms	2
Ernest Stone	3
Rowland O. Pollard	4
Walter Martin	5
Thomas W. Chapman	6
Harry Argyle	7
Douglas Harold Argyle	Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood.

Conducted by Douglas H. Argyle.

A compliment to the conductor on his 16th birthday.

[He was probably the youngest ringer to have turned in a bell of this weight.]

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QUORNDON, LEICESTERSHIRE

The Midland Counties Association

On Saturday, October 12th, 1912, in 3 hours

At the Church of St. Bartholomew

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5,040 CHANGES

Holt's Original. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*Miss Hilda F. Willson	Treble
Miss Lilian A. Willson	2
Leslie Willars	3
Edgar Vallance	4
Sydney Shelton	5
T. Henry Hardy	6
William Willson	7
Ralph Hubbard	Tenor

Conducted by William Willson.

* First peal, aged 13, and presumably the youngest girl on record to accomplish a peal on church bells.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

The Truro Branch held its autumn meeting at Mabe on September 20th, when a hearty welcome was extended to Mr. W. H. Southeard (Ringing Master of the Guild) after his illness. The service was conducted by the Vicar.

Mr. J. Reed presided at the business meeting when the secretary reported that the ringing of the branch was of the usual standard, but regretted that change ringing had not progressed. At Redruth on three successive weeks there were six guilds represented, and methods ranged from Grandsire to Double Norwich. Redruth had a band that could master Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob, both in Minor and Major. All the officers were re-elected.

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD

Although the weather was very dismal it did not prevent ringers attending from Carmarthen, Tenby, Llanelly, Llandilo, Haverfordwest and also the local tower at St. Mary's, Pembroke, on September 20th for the quarterly meeting.

Great credit is due to the Pembroke ringers for the way they have come on to handle the bells, especially the lady ringers, namely, Miss Hazlet, Miss Thomson and Miss Rogers, and credit is also due to Mr. Humphries in leading the band. It is hoped that in the near future they will make a fine band of ringers.

The bells were available at 2 p.m. and the Vicar the Rev. D. Reece, and Mrs. Reece were at the church to greet the ringers as they arrived. At 4 p.m. the service was held at which the Vicar officiated, and after the service the 30 ringers sat down to a very nice tea at the Church Hall.

The Vicar presided at the business meeting and some lively discussion took place regarding the practising of advanced methods. A very hearty vote of thanks was extended to the Vicar, the organist and to the ladies who provided the tea. C. H. H.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD AT PRESTON, DORSET

A Thursday Meeting on a New Six

The Dorchester Branch met at the Church of St. Andrew, Preston, on Thursday, October 2nd, the first meeting since the bells were augmented to six.

Touches were rung before the service at 4 p.m., which was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. P. Isdell-Carpenter, who spoke on the words which are cast on the new bells, 'God calls.' 'God calls us,' said the Vicar, 'to come to Him with our craft, and then to take our place in the church for His worship.'

Mr. Carpenter said that the addition of two bells to the old four had made a vast difference, and he was frankly rather frightened at the possibilities which presented themselves, but he was certain that the bells were now a great incentive to all ringers to visit Preston, and he assured them that they would always be sure of a great welcome. Canon Markby read the lesson and Mr. E. Cornick was the organist.

Tea was served at the Scutt Memorial Hall, and the business meeting which followed was conducted by the branch chairman, Canon A. W. Markby.

Before asking the secretary to read the minutes, Canon Markby paid a glowing tribute to the memory of Mr. J. T. Godwin, of Dorchester, who died recently. Mr. Godwin was a keen member of the branch and was always ready to help the work forward, and only a few days before his death had offered to drive the chairman and other Dorchester ringers to the meeting at Preston.

It was agreed to hold the next meeting at Wyke Regis in November, subject to the Rector's consent, and the date for the annual meeting was fixed provisionally for January 17th or 24th.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar and all who had contributed to the success of the gathering was proposed by the chairman, and Mr. Isdell-Carpenter, in reply, said he hoped that this meeting was the first of many.

Ringers then returned to the tower, and the bells were kept going to various methods. Towers represented were Preston, Abbotsbury, Dorchester (St. Peter's), Wyke Regis, Upwey, Wool, East Lulworth and Yetminster.

THE ST. MARTIN'S YOUTHS

By EDGAR C. SHEPHERD

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4.—THE FIGHT FOR STEDMAN TRIPLES

While the baker, William Chattell, was pursuing his erratic, stormy, but eventful career through the '30's and '40's, and when ringing at St. Martin's was so severely limited, a great attack was being made on the tantalising problems of Stedman Triples. In this onset Birmingham was very much to the fore, having a band of composers second to none in the country. Cooper, Day, Johnson, Lates, Thurstans—all were in the struggle. All contributed something to the research, and the final honour, as is well known, went to Thomas Thurstans.

The early peals were, of course, on the old multi-bob plan, and in them the solid blocks of bobs were united in strange and clumsy ways by singles and special calls. The peals of Edwards and Cooper could never be really satisfactory for practical purposes, and experiments were constantly going on to find some way to reduce the number of bobs and to unite the blocks in a reasonable manner. There was a glimmer of light when William Shipway took a 5,040 of J. P. Powell's and reduced the calls by employing extras and omits. By this means he got rid of 120 common singles and 20 Holt's Singles, and his device gave a hint of the means by which success finally came to Thurstans.

Cooper's peal of 1819 reduced the calls to 350 bobs, 230 common singles, and 2 Doubles, while in 1827 Thomas Day was able to produce a composition in which there were never more than two calls at successive sixes. This was a remarkable achievement, and this peal must remain as the best of the old-type compositions.

In 1832 William Hudson of Sheffield produced his notable twin-bob peal, based on the famous Hudson's Course Ends, the set of courses so peculiarly adapted for composition in Stedman Triples. Upon this twin-bob plan Isaac Lates and Thomas Thurstans set to work with great vigour.

Thomas Thurstans was born round about 1800, and he must have begun to study composition at quite an early age. He was about twenty-four years old when he called his 6,600 Stedman Cinques, and peals of Caters and Royal composed by him had been rung previously. He was a brass finisher by trade, and round about 1825 he was involved in a trade dispute of some kind and was sent to prison for a month for leaving his work in an unfinished state. In 1830 he was frequenting The Bell public house in Smallbrook Street, then kept by John Day's father, and Day remembers him as somewhat of a nuisance, often noisy and intoxicated.

In 1842 Thurstans was living in Church Street, and he and Lates were hard at work on Stedman Triples and Treble Bob. Thurstans' great fault as a composer was his lack of patience in proving his work, and most of his productions were handed to Henry Johnson for looking over.

LATES' REMARKABLE EAR

Isaac John Benjamin Lates was a native of Walsall, and an upholsterer by trade. He is described by Day as rather spare, a bit of a dandy, and very gentlemanly in his dress. He had a queer impediment in his speech and a very ungainly way of ringing a bell, but his remarkable ear could follow the calling of touch or peal from outside the tower, and his memory enabled him to go home and commit to paper anything he had heard and wished to record. There are many instances of Lates' cleverness in detecting what was going on in the belfry, and the following concerns a peal of Stedman Caters conducted by Chattell at St. Philip's. It is related by John Day.

'I was walking about the churchyard when I met Johnson, and presently Lates came up to us. After a chat Lates began to figure with his finger on his hand, when suddenly turning to Johnson he said, "Harry, what the devil is he up to? The sixth has gone away." I forget Johnson's reply, but by and by the bells were right again, while Lates rubbed his hands and chuckled over the fun to come later on. When the peal was finished and the men came out of the tower, Lates accosted Chattell somewhat as follows: "I say, Billie. What were you up to so and so, when the sixth was behind the ninth?" "Oh," said Chattell, "Old Dick and the sixth changed course." "Well, how did you manage?" "Why, the worst of it was I called a bob before I noticed it, but I planted old Dick at once. I knowed what the next course-end should be, and before it came up I managed to get them all in their places."

'Lates enjoyed this immensely, and said that he would go to somewhere "if Billie was not a devilish clever fellow."'

Towards the year 1840 every composer in Birmingham was struggling with Stedman Triples. Writing to Jasper Snowdon in 1882 John Day said: 'It seems to me only yesterday when I could look on Thurstans, Cooper, Lates, Day, and Johnson, all together, and hear them talk of the possible and 'onpossible,' as Thurstans used to call it, when the fight for the peal of Stedman Triples was on, for fight it was.'

Cooper and Johnson seem to have experimented with the old type of peal, while Lates and Thurstans turned their attention more and more to the possibilities of the twin-bob plan. But the aim of both schools was the same, namely, the production of a peal with common bobs and singles only and the reduction and spacing of the calls generally.

(To be continued)

Saxlingham Imperial Bob Major

Dear Sir,—I see from 'The Ringing World' that a method has been rung to a peal for the first time and named Saxlingham Imperial Bob Major. Very good, but what is Saxlingham Imperial? Is it in the Council's Collection of Plain Major Methods? If so, what number? If not, what is its composition?

I think that when a method is rung and named, its number, if in the collection, or its composition should be noted with the report.

Mr. A. G. Driver's formulæ table could be used, as then only three numbers, half lead and lead head need be printed. The group letter could also be added, i.e., 1–5–10 H/L 1–8 L/H 1–8 Group K. This is all that would be needed for everyone interested to know all about it.

I should like to thank Mr. Nolan Golden for pointing out the fact that method 51 (Wymondham Bob) was rung on June 6th, 1937. I take it he was the conductor.

For the benefit of those ringers who have not yet got the new Collection of Plain Major Methods, the above example is Double Norwich.—Yours sincerely,

Faversham, Kent. WILFRID S. PALIN.

[NOTE.—Saxlingham Imperial Bob Major is Method No. 202 in C.C. Collection of Plain Major Methods (Second Edition). It was sent to us with the peal and we hope to publish it at an early date.—Ed.]

WOOKEY, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (540 Grandsire, 360 Bob, 360 Reverse Canterbury): F. Hall 1, G. Salmon 2, A. Weare 3, V. Roberts (cond.) 4, R. Gardiner 5, A. Carver 6. Also on Oct. 4th, 1,260 Doubles (360 Reverse Canterbury, 420 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob): A. Carver 1, A. Weare 2, R. Gardiner 3, G. Salmon 4, V. Roberts (cond.) 5, F. Gibbons 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Baldwin on their silver wedding.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Meeting at Beverley

The September general meeting of the Association was held at Beverley on September 20th, and was well attended by members representative of all the Districts. The fine ring of ten at the Minster was going early and made good use of until service time, when those present were treated to an excellent ringers' service conducted by the Rev. Collwyn Hargreaves, who gave a warm welcome to the Association, as well as a most excellent address. As is customary at ringers' services in the East Riding, a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells during an accommodating pause in the psalm 'O praise God in His Holiness' which sounded most beautiful in the spacious and lofty choir of the Minster.

The general meeting followed tea at Rutherford's Restaurant, and in the unavoidable absence of the president, the chair was taken by Mr. H. S. Morley, of Selby. Apologies for absence were received from the president, the Ven. C. O. Ellison, Messrs. P. J. Johnson, W. Barton, A. E. Sellers, A. Bairstow, D. Smith, R. B. Smith and F. A. Staveley.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Incumbents and authorities at both the Minster and St. Mary's was moved by Mr. E. Hudson, seconded by Mr. W. Critchley, and carried unanimously, and a similar vote of thanks to the local companies of both towers was moved by the general secretary, seconded by Mr. F. W. Dale, and carried with equal acclamation.

The general secretary said he had received no invitations for the next meeting and reported that the committee were in favour of recommending Halifax on January 17th if suitable arrangements could be made. It was felt that members would welcome an early opportunity of ringing on the new ring of twelve. Mr. H. Lofthouse moved, and Mr. E. Hudson seconded, that the committee's recommendation be accepted, and this was carried, it further being decided to try Wakefield, failing Halifax.

The chairman reported that the committee had dealt with applications for grants from the Bell Repair Fund from Seamer and Hemsworth, and had voted a £5 grant in each case.

The secretary reminded the meeting that arrangements for the Snowdon Dinner were now almost complete, and that tickets were available from Mr. S. H. Steel, of 7, Ings Way, Rawcliffe Lane, York, at 10s. each. The Minster bells would be available from 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., 2.30 p.m. to 3.55 p.m. and 4.45 to 5.30 p.m. on the Dinner day, October 25th. The Dinner would take place at 6 p.m. prompt, at the Windmill Hotel, Blossom Street, York, and would be attended by the Lord Mayor of York, also the Very Rev. the Dean of York.

The following new members were elected:—Mary Addy, of Marsden, Ralph Beaumont and J. H. Fielden, of All Souls', Haley Hill, Halifax, Valerie Hall, of Horbury, and J. F. Bryant, Haley Hill. In addition the following out-county members were elected: M. I. Thurmott (Ely), T. J. Southam (St. Albans), W. J. Southam (St. Albans), C. A. Barron (Shrewsbury), J. L. Stallard (Bristol), C. J. Champion (Buckland, Surrey), G. Kenward (Sittingbourne), Miss Betty Vidler (Marden), F. Lambert (Burwash), R. Lambert (Horsmonden), Miss Sheila Dobbie (Tonbridge), S. Geoffrey Waters (Marden), B. Baker (Maidstone) and Thomas E. Sone (Paddock Wood). Mr. E. Hudson proposed a vote of thanks to the chairman for the very able way he had deputised in the unavoidable absence of the president. The general secretary seconded, thanking Mr. Morley for his kindness in stepping into the breach at so short notice.

An adjournment was then made to St. Mary's where further ringing took place on this noble ring of ten, bringing to a close a most enjoyable meeting. L. W. G. M.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

INCUMBENT SHOULD BE WRITTEN TO

Dear Sir,—'All of us commit indiscretions at times,' says your correspondent in his excellent article on 'Ringing Excursions.' May I be allowed to draw attention to his own indiscretion?

The tower of a church, like the rest of the building is in the care of the Incumbent; so are the bells in his tower. The Ringing Master is the servant of the Incumbent, albeit in so many cases faithful and voluntary and of long standing. It is, therefore, a breach of etiquette to write and ask the Ringing Master for permission to ring the bells in the Incumbent's tower.

Ringers who wish to ring in a strange church should write to the Incumbent—even though he never goes inside the tower and has never handled a bell. In my own case, when permission is sought it is always granted most gladly and in my reply I give the name of my Ringing Master and his address—in order that the details of the ring may be arranged with him.

We welcome visiting ringers here; they will find that the bells are in very good order and that all six are rung Sunday by Sunday by a keen band of ringers which includes the Vicar. Perhaps your readers will be kind enough to take this as an invitation—but not to write in the first instance to my wonderful Ringing Master.

I have the honour to remain, Sir, Your obedient servant,

JOHN TRANTER,
Vicar of Denby, Derby.

BROUGHTON-IN-FURNESS PEAL

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Noble, the peal at Broughton-in-Furness, which, by the way, was a 'perfect gem,' was rung by members of the Lancashire Association, either practising or non-resident.

Actually only four of us reside in the branch, two coming from Cumberland (non-resident), one from a neighbour branch, Lancaster, and the visitor, also non-resident, but who 20 years ago was an active member of our branch. The peal really was our way of showing hospitality.

Quite candidly I cannot see how else I could describe it unless I left out the branch altogether. Everyone knows what a big association ours is with its 11 branches, so a mention of the branch does help to pin-point it.

It have considered well Mr. Noble's letter, but, since it is up to me, I do not think I would alter it.—Yours faithfully,

JAMES E. BURLES.

Barrow-in-Furness.

THE FREDERICK PEAL

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. F. White's letter in 'The Ringing World' of October 3rd, as conductor of the Frederick peal rung at Rolvenden on June 20th, 1926, I should like to state that the footnote, 'Believed to be the first Frederick peal rung,' was contested by the late Mr. Frederick W. Thornton, of Greenwich, who wrote to me after publication of the above peal as follows:—

'Congratulations on the "Freds" peal, which, however, is the SECOND. I had the honour to conduct the first, on October 17th, 1903, for the Middlesex Association, at All Saints' Church, Poplar, London, E. I called Thurstans' Four-part peal of Stedman Triples.'

Needless to say, the claim, 'Believed to be the first Frederick peal rung,' was withdrawn and a note to that effect published in a later issue of 'The Ringing World.'—Yours sincerely,

FREDERICK S. MACEY.

Sutton Valence, Kent.

[NOTE.—Similar information has been received from Mr. E. H. Oxenham, Bampton, Devon.]

BROADCAST RINGING

Dear Sir,—Congratulations to Bovey Tracey Church ringers on giving us almost four minutes' ringing on Sunday, October 5th. It was a real thrill to hear their bells on the air for ordinary broadcast services. What a pity 'the powers-that-be' cannot induce other regions to give us such value. Ormskirk Church bells on the Northern Region were brought to an abrupt close—or should I say a 'faded' close?—after about one minute or less.

We in Ireland appreciate broadcasts from the B.B.C. where bells are rung beforehand, and when I get my 'Radio Times' I usually go through the services to see if any bells are likely. Sometimes I get bitter disappointments; other times real joy when two or three churches come up on various regions with bells, in particular on Midland and West Regions.

Let's have more broadcast bells. It's up to the ringers at churches where services are broadcast to see that they are included.

FRED E. DUKES.

Eire.

THE C.C. AND AFFILIATED BODIES

Dear Sir,—I should like to see an official reply to this thought-provoking article. There is a danger that it may cause some ringers to think in the wrong direction. Let us take some of the points made. The 'weighty powers' cannot and never have existed, simply because the C.C. has no right of entry to any belfry only by permission.

As pointed out by Dr. Hatcher, the C.C. carries on through loyalty and goodwill, which is far better than enforcement. It is only in the analysis (which is compiled by the C.C.) that you must keep to the rules laid down by the C.C. Surely this is fair and reasonable, and if you deliberately flout those rules, well, the consequence is your own fault.

We can agree on the question of qualification, but it is no fault of the Council, but rather of the people who elect them. I fail to see where anything has gone wrong, or that the C.C. has taken up the role of dictator.

Nobody has yet questioned the wisdom of the rule of Plain Bob lead heads as applied to 8, 10 and 12 bells, so why all the fuss because it is made to apply to six bells? Instead of being a dissatisfied minority, why not have it placed on the agenda for the next Central Council meeting and loyally abide by the decision reached?

This criticism of the C.C. is nothing new. Many years ago a famous peal ringer used to ask a question, 'What has the C.C. done?' The answer was also supplied as 'Nothing.' Well, it would be a funny 'Ringing World' without the Central Council, and just for a change let us give them a pat on the back for the work they do, especially those committees whose work goes on throughout the year. The art of ringing has progressed enormously during the last 50 years, and the C.C. is entitled to its fair share of the credit for this progress.—Yours faithfully,

M. R. P.

BRIGHTER BELFRIES

Dear Sir,—Now that the holiday period is over and the darker evenings are upon us I think we could consider, to advantage, what improvements we could make to the general condition of our belfries up and down the country. Preparations are already in hand in many towns and villages for brightening up the streets and surroundings in readiness for the Coronation next year and I am sure that if we looked around our ringing chambers critically we could find many a little job to be done that would assist in making our towers more attractive to ringers and visitors alike.

Perhaps some of our readers would like to give a few hints and tips in this matter.—Yours faithfully,

RONALD I. SHEPHERD.

Egham, Surrey.

METROPOLITAN ROYAL

Dear Sir,—Mr. Mottershead is mistaken; the rule he states is only applicable to Treble Bob Minor methods where the extent of the rows must be obtained. In Major, Royal and Maximus this limitation is not present and therefore the rows may be of the same nature.

An examination of the Corrigan Collection of Surprise Royal Methods discloses 28 methods with change-rows of the same nature with the treble in a given place, including such popular ones as Cambridge, Yorkshire, Belgrave, Pudsey, Leicester, London No. 3, etc.

Finally, I reside five miles from Mr. Mottershead, and had he contacted me before he wrote, this waste of valuable space could have been avoided.—Yours faithfully,

C. KENNETH LEWIS.

Altrincham, Cheshire.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Mottershead's theory would rule out Cambridge Surprise Royal as an unacceptable method!

The mathematical progression between the Round Blocks of London Surprise Minor plus 7.8 and the Round Blocks of London Surprise Major is 312 and 231 throughout.

Any TRUE extension of London Surprise Major to Royal should also have 312 and 231 progression in its Round Blocks.

The first seven Round Blocks of Metropolitan Royal have that progression, the eighth Round Block compared with London Surprise Major plus 9–0 is 43152, not 231, so Metropolitan Royal is NOT 'LONDON per B.B.C.'—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE BAKER.

Brighton.

FESTINA LENTE!

Dear Sir,—From Mr. Mottershead's note on Metropolitan Royal it is not clear whether he intends to promulgate a dictum or merely ask a question. If the former, there is no point in his suggestion; but if the latter, a closer study of the science of method structure is advised.

To prevent incidence of false impression it may be noted that in method structure the nature of the sequence of row-phase is a free characteristic of each individual method; and that it is governed by potential limitation of row-production, either from falsity or from exclusion.

A more obvious example of this limitation occurs in design type, as for instance in the Little Bob type, where all rows with the treble in the higher positions are, of course, unobtainable. But as to limitation due to particular sequence of row-phase, which is Mr. Mottershead's headache (i.e., phase differential), in cases where some or all of the rows of one nature are missing from a division of the method, and where—as for extents in the lower stages—it becomes ESSENTIAL to obtain these rows, there is still the time-honoured implement of the phase-reverser, i.e., the Single; which, despite some few views to the contrary, remains technically applicable to all methods.

A concluding thought for Mr. Mottershead: It is worth while starting right! His row-parting line UNDER 'rounds' is meaningless, for Metropolitan is obviously not a twin-hunt method.—Yours very truly,

A. YORK-BRAMBLE.

Netley Abbey.

CLOCK WITH NO HANDS

Dear Sir,—Referring to Mr. King's letter in your issue of October 3rd regarding the clock with no hands at Chipping Ongar, there is a similar clock at Sydling, Dorset. This clock, which strikes the hours, dates, if I remember rightly, from the middle of the 16th century, and after being out of order for some time was restored in the 1930's.—Yours sincerely,

E. T. P. FIELD.

Buckland Newton, Dorset.

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD TOUR

A JULY VISIT TO SIX COUNTIES

THE Manchester University Guild Tour took place this year in the counties of Worcester, Gloucester and Somerset principally and to a very small extent (one tower each) in Wiltshire, Dorset and Hereford.

In spite of mechanical failure and muscular inadequacy everyone had arrived and signed on before the warden of Chaddesley Corbett Hostel 'sported his oak' on July 7th, except two who had been whisked away in a 1,500 c.c. Riley to demonstrate the Exercise before an interested—and grateful— audience in Bromsgrove.

The following day we were joined by our Bromsgrove representative and the tour opened at Hartlebury, followed by Worcester, where lunch and ringing at St. John's and on the ten bells of All Saints' were thoroughly enjoyed. Further ringing involved a division of the party, the 'junior' members relished the octave of Bishop's Cleeve, whilst the 'seniors' struggled on to Winchcombe, where they met a 'retired' member of the Guild and the local company. The long draught and the awkwardness of the circle caused even the stalwarts some trouble and the local band some amusement.

A CROP OF PUNCTURES

The night was spent at Hillside Hostel, Cleeve, and on Wednesday ringing began at Painswick. The really splendid ring of bells here was not heard in full until our allotted time was almost gone because, for the first of many times, the tandem had a puncture!

Then to Stroud, where we featured in the local weekly and it was here that the crop of punctures began to be gathered in the 'fullness of the harvest.' A rather leg-weary band moved off to Marshfield. Two of the stragglers were, however, much surprised, whilst taking a rest, to see a slender figure in full song sitting with our tame but hirsute giant on the back of a Land Rover, complete with tandem, and proceeding in the Bristol direction at a very high velocity.

Despite some flagging, however, the Guild did manage to assemble at Batheaston Hostel for the first of three nights, in time for the excellent red soup course of dinner, for which the warden is justly famous. Colerne, visited by two members for the weekly practice, has a one-handed clock and it was difficult to make precise temporal observations on such a timepiece.

On Thursday Keynsham was the first tower to be visited, the pleasure in no small measure being due to the qualities of the bells. At lunch time the party divided, the non-pealers ringing at Newton St. Loe, and although the Rector at Kelston had had an unfortunate lapse of memory, a pleasant time was had in the churchyard!

PEAL FAILURE

The peal attempt was at Bitton, famous as the home parish of A. J. Corrigan, and a peal of Stedman was lost after a promising start. A further attempt for Bob Major was also abandoned.

Back at Batheaston Villa the Guild settled down to business of the A.G.M. whilst our two guests—Roger Morris, of Chester, and that well-known itinerant ringer, Eric Edmondson, of Liverpool University—made themselves comfortable in the neighbourhood. After Brian Harris, the Chester stalwart had been elected Ringing Master, and other officers and the committee duly appointed, the meeting deferred consideration of the constitution to a future date and got down to a spot of handbell ringing.

On Friday another unsuccessful peal attempt took place at Bathford, where Bob Minor was lost, due again to a curious lack of acquaintance with the single, and in the afternoon, despite the awe and majesty lent by his incipient and fiery beard, well supported by a powerful figure and voice, our future Ringing Master was unable, after two hours of excellent Grandsire Doubles at Bathampton, to prevent yet another upset and collapse.

The non-pealers enjoyed to the full the fine five at Freshford and also the ample and tasty tea in the delightful setting of the doctor's house in the village.

WITH AMERICAN TOURISTS

On Friday evening the presence of a large party of American tourists produced a startling display of our plumage and a great deal of interest was shown by the visitors in handbell ringing. However, they were startled even more at breakfast on Saturday morning when our Leicestershire Amazon appeared in the doorway with a frightened warden in her arms; not to mention the prodigiously long Latin grace intoned solely for their benefit by that broadly-educated fire-place expert, Mr. Mason.

On Saturday, ringing started at Camerton, where we were entertained by the Rector. At Radstock shiftwork was necessary owing to a delay in the schedule.

In the early afternoon the Guild arrived at Chewton Mendip and all agreed that this ring of bells must be one of the finest, if not the finest, which Taylors' have ever produced. Stedman and Double Norwich were achieved on this ring, and close on the heels of our Guild followed a coachload of South Wales ringers.

A ring was much enjoyed at the Parish Church of St. Cuthbert, Wells. In Croscombe Hostel, later on Saturday evening, the warden appeared to be familiar with change ringers, for special precautions were taken by him to ensure a full employment and a thorough mixing of parties!

On Sunday morning the Guild attended the Early Celebration, and the only successful peal of the tour was rung 'in hand' in Croscombe belfry.

A HEAVY DAY

Monday proved to be a 'working day,' however, with a vengeance, for in addition to some 50 miles of beautiful, but well-contoured country, the ringing included both Queen Camel and Sherborne Abbey. The day's ringing began at Evercreech, where the beautiful Taylor ten were very much appreciated. Dinner-time (in Manchester, of course, we dine in the middle of the day) saw us eating cream at Castle Cary, where a few minutes later the intricate system of rope-guides and pulleys was to cause a little trouble. At Queen Camel the light and airy belfry, the long catalogue of famous names in the visitors' book, the sight of the actual bells in the belfry itself being rung to Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles, and, of course, the majestic tone of the heaviest six in the world were sufficient to inspire mere secretaries and secretaries-elect with awe, but 'the Beard' proved irrepressible and was in great form both off, on and in the tenor box.

The furthest point of the day was Sherborne, where the intricacies of the staircase appeared to baffle certain people. However, although some disappointment was expressed about the tone of the ring as a whole by some people, the stalwart 'tower visitors' among us were proud to add another 'heaviest ring' to their records.

Guided by the warden's excellent instructions, the Guild rapidly reached West Pennard. A misunderstanding over the date was soon cleared up and then the Guild set out for Glastonbury, where ringing was arranged at St. John's. The bells of this fine church were not only heard in Glastonbury but also, by courtesy of the G.P.O. (Trunks) in Hereford, at the Deanery. After lunch the Guild were able to enjoy the first-class light Taylor six at Ashcott.

PURELY PERSONAL AT COSSINGTON

At Cossington the Guild was again divided into shifts; the very strong local interest, due to Cossington being the 'summer residence' of the better half of the secretariat, was, we hope, as pleased with the fare with which we provided them as we were with Mrs. Sampson's seed-cake. It ought to be pointed out that the phrase 'better half of the Secretariat' must be interpreted strictly as 'the retiring secretary' and any connections with the secretary-elect are 'purely coincidental.' A word of praise to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank for Cossington's very tuneful and well-hung six will not be out of place, the more especially as half-an-hour later, on one of the 'reputed heaviest fives' at Walton, we were again to enjoy the quality of their work. At Ashcott we had added a new Doubles method, 'All Saints' and at Walton this was once again performed before a 'packed' audience in the belfry. From Walton it was not far to the 'Chalet' at Street, where the warden made us very welcome.

The A.G.M. was again resumed and on the committee's drafts for the constitution approved, the any other business was postponed to Thursday evening and we lost our promising young Bromsgrovian, who 'softly and silently pedalled away'

Wednesday was principally notable for the ringing at Wells Cathedral and the record number of punctures sustained. Ringing began at Street in the morning, where the heavy eight were found to be a little troublesome. After watching the Cathedral clock strike midday, the heaviest of all rings of ten was set going to call changes and standard methods.

Those who were still fit and who still had cycles in working order then had lunch and set off for Wookey Hole and Cheddar, where the tone of the bells is quite good. The night was spent at Burrington Hostel.

On Thursday morning two of Somerset's finest rings of bells were visited, namely the ring of ten at Wrington, where Messrs. Mears and Stainbank once again deserve much praise. Later, at Congresbury, we said goodbye to G. Corby, who had given us such able and welcome assistance since Monday. From Congresbury, by divers routes, the Guild arrived in Henbury, and the secretary left his log there!

TANDEM ABANDONED

The tandem had, however, long been abandoned and Harris, complete with partner and beard (which by this time resembled the brush of the same name!), rode on his thumb to join the rest of the Guild at Aust Ferry. Despite a brush with a Bentley on the Ferry, the sea breezes of the Severn freshened every one sufficiently to ensure that no one (always excepting the tandem party) was late for supper. The hostel of St. Briavel's Castle is of considerable interest and both the castle and the warden respond to interest and study. Here at last, however, the A.G.M. was wound up and the votes of thanks to the retiring officers and to Mr. Ogden for the organisation of the tour were both unanimous and heartfelt.

On Friday farewells became the order of the day. The heavy ten at Hereford Cathedral were visited and these bells proved almost a match for the Guild by reason of their 'go' and the awkwardness of the beams supporting the frame.

It remains only for the secretary to repeat his thanks on behalf of the Guild to all those incumbents who allowed us to ring their bells, and to all those local ringers who gave so willingly of their time for our enjoyment and pleasure.

P. P. C.

FOR BEGINNERS—AND A WORD TO THE OLDER HANDS

XVI.—USEFUL HINTS IN CALLING STEDMAN CATERS

Last week we showed that the calling of the 'ordinary' courses of Stedman Caters is a fairly simple matter, because the bobs usually occur at 5 and 16, with occasional bobs at 4 (to move the 5ths place bell) and, very rarely, at 15 (when it is desired to change the 2nds place bell). This last is seldom done, because it complicates the composer's task by adding to the risk of falseness.

The bob at 5 changes the 'treble's place' bell, that is, the bell which at the course end itself strikes first. Actually this bell is then doing its last whole turn. When the bob at 5 is called this bell is dodging in 8–9 (up) and consequently remains there for another 'six,' and the bell it dodges with (i.e., the bell in 9–8 down) becomes the treble's place bell instead.

The importance of this bell to the conductor is this: If he is a wise man he will memorise the order in which the working bells (usually there are only four) become treble's place bell throughout the touch or peal—just as in calling a peal of Major he will, or should, know the 5ths and 6ths place bells. The bobs at 16 are like calling so many 'Homes" in Major, and it is necessary to know when the last of a set of two or three has been called, for memory is not always reliable.

The treble's place bell is the key to the position. After the last 16 there must be either a bob at 4 or 5. Let us deal with the bob at 5 first, as that is the one that most frequently occurs. You should know beforehand, as we have said, which is to be your next treble's place bell. When you call the last bob at 16, this bell will make the bob and will then be the 'quick' bell at the course end; that is the quick bell in the last six of the course, and will hunt up through the dodging places immediately in front of the existing treble's place bell until it reaches 9–8 (down), when the bob is called to change over the treble's place bell. Thus the conductor has plenty of opportunity to make sure of his position.

If the bob happens to be at 4, the same bell becomes treble's place bell, but dodges up at the bob (which is one 'six' earlier) instead of down. The bell that is leaving treble's place makes the bob.

These are just a few points to help you check up on your calling of 'ordinary' courses, which form the main body of most peals and touches.

The calling of 'starting' or 'turning' or 'homing' courses is not quite so simple. A 'starting' course is the one which brings the 'fixed' bells, referred to last week, into their proper positions. A 'turning' course is one which transposes these bells into alternative fixed positions, and a 'homing' course is one employed to bring the bells round. Usually it is unnecessary to employ both a 'turning' and a 'homing' course, because the former is so arranged that the bells will run round automatically after a given number of courses.

There is no really royal road to calling these starting and turning courses. It is safest to learn them thoroughly, and in doing this to know which bells are going to 'make the bobs' and which pairs will be dodging behind at the bobs. With practice you will get to know quite a lot about the construction of these courses, but to go into elaborate details is not necessary in this article.

Conductors should prick out these courses for themselves. They will get all the information they want from the six-ends, but there are certain things to remember. First, the usual 'start' is from 231456789, which is the actual six-end, rounds being really the fourth change of the six. Next, there are two different transpositions of rows which have to be used alternately, one for the 'slow' six and the other for the 'quick' six. The transpositions go thus in pairs:—

2 3 1 4 5 6 7 8 9

3 4 2 6 1 8 5 9 7
3 4 6 8 2 9 1 7 5

If there are bobs the transpositions are:—

2 3 1 4 5 6 7 8 9

Bob at 1 3 4 2 6 1 7 5 8 9 followed by
Bob at 2 3 4 6 7 2 5 1 8 9

One other thing to remember is that if you want to call a bob at 1, you must do so immediately the bells go off into changes, because it is made in the change after 231456789.

As an experiment write out a starting course by the six-ends, with bobs at 2, 4, 6, 7, 10, 12, 13, 16. If you do it correctly your course-end should be 412365978. From this go on and write out a homing course with bobs at 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13. Your course-end will not be 231456789; but see what you can make of it for yourself and then go into the tower and call the touch if you have the opportunity.

DEDICATION

WINCHESTER COLLEGE

The Bishop of Winchester dedicated on Oct. 3rd the ring of six bells at Winchester College, which had been overhauled and a new bell cast for the old third, which was cracked. The new third is a perfect splice with the old five, and the six bells are rehung on ball bearings in the original wooden frame. The 'go' of the bells is excellent, and Messrs. Mears and Stainbank are to be congratulated on an excellent job.

There were other dedications on the same day, the 555th anniversary of the first feast of dedication of the college. Improvements to the college chapel during the recess included the cleaning and repainting of the vault of the chapel, the glass from the founder's east window had been restored, the altar rail returned from Hursley Park Manor and the organ enlarged.

The headmaster of the college had invited Mr. W. C. Lampard, captain of the Cathedral band of ringers, to find a team for the occasion. So, with a picked band from the Cathedral and also Mr. C. Keen, captain of the college band of ringers, the bells were rung for half an hour before the service and then for a short while after the service, Grandsire and Plain Bob being attempted.

After the ringing the team adjourned to the college museum, where the headmaster was waiting to receive them, along with the skilled craftsmen who had worked on the other parts of the chapel, for lunch and liquid refreshments.

The Lost Camera

Dear Sir,—Re the letter concerning a lost camera, published on page 603, I should like through the columns of 'The Ringing World' to thank Mr. Morris for the trouble he took and for the prompt return of the camera, which was none the worse for its adventure.—Yours sincerely,

REX J. CORKE.

Aldershot.

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OUTINGS

A HALF-DAY IN WORCESTERSHIRE

Organised by Mr. Dennis Holden, ringers from Coseley, Wolverhampton, Brierley Hill, Kingswinford, Wednesbury and Little Aston recently had a pleasant half-day in Worcestershire.

Ringing took place at Pershore Abbey (famed for its 'bird cage' ringing room, where Mr. Eric Speake proved the note of the tenor on his variable pitch finder), Upton-on-Severn and Powick, near Worcester.

EAST DEVON RINGERS IN SOMERSET

On September 18th, a party of ringers from East Devon, with friends from Exeter and Teignmouth, had a half-day trip into Somerset. Ringing commenced at Shepton Mallet (8, 25 cwt.), where an enjoyable hour was spent. Across country we came to Chewton Mendip, with its magnificent tower and grand eight (24 cwt.). Another hour of good ringing was enjoyed. The lower in peal and excellent 'hum' of the bells as we left the belfry will long be remembered.

Wells Cathedral was our next call, and Grandsire and Stedman Caters went very well on this heavy ten (tenor 56 cwt.). We wended our way to St. Cuthbert's, Wells (8, 27 cwt.), with a certain amount of diffidence in view of a report from one of our party who had recently rung at this tower. However, we suffered no qualms in this spacious belfry (shades of Exeter Cathedral), with the long draught, and we had some good ringing.

Thanks are due to the incumbents who kindly gave permission and the ringers who met us at the various towers. Methods rung during the tour were Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob.

E. W. R.

READING'S DAY IN THE NEW FOREST

Ringers mainly from Reading and Bucklebury visited the New Forest area on September 27th. Ringing was enjoyed at Lyndhurst, Lymington, Milford-on-Sea, Downton and St. Thomas', Salisbury.

A picnic lunch was partaken at Milford-on-Sea despite a keen sou'-wester blowing in from the sea, and tea, arranged by Mr. Ron Marlow, at Fordingbridge. Incumbents and local ringers of the towers visited are thanked for their help in making the trip so enjoyable.

LAVENHAM HAVE A HALF-DAY

The Lavenham ringers held their annual half-day outing on September 27th. Debenham was the first call and an hour's ringing on this tuneful octave was much enjoyed. Then followed a call at Grundisburgh, where Messrs. C. W., G. and R. Pipe greeted the party. The light ten (tenor 6½ cwt.) here proved rather tricky; nevertheless, a splendid course of Superlative Major was 'tapped off,' with Stedman and his son on the tenors! A course of Plain on the 'ragged six' for the learner ended the ringing at this tower. The last call was Rushmere, where various Minor methods were rung.

PRESTON ST. MARY'S, SUFFOLK

On October 4th, Preston St. Mary's ringers with their wives and friends held their harvest-tide half-day outing in Essex. The first halt was at Pebmarsh (6), where the party's M.C. soon gave the order 'Catch hold,' and saw that each ringer had a pull. A pleasant run was made to Sible Hedingham (8), where Messrs. B. Pettit and A. Catterwell greeted the visitors. Various methods were 'tapped off' in good style, including, with the help of the three locals, Stedman and Duffield.

The next 'touch' was at the Oakdene Cafe, Sible Hedingham, where everyone did justice to an excellent tea. The final tower was Colne Engaine (6), where more excellent striking ensued, including a course of Bourne Surprise. The last stop was at Halstead for refreshments and a short entertainment by 'The Bell-chords Trio.'

OBITUARY

MR. HERBERT ARBIN

The Monken Hadley Guild of Ringers suffered a sad loss through the death on September 30th of one of its members, Mr. Herbert Arbin. He was 62 years of age and had been a member of the Guild for more than 25 years.

He was a regular Sunday service ringer, sidesman and church councillor, and is sadly missed, both for his ringing and his cheerful disposition. The Guild wishes to extend its deepest sympathy with Mrs. Arbin and family in their grievous loss.

On the day of the funeral (October 4th) 1,260 Grandsire Triples was rung half-muffled on the bells of St. Mary-the-Virgin's by J. Pearl 1, M. J. Soper 2, Miss S. Lloyd Evans 3, Miss M. Richards 4, R. Frazer 5, C. Ward (cond.) 6, T. Pink 7, W. Langley 8.

MR. F. W. BOWTELL

Ickleton has lost one of its oldest ringers by the death of Mr. Francis W. Bowtell at the age of 79. He had been a ringer for over 50 years and took part in the first peal on the bells in 1900.

A staunch churchman, Mr. Bowtell always attended the services and in his ringing days walked miles to ring in all churches in the district.

His funeral took place at Hinxton on Sept. 30th. The many wreaths included one from the Ickleton ringers.

MR. T. GUMBRELL

Mr. T. Gumbrell, of Wisborough Green, died on September 24th at the age of 74 years. The funeral took place on September 27th.

Although no big method ringer, he was always there to ring if wanted, and was, I think, the oldest member of the Wisborough Green band, having been a regular ringer for the past 20 years. He was a member of the choir and the P.C.C., a good church worker and one of the best of friends.

A short touch of Grandsire Doubles was rung on half-muffled bells at the service, and on Sunday the bells were rung half-muffled at both services.

On behalf of the local band and myself we express our sympathy with Mrs. Gumbrell.

W. H. EDWARDS.

MR. T. HOLLOCKS

By the death of Mr. Thomas Hollocks, aged 69 years, on Sunday, Sept. 29th, Preston St. Mary's, Suffolk, loses its last member of the band which during the early years of this century were ringing extents of Minor in all the methods contained in the 'Standard Methods' of that time.

Mr. Hollocks had been an active and regular Sunday service ringer for 53 years; he was a dependable ringer and a superb striker. Although never keen on peals, he had quite a few to his credit.

Some years ago, when Mr. Hollocks was the only ringer in the parish and longing to hear St. Mary's bells ring again, he offered himself as instructor and taught a young band which now rings regularly each Sunday in methods including Cambridge, Bourne and Netherseale. His last ringing, about a month ago, was an unsuccessful attempt for 720 Cambridge Minor with his young band. His ever cheerful smile will be sadly missed in the tower.

He was laid to rest in St. Mary's Churchyard. Among the many beautiful floral tributes was one from the ringers of Preston. The same evening a quarter peal of Cambridge Surprise was rung half-muffled by H. Whymark 1, S. H. Symonds (cond.) 2, F. Hunt 3, R. Chambers 4, F. Day 5, H. Hollocks 6.

His widow shares her bereavement with a son (a ringer) and daughter. S. H. S.

MR. A. G. JANES

With regret we report the passing of Mr. Arthur G. Janes, the oldest member of Hughenden belfry. Mr. Janes will always be remembered when one looks at the peal books which he took so much pride in writing. He was not a great peal ringer, but he rang about 60 peals, all but two being at Hughenden. His favourite method was Stedman, of which he conducted one when ringing the tenor.

It is much regretted that he did not live to hear the bells which he was instrumental in having restored. He was laid to rest in Hughenden Churchyard on October 3rd, the funeral being attended by several ringers. A plain course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave by four members of the tower.

P. H.

MR. EDWIN L. MILES

We regret to record the death of Mr. Edwin L. Miles, a member of a well-known ringing family, of 78, Livingstone Road, Thornton Heath, Surrey. Mr. Miles, who was 68, had not enjoyed good health for the past two or three years and died from pneumonia.

Born at Much Hadham, Herts, Mr. Miles learnt to ring there with his four brothers. The eldest, Mr. Henry G. Miles, was the St. Paul's Cathedral ringer and composer of the 21,000 odd peal of Stedman Caters rung at Appleton and died recently. A saddler, Mr. E. L. Miles was employed for many years by the Metropolitan Police. At the beginning of the century he was a member of St. Peter's, Croydon, ringers and rang a number of peals there on the old eight. In recent times he had been a member of the St. Leonard's, Streatham, band, where he will be greatly missed, as he was not only a ringer of high merit, but of congenial company. He was a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, the Surrey Association and the London Counties Association.

Mr. Miles leaves in bereavement a widow and three grown-up children. The death of his daughter a year ago was a great blow to the family.

The funeral took place on October 7th at Croydon Cemetery and was conducted by the Rector of Streatham, Canon D. L. Salmon. Ringers present were Messrs. P. Miles and T. Miles (brothers), J. Chapman, S. Howard, J. Euston. There were also two representatives of the Metropolitan Police present.

The bells of St. Leonard's were rung half-muffled in the evening to touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples. Ringers taking part, in addition to the local band, were Messrs. T. A. Blow and P. Davis (St. Peter's, Croydon) and H. Cox (St. Mary's, Wimbledon).

THE LADIES' GUILD

The quarterly meeting of the Central District, held at Ealing on September 27th, proved to be a very pleasant and enjoyable gathering. Ringing commenced on the eight at Christ the Saviour at 3 o'clock, with a good attendance. Perhaps the most encouraging feature of the afternoon was the large number of young lady learners present attached to Ealing towers. Beginners were, therefore, well catered for with rounds and Grandsire.

At the business meeting following tea, Guild numbers were increased with the election of eight new members. It was proposed that in future, in order to lessen the possibility of a clash of dates with other associations, Ladies' Guild meetings should be held on the fifth Saturday of a month. The next date appeared to be November 29th, and Leyton and Leytonstone towers were proposed.

Further ringing continued during the evening at St. Stephen's, with methods ranging from Plain Bob to Cambridge and Yorkshire Surprise.

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WANTED.—A set of handbells for tune-ringing in school. Price must be reasonable. —Headmaster, Waterloo Boys' School, Blackpool. 1461

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Taunton Branch. — Quarterly Sampford-Arundel, Oct. 18th, 2.45. Service 4.15. Rockwell Green 7.30-8.30. Names for tea.—A. H. Reed, George Street, Taunton. 1474

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Quarterly meeting, Monk's Kirby, near Rugby, on Saturday, October 18th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea at the Denbigh Arms 5 p.m., followed by business.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton (Phone Nuneaton 3296.) 1481

DEVON GUILD. — Mid-Devon Branch. — Meeting at St. George-the-Martyr, Dean Prior, Buckfastleigh, Saturday, Oct. 18th.—A. L. Bennett, Cornerways, Elliott Plain, Buckfastleigh. 1527

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Practice, Brampford Speke (6). Trains from St. David's Station. Saturday, Oct. 18th, 2.30 p.m. All learners welcome. Rounds to anything requested. Guild Cathedral practice 6 p.m. same evening.—F. Wreford, Hon. Sec. 1497

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District — Meeting at Holywell (6), Saturday, October 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. S. Peacock. 1479

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Dinner, commemorating the name of John S. Goldsmith, Lion Hotel, Guildford, Oct. 18th, at 6.30 p.m., the Lord Bishop of Guildford presiding. Ringing at Holy Trinity (8), S. Nicolas' (10) and St. Mary's (6) 3-4.30. Commemorative service in Cathedral Crypt 5.15. 1475

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—N.E. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bradninch, Saturday, October 18th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—C. G. Dymond, Silverton. 1468

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—An extra-ordinary general meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 18th, at 3 p.m. in St. Peter's belfry, St. Albans. Important business. Tea 5.30 p.m., Abbey Institute, 2s. 6d. Ringing will be announced at meeting. Names for tea to H. V. Frost, Hon. Gen. Sec., 43, Leyland Avenue, St. Albans. 1441

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Oct. 18th, at Canterbury. Bells, St. Alphege's, from 3 p.m., St. Stephen's and St. Dunstan's from 2.30. Service, St. Alphege's, 4.15. Tea 2s. 3d. per head. 1439

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District. — Annual district meeting at Rochester Cathedral (10) on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells from 3 p.m. Evensong with parts of the ringers' service 4 p.m. Tea in Patricia's Pantry followed by the business meeting 4.45 p.m. 1432

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—A meeting at Bury, Oct. 18th. Bells from 3. Meeting in tower at 6 Plenty of cafes nearby.—G. Porter. 1526

STRADBROKE, SUFFOLK.—Dedication of the restored ring of eight and two new trebles by the Lord Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich, Saturday, Oct. 18th, at 6 p.m. Ringing up to 10 p.m. Running buffet free to ringers open. Tower also open for ringing Sunday afternoon. 1486

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District. —**Cancelled Meeting.**—The meeting which was to have been held at Benhall on October 18th is cancelled until further notice.—P. S. Bedford. 1494

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Barcombe, Oct. 18th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify P. F. Romney, 21, Woodsland Road, Hassocks. 1480

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Evesham bell tower on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells (12) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business.—W. J. Newman, 7, New Road, Hampton, Evesham. 1470

RADLEY, BERKS. — Re-opening of bells by the Rev. C. E. Wigg, M.A., Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, at 7 p.m. on Oct. 21st. Treble recast by Mears and Stainbank and bells rehung by R. White and Son. All ringers welcome. Would those wishing to attend kindly send their names to Miss M. R. Cross, The School House, Radley, Abingdon. 1514

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Oct. 25th, 3 p.m. Nomination of officers.—A. B. Peck. 1509

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY. — Meeting at St. Thomas' (8), Leesfield, Oldham, on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Cups of tea. Bells 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.—E. Walker, Sec. 1516

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Axbridge Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Locking, Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5 p.m. Names for tea by 22nd, to Miss Marjorie Legg, Drove Farm, Locking, Weston-super-Mare.—G. P. 1524

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Cary Branch.—Meeting at North Cadbury, Oct. 25th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—Lintern, Alhampton, Ditcheat. 1500

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Joint Ilkeston and Derby Districts.—Meeting at Heanor on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Ringing 3. Tea 5. Names for tea to D. R. Carlisle, 85, Derby Road, Risley, Derby. 1507

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District. — Meeting at Matlock (8) on Saturday, Oct. 25th, 3 p.m. Tea, own arrangements.—D. S. Gregory. 1528

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Saturday, Oct. 25th, Wylam, St. Oswin's. Names, by Oct. 22nd, to Mr. F. M. Gordon, Ochil, Woodcroft Road, Wylam-on-Tyne. 1496

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Oct. 25th, Shirland (5). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, not later than Wednesday, Oct. 22nd, to Mr. R. Mason, Town End, Shirland, Derbyshire. 1521

ESSEX and HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS.—A joint meeting of the N.W. District, Essex Association, and Eastern District, Hertford County Association, will be held at Sawbridgeworth (8) on Saturday, Oct. 25th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names, please, to G. Blake, Teesta, Jack's Hatch, Epping Upland, Essex.—J. Kemp and G. Blake, Dis. Secs. 1472

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Monthly meeting at Almondsbury, Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Tuesday, Oct. 21st, to W. F. Scudamore, No. 6, Sandringham Avenue, Downend, Bristol. 1523

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — South Forest Branch. — Meeting at Littledean, Saturday Oct. 25th. Bells (6) 2 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Oct. 22nd, to Mrs. D. Stafford, Staunton, Coleford, Glos. 1501

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Bexhill (8), Saturday, Oct. 25th, 3 p.m. Notification for tea, by Oct. 22nd, to Geo. Billenness, 3, Grasmere Terrace, Hawkhurst, Kent. 1493

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Royston, Saturday, October 25th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special method, Erin Triples.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 1495

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—Ringers Day and branch meeting combined, Saturday, Oct. 25th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than Monday, 20th, to P. Newton, 51, Chapel Lane, Sands, High Wycombe, Bucks.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Oct. 25th, at St. John's Church, Erith, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, not later than Tuesday, Oct. 21st, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent. 1467

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at St. Chad's Church, Headingley, on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea (2s. 6d. per head) arranged for those who notify, by Thursday, Oct. 23rd, Mr. A. Johnson, 7, Weetwood Lane, Leeds 6. Business meeting to follow tea.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec. 1525

LIVERPOOL PARISH CHURCH (Our Lady and St. Nicholas', Pierhead) RINGERS' DAY.—Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells (12) 10.30 a.m.-3.30 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m., followed by tea at Reece's Restaurant. See previous notices for details of other ringing during Consecration Festival. N.B.—There will be no opportunity for general ringing on Oct. 18th. Please send remittances for tickets not later than Oct. 18th (tea 6s. 6d.; luncheon 7s. 6d.). Stamped addressed envelopes appreciated.—J. E. Spice, 30, Glenmore Avenue, Liverpool 18. 1487

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Hingham, Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Fairland Hall for all who send names and numbers, not later than Wednesday, Oct. 22nd, to Mr. A. Haines, 9, Walton Road, Hingham, Norwich. Tel. Hingham 336. No names no tea.—H. Tooke, Branch Sec. 1465

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bicester Deanery, Branch—Meeting, Souldern, Oct. 25th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5. Names to C. Kinch, The Causeway, Bicester. 1464

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Churchill on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Numbers for tea by the previous Tuesday, please.—J. Keyte. 1471

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Meeting, Hughenden, Saturday, Oct. 25th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by Oct. 20th.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge. Wexham, Slough. 1519

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Stoke Albany (6) October 25th Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5. Names for tea, please, by Tuesday.—G. Watson, 9, Cranford Road, Burton Latimer, Kettering. 1482

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Brafield, Oct. 25th. Names for tea **must** be sent, by Oct. 22nd, to Mr. Eric Nobles, Hon. Branch Sec., 48, Millway, Duston, Northants. 1498

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—Meeting at Stanground, Oct. 25th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea, by Oct. 21st without fail, to G. S. Bush, 18, Princes Street, Park Road, Peterborough. 1504

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Rayleigh, Saturday, Oct. 25th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Cups of tea provided; please bring own food. Further ringing from 6 p.m.—P. A. Sadler. 1520

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting at Merstham, Oct. 25th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, by Oct. 22nd, to W. J. Avernell, Clover, Netherne Lane, Merstham. 1513

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Division.—No practice meeting Oct. 25th. Chiddingly unobtainable. Next quarterly meeting Christ Church, Blacklands, Nov. 22nd.—P. H. Rollison, Eastbourne. 1517

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Alton and Petersfield District. — Quarterly meeting, Alton, Oct. 25th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Business meeting. Numbers for tea by 21st.—C. E. Bassett, Warsash, Southampton. 1522

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Basingstoke District. — Quarterly meeting at Heckfield, Oct. 25th, 2.30. Service 4 o'clock. Tea 4.30. Names for tea, by Oct. 21st, to Mr. S. Emptage, Hound-Green, Mattingly, Basingstoke.—John Chesterman, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1511

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The annual dinner will be held at the Guildhall, Worcester, on Saturday, Oct. 25th, at 5.45 p.m. Bells available: St. John's (8) 3–5 p.m.; All Saints' (10), 3–5.15 p.m. Tickets (7s. 6d. each) obtainable until Tuesday, Oct. 21st, from Messrs. C. Skidmore, T. W. Lewis, Branch Secs., or J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 1428

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Jasper W. Snowdon Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Windmill Hotel, Blossom Street, York, at 5.45 for 6 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Tickets, 10s. each, from Mr. S. Steel, 7, Ings Way, Rawcliffe Lane, York. The Lord Mayor of York will attend. Ringing at York Minster: 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., 2.30 to 3.55 p.m. and 4.45 to 5.30 on the 25th; Sunday: 9.20 a.m. to 10.20 a.m. and 3 p.m. to 3.55 p.m.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford. 1499

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery. — Corporate Communion at Wrington, 8 a.m., Oct. 26th. Bells 7 a.m. Breakfast reserved for those notifying by Oct. 22nd Mr. H. Knight, Woolmers, Cleeve, near Bristol. 1530

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—The 315th anniversary dinner will be held at Mecca Restaurant, Plantation House, Mincing Lane, Fenchurch Street, E.C., on Saturday, Nov. 1st, at 6 p.m. Tickets 15s. 6d. Early application advisable.—A. B. Peck. 1452

NOTICES—Continued

BARKSTON RINGERS invite you to re-dedication of Barkston bells (6), Nov. 1st, 3 p.m. For tea, please notify, by Wednesday previous, the Rev. G. H. Platt, The Rectory, Barkston, near Grantham. 1502

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Smarden, Nov. 1st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 1505

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Meeting, Waltham, Nov. 1st. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea, by Oct. 29th, to J. Willows, Snowden, Grimsby Road, Waltham, Grimsby. 1510

NORTHOWRAM, HALIFAX. — RINGERS' DAY.—Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells from 2.30 to 9. Tea by ticket (2s. 6d.) from W. G. Turner, 4, Marldon Road, Northowram. Names not later than Oct. 25th, please. 1491

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes and Salisbury Branches.—Joint meeting, Codford (6), Nov. 1st. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Business meeting for Salisbury Branch. Wylye (5) available afternoon and Heytesbury (6) evening. Names for tea by 28th, please, 81, Hamilton Road, Salisbury.—J. Slatford and Y. Eloie. 1506

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—I. W. District.—Quarterly meeting at Ryde, Nov. 1st. Bells from 2.30. Service All Saints' 4.30. Tea and business meeting Wight Cat Cafe.—A. M. Guy. Dis. Sec. 1517

NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS.— Annual meeting at Liverpool on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Lunch at Stork Hotel, Queen Square, 12.45 p.m. (10s. 6d.) and high tea 5 p.m. (7s. 6d.) followed by business meeting and social evening. Ringing details later. Application for tickets, with remittance, by Nov. 29th, to C. H. F. Knight, Hon. Sec., 51, Oadby Road, Wigston Magna, Leicester. 1518

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THE RINGING MASTER

By a Ringing Master of Long Experience

THE question has been asked, 'Why a Ringing Master for our branch meetings, why not let the leader of the particular tower take charge of the ringing as he does on Sundays and practice nights?' To answer this one might ask another question, 'What single factor makes the most impression at a meeting?' The answer to this must surely be, 'The atmosphere in the belfry and standard of performance.'

Gatherings of ringers at meetings, be they large or small, invariably comprise good and not so good in their make-up, also single method and multi-method ringers—in fact, ringers of all types. To obtain the best results the person in charge must have experience of handling such groups, in such a manner as to make the best use of the time available and create a happy atmosphere. It would be quite impossible to expect this of every tower leader, however good he might be in his own tower.

Here, then, is the answer to our first question : a Ringing Master is essential to the well-being of a branch, so that he may be able to acquire a good knowledge of all that goes on in his district and be thoroughly acquainted with the many types who attend the meetings. He will then be in a position to put all at their ease and cater for their needs, whilst at the same time be sure that no members of the branch are being made to feel unwanted and of no importance, but rather be improved by the making of new friends.

One of the many things he will deal with is the attempting of new methods, and here the writer would express a deep-rooted conviction: meetings should never be used as a venue for the type of ringer whose sole object is that of experimenting with methods of which he has little or no knowledge. To give a ringer who has thoroughly acquainted himself with a new method on paper the chance to put it into practice with a good band is one thing, but experiments by a number of ringers should be discouraged at all times. Rather should meetings be used to demonstrate how much a ringer has improved his general performance and as an example to others, to say nothing of the effect on the general public.

Another point of great importance is the service touch. That this should be of the best goes without saying, but the selection of the band is often of serious concern to the Ringing Master. It is here that his knowledge of his fellows can be most valuable and permit the selection of a first-class band, without any doubts as to the results. Happy is the man who can do this without fail. Apart from the fact that nothing but the best is good enough for service ringing, this touch should be listened to by all present, and set as a target of quality for their future endeavours. It little matters whether it be Grandsire or Spliced Surprise; the ultimate judgment will be on the striking.

Time can simply fly when chatter is allowed to take the place of ringing, and here the Ringing Master can do much to make the most of the time available. Particularly when the company is large he should be planning his touches in advance, so that all are catered for and no time lost.

The question of combined practices should also be his concern, and he should encourage their discussion and arrangement at the meetings. Practice meetings can be of tremendous value to an association if run on proper lines, under the guidance of a competent conductor. It was the writer's privilege to be secretary of one such during the '30's for a period of nearly nine years. The amount of progress achieved during this period was immense, and many are the ringers in all parts of the country, who rang with us at one time or another, who still speak of the high standard of performance put up by this particular band.

To sum up, a Ringing Master is absolutely essential to the good conduct of a meeting. But he must be as good a ringer as any other member of the branch, so that the ringing can be handled to the best advantage; he must be tactful yet firm and completely unbiased in his association with the members. If he can fulfil these qualifications he will enjoy the esteem of all, and have played his part in creating a really happy branch and a successful association.

H. J. S.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

HALIFAX, YORKSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Oct. 11, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 28 cwt. 14 lb.

HOWARD HOWELL	*Treble*	ARTHUR ROGERS	7
BARNABAS G. KEY	2	ERNEST STITCH	8
J. NORMAN HADLEY	3	IVOR R. NICHOLS	9
*CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	4	SAMUEL BIRCH	10
GEORGE A. PACKER	5	*MAURICE G. TURNER	11
RICHARD D. LANGFORD	6	†ALBERT W. BOND	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.
* 75th peal together. † 25th peal. First of Cinques on the recently recast bells.

SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 11, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5103 GRANDSIRE CINQUES
Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

*MRS. R. F. DEAL	*Treble*	ALFRED W. SIMMONDS	7
*DAVID W. BEARD	2	*JOHN F. GROVE	8
HAROLD N. PITSTOW	3	T. REGINALD DENNIS	9
*FREDK. W. HOUSDEN	4	*CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON	10
*FRANK V. GANT	5	RICHARD F. DEAL	11
THOMAS G. FOX	6	*JOHN H. CRAMPION	*Tenor*

Composed by R. F. DEAL. Conducted by HAROLD N. PITSTOW.
* First peal of Grandsire Cinques.
Rung as a compliment to the conductor on his wedding anniversary, and to Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Pitstow on the birth of a daughter.

TEN BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Oct. 8, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6½ cwt.

*JOHN R. SMITH	*Treble*	MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH	6
†JOHN B. BENNETT	2	S. ANTHONY JESSON	7
ERNEST W. RAWSON	3	JOHN HILL	8
HAROLD J. POOLE	4	*HERRICK B. BOWLEY	9
‡MRS. H. J. POOLE	5	PETER J. STANIFORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH.
* 100th peal together. † First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal. ‡ 300th peal. First of Cambridge Surprise Royal as conductor.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 11, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25 cwt. 3 qr.

LESLIE A. TREMEER	*Treble*	GORDON C. BRIGGS	6
WILLIAM BARTON	2	ARTHUR FIRTH	7
JOHN J. L. GILBERT	3	ERNEST A. THORPE	8
ALFRED SMITH	4	NORMAN CHADDOCK	9
*ALEXANDER E. MARSH	5	†JOHN E. TURLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by JOHN J. L. GILBERT.
* First peal of Surprise Royal. † First peal in the method on ten bells.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 11, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,
A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt.

JOHN S. STALLARD	*Treble*	ROGER O. FRY	6
ALBERT M. TYLER	2	IVOR H. TRUEMAN	7
FRANCIS C. MOGFORD	3	*PHILIP W. WEEKS	8
ERIC NAYLOR	4	LEONARD DERRICK	9
GEORGE J. HANKINS	5	NORMAN H. COOMBS	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST J. MORRIS. Conducted by ALBERT M. TYLER.
* First peal of Caters. First peal of Grandsire Caters as conductor.

SOUTHOVER, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 11, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

EDGAR R. RAPLEY	*Treble*	KENNETH SNELLING	6
ALBERT W. BOND	2	ROBERT SWIFT	7
ARTHUR GRAVETT	3	RAYMOND OVERY	8
FRANK H. HICKS	4	FREDERICK PAGE	9
FRANK BENNETT	5	JOHN DEARLOVE	*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by RAYMOND OVERY.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Oct. 15, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 METROPOLITAN SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6¼ cwt.

MRS. H. J. POOLE	*Treble*	JOHN R. SMITH	6
HAROLD J. POOLE	2	S. ANTHONY JESSON	7
ERNEST W. RAWSON	3	JOHN HILL	8
MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH	4	E. ALAN JACQUES	9
PETER J. STANIFORTH	5	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
First peal to be rung in this method.
All the above are members of the Leicester Cathedral Sunday Service band.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BEDWORTH, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 27, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

JOSEPH HY. W. WHITE	*Treble*	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	5
ADOLPHUS ROBERTS	2	F. ANTHONY ELSON	6
JOHN W. TAYLOR	3	ALFRED J. HINDE	7
GEORGE GARDNER	4	W. HARRY DUNCOMBE	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by W. HARRY DUNCOMBE.
Rung for the induction of the Rev. William C. Maggs, also for the Patronal Festival.

BOURN, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Oct. 2, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. HELEN AND MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

*JOHN G. GIPSON	*Treble*	T. REGINALD DENNIS	5
*PERCY H. PIGG	2	*CYRIL A. HURST	6
PETER BORDER	3	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	7
†MARION GRAIN	4	‡DENIS E. PEPPER	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.
* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First peal of Triples and of Stedman. ‡ First peal on eight bells. First peal of Stedman as conductor. First peal of Stedman Triples on the bells and first for the Association by an 'all resident' band.

ALDERSHOT, HAMPSHIRE.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 4, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,
A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 10 lb. in A flat.

*MURIEL C. LEWIS	*Treble*	REX J. CORKE	5
†DAVID B. WILLIAMSON	2	‡BRIAN P. E. BATT	6
†SHIRLEY J. CORKE	3	§WILLIAM H. VIGGERS	7
EDWARD J. BRAGG	4	G. KENNETH WILLIAMSON	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by G. KENNETH WILLIAMSON.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Treble Bob Major. ‡ First peal on eight bells. § 50th peal. First peal as conductor. Rung during the octave of the Patronal Festival.

BLEWBURY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 4, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tayler's. Tenor 19½ cwt.

JACK GRACE	*Treble*	FRED JAMES	5
CLAUDE CORDEROY	2	ROBERT BLOND	6
ALFRED GREENOUGH	3	JAMES BLOND	7
CHARLES ALDRIDGE	4	HAROLD ALDRIDGE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT BLOND.
Rung within the octave of the feast of St. Michael and All Angels.

HUGGLESCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 4, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

Pitstow's.			
BETTY M. BIDLER	*Treble*	JOHN R. SMITH	5
WINIFRED M. BURTON	2	THOMAS E. SONE	6
MRS. H. J. POOLE	3	E. ALAN JACQUES	7
PETER J. STANIFORTH	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Owen Over, a ringer at the above church, and Joan Worth, of Anstey, who were married the same day.

OVER, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 4, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 15½ cwt.

Parker's Twelve-part.			
*FREDERICK C. GIFFORD	*Treble*	T. REGINALD DENNIS	5
†‡MARION GRAIN	2	‡JOHN WILKIN	6
GEORGE E. CRISP	3	PETER BORDER	7
§MICHAEL N. BLAND	4	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

* First peal on eight bells. † 25th peal. ‡ First peal of Grandsire. § First peal of Grandsire 'inside.'

WESTERHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 4, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 23¾ cwt.

WILLIAM A. THEOBALD	*Treble*	MAXWELL F. OAKSHETT	5
JOHN E. LYDDIARD	2	PERCY J. SPICE	6
HILDA J. OAKSHETT	3	ROBERT H. BEGRIE	7
JOHN L. MORRIS	4	FRANK C. W. KNIGHT	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by ROBERT H. BEGRIE.

The conductor's first peal of Double Norwich.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Oct. 6, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-AT-COSLANY,
A PEAL OF 5056 COSLANY IMPERIAL MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Treble*	F. CHARLES GOODMAN	5
CEDRIC CURSON	2	WILLIAM LOVE	6
ARTHUR G. BASON	3	BERT GOGLE	7
NOLAN GOLDEN	4	GEORGE SAYER	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal in the method.

EDMONTON, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Oct. 8, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 17¾ cwt.

*ROBERT D. STROUD	*Treble*	‡AIDAN J. M. BOYACK	5
†G. WILFRED SLACK	2	†ROBERT H. BEGRIE	6
†PHILIP J. COWARD	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
‡JOHN M. KEMP	4	†CHARLES F. NEAL	*Tenor*

Composed by HARVEY REEVES. Conducted by ALFRED J. HOUSE.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal of Triples.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 8, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18¼ cwt.

DAVID W. BEARD	*Treble*	HARRY TURNER	5
FRANK V. GANT	2	CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON	6
ERNEST W. FURBANK	3	FRANK B. LUFKIN	7
*ANDREW J. SALISBURY	4	JOHN H. CRAMPION	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDK. DENCH. Conducted by JOHN H. CRAMPION.

* First peal of Surprise Major.

BICKER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Oct. 10, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in A.

*WILLIAM B. DAWSON	*Treble*	*ALBERT H. BENNETT	5
*BETTINA A. DUFFY	2	ERNEST BRITTAIN	6
FRANK TAYLOR	3	PETER N. BOND	7
*DONOVAN R. WHITE	4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Oct. 10, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	*Treble*	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	5
JOHN S. MASON	2	JOHN FREEMAN	6
FREDERICK J. CULLUM	3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	7
RALPH BIRD	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

AMESBURY, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 11, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY *and* MELORUS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt.

HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS	*Treble*	JOHN H. GILBERT	5
*MARGARET R. PAGE	2	JACK MUSSELL	6
JOAN M. GRAY	3	JOHN HARTLESS	7
WILLIAM C. SHUTE	4	RONALD N. MARLOW	*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS.

* First peal of Major.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 11, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS THE MARTYR,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19¾ cwt.

HENRY T. WILSON	*Treble*	*DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	5
ERNEST W. FURBANK	2	*ALBERT PRYKE	6
*ROBERT C. HEAZEL	3	*JOHN SITCH	7
*FRANCIS R. GODDARD	4	†HARRY TURNER	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

* First peal in the method. † 150th peal and 100th as conductor.

BUCKINGHAM.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 11, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 27 cwt.

FREDERICK VICKERS	*Treble*	WILLIAM YATES	5
MARGARET L. TUTT	2	J. RICHARD CHAUNDY	6
FRANCES A. EDGAR	3	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS	7
WALTER F. JUDGE	4	GEORGE W. HOLLAND	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE W. HOLLAND.

First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major as conductor.

BULWELL, NOTTINGHAM.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 11, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SOULS,
A PEAL OF 5000 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in E.

ARTHUR E. HOODLESS	*Treble*	CLEMENT GLENN	5
*FREDERICK G. HOOPER	2	JOSEPH A. FENTON	6
†SAMUEL PINDER	3	PHILIP H. SPECK	7
BRIAN BUSWELL	4	J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* 100th peal. † First peal in the method.

First in the method on the bells and first since rehanging by Messrs. John Taylor and Co.

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BLACKPOOL, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 11, 1952, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10½ cwt.

KENNETH D. KNOWLES	*Treble*	CHARLES W. BLAKEY	5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	2	*DEREK K. KNOWLES	6
DEREK J. TRANTER	3	JOHN H. FOSTER	7
ALAN ELSMORE	4	PETER CROOK, SEN.	*Tenor*

Composed by G. WILLIAMS. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.
* First peal in method on an 'inside' bell.

CREDITON, DEVONSHIRE.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Oct. 11, 1952, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,
A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

*RENATE BUCHTHAL	*Treble*	HENRY G. KEELEY	5
†ELIZABETH BROWN	2	FREDERICK WREFORD	6
E. MAURICE ATKINS	3	G. STEDMAN MORRIS	7
‡ROGER KEELEY	4	HARRY PARKES	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS. Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.
* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.' ‡ 50th peal.

DOUGLAS-IN-PARBOLD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 11, 1952, in 3 Hours,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

ARTHUR MAWDESLEY	*Treble*	THOMAS MARSHALL	5
RONALD KENRICK	2	JAMES GROUNDS	6
*DOREEN DUTTON	3	JACK ASHCROFT	7
PETER COXALL	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
* First peal.
Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to Mrs. Santus, also a birthday compliment to Miss Jean Marshall, both of Parbold.

DRAYTON, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 11, 1952, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9½ cwt.

JAMES BLOND	*Treble*	MICHAEL BISHOP	5
M. ANGELA CARTER	2	JOHN SEYMOUR	6
*ALFRED GREENOUGH	3	*CLAUDE CORDEROY	7
HENRY BISHOP	4	ROBERT BLOND	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by ROBERT BLOND.
* First peal of Major.

ELHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 11, 1952, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

*JOHN MARTIN	*Treble*	FRANK VERNEY	5
CYRIL A. WRATTEN	2	WILLIAM BOTTRILL	6
PETER NEWING	3	THOMAS H. HOLMES	7
†JOHN E. CHITTENDEN	4	E. THOMAS ELLENDER	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM BOTTRILL.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

HIGHCLERE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 11, 1952, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11½ cwt.

NESTA D. SMITH	*Treble*	GEOFFREY K. DODD	5
RICHARD SMITH	2	OSCAR G. SMART	6
*REX TOLMAN	3	ARCHIBALD L. MITCHELL	7
REGINALD W. REX	4	NORMAN V. ANDREWS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by NORMAN V. ANDREWS.
* First peal of Major away from the treble. Rung for the Patronal Festival.

SELLY OAK, BIRMINGHAM.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 11, 1952, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5152 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

ROBERT J. STOKES	*Treble*	SIDNEY T. HOLT	5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	2	REGINALD WOODYATT	6
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT	3	CYRIL TANSELL	7
NORMAN J. GOODMAN	4	THOMAS W. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. PIGOTT. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

STEWKLEY, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 11, 1952, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

*DOUGLAS O. WILKS	*Treble*	*GEORGE F. BURTON	5
*EDMUND E. PEARSON	2	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG	6
*HERBERT H. ALEXANDER	3	*EDGAR J. SMITH	7
*CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	4	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. Specially arranged to honour the Feast of St. Faith.

TARPORLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 11, 1952, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10½ cwt.

CECIL RADDON	*Treble*	WILLIAM ALLMAN	5
DOUGLAS KIRKPATRICK	2	*BRIAN HARRIS	6
HAROLD WORRALL	3	HENRY PARKER	7
JOHN SCOTT	4	HARRY W. HOWARD	*Tenor*

Composed by W. NICOLLS. Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.
* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Raddon, wife of the ringer of the treble.

YOULGRAVE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 11, 1952, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

DAVID A. CARPENTER	*Treble*	HUBERT E. ASHLEY	5
CLAUDIA A. HARDING	2	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON	6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	3	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON	7
FRANK E. PERVIN	4	LEONARD TREVOR	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by LEONARD TREVOR.
Rung as a compliment to the Vicar of Youlgrave, Rev. P. Hatfield, upon whom the degree of Doctor has recently been awarded at Sheffield University.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BACUP, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Sept. 30, 1952, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

JAMES W. WILLIAMS	*Treble*	ROGER LEIGH	4
KENNETH HARTLEY	2	CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON	5
NORMAN SMITH	3	BRIAN H. WOOD	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.
A compliment to the Rev. H. Heaps on his completion of 21 years as incumbent of this church.

HORTON, NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 4, 1952, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

GEORGE H. HALL	*Treble*	*RICHARD TURNER	4
ALFRED COTTRELL	2	ALAN POINTON	5
*JACK HEATH	3	†ROBERT CUMBERLIDGE	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE H. HALL.
* First peal. † First peal away from treble. First peal as conductor.
Rung as a compliment to the Vicar of Horton, the Rev. T. W. D. Bensley, who has completed 25 years in the Ministry.

WHETSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Oct. 6, 1952, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Seven 720's called differently. Tenor 8½ cwt.

E. CHARLES TURNER	*Treble*	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	4
HAROLD KILBY	2	†GEORGE H. BAILEY	5
*WINIFRED M. BURTON	3	ERNEST MORRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
* 75th peal. † First Surprise peal.

COWLEY, OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Oct. 10, 1952, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 5 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

*CECIL M. BENNETT	*Treble*	†WALTER FERN	4
†LAURENCE H. W. BUSBY	2	†JAMES ADAMS	5
WALTER F. HOLLOWAY	3	THOMAS S. BOWLES	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS S. BOWLES.
* First peal. † First peal of Minor 'inside.' First peal as conductor. Rung as a 75th birthday compliment to Lord Nuffield.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Fri., Oct. 10, 1952, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 9 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

*ANN BARR	*Treble*	MICHAEL W. FAIREY	4
*SAMELA THOMAS	2	CLIVE M. SMITH	5
DAVID W. BARR	3	BRYAN E. CARSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by CLIVE M. SMITH.
* First peal. Rung for the Harvest Festival and also as an 18th birthday compliment to David W. Barr.

TWYFORD, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Oct. 10, 1952, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

*VICTOR G. PHILLIPS	*Treble*	FREDERICK VICKERS	4
†DOREEN M. SPOKES	2	GEORGE E. GREEN	5
*CHARLES GOUGH	3	WILLIAM YATES	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM YATES.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal. First peal on the bells.

EAST FARNDON, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 11, 1952, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being ten 120's each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, April Day and Plain Bob, and twelve 120's of Grandsire. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*MALCOLM R. TOMLIN	*Treble*	ERNEST G. ORLAND	3
MICHAEL F. AMOS	2	VICTOR A. PERRY	4
PERCY AMOS	*Tenor*		

Conducted by ERNEST G. ORLAND.
* First peal.
Rung as a welcome to Rev. P. V. Worster on his induction to this parish.

HODDLESDEN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 11, 1952, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different 720's. Tenor 15 cwt.

KENNETH HARTLEY	*Treble*	NORMAN SMITH	4
ALAN PENDLEBURY	2	ROGER LEIGH	5
GEOFFREY PEARSON	3	BRIAN H. WOOD	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN H. WOOD.



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STAMFORD, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 11, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 1,440 Single Court, 1,440 Oxford Bob and 2,160 Plain Bob.
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr.

EDWARD COX .. .. ..*Treble*		PERCY D. BALDOCK ..	4
RONALD RUSSELL	2	ERNEST MORRIS	5
*GEORGE SLAUGHTER ..	3	*JOHN H. BLUFF	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.

*25th peal together.

Rung in honour of the wedding of the Hon. Davina Mary Cecil, eldest daughter of Lord Burghley, and granddaughter of Lord and Lady Exeter, of Burghley House, Stamford, to the Hon. Harry John Neville Vane, which took place at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on October 8th, 1952.

TEWIN, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 11, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one 720 Oxford Treble Bob, and three 720's each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

R. COCKRANE .. .. ..*Treble*		S. HUCKLE	4
MISS B. ROSE	2	B. MCKIE	5
D. WILSDEN	3	WILLIAM T. HOLMES ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM T. HOLMES.

SEIGHFORD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Oct. 11, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being three methods, viz.: 14 extents of April Day, 16 extents of Plain Bob and 12 extents of Grandsire. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in A.

BRYAN E. CARSON .. ..*Treble*		*MICHAEL W. FAIREY ..	3
DAVID W. BARR	2	*JOHN R. JOYNER	4
CLIVE M. SMITH	*Tenor*		

Conducted by CLIVE M. SMITH.

*First peal of Doubles in three methods. First peal of Doubles in three methods as conductor. First peal of Doubles in three methods on the bells. Rung as an 18th birthday compliment to David W. Barr.

HANDBELL PEALS

EPSOM, SURREY,
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Sept. 23, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
AT NO. 1, MEADWAY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 13 in E.

GILLIAN R. BRITTAIN ..	1—2	EDWIN J. LINDLEY ..	5—6
JOAN BERESFORD	3—4	JANET M. BESANT	7—8

Arranged and Conducted by EDWIN J. LINDLEY.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Oct. 12, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT 26, IRON MILL LANE,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 15.

CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	1—2	JOHN FREEMAN	5—6
ERNEST C. S. TURNER ..	3—4	EDWIN A. BARNETT	7—8
EDWIN BARNETT	9—10		

Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

First handbell peal of Little Bob Royal by all and by the Association.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Oct. 12, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
AT 26, IRON MILL LANE,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor size 15.

CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	1—2	JOHN FREEMAN	5—6
ERNEST C. S. TURNER ..	3—4	EDWIN A. BARNETT ..	7—8

Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

ALVERSTOKE, HANTS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Banks (aged 13, first quarter) 1, Miss S. K. Knight 2, E. A. Jurd 3, G. Verrill 4, M. Lawrence 5, F. G. Barron 6, H. A. Nobes (cond.) 7, R. Jurd 8. For harvest festival.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCS.—On Oct. 12th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. A. Somers 1, Miss P. S. Gatty 2, A. W. Stone (first of Triples 'inside') 3, Miss B. A. Carter 4, W. Howard 5, R. M. Edwards (cond.) 6, D. Ogden 7, J. P. Schoolden 8. Rung for harvest festival.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Elizabeth Layton 1, R. Harbour (first quarter) 2, Joyce Fishlock 3, G. R. Smerdon 4, H. N. Pitstow (cond.) 5, N. Hobden 6, A. E. Cheesman 7, M. F. Layton 8. Rung for harvest festival.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Hatfield 1, N. Smith 2, Miss D. R. Fletcher 3, D. Lamb 4, A. Bridges 5, J. Harrison (cond.) 6, J. Howard 7, N. Devonshire 8. Rung for harvest festival.

BELGRAVE, LEICS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: O. Abell 1, G. Castleman 2, A. Skinner 3, R. Swann 4, J. Udale 5, J. Kesterton 6, C. Linch 7, R. Barrow (cond.) 8.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. H. Mills 1, C. Corderoy (cond.) 2, A. Greenough 3, C. Aldridge 4, F. James 5, R. Blond 6, J. P. Blond 7, C. Corderoy 8. Rung for harvest festival.

CHATHAM, KENT.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Minor (720 Oxford Treble Bob, 360 Kent Treble Bob and 180 Plain Bob): H. Springate 1, P. Borer (first of Minor in three methods) 2, W. A. J. Knight (cond.) 3, T. A. Cross 4, V. A. Jarrett 5, C. S. Jarrett 6, C. E. J. Norris 7. Rung for harvest festival.

COWLEY, OXON.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. W. Holloway 1, Mrs. L. Busby 2, W. Holloway (cond) 3, P. Smith 4, J. Sutton 5, G. Piggott 6. First quarter for 1, 4 and 6. First 'inside' for 2 and 5. Rung for harvest festival.

GODMANCHESTER, HUNTS.—On Oct. 12th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Witney 1, F. Warrington (cond.) 2, J. R. G. Spicer 3, E. J. Parish 4, W. Ransom 5, A. Clements 6, H. S. Peacock 7, R. H. Brooker 8. These bells are now to be restored by Messrs. Taylor's, and it is hoped they will be ready for the Coronation.

QUARTER PEALS

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLX.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Erin Triples: Miss E. K. Fulton 1, Mrs. J. D. Niblett 2, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 3, S. A. Warwick 4, J. D. Niblett 5, H. D. Butler 6, C. C. Mayne 7, H. G. Hart 8. First quarter of Erin Triples by all the band. Also 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Mrs. J. D. Niblett 1, Mrs. C. C. Mayne 2, Miss E. K. Fulton 3, S. A. Warwick 4, H. G. Hart 5, H. D. Butler 6, J. D. Niblett 7, C. C. Mayne (cond.) 8. Rung for harvest festival.

HAWKLEY, HANTS.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Audrey Stoddart 1, C. A. Pound 2, A. Betsworth 3, H. J. Newman 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, R. Pound 6, C. Stoddart (first cover, first quarter) 7, P. Coles 8. Rung in memory of Mr. Frederick Stoddart, father of the ringers of treble and 7, who died recently and who was a sidesman at the Parish Church.

HOLLOWAY, LONDON.—On Oct. 5th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: F. R. L. Blewer 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, Miss A. M. Castle 3, N. G. Hollingworth 4, W. A. Theobald 5, E. T. Beauchamp 6, R. H. Begrie 7, J. Bullock 8 Rung to welcome the Rev. F. A. H. Thompkinson as curate.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Court Triples: D. W. Beard 1, A. H. Worboys 2, J. Carrott 3, A. J. Salisbury 4, D. M. Salisbury 5, T. East 6, F. V. Gant (cond.) 7, S. Penfold 8. First in method all the band.

KINGSWOOD, SURREY.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Jackson 1, Miss J. Bostel 2, Miss M. Munt 3, A. Cheasley 4, C. Munt (cond.) 5, D. Briggenshaw 6. Rung for harvest thanksgiving.

MARTINSTOWN, DORSET.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Irene J. Cordier 1, M. W. Ford 2, C. G. J. Ford 3, W. G. Trevett 4, H. J. Ford (cond.) 5, Betty J. Dyke 6. Rung for the first wedding anniversary of the treble ringer's niece.

MONKEN HADLEY, MIDDLX.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Pearl 1, T. Pink 2, Miss S. Lloyd Evans 3, R. Frazer 4, M. J. Soper 5, C. Ward 6, N. Tomlinson (cond.) 7, W. Langley 8.

NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS, LANCS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Bailey 1, R. Clark 2, J. Mawdesley 3, J. Ashcroft (cond.) 4, P. Millward 5, R. Fairhurst 6. First quarter for 1 and 6. Rung for harvest festival.

NEWTON ST. CYRES, DEVON.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. C. C. Marshall 1, J. Salway 2, W. Reeks 3, A. Tapley 4, A. G. Betts 5, W. D. Ashdown 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, G. Luxton 8. First quarter on the bells since augmented to eight.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.—On Oct. 5th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: R. E. Jones 1, Miss M. May 2, Miss E. Brentnall 3, W. Fernley 4, Miss S. Cain 5, Mrs. J. Fernley 6, B. Jones (cond.) 7, J. Fernley 8. Rung for harvest festival.

NORTON, HERTS.—On Oct. 12th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Angela Willis (15) 1, R. Dixon (12) 2, E. Buck 3, J. Collins (15) 4, R. Webb 5, P. Mehew 6, M. Collins (16) 7, H. Werrett (cond.) 8. First quarter of Double Norwich Court Bob Major 'inside' for 2, 4, 6 and 7. Rung in honour of the birth of a grandson to Canon Bailey, late Vicar of Norton.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Warrington 1, M. T. Bartlett 2, R. G. Morris 3, D. Harrison (cond.) 4, J. D. Walker 5, R. Houghton 6. First quarter 3, 5 and 6. Rung as a farewell to J. D. Walker on joining the Merchant Navy.

PITMINSTER, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Holway 1, W. Burston 2, R. Shire 3, G. Salter 4, B. Burston (cond.) 5, J. Keitch 6. Rung for harvest festival. Also on Oct. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: W. Burston 1, Edgar Quick (cond.) 2, R. Shire 3, G. Salter 4, B. Burston 5, P. Holway 6.

ST. PETER-IN-THANET, KENT.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: O. Davies (first quarter away from tenor) 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, W. J. Fairbeard 3, R. Dadds 4, A. J. Dadds 5, L. L. Twyman 6, F. G. Gadsden (cond.) 7, G. J. Appleton 8. Rung for harvest festival.

WHITTLESEY, CAMBS.—On Oct. 9th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: J. Oldfield 1, F. Warrington (cond.) 2, H. W. Pratt 3, Miss J. Turner 4, W. Oldfield 5, H. Goakes 6, D. Peters 7, F. H. Newman 8. Rung for harvest festival.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss D. Ashley (first quarter) 1, Miss G. Ashley 2, G. Roome 3, P. Jones (cond.) 4, P. Amos 5. Rung for harvest festival.

FOR BEGINNERS—AND A WORD TO THE OLDER HANDS

XVII.—CALLING STEDMAN CATERS FROM A WORKING BELL

If you want to call Stedman Caters from a 'working' bell there are plenty of good guides to help you. There are, of course, the regular positions into which the 'fixed' bells fall, but even without observing these too closely you can have numerous checks upon your calling.

Once you have got over your starting course, in touch or peal of ordinary type there are only four bells which are affected by the bobs at 5 and 16. They are the bells which fall into treble's place, 3rds, 4ths and 6ths at the course ends, and three of them are concerned at the bobs.

If the bob is at 5, the bells affected are the 3rd, treble's place and 6ths place bells. If the bob is at 16, the 3rds, 4ths and 6ths place bells are concerned.

Many of our readers will remember what has been said in this column about the positions of the bob-making bells in methods like Plain Bob. Three successive bobs, with an interval of a course between, cause the bells concerned to work in a cycle of In, Out, 4ths when the calls are made.

So in Stedman Caters there is a cycle which follows the order of 9–8 down, 8–9 up and 7ths (which, of course, is making the bob). Thus you know, if you are called into any one of these places, what your next calling position must be if you have to run a full course.

We explained last week how the bob at 5 changes the treble's place bell, by substituting the quick bell (3rds place) at the course end. The bell that makes the bob is the 6th. You can watch these bells coming into position from the course end, and, even if you have no other check, you can always see which is the 6th place bell, because when your prospective treble's place bell gets into 4–5 on his way up, the bell he dodges with is the bell that is going to make the bob.

Further, the bells concerned in the bob are the three which course up after the 5ths place bell, which is one of those that are 'fixed.' The first dodges down at the bob, the second dodges up and the third, having dodged with 5th itself in 6–7, makes the bob.

Similarly with a bob at 16, the place to make the call is easy to observe. The three bells concerned course up from the front behind the treble itself (that is if the treble, as is usually the case, is the 2nds place bell). The bob comes when the treble is in 7–6 down, and if you are the first of the three bells after the treble you call the bob when you are dodging down. If you are the second bell you call the bob when you are dodging up, and if you are the last of the three you find yourself dodging in 6–7 up with the treble and the bob is called at that six-end.

There are only two other calling positions with which you need concern yourself, if you are ringing one of the working bells. If you are 4ths place bell at a course end and have to call a bob at 5, remember the call is made as you approach the last half-turn. If you are treble's place bell and have to call a bob at 16, make the call as you begin your first whole turn.

Now the best thing the ringer can do who wants to call Stedman Caters is to write out one or two courses by the six-ends, in the way we explained last week, insert bobs at 5 and/or 16, and examine the way in which the working bells arrange themselves at these bobs.

If you want to construct a few touches for yourself you can do so with the help of the starting course we gave you last week—2, 4, 6, 7, 10, 12, 13, 16. It produces the course-end 412365978. To find the effect of a bob at 5 transpose by 326451; for bobs at 5 and 16, transpose by 321654; for a bob at 16 transpose by 126354.

You can turn the bells into the handstroke position by a bob at 2, followed by a single at 9, which produce the previous course-end with 8–9 reversed. The bells will come round in the change following the course end 214365879, but do not overlook the fact that you cannot get this with that turning course unless somewhere you have used another single. A single at 5 reverses 3 and 1, a single at 16 reverses 3 and 4, when compared with the transpositions for a bob.

Those of our readers who are interested may like to construct some touches on paper. It will help them, when they have had some experience in the tower, to build up touches as they go. Here is the sort of thing we mean. The starting course given produces:—

412365978
214563 by Bobs at 5, 16
Turning Course 214563 by Bob at 2, Single at 9
412365 by Bobs at 5, 16
214365 by Bob at 5, Single at 16

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.—On Oct. 4th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: H. Egglestone 1, J. Sitch 2, E. W. Furbank 3, H. T. Wilson 4, D. A. S. Symonds 5, A. Pryke 6, B. C. Hines 7, H. Turner (cond.) 8. First quarter in the method by all except 3, 4 and 8.

CORSTON, NR. BATH.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Quartermaine (first quarter Triples, 13), 1, Miss M. Taylor (first quarter 'inside') 2, Mrs. H. L. Palfrey 3, C. Brown (first quarter Triples 'inside') 4, S. G. King 5, Miss M. Hannam (first quarter Triples 'inside', 14) 6, H. L. Parfrey (cond.) 7, L. R. G. Taylor 8. First quarter peal on eight by a Sunday service band. Rung for harvest festival.

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The peal in honour of St. Faith was intended to be rung at Newton Longueville, the only church in the Oxford Diocese dedicated to this saint. Unfortunately, at the last moment the bells were not available owing to fears for the safety of the fabric. The peal of 'Painswick Surprise' was accordingly rung in the neighbouring parish of Stewkley.

BELFRY GOSSIP

St. George's Church, Doncaster, has lost a valued member by the departure of Mr. P. J. Dawe to Ilford, Essex. He joined St. George's in 1936 and he had been their 'drummer' ever since. Earlier this year to celebrate his 70th birthday he 'drummed' a peal of Stedman. He held the record for regular attendance. St. George's band gave him a send-off on October 13th, at which handbells were rung.

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead has contributed an article on bell-ringing to the Musical Supplement of 'The Church Times.'

In the peals at Halse and Fitzhead the ringer of the treble was Mr. Harry Comins and not Cousens as stated in the issue of October 10th.

The editorial quiz, 'How good a ringer are you?' which appeared in the last issue, was contributed by S. O'C. H.

Barwell, Leics, band now consists of two choirmen, three servers, two sidesmen, one verger, one sexton, one Sunday School teacher and two members of the congregation.

To-day is the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Poole, of Leicester. The presence of the Ladies' Guild at Leicester the following day will add to the festivities of the occasion.

It must be a rare experience for a daughter to conduct her mother's 300th peal. This happened at Loughborough in the peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal on October 8th, conducted by Mrs. P. J. Staniforth. Father 'H. J.' took part, whilst young Peter turned in the tenor.

As a tribute to the Rev. R. M. Davies, for 22 years Rector of Great Horwood, Bucks, who died on September 26th, the bells were rung half-muffled to a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles on September 29th, the day of his funeral. This is believed to be the first half-muffled quarter peal rung at Great Horwood.

Those interested in London Surprise extension will be pleased to hear the first peal of Metropolitan Surprise Royal has been rung. The honour goes to Mr. Harold J. Poole's band at Loughborough.

The ringer of the 4th in the peal of Plain Bob Major, rung at Rock, Worcs, on September 27th, was Alfred C. Boxley, and not as printed in last week's issue (Alfred C. Bowen).

Mr. Victor Wood, of Clitheroe, Lancs, is shortly emigrating to New Zealand with his wife and two sons. 'Vic's' many ringing friends in the Blackburn and Preston areas will all wish him success in his new venture.

The peal at Bourn, Cambs, on October 2nd has enabled Mr. John G. Gipson to complete peals of Stedman from Doubles to Cinques. Although he rang Doubles, Caters and Cinques each at his first attempt, he had to make 24 attempts to get his first of Triples in the method.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Hough, of Knutsford, on their golden wedding anniversary last Wednesday. Mr. Hough has been a ringer at St. John's, Knutsford, for 57 years. His three sons have been ringers for over 20 years and two of his daughters-in-law are also ringers. A quarter peal in honour of the occasion was planned for last Wednesday.

L.A.C. Brian Weare, R.A.F., who is stationed at Bulawayo, S. Rhodesia, has been spending some leave in Durban. While there he managed to get a ring at St. Paul's, Durban, where they have a fine eight (tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp). The ringing chamber is approached by a verticle ladder through a trap door and is somewhat cramped. After not having touched a bell for 12 months, Brian enjoyed his ring, although it was only call changes. 'When I come home to the bells of Somerset I will always keep a warm place in my heart for the delightful eight at Durban,' he concludes his letter.

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LARGELY ATTENDED FUNCTION OF GUILDFORD GUILD — MR. GEORGE PULLINGER AND START OF 'THE RINGING WORLD'— THE GOLDEN AGE OF BELL FOUNDING

A CAPACITY attendance at the Lion Hotel, Guildford, was the gratifying support accorded the Guildford Diocesan Guild's annual dinner last Saturday, which also commemorated the name of John S. Goldsmith, the founder of 'The Ringing World' and the first secretary of the Guildford Guild.

Previous to the dinner there was ringing at the three Guildford churches and a service of remembrance to Mr. Goldsmith in the crypt chapel of the new Cathedral, conducted by the Rev. W. F. Doe, priest-in-charge. During the service a touch of Grandsire was rung on handbells by C. A. Hopper 1–2, T. Page 3–4, F. A. Munday 5–6 and T. M. White 7–8.

The Bishop of Guildford (the Right Rev. H. C. Montgomery-Campbell), who is president of the Guild, presided at the dinner. He was accompanied by his daughter and supported by the Master (Mr. A. E. Harman).

The toast of 'The memory of John S. Goldsmith and the continued prosperity of the Guildford Guild' was submitted by Mr. G. Pullinger, Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild. He said it was a great privilege for the Association he represented to be called upon to submit the toast because the Guildford Guild was the daughter of their Guild and John Goldsmith, its first secretary, was the friend of all ringers.

His (the speaker's) first contact with 'The Ringing World' was in 1911, when the captain of a six-bell tower in which he was ringing that Sunday morning produced a circular issued by Mr. Goldsmith stating that he proposed to bring out 'The Ringing World' and asking for support. With the exception of the war years when he was overseas he had taken 'The Ringing World' from its first issue. As a youngster he would eagerly scan the columns to see week by week what George Williams was doing in Hampshire and Alfred Pulling in Surrey, because at that time they were the two leading exponents of ringing in the Guild.

UNITED THE EXERCISE

The progress made in the art of change ringing, Mr. Pullinger maintained, was due to Mr. Goldsmith, who remained editor and sole proprietor until his death in 1942. He was not only a trained journalist, but a first-class ringer with a knowledge of composition and a fluent speaker. Above all, he had a wonderful spirit of friendship which made an enormous contribution towards uniting the Exercise.

As secretary of the Winchester Diocesan Guild at the time of the foundation of the Guildford Guild, Mr. Pullinger was able to tell of the early meetings. 'We in Hampshire,' he said, 'did nothing to disrupt the desire of ringers in Surrey and in the area of the new Guildford diocese to form their own Guild: in fact, when it was settled we shared our funds with them.'

He was at the meeting when Mr. Goldsmith was proposed as the first secretary of the Guild. He thought the proposition was by Mr. R. Whittington, and it came rather as a bombshell to Mr. Goldsmith. After consideration he took on the office and from that time the Guild had not looked back. The Guild was still progressing and only that day a band at Aldershot with an average age of 15¼ years had rung a peal of Plain Bob Major (applause).

The aim of their Guilds should be not only to make first-class ringers, but first-class Christians. Young people were more intelligent today and there was a danger that if they kept them ringing rounds until they rang automatically they became restive and were apt to lose interest. It was of the utmost importance to maintain that interest.

Mr. George L. Grover, the hon. secretary of the Guildford Guild, who responded, was in complete agreement with Mr. Pullinger on this point. 'We have a great number of learners—youth and beauty—and we are doing our best to keep them interested. You must not discourage them by too many rounds and you must keep their interest in method ringing.

Mr. Grover read two messages that appeared in the Guild reports of the deep appreciation and affection with which Mr. Goldsmith was held.

The toast of 'The Church and the Ringing Exercise' was proposed by Mr. T. Mark White, who said the ringing Exercise was to-day an integral part of the Church—it had one function in life, namely, the glorification of God, and this was done by service ringing and peal ringing.

It was said that one of the functions of church bells was to call people to church. That might have been a century ago, but he would suggest that to-day bells had a more important function—evangelisation. Had not the bourdon bell at St. Paul's Cathedral cast round its waist the message: 'Woe unto me if I preach not the Gospel'?

BELLS LIKE DUSTBINS

Did the bells and ringers receive sufficient support from the Church authorities? If the organ became out of tune or required an extra stop or two to enhance its beauty, the instrument was tuned, rebuilt or modernised without a great deal of question or delay, but there were many parishes which permitted their bells to sound like dustbins! 'We are living in the golden age of bell founding. Never before has the art of tuning bells reached such perfection, and yet we do not take sufficient advantage of the fact. Most of our tuning and repairs are done when the bells have fallen into disuse or are cracked and something has to be done.

'We of the Guildford Guild are looking forward to the day when bells ring out from our new Cathedral, and let us hope that these bells will be as magnificent and as beautiful as the tower that is to contain them. That ring of bells is for a great Cathedral, and should be of cathedral standard in number and weight, namely, a ring of twelve with a tenor of not less than 35 cwt.'

MESSAGE TO A FORGETFUL WORLD

The Bishop, in his reply, assured the company that the Church did appreciate enormously what the ringers were doing up and down the country. The bells called the people to worship and also told a forgetful world that the Church was there and that the House of God was calling them to come within its doors. No one else could do the work of ringers, and they were grateful for the enormous amount of time, effort and skill they put into their exercise. It was not only in the matter of ringing that their influence was most powerful, but to see them when the clock strikes eleven file into their places in church was an impressive thing. 'I do not suppose such a thing has been done by anyone in this room' (laughter). For people to hear the bells and come to church and for the bell-ringers to walk away must do an incalculable amount of harm.

'For my part I rejoice to hear the sound of bells. I am not often in Farnham, but I rejoice to hear fluting up towards me the sound of Farnham bells, but I must confess that I have a little sympathy with some who live very close there. I spent my holiday in Cornwall in a charming parish with an ancient church that had a recently-restored ring of eight. Every Thursday ringers came to practise on these bells. I must own that my grandchildren, just having been put to bed, did not like it, but they and others who object can jolly well lump it. That is the answer I give when I receive complaints about bells. My answer is "The bells were there a great deal of time before you were. Why go there to live?"

'I long to see the day when the tower is erected at our Cathedral Church, when its 12 bells are installed and that some of you will be there to do the first ringing. It will be a glorious day. I wish you every prosperity in all the work and devotion you give to the Church and the Diocese.'

The toast of 'Our Visitors and the Ladies' was submitted by Mr. W. Simmonds. He spoke of the debt the present lady ringers owed to the pioneer lady ringers. In his younger days he had the privilege of ringing with Miss Chillingworth, Miss Edith K. Parker, Miss Mills and others. He would give this advice to those towers where they were short of ringers—recruit some young ladies and they would find other ringers would follow.

Miss A. Butler replied on behalf of the ladies, and Mr. J. Frank Smallwood for the other visitors. In a tribute to Mr. Goldsmith, Mr. Smallwood said Goldsmith was a great man and Guildford should be proud of him. One of the most wonderful things about him was the patience, solicitude and tenderness he displayed towards his ailing wife. Guildford had almost another famous ringer who was still 'pulling' bells, and from the Guild there were three others who were doing notable work for the Central Council—Will Viggers, Charles Hazelden and George Grover.

Mr. C. W. Denyer proposed 'The Press,' to which Mr. T. W. White responded, and in doing so thanked the organisers of such a happy evening—Messrs. C. W. Denyer, E. J. Bragg, R. Miles and W. Viggers.

The speeches were interspersed with songs and an entertainment. One happy feature was the topical verse by the Farnham and District Glee Singers (Messrs. Denyer, Viggers and Bragg). Mr. Harold Cole, accompanied by Miss Beth Ealand, entertained, and handbell tunes were rung by John Wells and Clifford Beadle. Mr. Harry Rundle, of Aldershot, with his freak collection of musical instruments, was another very popular turn.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH

Winchester District

October 4th was a welcome day of sunshine, and ringers gathered together at Twyford (Hants) for the third business meeting of the Winchester District.

Twyford possesses a good ring of eight, tenor 10¼ cwt. A characteristic is the clock case, which occupies one corner of the ringing chamber and causes the ringers of the treble and tenor to look at each other either through or round the corner of the case.

Standard methods were practised until the time of the short service, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. R. Beynon. The district secretary played the organ for the service. A substantial tea followed, during which £1 6s. 3d. was raised by a competition for the George Williams memorial.

At a short business meeting there were forty-odd members and friends in attendance. Eight new ringing members were elected as follows: Mr. S. Zvegintzov (Winchester College), Messrs. M. Lakin and P. Nash (Winchester Cathedral), Mr. T. Phillips (St. Maurice's, Winchester), Messrs. E. T. Sambles and C. T. Dando and the Misses K. Pring and M. Keep (New Alresford). One honorary and two compounding members were also elected.

The secretary announced that Wonston, King's Somborne and Barton Stacey had not been visited for more than a year, so it was decided to visit the last two towers in November and December respectively. Arrangements for the district's dinner on November 29th were also announced. The bells of New Alresford, Twyford and St. Maurice's, Winchester, are already available, and it is also hoped to have permission to ring at Winchester Cathedral and College and also Hursley.

HALLOWING OF RADLEY BELLS

An Ancient Ceremony Observed

The six bells at Radley, Berks, have been rehung in a new wooden frame by R. White and Sons, of Appleton, the treble having been recast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The original six comprised a five by Abraham Rudhall, of Gloucester (1754) and a treble (Mears and Stainbank) was added in 1897 to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria. Unfortunately this later bell was a complete misfit with the Rudhall five.

On September 20th, whilst the recast treble was still in the nave of the church waiting to join its fellows, the six bells and the sanctus bell were hallowed in a most inspiring service. Those ringers who were privileged to be present all felt that they had taken part in a service with a far deeper significance than the opening services which one normally associates with the rehanging or recasting of bells.

The ceremony of hallowing the bells for their sacred use is an ancient one, but, it is to be regretted, seldom observed to-day. This service is quite distinct from that observed for the re-opening of bells for ringing. (The opening service was held on Tuesday, October 21st.)

It was a happy thought which decided the hallowing should take place just before the end of the normal Sunday evensong. In consequence the service was essentially a parochial one—the Vicar (the Rev. J. V. Pixell, M.A.) in his address having explained to the congregation the procedure and significance of what they were about to see and hear. On conclusion of the address the male choir, the churchwardens (A. Cross and H. Greening), the bell-hanger (R. White) and the Vicar passed in procession to the west end of the church, where the tower leader (Miss M. R. Cross) was waiting near the recast treble. Miss Cross asked the Vicar to hallow the bells to their sacred use and to bless the water and oil with which they were to be hallowed.

After the blessing of the water and oil, the Vicar sprinkled the new bell with water (symbolising the need of cleansing for every object used in divine worship before it can be fit for the service of God). He then anointed the bell with oil (as kings and queens are anointed at their coronation, as setting them aside for their special work), and as he did so he said: 'This treble bell was originally placed in this tower in memory of the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria, but being hopelessly out of tune with the other five bells, has been recast as a new treble in honour of the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II., and for this use I hallow it in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, Amen. Following the ancient custom by which one of the bells is named the Angelus, after the message brought by the Angel Gabriel from Heaven, we name this bell Gabriel and hallow it to the perpetual praise of God in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, Amen.'

The Vicar then struck the bell three times, after the ancient usage.

Having thus hallowed the new bell and named it, the Vicar, accompanied by Mr. R. White, next ascended through the belfry into the bell chamber, there to sprinkle and hallow the sanctus bell and the other five bells of the ring. During this time the ladies' choir, in their customary place in the open gallery-cum-belfry, sang as an anthem, 'Ding Dong Merrily,' the congregation following with Psalm 148.

On the return of the Vicar to the gallery the hallowing of the other bells was completed as follows:—

'The Sanctus bell, which has been in the tower since 1617, bearing the inscription, "Henry Knight made me 1617," to be used at the Holy Communion: for this use I hallow it in the Name . . . . Amen.'

'The second bell bearing the inscription, "Hark to our Melody, A.R., 1754," we once again hallow to God's service and rename it "Mary" after the Blessed Virgin to whom the Angel Gabriel brought his message, in the Name . . . . Amen.'

'The third bell bearing the inscription, "When you us ring we'll sweetly sing, A.R., 1754," we once again hallow to God's service and rename it "James" after the Patron Saint of this Church, in the Name . . . . Amen.'

'The fourth bell bearing the inscription, "Peace and Good Neighbourhood, A.R., 1754," we once again . . . . and rename it, "Edmund of Abingdon," in the Name . . . . Amen.' [Note: Edmund was the most famous Abbot of Abingdon. The monks of Abingdon built the church and served it until the Reformation. They probably gave the iii bells shown in the 1552 inventory.]

'The fifth bell, bearing the inscription, "Prosperity to the Parish, A.R., 1754," we once again . . . . and rename it "Charles" after our most famous Vicar of this parish, Bishop Gore, in the Name . . . . Amen.' [Note: Charles Gore, later Bishop of Oxford, a great theologian and one of the founders of the Community of the Resurrection.]

'The tenor bell, bearing the inscription, "Abel Rudhall of Gloucester cast us 1754," we once again . . . . and rename it "George" after Sir George Bowyer, the late lay Rector of this Parish and restorer, if not the builder, of this Church as we have it to-day, in the Name . . . . Amen.' [Note: 'The Bowyer family restored the church twice and probably gave the 1754 bells. The family also provided a famous Admiral at the Battle of the Nile—Admiral Sir George Bowyer.]

After its hallowing each bell was sounded three times by the Vicar. Psalm 150 was then sung whilst the choir returned to their stalls, followed by appropriate prayers, the ringing hymn, 'Unchanging God,' and the final blessing.

INSCRIPTION

The inscription on the recast treble is: Mears and Stainbank, London, cast and recast me, 1952. On one side: 'Let us sing unto the Lord a New Song. Queen Elizabeth II. 1952. J. V. Pixell, Vicar. A. Cross and H. Greening, Churchwardens.' On the other side is the original Latin inscription and the words: 'Queen Victoria, 1898.'

This bell has been tuned according to an old formula prepared by Mr. F. Sharpe, Deputy Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

R. G. C.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT

Presentation to Mr. F. Hodgson

A quarterly meeting and six-bell contest were held at Batley on October 4th. Six teams entered for the latter and the result was:—

No. 1, Silkstone, 69 faults, 5 penalty, total 74.
No. 2. Meltham, 155 faults, total 155.
No. 3, Lindley, 60 faults, total 60.
No. 4, Friezland, 38 faults, 38.
No. 5, Shelley, 42 faults, total 42.
No. 6, Liversedge, 30 faults, total 30.

No. 6 Company, Liversedge, were declared winners by the judge, Mr. H. Roberts.

A six-score practice was allowed, and the test piece was 600 changes, any method, any calling.

During the course of the meeting the president, Mr. E. Earnshaw, presented Mr. F. Hodgson, on behalf of all the members of the Association, with a cigarette lighter and a pewter tankard inscribed with the words: 'Presented to Fred Hodgson, for services rendered to the Halifax Association of Change Ringers, by the members of the Association. October, 1952.'

Mr. Hodgson had been in office in different capacities from 1935 to 1952, and has removed to Battersby Junction to follow his employment, much to the regret of all the members.

A NEW RINGING EIGHT AT DUNBLANE

Mishap at First Quarter Peal Attempt

On September 20th, a company of about 30 visiting ringers assembled at Dunblane on the invitation of the Kirk Session of the pre-Reformation Cathedral, now the High Church, to ring for the first time the bells which had been a gift of Robert Younger, as the tenor bell states: 'This chime of eight bells with tvrret clock and with one ringing bell was gifted by Robert Yovnger, a Scotsman by birth, King's Covnsel, London, 1908.' This Robert Younger was later to become Baron Blanesburgh of Alloa and had a brilliant career at the English Bar. The bells had just been hung for ringing by the Loughborough Foundry, the cost being borne by Lord Blanesburgh's estate. The 'go' of the bells left nothing to be desired.

Ringers present came from St. James' Parish Church, Paisley, St. Cuthbert's Parish Church, Edinburgh, St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral, Dundee, and St. John's Episcopal Church, Alloa, and from the other side of the border, N. J. Rawlings, of Beckenham, F. F. Bloxham, of Linslade, and Ranald W. M. Clouston, Eye.

In addition, ringers of the Episcopal Cathedrals in Edinburgh and Glasgow, chosen by the Ringing Master, Mr. C. R. Raine, attempted a quarter peal on the bells to mark the occasion, and this would have been brought round without mishap had not one of the chiming hammers got entangled in one of the wheels about ten minutes before the end. The bells were then lowered so that the damage could be inspected, and, notwithstanding that the chiming apparatus was pulled fully off, the bells still sounded out the quarters. More than half of one of the wheels had been ripped off and ringing was thus forcibly curtailed to Minor before tea.

While the company were doing justice to the meal kindly provided by the Session, Ranald Clouston was able to render sufficient first aid to the injured wheel to enable the eight bells to be rung in the evening. Ringing during the afternoon and evening ranged from rounds for the local band, who have just started to learn under the guidance of Mr. Alex. Henderson, of St. John's, Alloa, to Cambridge, through Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman and Kent.

The ringers were welcomed on behalf of the Kirk Session by Mr. John Bremner, and the president of the Association, Mr. W. H. Pickett, thanked the Session for inviting the Association to come, and told them that the Association, as all ringers, would be glad to do all they could to help and instruct them in the art of change ringing. The Minister of the Cathedral, the Rev. J. Chalmers Grant, was unable to be present as he had been called away to Glasgow, where his mother was lying dangerously ill.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Memorial to Mr. Harry Curtis

A brass tablet in memory of Mr. Harry Curtis, late branch secretary and foreman of Newbury, was dedicated at the annual meeting of the Newbury Branch on October 11th, held at St. Nicholas' Church, Newbury.

The Rector (the Rev. Bertram Russell) officiated at the service and dedicated the tablet after giving the address. It will be fixed on the belfry wall in due course.

The business meeting followed tea in the Church Room, and ringers were present from Beenham, Bucklebury, Chieveley, East Garston, East Ilsley, Hampstead Norreys, Newbury, Peasemore, Shaw and Thatcham, with visitors from Barrow-on-Soar (Leics), North Stoneham, Highclere and also the Deputy Master of the Guild, Mr. F. Sharpe, of Launton.

With great regret the branch had to accept the resignation of their chairman, the Rev. W. Kingsley-Kefford, who has held that office for 22 years. As his post was difficult to fill, the election of a new chairman and a vice-chairman has been postponed to the next meeting in December. Ringing continued until 8.30 p.m.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SIX O'CLOCK PRACTICE MEETINGS IN THE CITY

Dear Sir,—I read with interest the report of the speech which the Rev. L. M. Charles-Edwards made at the Royal Society of Cumberland Youths' dinner, in which he suggested that efforts should be made to revive activity and interest in ringing in the City and West End of London.

Now there must be many ringers like myself, whose place of business lies in the City or West End and who would welcome opportunities of ringing at those towers which are still available and where, indeed, regular practices are held on certain evenings, but to whom the prospect of a long journey home to the suburbs after work and then back again to the tower, or alternatively 'hanging about' for two hours or more, is extremely unattractive.

Could not a practice be arranged as an experiment by a London society with a start of, say, 6 o'clock (City offices are all closed by then) and a correspondingly early finish? I feel that such a meeting would have considerable support. Perhaps other ringers who work in the City or West End would care to comment upon this idea?—Yours faithfully,

Isleworth. F. D. BISHOP.

A FALSE COMPOSITION TO YORK SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—I should like to point out that the figures given on page 656 of 'The Ringing World' are false to York Surprise Major. This method has five false course-ends: 32546, 24365, 46253, 65432 and 53624, and only 30 courses are available for composition, if full courses are used and the tenors are not parted.

As regards the figures themselves, they merely consist of an eleven course block, to which other courses have been added, and both J. J. Parker and York Green have made use of this plan for Superlative Surprise Major, but, as it is quite easy to obtain a 5,152 on these lines, which contains the 4th and 6th their extent in 5-6, composers have never given much attention to this type of peal. These two peals could be used for Belgrave Surprise Major, as they are true for this method, but the absence of extent qualities will, I am afraid, detract from their popularity.—Yours sincerely,

CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

Waltham Abbey, Essex.

[NOTE. — Other correspondents are also thanked for pointing out the error.—Ed.]

TWO ST. DUNSTAN'S

Dear Sir,—Re peals of Doubles which include St. Dunstan's. A number of peals recorded as having included this method have, in fact, been wrongly described, as in many towers if Grandsire is rung with extremes it is known locally as St. Dunstan's, and a very large number of ringers do not know that there is, in fact, a method of that name.

Five peals in which I have rung have been published as so many extents of St. Dunstan's when they should more properly have been given as Grandsire.

The use of extremes is referred to in Snowdon's 'Grandsire,' 1905 edition, and in Morris' 'History and Art,' but not as far as I know in any publication of the Central Council. It may well be that the peals questioned by Mr. Pink did not, in fact, include the St. Dunstan's method, as in my experience it is very rarely rung. The last time I recollect having rung it or heard of it was about 1944 at St. Mark's, Cheltenham.—Yours faithfully,

Cheltenham. CHARLES ROUSE.

P.S.—Another two lead Doubles method is 'Antelope,' and of this there are two very different variations depending on which part of the country one is in.—C. R.

WYMONDHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—Perhaps I can explain, in reply to Mr. N. Golden, how this method, not yet rung, came to be printed in Corrigan's Surprise Methods, Part E. Mr. Corrigan and the writer had corresponded for some time in an effort to get a correct list of dates of first peals in Surprise methods, not so easy a task as we had supposed when we found methods with two names, and names with two methods attached, and so on.

Late in 1949 Mr. Corrigan sent me a list of Surprise Major to revise, and I made a marginal note that Wymondham Surprise had not been rung at Walesby, but that a peal of Wymondham Bob Major had been rung exactly a year previous to the date given in the list, which seemed to account, as Mr. Golden suggests, for the error.

I also sent five new extensions of methods rung in November-December, 1949, to complete the year. Unfortunately, Mr. Corrigan was taken ill at this time, unknown to me, and there was much delay before he replied. When he did reply it was to send me a print of the list, which he said was now on sale as Part E. I saw with regret that the Walesby revision had not been made use of, nor the five peals added. Mr. Corrigan said of this that during his absence from work the letter must have been mislaid.

However, he subsequently printed a few copies with the Walesby peal omitted, and the five peals of November-December added, of which I have a copy. Declining health prevented Mr. Corrigan from going ahead with another project he had in mind, namely, to print a list of first peals in all Plain, Treble Bob, Principles, and various freak methods which have been rung in the past, and his unfortunate passing put a stop to the work. For those who possess Part E without the revision, the peals missing for November-December, 1949, are briefly:—

Aldenham Surprise Royal, at Bell Foundry, Dec. 9th, 1949.

Leicestershire Surprise Royal, at Bell Foundry, Dec. 19th, 1949.

Aldenham Surprise Maximus, at Leicester, Dec. 31st, 1949.

Leicestershire Surprise Maximus, at Leicester, Dec. 5th, 1949. (Here note corrected date and place.)

Wigston Surprise Maximus, Leicester, Dec. 11th, 1949.

Yours faithfully,

PETER LAFLIN.

25, Hallam Street, Stockport.

HEIGHT OF SALLIES

Dear Sir,—In reply to J. H. Gilbert's letter (October 10th) regarding 'the height of sallies,' I feel I must disagree with him. If he rings a light bell a low sally should not inconvenience him unduly; if a heavy bell, remove the box which the majority of heavy bells have; if there is no box, ring another bell.

In most towers local ringers have their own favourite bell, consequently the height of the sally is a matter of personal taste. Anyway, J. H. Gilbert is lucky. After all, he is only a 'little 'un.' He states he is 6ft. 4in.; well, I am 6ft. 7in. and have rung in several towers in East Anglia and North Cornwall and haven't yet been unduly troubled.

I should like to add that if Mr. Gilbert would care to come to Kelvedon he ran ring the tenor. The majority of our visitors find the sally a LITTLE high.—Yours truly,

ALAN ROBERT ELLIOTT.

Kelvedon, Essex.

[Is our correspondent the tallest practising ringer?—Ed.]

REPRESENTATION ON CENTRAL COUNCIL

Dear Sir,—Following on two recent leading articles on the subject of Central Council activities, a correspondent, in the issue dated October 3rd, asked a pertinent question: 'Do we consider sufficiently seriously the choice of our Central Council representatives?'

Is one to assume from this that ringers generally are completely satisfied with their elected representatives? Or is it that they 'just couldn't care less'?

It seems to me that it is this apathy on the part of the 'ordinary' ringer which is the indirect cause of such letters.

Firstly, with regard to London Royal No. 3. The Central Council seems to spend a terrific amount of time discussing such 'problems' over the heads of the average ringer who would surely be quite willing and happy to accept 'London Royal (No. 3 Version)' as the correct title: after all, the band which first rang the method gave it that name, and to my mind that should stand.

Secondly, Doubles methods. Surely ringers on five and six bells are restricted sufficiently already, without a few members of the Central Council persuading the rest that the numerous five-bell ringers ought to be even further restricted?

This ties up with Mr. Knight's ridiculous suggestion regarding methods with four blows behind. How on earth would the Exercise benefit from this additional restraint? However, Mr. Pipe has, I hope, successfully 'scotched' this idea, and our Central Council representatives would do well to remember his letter, and that of 'L. M.'

Lastly, does Mr. Cloke REALLY admit that the Central Council does not dictate what we may ring? Surely it is apparent to anyone that we are being dictated to—even if only the Doubles question be taken as an example.

I do think that matters which are likely to arise at Central Council meetings, and which affect the Sunday service ringer, should be fully discussed at guild or association meetings—the annual general meetings will be on us in a few weeks—so that the representatives, even if not specifically briefed, would go to the Council with a clear idea of how the rank and file—whom THEY represent!—feel on the subjects. And those representatives should be men or women who are prepared to stand up and put forward the views of their constituents, the 'ordinary' ringers.—Yours faithfully,

Eastleigh, Hants. R. A. REED.

LOWERING BELLS BETWEEN SERVICE

Dear Sir,—May a non-ringer enquire whether the task of ringing up bells in preparation for change ringing is very arduous? Is it indeed arduous enough to justify leaving the bells up from Sunday morning until after Sunday evening service, thus robbing the town of the clock chimes and the chimed tunes during most of Sunday's waking hours? I have in mind Derby Cathedral, where I understand this is the practice. Certainly we get no clock chimes from 10 a.m. onwards and we only hear Sunday's tune at 9 a.m. If you listen to the bells being rung up it really doesn't seem to take long; presumably it would only take the same time again before evening service?

Is the practice widespread and normal? If it is only a matter of muscle and there are not extraneous or esoteric matters involved, is it ethically sound? I just wonder.—Yours faithfully,

'ENQUIRER.'

[NOTE.—It is customary at Guildford Cathedral to keep the bells up between the services on a Sunday.—Ed.]

As the ringing was not up to standard, a halt was called after half an hour in a peal attempt for Kent Treble Bob Royal at St. Stephen-the-Martyr's, Bristol, on October 11th. A fresh start was made and a peal of Grandsire Caters was rung.

LETTERS—Continued

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE

Dear Sir,—In answer to Mr. F. Warrington's letter re that peal of Surprise, I am sending to you the figures of the peal of Superlative Surprise composed by C. H. Hattersley. A conductor should know that any true peal of Superlative with no bells reversed in 5-6 will also run true to both Yorkshire Surprise and New Cambridge Surprise Major. Although Mr. Warrington has composed it to Yorkshire, he cannot claim it as an original composition, simply, because his figures coincide with Mr. C. H. Hattersley's Superlative composed some years ago.

After reading Mr. Warrington's letter, 'I feel reasonably sure that he composed this peal in good faith, believing it to be original without having the chance of seeing Mr. Hattersley's peal. Without a doubt, when Mr. Warrington compares his own figures with those of Mr. Hattersley's, he will find, as Mr. Corby so ably puts it, that it is only a slight variation.

I may say, sir, he is not the first one to compose a peal and find out it really belongs to someone else, I have done the same thing myself. Anyway, I must admire Mr. Warrington's honesty in publishing his figures as there have been several instances in recent years of compositions being rung for the first time and never being published.—Yours sincerely,

Chelmsford. PERCY GREEN.

5,056
C. H. HATTERSLEY

23456	M	W	H
52436		—	3
34625	—	—	3
23645		—	3
42635		—	3
*62534	—		
43526	—	—	—
*53624	—		3
32546		B	3
35426		—	2
23456		—	3

5,056
F. WARRINGTON

23456	M	W	H
52436		—	3
34625	—	—	3
23645		—	3
42635		—	3
*62534	—		3
43526	—	—	—
*53624	—		3
25346		B	2
23456		—	2

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—Re Mr. C. H. Hattersley's peal and my own. As your correspondent does not appear to know the difference between a variation, a transposition or a reverse calling, it would be useless to enter into any controversy. A word of warning, don't reverse Middleton's. It would tell anyone with common knowledge he does not know what Johnson's is. F. W.

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD AT ASHCOTT

Dear Sir,—In last week's issue of 'The Ringing World' the secretary of the above Guild mentioned 'All Saints' Doubles,' a new method which they rang when they visited our village church in July. I would like to take this opportunity of thanking the Guild for ringing my method at Ashcott and Walton. This method has never been published, but copies can now be obtained. Particulars will be found under the notices column.—Yours faithfully,

Ashcott, Bridgwater. W. H. CAVILL.

Peterborough Diocesan Guild

When the Wellingborough Branch held their quarterly meeting at Earls Barton on October 4th tea was served by members of the Mothers' Union and local ringers' wives.

The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. L. A. Ewart), who also gave an address. Mr. P. Field was the organist. A collection for the Guild bell restoration fund amounted to £2.

At the business meeting members stood in silent tribute to the memory of the Rev. H. S. Hoar (Higham Ferrers) and Mr. G. Basford (Finedon), who had been members for many years. It was decided to hold the branch annual meeting at Finedon in January.

PLAIN BOB WITH FOUR BLOWS BEHIND

Dear Sir,—I write to say how heartily I am in agreement with Mr. Cecil Pipe and the anonymous L. M., both of whose letters on the above subject appear in 'The Ringing World' of October 10th. I started my ringing career some years before the war at Brasted, Kent, when Mr. E. H. Lewis, our Central Council president, was captain of the local band, and to the best of my memory the system of training beginners was as follows: Begin with plain hunting on three bells, then four and on to Bob Minimus, then Bob Doubles (despite the four blows behind which appear to displease Mr. Knight so much), and straight on to Bob Minor, Treble Bob and Surprise. The Plain Bob system leads direct to the higher methods; dodging is (in most cases) in the even places and at backstroke practically throughout, and is far less confusing to the average learner than the handstroke dodging in, say, Grandsire.

The mention of Grandsire brings me to a further point which I have already touched on. It has always been my firm opinion that Grandsire is a 'dead end' method; it leads to Stedman, Erin and perhaps one or two other Triples methods, but apart from these—nowhere! May I suggest to those ringers who are willing to give much of their time to the training of beginners—and these men and women are the salt of the Exercise—that they try the system which I have mentioned, and which L. M. mentions in the course of his letter? I think they will find that learners will progress much quicker if they practise methods which have backstroke dodging only: Grandsire and Stedman and the other methods with handstroke dodging can come later when the learners have completely mastered one system. I can well believe what our anonymous friend has to say about his band being able to ring Little Bob and Kent, while those who started with Grandsire are still struggling with it! Think again, Mr. Knight, before condemning Plain Bob Doubles and Triples—Yours sincerely,

Lincoln. PETER N. BOND.

SAXLINGHAM IMPERIAL BOB MAJOR

Method No. 202 in C.C. Collection of Plain Major Methods (Second Edition)

12345678	Bob
21436587	12436587
24135678	14235678
42316587	
43261578	Single
34265187	12436587
43625817	12435678
34652871	
43562781	
34526718	
43256178	
34251687	
32415678	
23146587	
21345678	
12436587	
14263857	

First rung at Saxlingham Nethergate on Sept. 15th, 1952.

5,184 by NOLAN GOLDEN

M	In/5ths	4ths/In	W	H	23456
2	x		2	2	56234
1	x		2	2	32465
2		x		2	54326
1	x		2	2*	32645

* Last call a single.

Five times repeated, omitting the single in all repetitions except the third.

Contains extent of 4–5–6 in 6ths, with those bells only dodging in 7–8 up with the tenor.

Any true peal of Treble Bob or Bristol Surprise doubled with singles is true for the method: the above composition was rung with In and 5ths and 4ths and in, so that the tenors dodge together in 1–2 in each course.

BELLS SILENT FOR INSTITUTION OF REV. A. G. G. THURLOW

£1,500 Required to Restore Famous Norwich Ring

The Rev. Gilbert Thurlow was instituted as Vicar of St. Andrew's, Norwich, on September 30th. The large congregation included members of a great variety of activities with which the new Vicar is connected. Nearly everything which one would expect in a great church was in evidence. The Bishop, churchwardens and Vicar went solemnly round the church, and the Vicar promised to baptise, preach, pray, read, marry and celebrate Holy Communion diligently and faithfully.

The Bishop spoke encouraging words, the very large choir sang magnificently, the splendid organ played, there was a general air of life and activity—but—but—the splendid and historic ring of ten bells was silent. Was this the ringers' fault? Had the Vicar and the locals fallen out? A thousand times no! The president and the Ringing Master and other members of the Association were there. But what could they do?

They knew only too well, having read the new Vicar's book on the subject, that the ancient bell frame, dating from 1633, with absurd additions in 1705 and 1825, was hopeless and the fittings even more so. They would find no ropes in the tower. They often gaze on the peal board in St. Giles' tower which says that the first peal of London Surprise was rung in St. Andrew's tower—'this insurmountable task was accomplished. . . .'—and being less almighty than Sam Thurston and his band, they did not this time accomplish the insurmountable task of ringing London.

Now St. Andrew's, Norwich, has the insurmountable task of raising £1,500 in a war-torn and overtaxed city: insurmountable indeed, you may think, when you recollect that the heroes who were in charge of St. Andrew's could not in the palmy days of 1931 raise £300 or so to supplement a generous offer of £200 to do the job. But the old peal board is a challenge, isn't it? If we all went dry and attended no ringing meetings and rang no peals for a week, we should easily rehang St. Andrew's bells on the proceeds: nobody would be a penny the worse, and the Exercise would be one fine ring of ten better off. Anyhow, I want £1,500, and within reason I don't care how I get it, as long as it comes along soon. Why shouldn't those who love East Anglia demonstrate their love by thus making it more lovable?

GILBERT THURLOW.

3, Colegate, Norwich.

FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World' of Oct. 25th, 1912

THE OLD ORDER CHANGETH

Guild of Change Ringers Formed for Newcastle Cathedral

. . . . On September 25th, the old professional band of stoney ringers retired from active service, and at the request of the authorities Mr. C. L. Routledge (president of the Durham and Newcastle Association) took the necessary steps to form a voluntary guild. . . .

During the days prior to the induction of the new band, the members of the new guild ascended the tower each evening . . . . to perform the most interesting and intellectual feat of clearing out an accumulation and rubbish and filth which has been so carefully nurtured for years among the bells. . . . A horse and cart had to be employed to carry away the accumulated dirt of the belfry. The ringing chamber has had floors, walls and ceiling thoroughly scrubbed . . . . and a few inches of foul matter removed from the windows. It is now quite possible to see to ring, even when the sun is not shining, without the aid of gas. . . .

[A reform which seems to have been somewhat overdue!]

AUTUMN OUTINGS

EWELL, SURREY

Ewell ringers had a jolly fine outing on September 20th, leaving at 7 a.m. in two coaches, the first mostly ringers and their wives; the second one contained choristers, two organists and parishioners.

The first stop was Bocking, Essex, 56 miles from home. The sun was shining, but the wind was keen and the enjoyable ringing here warmed us up nicely. At Wethersfield the Vicar was waiting to receive us and we had some fun with the new ropes. The bells are a pleasant six (tenor 14¼ cwt.), but difficulty is experienced in keeping them going.

Tearing ourselves away from this lovely little village, so peaceful and quiet before our invasion, half the party then went to Long Melford for lunch while the others had theirs at Lavenham. Which party had roast duck we have not been able to discover, but apparently both groups did very well.

Lavenham Church is a glorious structure, and the deep-toned bells justified all we had ever read or heard about them. We are greatly indebted to Mr. Stedman H. Symonds for helping to make our visit so memorable.

The next towers in our itinerary were Monks Eleigh and Hadleigh, but owing to a funeral at the former and a wedding at the latter some quick thinking had to be done, with the result that we sent some of our best ringers to help Mr. Betts at Hadleigh. They arrived just in time to ring the bridal couple out of church. Some of the ringers remained a short time longer at Lavenham and then made for Monks Eleigh, which was worth a visit if only to see the peculiar narrow wooden ringing gallery, with central well, from which the six bells (tenor 18 cwt.) are rung.

We all met later at East Bergholt Church, near which John Constable was born, lived and painted many of his pictures. Mr. Hynard, the verger, showed us and demonstrated the 25 cwt. tenor of the five bells hung in the wooden latticed cage built in the churchyard nearly 400 years ago. A ringers' tea was consumed at Flatford in the garden by the River Stour with a view of the famous mill. Witham was the last ring of the day, where Mr. Bright had made arrangements for our pleasure. With us during the day were ringers from Epsom, Banstead, Leatherhead, Merton, Egham, Basingstoke, Rainham (Kent), Lichfield and Shirley (Warwickshire). J. E. B.

SCARBOROUGH ST. MARY'S

For the first time for at least 20 years a full day's outing was recently enjoyed by members of the Scarborough band and friends, augmented by two of the ringers from Bridlington and one from Hemingbrough.

With our own bells at Messrs. Gillett and Johnston's foundry, a Sunday had been decided upon for the big day, and after almost a week of rain, October 5th dawned as fine a day as might have been ordered. In bright sunshine a start was made at 8 a.m. for the pleasant run to Helmsley, where we met Messrs. Ricketts and Leete and had the pleasure of ringing for morning service. Meanwhile the ladies enjoyed coffee served by Mrs. Ricketts, who is also one of the ringers.

At 10.30 a.m. we were on the road again, via Sutton Bank and Thirsk to Thornton-le-Street, to pick up district secretary Mr. E. Hudson, who now acted as guide as we made for Middleham. Here we were met by Mr. H. Parrish and were invited to ring before lunch as an additional item. After an enjoyable lunch at the White Swan, photographs by the Market Cross, a stroll round the 'town' and further ringing on the fine-toned octave, we left for Ripon—a delightful run in glorious sunshine.

A hearty tea was enjoyed at the Old Deanery Cafe, in the shadow of the Cathedral, to which we adjourned, complete with guide, who ably drew attention to the most outstanding features of this beautiful building. The arrival of Mr. F. Tingle was 'open sesame' to the belfry, and ringing on the fine ten literally completed the day for us.

A grand day was the unanimous verdict, and our thanks are extended to the three tower secretaries for their part in contributing towards it, to the clergy for the use of the bells, and to our old friend Ted Hudson for doing so much talking.

A HALF-DAY IN CORNWALL

Good weather, good fellowship, good ringing and grand scenery. This sums up a half-day's outing which was much enjoyed by ringers from Redruth (Cornwall), Pinhoe (Devon) and Piddlehinton (Dorset), together with Lieut.-Commander and Mrs. G. Cross and Lieut. D. Rowe.

The recently-instituted incumbent and his wife welcomed the party at the first tower, Bradoc (5 bells, tenor 5 cwt.), and they both said how pleased they were to hear the bells rung for the first time since their arrival in the parish, there being no local band.

A move was made through grand scenery to Lanreath (6, 8 cwt.), where half an hour's ringing was enjoyed. Pelynt (6, 13 cwt.) was soon reached and the bells were found to be finely toned, especially in view of their weight. After negotiating some very steep hills, Talland (6, 7 cwt.) with its detached campanile was safely reached, although one car arrived from the direction opposite to which it was expected! Here the party were welcomed by two members of the local band, one of whom, a lady 'scientific' exile from Leicestershire who had walked from Polperro on purpose, ably rang the treble to a six-score of Doubles.

A hasty but good tea in East Looe was followed by a visit to St. Martin-by-Looe, where a very handy ring of six, tenor 9¾ cwt., was much enjoyed. This incidentally was the writer's 100th tower in Cornwall. Much consultation of large scale maps was required before reaching Morval. A member of the local band met the party, who were delighted with a lovely ring of six (9¼ cwt.) and the beautiful church, which was most tastefully decorated for harvest festival.

Further map reading and the party arrived in instalments at the last tower of the day, St. Keyne (6, 8 cwt.). The bells, an anti-clockwise ring, are poor toned and do not go too well.

Methods rung during the outing were Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Doubles, and Plain Bob, Double Court, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor.

Thanks are due to all incumbents for permission readily given and to those locals who welcomed the party. E. T. P. F.

CROWAN RINGERS' OUTING

Some of the Crowan, Cornwall, ringers experienced their first touch on ten bells during their outing on October 1st, when they visited Truro Cathedral and were welcomed by Mr. Minors and later by Mr. Southeard.

Ringing also took place at Probus, St. Dennis, Egloshayle and St. Columb Major. The evening was spent at Newquay. Thanks are due to Mr. James and his helpers for arranging such an enjoyable trip.

NAZEING AND ROYDON

A most enjoyable afternoon and evening were spent on October 4th when the combined Nazeing and Roydon ringers went on an outing to six-bell towers in Hertfordshire. The towers visited were Standon, Walkern, Ardeley, Great and Little Munden. At Great Munden the party were met by several of the local ringes who joined in the ringing here and at Little Munden. Tea was taken at Buntingford. The outing was organised by Mr. B. Burton, captain of the Roydon band.

RINGING RHYMES

No. 13 — TREBLE BOB

From plain-hunt forms to principles we turned,
Exemplified in Stedman. Now that's learned
To other hunt-controlled form we revert,
Called 'Treble Bob.' Here one must be alert
To dodge, on Treble, each alternate blow
At backstroke. Other bells—above, below,
A varied path pursue. And thus in full,
A plain course twice as long you have to pull!

Two methods of this system, mostly met,
Are Kent and Oxford; and in both you get
The 'Slow,' by turning treble from the front.
Alternate 'lead' and 'seconds' you must hunt
Till Treble comes again and turns you in.
But thence, these methods' differences begin!

In Kent, when Treble's down below third's place,
Make 3rds and 4ths, or 4ths and 3rds (with grace!),
According whether out or in you go,
In two successive 'leads.' (Blue line will show.)

In Oxford, 3rds from back, then up you 'soar.'
Then down and fourths from front, and lead once more.
This, as in Kent, reverses, in its turn.
With slow work in between, as you will learn.

In both these T–B methods, leading's plain.
Except when ent'ring Slow, and out again.

For calls: in Oxford, when the Bob doth sound,
Bell making thirds makes fourths and then turns round,
Makes thirds again, and then works up behind.
In Kent, bell making thirds and fourths, you'll find,
Adds fourths and thirds, as back to lead it goes.
Meanwhile, bells higher, dodge, four extra rows.

A. Y–B.

(Next: Double Norwich.)

Fifty Different Surprise Peals

With the peal of Battersea Surprise rung at St. Mary's, Willesden, on September 13th, Mr. Alec Cutler and Mr. Francis Kirk have both rung 50 different Surprise Major peals. The list is appended:—

By Mr. Alec Cutler.—Superlative, Cambridge, Aldenham, Bristol, Ashtead, London, Wembley, Ealing, Watford, Yorkshire, Hitchin, Bedford, Rutland, Belgrave, Battersea, Norfolk, Middleton, Brinklow, Bennington, Bayswater, Dublin, Camdon, Devon, Painswick, Lincolnshire, Whitminster, Berkshire, Somerset, Plymouth, Warnham, Pudsey, Radlett, Rochester, New Gloucester, Eastcote, Willesden, Eastbourne, Glasgow, Wirral, Cornwall, Rinsington, Bolton, Peterborough, Leicestershire, Maulden, Acton, Hereford, Lindum, Edmonton and Apsley.

By Mr. F. Kirk.—Superlative, New Cambridge, Cambridge, Aldenham, Bushey, St. Albans, Bristol, Ashtead, Oxhey, Hertfordshire, Elstree, London, Wembley, Uxbridge, Cassiobury, Knebworth Langley, Ealing, Watford, Eastbury, Yorkshire, Ickleton, Apsley, Kendal, Hitchin, Southall, Newbury, Sedbergh, Raunds, Minsmere, Woodston, Delbrow, Verulam, Deben, Tilehurst, Queensbury, Pinner, Zetland, Bedford, Northchurch, Goudhurst, Wallasey, Tring, Rutland, Belgrave, Barnet, Shenley, Springfield, Battersea and Napsbury.

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OBITUARY

MR. G. H. BRIDGE

A lifelong member of the Rettendon band of bell ringers, Mr. George Henry Bridge died on September 30th, aged 83. He was the last remaining member of the old band of ringers, and had assisted the present band since the end of the first world war.

Mr. Bridge was a model for other members to follow as he was so perfect in the methods which he rang and also a very good striker. He was also very punctual in attendance. He was a member of the church choir from his youth. He had been a widower for six years. His wife was formerly Miss Alice Tillett from the well-known family of Ipswich ringers. He leaves a son, daughter-in-law and one grandchild.

The funeral took place on October 7th at All Saints', Rettendon, near the bells he loved so well. The local ringers were represented by Mr. S. F. Jay.

In the evening following the interment the bells were rung half-muffled, as a tribute of respect, to Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor and Bob Minor by F. C. May (cond.) 1, H. Jay 2, W. S. May 3, C. Jay 4, G. Frost 5, S. F. Jay 6.

MR. WILLIAM F. STEVENS

Mr. William F. Stevens, of Arundel, Sussex, passed away on October 8th, aged 45.

He learned to ring at Arundel in 1933 and joined the Sussex County Association the following year. He gave of his best to both societies and no finer tribute could be paid him than by the words spoken by the Vicar of Arundel, the Rev. H. A. King, at the funeral service in the Parish Church on October 11th: 'People often say what a gloomy service the funeral service is. But is it? It is solemn, of course, as such an occasion must be. Through it all there shines like a beacon what St. Paul calls, "the sure and certain hope of the Resurrection to eternal life," the constant reminder that death is only an episode in life!'

'It was in that faith that William Frederick Stevens—Bill to his friends—lived and died. His faith was simple and profound. There was nothing of the showman about him. His work for the Church, which was much, was always quiet and unobtrusive and utterly reliable. On the Church Council he did not say a lot, but when he spoke he was always worth listening to. He was one of those people who loved doing valuable things behind the scenes and always doing them well. When he undertook something we always knew we need worry no more and it would be done. His chief interest lay—and again typical of him, behind the scenes—up in the bell tower. He loved bells and he will be sorely missed by our band of ringers who were inspired by his infectious enthusiasm.

'The finest epitaph that any man can have is that which was said of our late King, "He was a good man." It is very true of him. And when I say good I mean really good—not just someone who never did any harm to anyone and was kind to animals—I mean the sort of goodness which comes from God. Like all good Christians he did not parade his goodness, but I knew him well enough to know that God meant a lot in his life and was the inspiration of his kindness and reliability. Our parish is the better for his good example, and goodness lasts.'

There were many ringers present, including the Divisional Ringing Master (Mr. R. P. Wood), hon. treasurer (Mr. R. G. Blackman), divisional secretary (Mr. E. Treagus), former assistant divisional secretary (Mr. E. R. Rapley), who rang handbells at the graveside: all the members of the Arundel band, and many from neighbouring towers, where Mr. Stevens had rendered so much assistance in helping beginners along. Half-muffled ringing took place as the cortege left for the commital at Tortington Churchyard.

MR. HUBERT SHEPHERD

Solihull has suffered a severe loss in the death at the age of 62 of Mr. Hubert Shepherd, a member of the church choir, of the St. Alphege Guild of Ringers, and of St. Martin's Guild. Employed for 30 years by the firm of G. and J. Zair, whip manufacturers, Birmingham, Mr. Shepherd had a number of outside interests. As a young man he had more than a local name as a good runner; he captained Solihull Football Club in the years before 1914, and led Solihull Cricket Club for some years between 1920 and 1930.

He volunteered for service in the first Great War, and after enduring the cruel rigours of the Somme and the Ypres Salient was badly wounded at one of the Passchendaele battles and discharged from the forces.

His service in the choir at Solihull Parish Church was unique. For more than 50 years he gave continuous aid in the music of the church, being notable in the Midlands as a boy soloist under that sensitive musician, Courtenay Woods, and later rendering many tenor solo parts in the sacred music he understood and loved so well.

Hubert Shepherd was a life member of the Solihull branch of the British Legion, an honour accorded to him for his unceasing work on the Relief Committee and in branch work generally. He held very clear and decided views on the sacredness of remembrance, and was the earnest champion of all distressed ex-Service men.

He learned to ring round about the year 1907 and had been a member of the Solihull company ever since. He rang in one or two peals in the standard methods, and this small list of performances includes the first handbell peal of Triples rung in the town. He was an excellent striker and taught the technique of bell handling with great care and accuracy.

His nature was gentle, yet he spoke in debate with a quiet potency that carried conviction, and in matters in which he had convinced himself he was right he was very difficult to move. His kindliness, cheerfulness and, above all, his sincerity will be greatly missed.

The funeral took place at Solihull Church on October 13th. Before the coffin left the church a course of Grandsire Triples was rung by V. W. Rigg 1–2, H. Bragg 3–4, A. Walker 5–6, C. W. Bragg 7–8. In the evening of the same day the bells of the Parish Church were rung half-muffled to Grandsire Caters as a mark of respect and as a farewell from all the ringers.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION

Visit to Kingston Seymour

The quarterly meeting of the Chew Deanery Branch was held at Kingston Seymour, where the six bells have been recently restored, on October 11th.

The church stands only a few feet above high tide level, and a tablet in the porch records the fact that in 1606, due to excessively high tides and a breach in the sea wall, it was inundated to a depth of 5ft.

Ringing preceded the Association form of service, which was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. P. W. S. Rowlands, who gave a short address. Mr. D. G. Yeo was at the organ.

Tea was taken in the schoolroom and the Rector took the chair at the business meeting. It was decided, subject to permission, that the annual meeting should be held at Portishead on December 6th with a practice meeting at Dundry in November.

After the usual votes of thanks ringing in a wide variety of methods was resumed under the direction of the Master, Mr. H. W. Knight.

NOTICES

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ENGAGEMENT

PRICE—COLES. — The engagement is announced of Frank, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Price, of Feltham, and Sheila, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Coles, of Hayes and Hillingdon. 1573

GOLDEN WEDDING

HOUGH—WEBB.—On October 22nd, 1902, at the Parish Church of St. John, Knutsford, by the Rev. W. Armour, Sidney Hough, of Knutsford, to Maggie Jane Webb, of Cross Town. Present address:—12, Hayton Street, Knutsford, Cheshire. 1534

SILVER WEDDING

POOLE—HARE.—On October 24th, 1927, at St. Augustine's Church, Woodston, Peterborough, by the Rev. J. Septimus Powell, Harold J. to Phyllis, now resident in Leicester. 1537

HANDBELLS WANTED

WANTED.—A set of handbells for use in school.—W. E. Radford, 29, Woodlands Drive, Loughborough, Leics. 1508

WANTED.—Set of 8 or 12 handbells for older choirboys. Reasonable.—Vicar, West Malvern, Worcestershire. 1539

WANTED URGENTLY.—Set of handbells, about two chromatic octaves, suitable for tune ringing. Must be in good condition. Miss N. Bond, 7, Godmans Lane, Kirk-Ella, near Hull. E. Yorks. 1565

Our BLIND pupils have started handbell ringing on borrowed bells. We urgently need some of our own and would like to buy a set. —Chaplain, Royal School for the Blind, Leatherhead. Telephone Leatherhead 2943. 1569

PUBLICATIONS

IDEAL RINGERS' PRESENT.—Before too late—only limited number left. 'Bells of All Nations.' 21s., postage 10d., direct from the author, Ernest Morris, F.R.Hist.S., F.R.G.S., Verger's Lodge, St. Margaret's Vicarage, Leicester. 1555

'CHURCH BELLS AND RINGERS OF NORWICH,' by A. G. G. Thurlow, 5s. 6d. post free from the author, St. Clement's Rectory, 3, Colegate, Norwich. An account of the bells of one of England's most historic cities, well illustrated with plans, cross sections and pictures. Second edition, much improved; no increase in price.

MISCELLANEOUS

'ALL SAINTS' DOUBLES' METHOD.—From W. H. Cavill, High Street, Ashcot', Bridgwater, Somerset. Price 6d. post free. 1553

PEAL CARDS can now be ordered at 5s. a set of 12, post free (minimum charge). Order and remittance must be sent with peal report.

MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Oct. 25th, 3 p.m. Nomination of officers.—A. B. Peck 1509

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Joint Ilkeston and Derby Districts.—Meeting at Heanor on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Ringing 3. Tea 5. Names for tea to D. R. Carlisle, 85, Derby Road, Risley, Derby. 1507

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Meeting, Middlewich (8), Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m.—D Smith Hon Sec 1564

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District. — Meeting at Matlock (8) on Saturday, Oct. 25th, 3 p.m. Tea, own arrangements.—D. S. Gregory. 1528

ESSEX and HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS.—A joint meeting of the N.W. District, Essex Association, and Eastern District, Hertford County Association, will be held at Sawbridgeworth (8) on Saturday, Oct. 25th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names, please, to G. Blake, Teesta, Jack's Hatch, Epping Upland, Essex.—J. Kemp and G. Blake, Dis. Secs. 1472

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Bexhill (8), Saturday, Oct. 25th, 3 p.m. Notification for tea to Geo. Billenness 3, Grasmere Terrace, Hawkhurst, Kent. 1493

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Royston, Saturday, October 25th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special method, Erin Triples.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 1495

LADIES' GUILD.—Dinner, Leicester, Oct. 25th. All tickets sold. Ringing at St. Mary's-de-Castro (8) 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.—Jill Staniforth. 1554

LIVERPOOL PARISH CHURCH (Our Lady and St. Nicholas', Pierhead) RINGERS' DAY.—Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells (12) 10.30 a.m.-3.30 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m., followed by tea at Reece's Restaurant. See previous notices for details of other ringing during Consecration Festival. N.B.—There will be no opportunity for general ringing on Oct. 18th. Tea tickets (6s. 6d. each) may be obtained from me personally on Oct. 25th.—J. E. Spice, 30, Glenmore Avenue, Liverpool 18. 1487

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Meeting, Hughenden, Saturday, Oct. 25th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by Oct. 20th.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge. Wexham, Slough. 1519

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Rayleigh, Saturday, Oct. 25th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Cups of tea provided; please bring own food. Further ringing from 6 p.m.—P. A. Sadler. 1520

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting at Merstham, Oct. 25th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, by Oct. 22nd, to W. J. Avernell, Clover, Netherne Lane, Merstham. 1513

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Basingstoke District. — Quarterly meeting at Heckfield, Oct. 25th, 2.30. Service 4 o'clock. Tea 4.30.—John Chesterman, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1511

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Jasper W. Snowdon Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Windmill Hotel, Blossom Street, York, at 5.45 for 6 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Tickets, 10s. each, from Mr. S. Steel, 7, Ings Way, Rawcliffe Lane, York. The Lord Mayor of York will attend. Ringing at York Minster: 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., 2.30 to 3.55 p.m. and 4.45 to 5.30 on the 25th; Sunday: 9.20 a.m. to 10.20 a.m. and 3 p.m. to 3.55 p.m.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford. 1499

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tuesday, Oct. 28th, 7.15 p.m., advanced practice, Christ Church, Ealing Broadway. Monday, Nov. 3rd, 7.15 p.m., general practice, St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge. All welcome. 1567

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—The 315th anniversary dinner will be held at Mecca Restaurant, Plantation House, Mincing Lane, Fenchurch Street, E.C., on Saturday, Nov. 1st, at 6 p.m. Tickets 15s. 6d. Names by Oct. 25th. Ringing, Southwark Cathedral, 2.30; St. James', Clerkenwell, 3 to 4 p.m.—A. B. Peck. 1452

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Bridgwater Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Shapwick, Nov. 1st, 3 p.m. Names for tea, please.—R. Short, Chilton Trinity. 1558

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—Meeting at Stagsden, Nov. 1st. Bells at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Twentieth anniversary of the augmentation to six bells. Special method, Willesden Delight.—Michael Stephens. 1538

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Bentley (5), Nov. 1st. Fiftieth anniversary of the bells. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea by Wednesday previous, to R. J. Sanderson 23, Mansfield Road, Balby, Doncaster. 1557

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Gateshead, Saturday, Nov. 1st, 2.30 . Names for tea, by Thursday, Oct. 30th, to Mr. P. E. Johnson, 45, Watt Street Bensham, Gateshead 8. 1543

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Quarterly, Woolhope, Nov. 1st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers by Oct. 28th.—J. W. Downes. 1560

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Ledbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Eastnor (6), Saturday, Nov. 1st. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to J. Ward, Woofields, Coddington, Ledbury. 1561

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, Nov. 1st, Ombey (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m Names to R G. Bell, 131, Hampermill Lane, Watford. Tel. Watford 7936. 1540

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Smarden, Nov. 1st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 1505

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Leigh on Saturday, Nov. 1st, not Oct. 25th. Bells available 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Business meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec. 1535

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Monthly practice meeting at Scorton on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells from 2.30. Tea 4.30. Names for tea to S. Anderton, Springfield Farm, Scorton.—R. F. Eccles Branch Sec. 1562

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Hindley (St. Peter's) on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea free to all who advise Mr. H. Cooper, 70, Atherton Road, Hindley.—W. O. Farrimond, Branch Sec. 1570

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—South Wigston (8), Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by Wednesday, Oct. 29th, to J. R. Smith, 13, Leopold Street, South Wigston, Leicester.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Meeting, Waltham, Nov. 1st. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea, by Oct. 29th, to J. Willows, Snowden, Grimsby Road, Waltham, Grimsby. 1510

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Bucknall, Saturday Nov. 1st. Committee meeting 3.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Preston, 76, Ruxley Road, Bucknall, Stoke-on-Trent.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 1532

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—A monthly meeting at Loughton, Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells (6) at 5 p.m. All welcome.—R. H. Howson. 1544

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice at Arborfield (6) on Saturday, Nov. 1st, 6 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 1545

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting West Haddon, November 1st. Please note: Tea and business meeting 4.30 p.m. Service of thanksgoving for restoration of the nave roof 7 p.m. Names for tea, before Oct. 28th, please, to E. Orland, High Street, Long Buckby, Rugby. 1563

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes and Salisbury Branches.—Joint meeting, Codford (6), Nov. 1st. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Business meeting for Salisbury Branch. Wylye (5) available afternoon and Heytesbury (6) evening. Names for tea by 28th, please, 81, Hamilton Road, Salisbury.—J. Slatford and Y. Eloie. 1506

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting at Rawmarsh on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Meat tea 3s. per head. Names for same to Mr. F. S. Wilson, 83 East Bawtry Road, Rotherham. 1566

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Cotgrave Nov. 1st. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, by Tuesday previous, to Miss J. Hoodless, Church Lane, Cotgrave, Notts. 1541

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Sudbury-Clare District. — Ringing meeting, Nov. 1st at Haverhill. Bells 3 p.m Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock for those who notify, by Oct. 31st, Mr. Harry Clarke, 7, Hamlet Croft, Haverhill Suffolk—L. D. Mills, Hon. Sec. 1533

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division. — Practice meeting, Balcombe, Saturday, Nov. 1st, 3 p.m. Tea for those who advise by Oct. 29th.—G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley, Sussex. 1572

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—I. W. District.—Quarterly meeting at Ryde, Nov. 1st. Bells from 2.30. Service All Saints' 4.30. Tea and business meeting Wight Cat Cafe.—A. M. Guy, Dis. Sec. 1517

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch.—Meeting at Belbroughton, Saturday, Nov. 1st, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, social evening.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 1549

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. —Meeting at Great Dunmow Nov. 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to H. W. Smith, 11, The Causeway, Great Dunmow, Essex. 1552

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Meeting at Berkhamsted (8), Saturday, Nov. 8th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by Nov. 5th to Miss P. A. Martin, 12, Chapel Street, Berkhamsted. 1568

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bourne, Nov. 8th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Phipps Cafe. Names for tea by Monday previous, please.—Bernard H. Dalton, Hon. Sec., Billingborough.

NORTON-SUB-HAMDON. — Thanksgiving service for the restoration of the bells of Norton-sub-Hamdon on Saturday, Nov. 8th, at 3 p.m. Preacher, the Ven. the Archdeacon of Wells. Ringers who send in their names for tea well beforehand will be the guests of the tower. Ringing until 9 p.m. 1574

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION — South Norfolk Branch. — Meeting at North Lopham, Saturday Nov. 8th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 at the Cherry Tree for those who notify, by Monday, Nov. 3rd, Mr. Ray Grant, North Lopham, Diss.—A. G. Harrison, Branch Sec. 1559

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD — Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Braunston, Saturday, Nov. 8th. Names for tea to me not later than Friday, Oct. 31st.—F. W. Hancock, Church View, Willoughby, Rugby. 1547

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — North Notts Branch.—Meeting at Bawtry (6), Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells until 6.45 p.m. Cafes close to church. Good bus service.—H. Denman 1542

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — N.E. District. — By-meeting Wivenhoe, Nov. 15th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Ringing till 9 p.m. Numbers for tea to me by Nov. 10th essential, please. — R. Duesbury, Hughesdale, 5, Clacton Road, St. Osyth, Essex. 1571

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—A Dinner will be held at Wadsworth's Cafe, Wednesbury, at Saturday, Nov. 15th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets 8s. 6d. each (remittance with order) can be obtained from Mr. F. Brotherton, 25, Beech Road, Oxley, Wolverhampton or Mr. F. Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourn, near Wolverhampton. Bells available during the afternoon: Wednesbury (10), Wood Green (8). St. Matthew's, Walsall (12) and All Saints', West Bromwich (8). Accommodation is limited so please obtain tickets as soon as possible. 1551

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual committee meeting at Maidstone, Saturday, Nov. 29th. Place, time and agenda by post in due course.—G. H. Spice, Hon. Sec. 1550

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Winchester District. — Preliminary Notice: The District Dinner will be held at the Westgate Lodge Hotel, Winchester, on Saturday Nov. 29th, at 7 p.m. Details of ringing later. Tickets (8s. each) are now on sale from Mr. J. A. C. King, 29, Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester. 1546

QUARTER PEALS

CHESTER-LE-STREET, CO. DURHAM.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Mole 1, Miss M. A. P. Bertie 2, W. Phillips 3, J. W. Robson 4, W. Smith 5, S. C. Walker 6, D. A. Bayles (cond.) 7, R. Chicken 8. Rung for harvest festival.

CONGLETON, CHESHIRE.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Tomlinson 1, A. Campbell 2, R. Barrett 3, E. Pimlott (cond.) 4, S. W. Fitkin (first quarter 'inside') 5, H. Ardley (first quarter) 6.

CROYDON, SURREY.—At St. John-the-Baptist, on Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. E. Mitchell 1, R. Abbott 2, N. Brown (first quarter 'inside') 3, E. Razzell 4, H. G. Pratt 5, G. H. Humphries 6, D. Cooper (cond.) 7, W. Rawlings 8.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.—On Oct. 8th, at St. John's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Teasdale 1, E. Burnett (cond.) 2, R. A. E. Dunn 3, D. Maddison 4, P. Angus 5, J. Robdrup 6. First quarter for all except 2 and 3.

DARTFORD, KENT.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: W. Lemon 1, V. Walker 2, P. Borer 3, T. Taylor 4, P. Brown (first quarter) 5, V. Jarrett (cond.) 6, C. Jarrett 7, R. Rayfield 8. To mark the completion of 35 years as organist at Dartford of Mr. A. G. Arnold. Rung after an unsuccessful attempt at a peal of Grandsire Triples.

LAMBETH, LONDON.—On Oct. 12th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. A. Hales 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, Miss A. M. Castle 3, E. J. Beauchamp 4, N. G. Hollingworth 5, C. W. Ottley 6, W. D. Grainger 7, J. Bullock 8. For harvest festival. Also a birthday compliment to J. A. Hales.

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ATHOS, THE HOLY MOUNT

THOSE who find the modern world intolerable, who long for peace and quiet, would do well to follow in the footsteps of many who have through a thousand years felt the same, and go to Athos the Holy Mount. A thousand years ago, when a Byzantine emperor founded a monastery on the Holy Mount, which forms the easternmost peninsula of Chalcidice, many men flocked there to find peace. Indeed, other monasteries were founded in quick succession, so that now there are twenty-one such, together with a large number of lesser monasteries or 'skites' and hermitages as well. To the wondrous air of peace and beauty of the Greek isles and mountains in general is added at Athos the particular charm that nobody is permitted there unless he has with difficulty and enterprise obtained permits from both the ecclesiastical authorities of the Holy Orthodox Church and from the almost equally holy civil authorities. Nobody at all can enter, unless he be a Greek monk or a worker needed by the monks, or a bona fide traveller with a good reason for going. No woman whatever has landed here for a thousand years. Truly a place of peace and quiet.

Hardly anything has changed here for a thousand years. Nearly every monastery keeps the time as it was kept in Byzantium in the Eastern Roman Empire, i.e., sunset is 12 zero, and breakfast if one had any would be at about 11 and lunch about 4. But breakfast and lunch are unheard of. Warned by others, I took six weeks' rations of plain chocolate, and this, together with cold water and bread from last night, constituted my sole breakfast when I travelled round the monasteries in August, 1952. Lunch was equally rare, but having to trudge from one monastery to another over miles of steep mountain paths, the Germans, etc., having borrowed the essential mules during the war, and rides therefore being rare, one hardly felt like taking anything but the cold water, raki (a very strong spirit offered in glass thimbles) and Turkish delight, which each monastery kindly offers visitors. The day's one meal—if you get it—is taken after sunset, and consists of hard bread, soup perhaps, possibly vegetables, and very large tomatoes.

But all this tribulation is as nothing compared with what you can see. The gorgeous beauty of the churches and the priestly robes, which might have been in use in Byzantium yesterday, the amazing wealth of manuscripts and the glory of their illuminations, the chanting of Holy Orthodox music, the general feeling that you are living in the atmosphere of worship described in the Book of Revelation—and, of course, the bells.

It is impossible for me to describe the bells in detail save for those at Pantaleimon. In most monasteries you note a number of small bells used for such purposes as announcing when the monks eat or perhaps times of service. In most monasteries, also, you frequently hear the Symandron, the wooden equivalent of a bell. It consists of a beam of timber, usually about five to seven feet long, shaped so that it can be held at the centre. It is hit with a small mallet by the monk who holds it, and gives out the sort of noise you would expect it to give, a hollow wooden sound, which adds to the general air of mystery of the place.

Each monastery is peopled mainly by monks from one country or area, such as Bulgaria, Roumania, the Peloponnese, Crete, etc. Each has some of the characteristics of its special country. With what expectation, therefore, do we drag our weary limbs over the last hill separating us from Pantaleimon! For when the great steeples of this monastery gleam in the sun before us, we are gazing at one of the greatest efforts by the Czars of Holy Russia—Russia, land of the greatest bells in the world! Panteleimon, frighteningly like the Kremlin, bristling with the 'onion steeples' which the Russians love, founded in 1814 to house 1,200 monks and, incidentally, to help Russian expansion in the Mediterranean. And when we enter we are not disappointed. For it is the Eve of the Assumption (twelve days late, for they have never lost the eleven days we lost in the 17th century to get right with the sun again, and they have now gained one more on us).

Soon after sundown the great bells begin, announcing the all-night services which precede the Eucharist of tomorrow. The effect of the Great Russian bells in this vast, ghostly, lonely place—for there have been no new monks from Russia since 1917—is overwhelming. Two monks are engaged in the work. One swings the clapper in the great Bourdon, 9ft. 2in. across, with its weight engraved on it as $1818\pi\ 10\ \phi$, whatever that is, whilst the other monk operates with the most primitive set of levers, pedals, ropes and chains I have ever seen, the other great bells (diameters 6ft. 9in., 6ft., and 5ft. 10in.) and a host of smaller ones, about 22 in all, of the oddest variety of

discordant notes. The weights of the three other great bells above are 256 π, 32 ϕ, 200 π 2 ϕ, and 195 π 29 ϕ. There are several other contraptions for making sound also, including a bell-metal ring, 6ft. 4in. diameter, about 9in. in cylindrical length, and 1in. thick. To hear all this whilst stumbling along fearfully long and nearly pitch dark corridors, passing monks who would appear to have hibernated for centuries, on one's way to hear glorious Plainsong sung at midnight by voices which 40 years ago were amongst the finest in the world, surrounded by golden ikons, incense, many tiny oil lamps, and darkness, is an experience as shattering as almost any which one can have in this world. In fact, this article seems far too mundane to record it, and I would almost prefer the Editor to describe it in the fearfully mysterious wording which covers the great bells of Pantaleimon, and makes their appearance almost as mystical as their sound.

GILBERT THURLOW.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

TROWBRIDGE, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 18, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5280 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor 24 cwt.

JACK MUSSELL	*Treble*	FRANK L. HARRIS	7
*JEAN M. HARRIS	2	DAVID R. REED	8
*BRIAN BLADON	3	REGINALD W. REX	9
*FRANK A. PENN	4	JOHN HARTLESS	10
HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS	5	GILBERT H. HARDING	11
*GEORGE J. HAWKINS	6	RONALD N. MARLOW	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.
* First peal of Maximus. First peal of Maximus as conductor. Mr. F. A. Penn has now rung peals of Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus.

TEN BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Tues., Oct. 7, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

JOHN MCDONALD	*Treble*	ANTHONY AGER	6
MURIEL REAY	2	MICHAEL D. STANIFORTH	7
BRIAN G. WARWICK	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	8
JOHN PINFOLD	4	J. MARTIN THORLEY	9
TERRY R. HAMPTON	5	JOHN WORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

APPLETON, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 18, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes;*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

*JOHN N. DISERENS	*Treble*	‡STANLEY G. DAY	6
EDWIN DREWITT	2	HENRY C. WHITE	7
FRANK WHITE	3	GEORGE HOLIFIELD	8
NOEL J. DISERENS	4	RICHARD WHITE	9
†RONALD F. DISERENS	5	FRANCIS A. WHITE	*Tenor*

Composed by the late G. HOLIFIELD. Conducted by GEO. HOLIFIELD.
* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Caters. ‡ First peal on ten.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 18, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 METROPOLITAN SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

ANNE WORTH	*Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS	6
BASIL JONES	2	WILFRED STEVENSON	7
FRED DUNKERLEY	3	PETER LAFLIN	8
JOHN E. BIBBY	4	JOHN WORTH	9
NEIL D. LOMAS	5	JOSEPH WHITTAKER	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

WRINGTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 18, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 37 cwt.

JOHN THOMAS	*Treble*	HENRY J. SANGER	6
AMY THOMAS	2	HERBERT W. KNIGHT	7
ALFRED E. REEVES	3	EDWARD J. CHIVERS	8
WILLIAM H. KINGCOTT	4	JOSEPH T. DYKE	9
GEORGE W. MASSEY	5	LEONARD DERRICK	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES TOPP. Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.
In memoriam John H. B. Hesse.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 1, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, JESMOND,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in F.

MRS. C. MCGUINESS	*Treble*	ERIC N. HARRISON	5
MARGARET FIDELL	2	DENIS A. BAYLES	6
CHARLES MCGUINESS	3	HAROLD WALKER	7
W. NORMAN PARK	4	ROLAND PARK	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.
Rung for the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. McGuiness, which occurred on this day.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Oct. 6, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes.*
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5600 WHITMINSTER SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

ANTHONY AGER	*Treble*	BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	5
MURIEL REAY	2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	6
JOHN MCDONALD	3	J. MARTIN THORLEY	7
BRIAN G. WARWICK	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
First peal in the method for the Guild, and by all excepting the ringer of the 6th.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Oct. 9, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

HENRY H. FEARN	*Treble*	TERRY R. HAMPTON	5
BRIAN G. WARWICK	2	BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	6
MURIEL REAY	3	J. MARTIN THORLEY	7
ANTHONY AGER	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

BROMHAM, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 11, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OWEN,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23½ cwt.

WILLIAM C. MARSHALL	*Treble*	ANDREW C. SINFIELD	5
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	2	FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP	6
C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	7
RONALD J. SHARP	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.
First peal in the method on the bells.

CRANBORNE, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 11, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. BARTHOLOMEW AND MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER	*Treble*	DANIEL T. MATKIN	5
JOYCE GIBBONS	2	WILLIAM G. YOUNG	6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	3	ARTHUR V. DAVIS	7
ROY C. HURST	4	WILLIAM DAY	*Tenor*

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.
Rung in memoriam Arthur Grover Janes, late of Hughenden, Bucks.

EATON SOCON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 11, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 1,536 changes of Yorkshire, 2,208 of Cambridge and 1,344 of Superlative, with 132 changes of method. Tenor 13¼ cwt.

*WM. C. MARSHALL	*Treble*	*FREDERICK G. HUCKSTEPP	5
*ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	2	*THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	6
*†‡ANDREW C. SINFIELD	3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	7
†RONALD J. SHARP	4	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.
* First peal of three spliced. † 150th peal together. ‡ 150th peal for the Association. First peal of Spliced on the bells.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 11, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 12 methods, being 960 each of London and Rutland, and 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Cray, Eastcote, Lincolnshire, New Gloucester, Pudsey, Superlative, Wembley and Yorkshire, with 139 changes of method. Tenor 12¼ cwt. in F sharp.

ANNE WORTH	*Treble*	WILFRED STEVENSON	5
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	C. KENNETH LEWIS	6
NEIL D. LOMAS	3	JOHN E. BIBBY	7
BASIL JONES	4	JOHN WORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN (reversed).
Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

LODDON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 11, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Treble*	*GODFREY G. WALPOLE	5
*STANLEY W. COPLING	2	ARTHUR G. BASON	6
BARBARA M. HARRIS	3	NOLAN GOLDEN	7
†ALISON A. CLARKE	4	GEORGE SAYER	*Tenor*

Composed by ANDREW J. CORRIGAN (Regular Six-part No. 2).
Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First peal 'inside.' First peal of Triples on the bells for 40 years.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
On Wed., Oct. 15, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

ARNOLD HILL	*Treble*	JOHN H. BROTHWELL	5
*ELIZABETH BATE	2	JACK G. BROTHWELL	6
MRS. J. E. TURLEY	3	LESLIE A. TREMEER	7
*ROGER C. PRESTON	4	JOHN J. L. GILBERT	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOHN J. L. GILBERT.
* First peal in the method. Arnold Hill has now 'circled' this tower.

HEENE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 15, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

*PHYLLIS CRAIG	*Treble*	HENRY WEAVER	5
†JUNE CLEMENTS	2	FREDERICK PAGE	6
DONALD SMITH	3	RAYMOND WOOD, JUN	7
RICHARD WILSON	4	REGINALD BLACK	*Tenor*

Conducted by RAYMOND WOOD, JUN.
* First peal. † First peal on eight.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam the victims of the Harrow rail disaster and William (Bill) Stevens, of Arundel.

PULHAM MARKET, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 15, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's Variation of Thurstans'. Tenor 13 cwt. 50 lb. in F.

ERNEST WHITING	*Treble*	BERT GOGLE	5
H. WILLIAM BARRETT	2	F. CHARLES GOODMAN	6
STANLEY W. COPLING	3	NOLAN GOLDEN	7
ARTHUR G. BASON	4	JOHN S. BARNES	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

WEEDON BEC, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Oct. 17, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part, 6th Observation.
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in F.

*MICHAEL F. AMOS	*Treble*	ERNEST G. ORLAND	5
VICTOR A. PERRY	2	WILLIAM YATES	6
*JUNE M. HILL	3	GEORGE W. HOLLAND	7
*A. JOHN HOBLEY	4	†FREDERICK G. ROBINSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM YATES.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal. First peal on the bells since being augmented from six to eight. A 21st birthday compliment to James H. Webb.

ALDERSHOT, HAMPSHIRE.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 18, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 10 lb. in A flat.

*SYLVIA C. SHERWOOD (14)	*Treble*	REX J. CORK (17)	5
†PETER G. SHERWOOD (16)	2	§BRIAN P. E. BATT (16)	6
SHIRLEY J. CORKE (15)	3	†CLIFFORD J. BEADLE (18)	7
‡DAVID B. WILLIAMSON (16)	4	E. JOHN WELLS (16)	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Major. ‡ First peal in the method on an 'inside' bell. § First peal in the method. First peal of Major as conductor. Average age of the band 16 years 3 months. The youngest band to ring a peal of Major for the Guild.

DERBY.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 18, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

JOHN W. GLEW	*Treble*	EDWARD F. GOBEY	5
JACK BAILEY	2	HAROLD TAYLOR	6
ALFRED MOULD	3	DENIS R. CARLISLE	7
MARK J. BARKER	4	FRANCIS R. LOWE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by JACK BAILEY.
First in the method as conductor. Rung to mark the 25th anniversary of the forming of the Diocese of Derby. First peal of Bristol on the bells, and first in the method by an all resident Derbyshire Association band. Rung with 4ths place bobs.

FINEDON, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 18, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

GEORGE CARE	*Treble*	BRIAN S. COPE	5
BRIAN AUSTIN	2	JOHN KING	6
SYDNEY J. WOODCOCK	3	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	7
WILLIAM J. WHITMORE	4	GEOFFREY E. WATSON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEOFFREY E. WATSON.
First peal of Cambridge Major as conductor. First peal of Major on the bells for 20 years.
In memoriam George Basford, leader of the local band, who died on September 14th, 1952.

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HAGLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 18, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt.

*JOHN H. HICKS	*Treble*	ALFRED C. BOXLEY	5
WILLIAM H. COOPER	2	ALFRED W. GLAZZARD	6
HAROLD J. SHUCK	3	WILLIAM DAVIES	7
*WILLIAM H. TURNER	4	EDWARD W. COLLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WILLIAM DAVIES.
* First peal of Major. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

HORBURY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 18, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in F sharp.

J. EDWARD CAWSER	*Treble*	HOWARD SCOTT	5
MILTON C. FOWLER	2	ALFRED SMITH	6
GIBSON JACKSON	3	J. FREDERICK MILNER	7
F. BERNARD DITCHER	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.
First peal in the method on the bells. Rung in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Ditcher.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 18, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6½ cwt.

JOSEPH WM. COTTON	*Treble*	ALBERT E. THOMPSON	5
JOHN UNDERWOOD	2	*ALAN CATTELL	6
RONALD BENISTON	3	PHILIP WHITAKER	7
W. HARRY DUNCOMBE	4	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
* First peal in the method.

MALPAS, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 18, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr.

*HENRY PARKER	*Treble*	KENNETH EDWARDS	5
JOHN ASHCROFT	2	HARRY W. HOWARD	6
JOHN SCOTT	3	HAROLD WORRALL	7
DOUGLAS KIRKPATRICK	4	CECIL RADDON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. BARKER. Conducted by HAROLD WORRALL.
* 250th peal.

MARDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 18, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-AND-ALL-ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14½ cwt.

ROBERT COLLINS	*Treble*	THOMAS E. SONE	5
DORIS E. COLGATE	2	ROBERT T. LAMBERT	6
*PETER CARTER	3	BENJAMIN F. BAKER	7
†REGINALD E. LAMBERT	4	S. GEOFFREY WATERS	*Tenor*

Composed by H. J. POOLE. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' † 350th peal. Quickest peal of Surprise on the bells.
Rung on the Feast Day of St. Luke, and also as a birthday compliment to Messrs. R. T. and R. E. Lambert, Mrs. B. F. Baker and Miss A. Sone.

MARESFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 18, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

ARTHUR J. HART	*Treble*	ARTHUR F. LEWRY	5
ALBERT RELFE	2	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	6
FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN.	3	ERNEST J. LADD	7
CHARLES A. BASSETT	4	FRANK H. HICKS	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

MARTOCK, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 18, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part, 7th Observation. Tenor 25 cwt.

EDMUND C. ATYEO	*Treble*	RAYMOND P. SELWAY	5
WALTER H. POOLE	2	ALBERT W. DYER	6
ALBERT S. ATYEO	3	WILLIAM E. TURNER	7
*PERCY J. FARRANT	4	STANLEY A. GUPPY	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.
* First peal 'inside.'
Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to Mr. F. Farrant, tower captain, and for many years hon. secretary of Ilchester Deanery Branch.

MILDENHALL, SUFFOLK.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 18, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
J. R. Pritchard's Four-part. Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in E.

E. C. BATES (Caius)	*Treble*	J. H. FIELDEN (St. Cath's)	5
R. D. EDGE (Queens')	2	R. B. MORRIS (Clare)	6
W. J. RIDGMAN (Queens')	3	F. E. ROBERTS (Selwyn)	7
*D. J. WOODHAMS (Trinity)	4	P. A. F. CHALK (Selwyn)	*Tenor*

Conducted by P. A. F. CHALK.
* First peal.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 18, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

REGINALD A. REED	*Treble*	*CHARLES TAYLOR	5
*MOLLY DENBY	2	JESSIE M. KIPPIN	6
NORMAN HAYES	3	TOM CHAPMAN	7
ALICE REED	4	MAURICE J. BUTLER	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by REGINALD A. REED.
* First peal in the method. A (belated) birthday compliment to the conductor.

NORTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 18, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 lb.

*ANGELA WILLIS (15)	*Treble*	†WALTER D. POOLEY	5
†REX M. DIXON (13)	2	†HORACE E. WERRETT	6
JOHN F. COLLINS (15)	3	MAURICE A. COLLINS (16)	7
†WILLIAM J. HITCH	4	†PHILIP MEHEW	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by MAURICE A. COLLINS.
* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal as conductor.
Rung as a compliment on the birth of a grandson to Canon Bailey, late Vicar of Norton.

PETWORTH, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 18, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb.

S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT	*Treble*	BRIAN J. LUFF	5
PAT PAGE	2	JOHN W. MEADE	6
NORMAN J. SMITH	3	WILLIAM T. BEESON	7
E. WINIFRED KEYS	4	FREDK. W. BURNETT	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by FREDERICK W. BURNETT.

STEVENAGE, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 18, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

PETER W. CROFT	*Treble*	†DAVID L. GULLICK	5
WILLIAM LAWRENCE	2	†WALTER BROWN	6
*GEORGE JOHNSON	3	GEORGE CHERRY	7
†WILLIAM F. TODD	4	FRANK W. CROFT	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by FRANK W. CROFT.
* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal on the bells since rehanging.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

EATON BRAY, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 8, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents, all the calls being singles. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

ALAN J. BROYD	*Treble*	JOHN W. V. SINFIELD	4
R. JOHN SCOTT	2	ROBERT L. PIRON	5
JAMES G. NEWMAN	3	DENNIS KNOX	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENNIS KNOX.

WESTONING, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Oct. 9, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being an extent each of Bourne, Norwich, Durham, York, Surfleet, Beverley and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN W. V. SINFIELD	*Treble*	RONALD J. SHARP	4
DENNIS KNOX	2	C. HENRY HARDING	5
JAMES G. NEWMAN	3	ANDREW C. SINFIELD	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENNIS KNOX.
First peal of Surprise as conductor.
Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the Harrow train disaster victims.

HUTTON CRANSWICK, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 11, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents (C.C.C. Nos. 36, 37, 35, 28, 39, 34, 29). Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

*JOHN A. ROBERTSHAW	*Treble*	JOHN B. IBBOTSON	4
*JOHN W. T. CHEW	2	JAMES A. PARKER	5
*JAMES V. DAVIES	3	HAROLD PARKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD PARKER.
* First peal. First peal of Minor by all the band. First peal in the method on the bells. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd and to Mrs. J. A. Parker.

OCKBROOK, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 11, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

*SHEILAGH KILBOURN	*Treble*	R. ALLEN HICKTON	4
†ALAN TAYLOR	2	W. RODNEY HARRISON	5
JACK BAILEY	3	HAROLD TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK BAILEY.
* First peal in three methods. † First peal of Minor, first 'inside,' and first in three methods.
Rung to celebrate the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Hitchcock, of Ockbrook.

FRAMPTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Eastern Branch.)
On Mon., Oct. 13, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being one extent each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge. Tenor 13 cwt.

RHODA BROWN	*Treble*	ALBERT E. FLATTERS	4
JOHN R. KEMP	2	THOMAS CUMMINS	5
ARTHUR YOUNG	3	JOHN R. YOUNG	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. YOUNG.
A farewell peal to the Vicar, Canon T. M. Tunnard, who is retiring.

HASCOMBE, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Oct. 13, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being Pitman's 240 and 40 six-scores (ten callings).
Tenor 3 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb.

*GEORGE L. GROVER	*Treble*	*RONALD WALLIS	3
†G. BRIAN GROVER	2	†J. OLIVER GLANVILLE	4
		*ROLAND W. MORANT	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE L. GROVER.
* First peal of Grandsire Doubles. † First peal of Doubles. Believed to be quickest tower bell peal for the Guild.



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THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Oct. 17, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Forty-two six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 6½ cwt.

*EDWARD C. LESTER	*Treble*	*KENNETH E. PINNEY	4
*CHARLES H. MARTIN	2	WALTER H. POOLE	5
WILLIAM E. TURNER	3	B. JOHN TILLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER H. POOLE.

* First peal.

CAWTHORNE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Barnsley and District Society.)
On Sat., Oct. 18, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being 720 each of Felkirk, College Pleasure, Royston, Snowdrop, New London, Woodbine and Duke of York. Tenor 9 cwt. in F.

ROY BROGAN	*Treble*	DANIEL SMITH	4
CYRIL RUSBY	2	HERMAN RUSBY	5
HAROLD CHANT	3	NOEL F. MOXON	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD CHANT.

Rung to commemorate the 93rd anniversary of the augmentation of the ring to six bells.

FRAMPTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Eastern Branch.)
On Sat., Oct. 18, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being an extent each of Childwall, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

*MALCOLM FRANKLIN	*Treble*	JOHN R. YOUNG	4
JOSEPH BAILEY	2	THOMAS CUMMINS	5
*ARTHUR YOUNG	3	ALBERT E. FLATTERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. YOUNG.

* First peal.

LANGAR, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Oct. 18, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents of 120, ten different callings. Tenor 13 cwt. (approx.).

CHARLES J. COPP	*Treble*	FREDERICK G. HOOPER	3
F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER	2	*W. NEVILLE BROWN	4
CLARENCE F. BRIGGS	*Tenor*		

Conducted by FREDERICK G. HOOPER.

* First peal of Grandsire Doubles; has now rung the method from Doubles to Cinques.

Believed to be the first peal on the bells of Langar Church, known as 'the Cathedral of the Vale of Belvoir.'

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Oct. 18, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In four methods, viz.: Ten extents of Reverse St. Bartholomew, ten extents of April Day, ten extents of Plain Bob, and twelve extents of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

*ANN BARR	*Treble*	†MICHAEL G. MORETON	4
†JOHN McDONALD	2	‡CLIVE M. SMITH	5
*MICHAEL W. FAIREY	3	ANTHONY AGER	*Tenor*

Conducted by CLIVE M. SMITH.

* First peal of Doubles in four methods. † First peal of Doubles. ‡ First peal of Doubles in four methods 'inside.' The quickest peal on the bells. Rung for St. Luke's Day.

LONG BUCKBY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 18, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 240 of Morris's Arrangement, 20 six-scores of Grandsire and 20 six-scores of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in E.

JOHN EALES	*Treble*	MICHAEL F. AMOS	3
*RICHARD S. HOLLAND	2	ALBERT J. COOPER	4
ERNEST G. ORLAND	*Tenor*		

Conducted by ERNEST G. ORLAND.

* First peal. The first peal on the bells by the local band.

NAVENBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 18, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, and two extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

MOSES BILLINGS	*Treble*	BERTIE BEE	4
AMOS INGALL	2	RONALD APPLEWHITE	5
PETER MASON	3	PETER N. BOND	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER N. BOND.

First peal in six methods as conductor.

NORTHAMPTON.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Northampton Branch.)
On Sat., Oct. 18, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN, DALLINGTON,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of four six-scores each of Old, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps Pleasure, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps Pleasure, Clifford Pleasure, April Day, Kennington and Plain Bob. Six six-scores Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

*JOHN M. NASH	*Treble*	†JOHN G. CHAPMAN	4
†CHARLES T. WINDRAM	2	‡ERIC NOBLES	5
†JACK HADLEY	3	†CHARLES H. BUSHELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERIC NOBLES.

* First peal. † First peal in ten methods. ‡ 100th peal. Rung within the octave of the dedication festival with a Sunday service band.

SIDCUP, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 18, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents: (1) Ipswich Surprise, (2) Double Oxford, (3) St. Clement's, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) Oxford Treble Bob, (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

ANNE HOLMES	*Treble*	MARY FULLER	4
HILDEGARD I. G. BIRD	2	MICHAEL FULLER	5
BARBARA A. MITCHELL	3	RALPH BIRD	*Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

Arranged and rung as a diamond wedding peal for Mr. and Mrs. D. Palmer, of Woolwich, S.E., parents of Mr. C. Palmer, captain of the Sidcup band.

SOUTHILL, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 18, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 13 cwt.

*SHEILA DUFFIN	*Treble*	ALAN S. SMITH	4
CYRIL J. SMITH	2	STANLEY H. WALLIS	5
†WILLIAM J. ATHOW	3	BRYAN F. SIMS	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRYAN F. SIMS.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

Rung for the induction of the new Vicar, the Rev. C. W. Patrick. Also as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Sherman on the occasion of their golden wedding.

HANDBELL PEAL

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Oct. 8, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5004 SPLICED MAJOR

In eight methods, comprising: 1,380 Gainsborough Little Bob, 576 Little Bob, 464 Reverse Bob, 304 each of Double and St. Clement's Bob, 288 Wellington Little Bob, 232 Crayford Little Bob, and 1,456 Plain Bob, with 397 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

JAMES E. DANIELS	1—2	DANIEL T. MATKIN	5—6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	3—4	MICHAEL J. E. BEST	7—8

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

Arranged for Michael Best, on embarkation leave, prior to going to the Far East for his National Service.

APPLETON, BERKS.—On Oct. 12th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: R. Holmes 1, F. Absolom 2, W. White (first quarter 'inside') 3, C. Bishop 4, F. Messenger 5, F. A. White 6, H. C. White 7, G. Holifield (cond.) 8, R. White 9, F. White 10.

BRAY-ON-THAMES, BERKS.—On Oct. 19th, 1,760 Grandsire Triples: B. McCleary 1, P. Aslett 2, Miss B. Gregory 3, Miss A. Smallbone 4, Miss D. Spice 5, Miss D. Hague 6, F. J. Russell (cond.) 7, Miss J. E. Tessier 8.

BOOTLE, LIVERPOOL.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: T. Crolley 1, W. T. Hilton 2, E. Edmondson 3, F. H. Haynes 4, C. Byard (cond.) 5, C. H. Knowles 6. Rung by the Sunday service band on the reconsecration of the church, by the Lord Bishop of Liverpool, after repairs and redecoration.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. Ambrose, on Oct. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: John Sutton (first quarter) 1, F. Skidmore 2, Mrs. N. Dart 3, R. G. Hooper 4, Ann Clarke 5, M. Wiltshire (first of Grandsire) 6, A. C. Caker (cond.) 7, V. E. Lucas 8.

CHEPSTOW, MON.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Pat Jones (first quarter) 1, Jacqueline Evans (cond.) 2, J. E. Morgan 3, Yvonne Porter 4, J. J. Sims 5, D. S. Voss 6, D. J. King 7, C. Bryant 8. A birthday compliment to the Vicar (the Rev. E. P. Evans).

CHESTER.—On Oct. 12th, at St. Mary-on-the-Hill, 1,408 Plain Bob Major: Miss E. M. Robinson 1, F. T. Parry 2, H. Lewis 3, Miss S. Golding 4, Miss B. Griffiths 5, H. Worrall 6, C. Raddon 7, H. O. Baker (cond.) 8.

DOVER, KENT.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. H. George 1, E. T. Ellender 2, H. J. Saunders 3, C. George (cond.) 4, E. J. Walker 5, G. Gray 6, J. D. Thomas 7, J. Jones 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of those who lost their lives in the train disaster at Harrow.

EGHAM, SURREY.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. E. Butler 1, A. J. Mitchelson 2, F. G. Fairhead 3, Mrs. D. L. Hiscock 4, N. G. Smith 5, R. I. Shepherd (cond.) 6, W. N. Summerhayes 7, E. J. Greenough 8. For Evensong.

FULHAM, MIDDLX.—On Oct. 5th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: H. M. Page 1, Mrs. C. Watts 2, Janet Bailey 3, R. G. Lay 4, R. F. Deal 5, H. E. Ellis 6, James Phillips 7, J. Chilcott 8, John Phillips 9, H. Belcher 10. First of Grandsire Caters 3 and 4.

QUARTER PEALS

HEYWOOD, LANCS.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Taylor 1, J. T. Walmsley 2, H. Barlow 3, F. Pritchard (cond.) 4, P. J. H. Hudson 5, J. Taylor 6, I. Kay 7, Miss M. Leach 8. Rung for the fourth centenary of St. Luke's Church. Also a birthday compliment to the father of the fifth ringer.

HOLLOWAY, LONDON.—On Oct. 19th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. A. Hales 1, Miss M. A. Prockson 2, W. D. Prockson 3, J. L. Morris 4, R. Newman 5, D. F. Harman 6, R. H. Begrie 7, F. C. W. Knight (cond.) 8.

KEMPSTON, BEDS.—On Oct. 5th, 720 Kingston Treble Bob, 360 Oxford Treble Bob, 180 Plain Bob: W. Izzard 1, Miss M. Stephens 2, R. Stephens 3, P. Inskip 4, M. Stephens (cond.) 5, C. Izzard 6.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On Oct. 12th, 1,440 Ashtead Surprise Major: C. Smart 1, Alan Smith 2, A. H. Winch 3, B. Hawkins 4, G. Marriner 5, G. Peters 6, A. Smith 7, A. Harman (cond.) 8.

LYDNEY, GLOS.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: J. W. Walker (first quarter) 1, J. Long (first 'inside') 2, W. Harris 3, G. W. Hollis 4, J. L. Smith (cond.) 5, D. Townsend 6. A compliment to the ringer of the third on his 75th birthday.

MARGATE, KENT.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Nugent 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, P. Dadds 3, A. J. Dadds (cond.) 4, P. Page 5, W. Fairbeard 6, F. J. Gadsden 7, H. Lade 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Bridges on the occasion of their wedding anniversary.

NORTH MYMMS, HERTS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. Sherlock 1, Miss M. Walshaw 2, Miss A. Salter 3, Miss M. Lawrence 4, A. W. Coles 5, P. J. Coles 6, T. J. Lock 7, G. Spencer (first in method as cond.) 8. Rung for harvest festival.

OTLEY, YORKS.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss A. Brough 1, P. Whittaker 2, Miss C. Mountain 3, W. Bellerby 4, Miss J. Mountain 5, L. Cooper (cond.) 6. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Audrey Brough.

OTTERTON, DEVON.—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Holloway (cond.) 1, Miss E. Bennett 2, W. Ludlow 3, A. G. Moore 4, L. Cave 5, S. Elliott 6.

ROCHESTER, KENT.—At the Cathedral, on Oct. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Norris 1, E. D. Sills 2, T. Beaumont 3, W. A. J. Knight (cond.) 4, H. Springate 5, R. E. Norris 6, C. C. J. Norris 7, O. Davis 8. Rung in connection with the visit of H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh by members of the Cathedral band.

SOUTHGATE, MIDDLX.—On Oct. 19th, 1,275 Stedman Caters: W. J. Bowden 1, G. A. Spencer 2, Miss M. Prockson 3, Miss E. Fadden 4, S. G. Peck 5, W. D. Prockson 6, A. W. Coles 7, N. A. Tomlinson 8, S. Wade (cond.) 9, M. Fensom 10. First quarter of Stedman Caters by 2 and 6.

STREATHAM, S.W.—On Oct. 19th, at St. Leonard's, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Charge 1, S. Howard 2, R. Sanders 3, Marjorie Jackson 4, F. J. Matthews 5, J. W. Chapman 6, C. D. Nichols (cond.) 7, T. W. Welbourne 8. A 74th birthday compliment to Reuben Charge.

TIRLEY, GLOS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and St. Dunstan's): C. Tustin 1, T. Steward (cond.) 2, W. Barnfield 3, F. Chamberlain 4, S. Ball 5, A. C. Chamberlain 6. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

TIVERTON, DEVON.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. H. Ware 1, L. H. May 2, P. Mayne 3, E. Richards 4, R. J. Kelland 5, E. J. Taylor (cond.) 6, J. Upton 7, A. Kerslake 8. Rung to wish God-speed to Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Green and a safe return from their voyage to Australia.

TWYFORD, BERKS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. White (first quarter) 1, A. Brown (first 'inside') 2, Miss P. Holloway 3, Miss W. Hunt 4, Mrs. H. Smith 5, H. Smith 6, W. Hunt (cond.) 7, F. Wigmore 8. Rung for harvest festival.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Oct. 19th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minor: Anne Holmes 1, Mary Fuller 2, Barbara Mitchell 3, M. Fuller 4, R. Bird (cond.) 5, R. Hartley 6.

WOODBURY, DEVON.—On Oct. 17th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. L. S. Glanvill 1, Miss E. Brown 2, Miss B. Smith 3, C. Deem (first as cond.) 4, R. Woodley 5, E. W. Rowe 6, F. Wreford 7, Rev. J. G. M. Scott 8. First quarter 3 and 6. For the festival of St. Luke and the election of the Mayor of Woodbury. Also a compliment to Miss M. Mundy on her 21st birthday and becoming engaged to Mr. T. Greenaway, of Surbiton.

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A. F. B. writes:—Two bands have just rung peals in what the designer considers to be the first Royal form homogeneous with the London method-plan, i.e., 'Metropolitan Royal,' the Leicester Cathedral band at the Loughborough Foundry on October 15th, and a Cheshire band under C. K. Lewis on October 18th at Macclesfield. The Leicester band is now practising the Maximus.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The eleventh bell of Cirencester Parish Church is to be recast by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. Mr. C. R. Mullings raised £659 7s. 6d. to meet the cost from local tradesmen. The bell dates back to 1734. According to the 'Wiltshire and Gloucester Standard' Cirencester bells have been selected for a broadcast in connection with the Coronation. The first peal on Cirencester bells was rung by the Ancient Society of College Youths in 1767. We should be pleased to hear of any other towers that have been approached by the B.B.C. in regard to the Royal ceremony next year.

Bon voyage and a safe return is the wish of the Bournemouth and other ringers to Mr. Michael Best, who is going to the Far East to complete his National Service.

The new Sunday service band at North Stoneham are making progress. Five of the band participated in the peal of Kent Treble Bob Major on October 18th. There were to be six but Miss Betty Faithfull was indisposed.

Sylvia Streater, of Walberton, is the first Girl Guide in West Sussex to obtain a ringers' badge. The specimen of rope splicing submitted for her test leaves no doubt about the maintenance of the ropes at Walberton in future.

Eaton Bray, Bedfordshire, where a peal was rung on October 8th had its last peal on July 1st, 1922. The band then was Frederick Vickers, Henry E. Good, Augustin V. Good, Joseph B. Marks, George W. Heley and Arthur E. Sharman (conductor).

Langar (Nottingham) bells are believed to figure in our peal columns for the first time this week. The bells 'go' well but have roughly 35 feet of unguided rope. After the peal Mr. W. Neville Brown, who thus completed peals in the Grandsire family from Doubles to Cinques, ran the best part of a mile to catch the bus connection to Newark.

Owen's College Bob Major, rung by Manchester University Guild as their first tower-bell peal, is C.C.C. 222. It takes its name from the fact that Owen's College was the forerunner of Manchester University.

In connection with the memorial peal rung at Cranborne, Dorset, on October 11th, to Mr. A. G. Janes, the band were hospitably entertained to tea by Mr. William Day, the local tower captain.

Egham (Surrey) ringers gained notoriety by their contributions to the harvest supper which included a talk on bells and demonstrations by ringers. As a result they have received a number of invitations to ring handbells during Christmas week and on other occasions.

Congratulations to the youth of the Farnham District who rang a peal of Plain Bob Major at St. Michael's, Aldershot, on October 18th. The average age of the band was 16 years, 3 months, and they were the youngest band to ring a peal of Major for the Guildford Diocesan Guild.

Mr. G. J. Abbott, in a reply to 'Dorset Rabbit' states All Saints' (8), Wyke Regis, is the Mother Church of Weymouth, Holy Trinity, Weymouth, and St. Paul's, Westham, are her daughter churches. St. Mary's is the Parish Church of Melcombe Regis, the two towns being united in the 17th century. Preston (6) and Upwey (6) are also in the Borough of Weymouth and Melcombe Regis.

Mr. G. Marriner, who as an apprentice took part in building the Chapel at the Royal School for the Blind, Leatherhead, was a member of the band which rang a service touch on handbells for the School's harvest festival on October 12th. Other ringers were A. Smith, A. Winch and A. Harman. The Bishop of St. Asaph, the preacher, spoke to the team afterwards. The School is anxious to start handbell ringing.

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DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

75th ANNUAL MEETING HELD AT NEWCASTLE

THE annual meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association was held in Newcastle on September 27th. Ringing was available at intervals throughout the day from 10.30 am., until 9.30 p.m. at various churches in the city.

A prior booking of many months standing prevented very much ringing at the Cathedral and the service, committee and tea had to be held elsewhere. The sense of disappointment at the non-availability of the Cathedral was greatly offset by the welcome that was received from the Vicar of St. John's, the Rev. C. I. Pettitt. He conducted the service and gave an address on the text 'There are diversities of gifts but the same Spirit'—a text which he always used when addressing a congregation that was composed of people who had a common interest which had brought them together. A retiring collection raised £2 4s. for the War Memorial Fund.

Tea at a nearby restaurant was attended by 58 ringers and friends. Twenty towers were represented and, in addition, life-members were present from Ripon, Richmond and Middlesbrough.

The president Canon H. S. Stephenson, expressed pleasure at seeing such a good attendance but was sorry that there was still a large number of towers in the Association's area that were silent Sunday by Sunday.

THE ANNUAL REPORT

Mr. D. A. Bayles presented his first report as general secretary and stated that the year had not been one of spectacular activities but some useful things had been achieved. A review of finances had led to the adoption of a scheme for a smaller and cheaper annual report and it was hoped that the proposed cut in expenditure on this item would help to balance the budget and stop the drain on their meagre reserves. The order for the tablet to be added to the existing War Memorial for 1914-18 had been placed and it was hoped that the dedication would take place in mid-November. The requisite amount of money had not yet been raised but the bold step of placing the order had been taken in order to stabilise the target at which we were aiming. In reviewing the Association meetings held during the year he felt that the attendances were for the most part disappointing. Two restorations had been made. The bells of All Saints', West Hartlepool, had been rehung, as also had those of Sunderland Parish Church, where the trebles had been recast. At Sunderland the whole church had been restored after war damage, and the Rector and his parishioners were to be congratulated on the splendid job that had been done. The year that was past had contained a notable occasion of national mourning in the death of H.M. King George VI. and among the widespread ringing on this occasion four muffled peals were recorded by the Association The year ahead held out the promise of national rejoicing in the Coronation of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II., and he hoped that ringing would be much in evidence among the celebrations

The treasurer, Mr. F. Ainsley, presented his audited cash statement for the year ended August 31st. This showed that the balance in hand had declined from £95 2s. 9d. to £89 4s. 6d., but the most serious aspect was the decline in the general fund from £41 16s. 11d. to £32 17s. 10d. It was disappointing to have to record quite large arrears in the payment of subscriptions and it would be necessary to remove some more names from the books under the operation of Rule 7.

In the absence of the editorial secretary, his report was read by the secretary. The report showed that 35 peals had been rung during the year, two of them on handbells. Fifty-seven members had taken part and there had been nine conductors. Five members had rung their first peal and three new conductors had appeared. E. N. Harrison headed the list with 19 peals followed by R. Park with 17 and J. A. Ainsworth, D. A. Bayles and T. W. Crowe with 16. Belgrave Surprise Major and Darlington Surprise Major had been rung for the first time for this Association but the most notable addition was the 16 Surprise Minor method peal rung by the band at Holy Trinity, Darlington. This is now the greatest number of methods rung in one peal by the Association and was a farewell to Michael P. Moreton.

THE OFFICERS

The officers were re-elected en bloc with the exception of the editorial secretary. Mr. W. J. Davidson did not seek re-election and Mr. J. Brewster was elected in his stead. The officers for 1952-53 are, therefore:—President, Canon H. S. Stephenson; secretary, D. A. Bayles; treasurer, F. Ainsley; editorial secretary, J. Brewster; auditor, J. F. Bird; peal referees, W. J. Davidson, J. E. R. Keen, W. N. Park and R. Park.

The Districts made no alteration in their officers and the appointments were confirmed viz.:—Northern District: Vice-President, K. Arthur; secretary, S. Hewitt. Western District: S. Thompson and C. J. Lamb. Eastern District: A. Brunton and W. F. Sheraton. Southern District: T. Cooke and D. R. Airey.

A vote of thanks to the retiring officers was proposed by Mr. W. Tyson and one to the various incumbents for the use of their bells by Mr. A. Brunton.

Mr. W. N. Park had given notice of a motion to amend Rule 10 so that the first part would read: 'The annual general meeting shall be held on the last Saturday in September in each year, alternately in the Dioceses of Durham and Newcastle.' He recalled how changes had been made from time to time in the date and venue of the annual meetings and how the Association's year had been varied as well. They were moves to suit the convenience of members and now, when members had shown themselves reluctant to visit Durham City, he felt that the committee should have the greater choice that the substitution of 'Dioceses' for 'Cities' would allow. At present Durham had very poor ringing facilities, no special service seemed to be possible at the Cathedral and catering was very difficult. Albeit Durham was not banned by the amendment but the matter could be reviewed in alternate years. Other members spoke in support of the motion and no one spoke in opposition, although there had been a tie in the voting at the committee when seeking to make a recommendation. At the general meeting the motion was carried by a very large majority.

The committee had arranged the J. W. Parker Commemoration meeting for March 21st and the half-yearly meeting at North Shields for May 9th. The annual meeting depended upon the outcome of the motion on Rule 10 and following the success of the motion a proposal to visit Darlington in 1953 was carried.

The secretary reported on the provisional arrangements that he had made with the Provost of Newcastle Cathedral for the dedication of the War Memorial. The service had been fixed for Saturday, November 15th. at 3.30 p.m. and it was hoped to publicise the arrangements and issue invitations to various groups of people especially the relatives of the Fallen, if the information could be obtained through tower secretaries.

Nine new members were elected.

In conclusion, Mr. F. Ainsley said that the current issue of 'The Ringing World' contained one item of a very happy nature and that was the mention of the forthcoming silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. C. McGuiness. He was sure that all members would wish to join him in congratulating Mr. and Mrs. McGuiness on this happy occasion and he hoped that they had found hospitality since they had become residents in Newcastle. This was carried with acclamation and Mr. McGuiness responded by thanking Mr. Ainsley and the members for their kind wishes. He wished, too, to record their gratitude for the very warm-hearted welcome that they had received.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World,' November 1st, 1912

THE LADIES' GUILD FORMED

The Ladies' Guild was successfully inaugurated on Saturday at a meeting held at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, London. One of the great difficulties in the way of the organisation of the society is the distance which separates those who are eligible for membership, but the interest and enthusiasm of the ladies resulted in a really well-attended meeting to give the Guild a send-off. Many of the best-known lady ringers were present so that the gathering was fully representative.

The following ladies were present:—Miss E. N. Belcher (Fleet), Miss G. Adams (Clapton), Miss M. Chillingworth (Bradfield), Miss S. Johnson (Edmonton), Miss M. Nightingale (London), Miss E. K. Parker (Edmonton), Miss S. and Miss M. Pigott (Smethwick), Miss K. Smith (Maidenhead), Miss M. Sampson (Tamworth), Miss A. White (Basingstoke), Miss L. Willson (Leicester), Miss E. L. Bennett (New Cross) Mrs. Whittington (Cranleigh) and Miss Hazell (Edmonton). . . . . A touch of Grandsire Triples was rung by the ladies, [and] afterwards seven of them took part in a touch of Stedman Triples, and three of them rang Double Norwich. . . . .

[One of those present proposed that the title of the society should be the 'Women's Guild.' '"Ladies," she thought, was merely an ornamental term'!]

SILVER WEDDING OF MR. & MRS. C. McGUINESS

It is most convenient to have important occasions such as silver weddings falling on Saturdays or public holidays but, even if those responsible have not had the foresight to arrange things as well as that, it is still not permissible to let such occasions go unnoticed.

On Wednesday, October 1st, 1952, various ringers hastened from their places of work, not homewards but to the Church of St. George, at Jesmond, Newcastle-upon-Tyne. There they were able to offer congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. McGuiness on the very happy occasion of their silver wedding, and shortly afterwards the bells were marking this notable event in the only possible way for two ringers, with a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major, the details of which will be found in the peal columns. The peal was an uneventful one, free from all but minor trips, and beyond that it need only be noted that this was one of Mrs. McGuiness's very rare appearances in a peal. Her total is now double figures.

After the peal the ringers were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. McGuiness at their home in Kenton. The majority of us have known them only since they came to reside in Newcastle, but we have known their hospitality for almost as long as they have been with us, and a special spread awaited us on this occasion. Time hardly permitted us to do justice to it but we were able to drink a toast, proposed by Norman Park, to our host and hostess before we made our ways home D. A. B.

STEDMAN CATERS AT EDINBURGH

Not many ringers ever get the opportunity to ring a peal at St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh but when an invitation from the local company reached us on Merseyside' we immediately accepted it with much pleasure. Quite a number of ringers were interested in this venture but as the invitation was for four ringers only, several very sportingly gave way to the more enthusiastic.

Our conductor, Mr. P. W. Cave, was already as far north as Newcastle on business and he travelled to Edinburgh by rail whilst the remainder set off from Liverpool early on Friday, Oct. 3rd, by road. The wild weather of the previous few days fortunately had given way to some really beautiful autumn sunshine and this made the 220 mile journey enjoyable. We were met at the Cathedral on Friday evening by three of the local company headed by Mr. W. H. Pickett, who is, of course, well known to most Liverpool ringers, he having resided for some time in that area whilst engaged in assembling the great organ at Liverpool Cathedral more than 25 years ago.

After a good meal at a local restaurant we were invited by Dr. Branson to her home for handbell ringing and before we finally broke up, the first courses to be rung in Scotland of Reverse Bob and Double Bob Major were brought round.

Saturday morning we spent sight-seeing and our visits to Edinburgh Castle and the Forth Bridge were very much enjoyed. We met in the Cathedral belfry at 1.30 p.m. and awaited anxiously the Glasgow contingent, whose bus, unfortunately, had been delayed. However this extra half-hour gave us time to look around the belfry walls and study the many interesting drawings of churches and bell frames, etc. It also gave Dr. Branson time to digest her two meat pies which was all she had had time to eat since leaving the operating theatre to join us in ringing. On inspection we found the bells to be a Taylor ten cast in 1878, having been designed by the late Lord Grimthorpe. The tenor (42 cwt.) is said to have been cast in the same mould as the eleventh at St. Paul's, and the whole ring had been retuned and rehung in 1935, and the seventh recast.

We set off into changes at 2.5 p.m. and soon settled down to a fairly fast beat. At first the rope rattle caused by the wooden sally guides made hearing a little difficult but as the peal went on conditions appeared to improve. At the end of the first quarter peal came our only serious trip but fortunately our conductor knew all the answers and very soon had us right. Owing to a late start we rang through evensong but as the bells are scarcely audible in the church there were no complaints.

After the peal we were entertained to dinner by the Cathedral Society. Mr. Charles Raine spoke a few words thanking us for making this peal attempt possible, and after ringing at St. Mary's for nearly 30 years this was his first attempt for a peal on these bells. Mr. P. W. Cave replied, warmly thanking our hosts for their many kindnesses shown to us during our short stay in Edinburgh. The remainder of the evening was spent in an exceptionally comfortable hotel a little out of town, where our thoughts were soon led away from the subject of change ringing!

We met again for service ringing on Sunday morning and enjoyed a touch of Grandsire Caters with the local band before bidding farewell to our friends who had provided us with such a happy week-end.

Thank you, Edinburgh! R. G. E.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

An enterprising effort on the part of the Daventry and Guilsborough Branches was a dinner and social held at the Saracen's Head Daventry, on October 11th.

Mr. G. Hancock (Daventry Branch president) presided over a company of 64 which included welcome visitors from Leicester, Rugby and Southam. Mr. E. G. Orland welcomed the visitors, and Mr. H. J. Poole, in his reply, complimented the branches on holding their first gathering of this nature and hoped there would be many more in the years to come.

The social evening followed in the traditional manner with songs games and handbell ringing, which included the 'rise and fall,' a course of Cambridge Surprise Major and a touch of Stedman Caters, also tune ringing by the visitors and the 'locals.' E. G. O.

NEW ZEALAND NEWS

Mr. A. J. White, of 36, Wallace Street, Herne Bay, Auckland, New Zealand, who participated in the first 720 rung in the Dominion recorded in our 'Forty Years Ago,' on page 492, writes that he was captain of St. Matthew's band, Auckland, from 1908 until 1917. These bells are now being clocked by choirboys, despite Mr. White's protests. The Vicar is trying to get the bells going but since they have been silent a block of flats has been built about 200 feet away and the owners threaten to take proceedings to stop any ringing

Mr White states that he is the only active ringer in Auckland and he now travels every four weeks to Hamilton a distance of 90 miles, for a ring. Previous to going to New Zealand he was a member of the Surrey Association, belonging to the Mitcham Parish Church band, with whom he rang five peals of Stedman—the last, his farewell peal, was on August 26th, 1908.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

Penzance Branch

The autumn meeting was recently held at Madron when some 55 attended, including the Guild president (Miss Eileen Symons) and Diocesan Ringing Master (Mr. W. H. Southeard), to whom a special welcome was given after his recent operation and serious illness. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. M. W. Hocking). Tea followed in the Landithy Hall.

At the business meeting the audited accounts were presented, and Wendron chosen for the spring meeting. Elections were as follows:—Branch chairman, Miss E. Symons: secretary, the Rev. A. S. Roberts: auditor, Mr. W. Wood. Thanks were accorded to Mr. and Mrs. Arnold White and Mr. J. W. Reed (churchwarden) for the work they had done to make the gathering so successful.

The bells which are the most westerly ring of eight in the country, were kept going during the afternoon and evening.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

South Oxon Branch at Dorchester

A quarterly meeting of the South Oxon Branch was held at the historic abbey of Dorchester on October 11th.

The service in the Abbey was conducted by the Vicar of Warborough, who also gave an interesting and helpful address, and the Branch secretary, Mr. H. Badger, acted as organist.

After the service a good tea was enjoyed at the White Hart Hotel by a company of 31.

At the meeting, with the Vicar of Warborough in the chair seven new members were elected.

Ringing followed on the Abbey bells: this reached a much higher standard than usual, Double Norwich and Cambridge being attempted.

JOINT MEETING AT HILLINGDON

Followed by Social

The annual gathering of the members of the Middlesex Association and the Oxford Guild brought over 70 ringers and friends to Hillingdon on October 11th. A welcome was extended to the new band at All Hallows', Twickenham (late Lombard Street, in the City of London), who were on an outing. The bells of St. Andrew's Uxbridge, were also available to the visitors, the latter coming from a wide area (a record in tea notifications was set up by one conscientious ringer who sent in his name from Aberdeen!) Many methods up to Surprise Royal were rung.

The ringers' service was conducted by the Rev. J. S. Waller, who, in his address, said: 'Ringing for the glory of God should be the best we can give.' The writer was reminded, when listening to these words, of the recent editorial in 'The Ringing World,' wherein it was said that there is only one quality of striking that may be called perfect, and that is only obtainable by constant striving, study and application, however long one has been ringing. By such self-dedication and humility, we may truly deserve the honour of ringing 'to the glory of God.'

The choir of St. John's under the direction of the organist and choirmaster sang the famous 'bell' anthem—'Rejoice in the Lord alway.'

After tea Mr. Waller, on behalf of the Vicar, the Rev. F. C. Tyler, who was on holiday, and the Middlesex ringers, welcomed the visitors. Mr. A. D. Barker, of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, suitably replied, and also thanked all those kind people who had contributed in any way towards making this happy occasion, especially Mrs. F. W. Goodfellow and her band of helpers who provided the excellent tea (and supper later!).

Mr. F. W. Goodfellow, speaking as the local tower secretary, said that the parish felt honoured at the visit of the two Guilds to Hillingdon. Not only had the clergy and choir led them in the inspiring service just held but later that night other parochial groups would entertain them.

The evening concluded with a social in St. John's Hall. Apart from handbells games and a modicum of dancing, the Young Wives' Group performed an amusing sketch fittingly entitled 'The Expectant Father,' the Men's Group had the audience laughing uproariously at that graphic, heart-stirring melodrama 'The Dilemma of Ella,' and Mr. Harris, a member of the choir, sang a couple of songs, the accompanist being Mr. Ferguson.

The celebrated handball match (played with a balloon but with ruthless vigour and determination!) for the battered old china cup was won for the second time by the Oxford Guild.

The programme was compered by Mr. F. W. Goodfellow.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

A Tonbridge District meeting was held at Tonbridge on October 4th, the first meeting there since the repair of the bells and the recasting of two of them. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Russell B. White, and was followed by tea and the business meeting with the Vicar in the chair. Officers elected for the coming year were:—Secretary, Mr. R. A. Whitehead: District representatives, Miss D. Colgate, Mr. P. Carter: Ringing Master, Mr. R. Collins. Mr. Bernard Lucas, of Leigh, was elected a member of the Association.

It was decided, after discussion, with no formal resolution, that every means should be used to encourage the recruitment of young ringers and to increase the co-operation between ringers and clergy in the service of the Church and the District is to make a determined effort to act along these lines in the year now beginning.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE ART OF GOOD STRIKING

Dear Sir,—The comments and criticisms that appear from time to time in 'The Ringing World' on the striking of bells must, I feel, be read with interest by many ringers whose aim in all their ringing is to maintain a high standard of this art.

It is true that complacency exists among bands of ringers and their conductors, leading to lackadaisical handling of bells with its consequent bad striking and performances not worthy of their place as contributions to the maintenance of a tradition built up through hard work and patience by ringers in the past and striven for so hard by many ringers of the present day.

There is only one quality of striking that may be called perfect, and although there are a great many ringers who are not satisfied until they have mastered this art there are unfortunately so many who for one reason or another never do so. This may be due to impatience on the part of the captain of a band to try to get his ringers to attempt to ring far beyond their capabilities as regards methods or number of bells being rung or by individual ringers crowding as much variation in as short a time as possible before learning the fundamentals of the production of good striking.

What can be one of the greatest joys and interests in change-ringing—and one that is impossible to experience without excellent striking—is the production of a rhythm on a ring of bells.

Many ringers will think that they have experienced this rhythm during their ringing, when, in fact, they may never have taken part in the standard of striking necessary to produce it.

This rhythm can be produced only by what I consider to be the greatest mental and physical harmony that it is possible to obtain between members of a band during ringing. When this harmony and rhythm is once produced in a touch or peal it can, and so often does, continue with less effect on the part of the band than if the striking is imperfect.

Such ringing as this can be obtained only when those taking part are not attempting something which they know full well is really beyond their powers at the present stage of practice and experience.

I am fully aware that without poor ringing and striking at times there would be little progress, but this should be confined to practice meetings so as to avoid bad ringing at other times.

I do feel that the general standard of ringing would improve if more time and patience were given to the art of good handling and striking. This can be accomplished only when the ringing presents no greater difficulty to the band than will allow each one of them to concentrate on listening to the sounds produced in addition to seeing the ropes falling.

The ringers of to-day are not faced with the problems which existed some years ago. With the modern methods of bell-hanging the 'go' of so many rings is now so much better, but the problem of good striking still varies somewhat according to the rings of bells. It is true that there are many bells that are false striking and many that have other handling peculiarities, but any ringer who has once mastered the art of good handling and striking can overcome these problems quickly, and in fact in doing so it can add to his general interest and gain for him the appreciation of the rest of the band.

We must always remember that the art of change-ringing is the art of producing changes and unless good striking prevails the truth between one change and another is indistinguishable.—Yours sincerely,

A. L. S.

Chelmsford.

THE QUIZ

Dear Sir,—Your 'quiz' is interesting, but surely it fails in its objective when it shows on being put to the test, that I am as good a ringer as one of our leading conductors, and that a lad of 16, who has been ringing for three years or so, is even better than the conductor in question!

Yesterday evening, after a peal, six of us held a 'trial by jury,' with the quiz playing the role of public inquisitor. Several problems of interpretation of questions arose, which the compiler might care to solve.

Question 8.—Has the compiler ever tried to ring at, for example, Twyford, Hants, **without** leaning against the wall?

Question 10.—How to interpret 'exactly'? Only two of our six were awarded ten for this.

Question 11.—Half our number had never attempted to raise or lower the treble in peal and not through any fault of theirs, either. This is probably a representative figure.

Question 15.—Does this mean to ask whether one knows the names of the musical changes, or whether one can recognise the musical positions, say in Caters?

Question 19.—Most controveersial. Surely a good tenor ringer with a good band does keep it behind at the same speed! It's the bad ringer who holds up for slowness, or pulls in to close up a gap. I admit that I recently rang the tenor to a peal of Grandsire Caters in which I had to change the compass every lead, according to whether the trebles or the big bells were behind together. To my mind that was wrong. However, we did not answer the question on account of its ambiguity.

Question 21.—A bad question. The logical result of earning five marks here is that before long we'll have our belfries full of 'wincing Willies' trying to show what good ringers they are!

Question 23.—This is grossly unfair on those scores of good ringers who **generally** devote their time and energy to helping those less advanced than themselves.

Finally there is no mention of either attainment in method-ringing or peal-ringing, which is, of course, vitally important to 'better bell-control in the widest possible sense'—far more important than ringing changes on handbells.

Perhaps the compiler would care to explain these points?—Yours faithfully,

R. A. REED.

Eastleigh, Hants.

P.S.—Points scored in our round-table quiz were: 118, 108 108, 100, 100, 100.—R. A. R.

HANDLING AND RINGING

Dear Sir,—Having retired from any chance of ringing honours, I feel I must 'have a go' at the author of your editorial 'Complaisancy.' Without running the risk of not being asked to stand in a peal, I would inquire does the author desire to go back to the pre-atomic age? Those were the days when a ringer sat on a bench in the belfry for 40 years. Well, to-day's methods turn out a greater percentage of ringers than the old procedure ever did.

As to handling, what does it matter if a ringer has the knack of pulling his bell where it should be. He is not on T.V. or having his photograph taken for posterity to admire. I can name three of the best ringers I ever met who were all bad handlers.

In the old days many were called but few chosen because they did not comply with the laws of the Medes and Persians. As to any decline in our art, all I can say is that they 'can suck eggs a good deal quicker than our grannies.'—Yours truly,

'A. FLAT.'

FORTY YEARS A RINGER BUT ANXIOUS TO IMPROVE HIS STRIKING

Dear Sir,—I am greatly interested in the leading article 'Complacency.' Thanks are due to the correspondent for the pluck to 'pen it'; it is time such an article appeared.

Although the writer of these few lines admits striking is not a strong point with him, he always appreciates advice offered by more competent strikers to improve in this direction, in spite of the fact of some forty years' experience of ringing.

To-day far too much cramming of higher methods is indulged in to get into Surprise ringing as quickly as possible. But what about striking 'humble' Grandsire properly? Oh dear, no! There is never a thought of returning to call changes. What an indignity! After all cannot call changes be compared to the scales as practised by any expert pianist or violinist, or any other experienced player of a musical instrument? They frequently return to scales to improve their fingering. Then why should not ringers, to improve their striking, practise call changes?

I agree with S. O'C. H. that poor striking and handling does appear to be on the increase. One is almost inclined to think that our bell-founders make too perfect a job of hanging the bells, causing them to swing too easily, thus making for the lazy and careless ringer.

There are many folks who are not ringers who like to hear bells, especially on Sundays. They do not know the difference between call-changes and Cambridge Surprise Major, but what they do notice is the difference between good and bad striking.

That brings up another point. Sunday service ringing should not be turned into a practice of some methods not well known by all the band. Always ring what is known best to give of our best for the Master.—Yours faithfully,

Holloway, N.7. R. NEWMAN.

GETTING THE TRUE ECHO-EFFECT

Dear Sir.—Yours truly, A. J. G., October 3rd asks if ringing whole-pull changes, half-muffled, is ever practised. Yes, we have practised it at Southover, Lewes, for some time now and its effect is pleasing. We like it and so do some of our friends and critics. As to whether such ringing violates the principles of change-ringing, I think we can give that the go-by sometimes. Try a course of Grandsire Triples when your bells are half-muffled and see if you can do it. I think you will like it.

R. C. H.

TOWER PERMISSIONS

Dear Wilfred.—You and I have been scrapping for years with telling body-blows on each side. This time I get one in. I quite agree that permission to ring should be asked of the incumbent, who, if he has any sense will ask his captain or ringers about it, and ask the secretary of the tower to reply for him, then everyone is happy. But the churchwardens have no control over the bells, and do not constitute the lawful authority jointly with the incumbent.

If a bequest was left to the incumbent and the churchwardens it would in effect be left to the Parochial Church Council as the constitution is to-day, but in bell matters the control of the bells and the bellringers belongs to the incumbent alone, and the exact legal rights of the parishioners and the churchwardens in this matter are very obscure.

Undoubtedly when the question of repairs arises the decision of what should be done rests with the Church Council of which the incumbent is chairman and the wardens ex-officio members, but permission to ring rests with the parson, and the wardens have no say. I know of no other instance in Church of England matters to-day, except the ordering of music, where the situation is so Papal. How are you?—Yours sincerely,

LEONARD J. BIRCH,
Rector of Hanbury, Worcs.

LETTERS—Continued

LONDON ROYAL No. 3

Dear Sir,—Mr. Kippin's letter may well be taken as the 'Action Stations' warning and I feel I must reply to it.

In the first place, the Leicester Diocesan Guild, or indeed any other Guild, is perfectly entitled to make its own decisions concerning its own affairs without any outside influence or advice, and from my knowledge of the officials and members of the Guild I can assure Mr. Kippin that he would have been called to book long ago if his anti-Central Council Decision 'Stunts' had been anything directly concerned with this Guild.

The Leicester Guild is fortunate to possess amongst its members persons who have made a deep study of method construction and extension and I am quite happy to accept and act upon their advice, being satisfied as I am that they are actuated by the highest possible principles and a sincere wish to do what is right. They are entitled to be represented at the Central Council meeting and I make no apologies for the time taken at Lincoln in doing what I regarded clearly as my duty as a delegate.

That a new name for London Royal No. 3 was selected some years ago surely indicates that those responsible were satisfied that London Royal No. 3 was not the correct name for it. Was it left just to create still one further opportunity for addition to the 'Stunts' or deliberately to add to the many complicated questions for the Council or to bring doubtful notoriety to Mr. Kippin?

Once again is instanced his apparent conviction that a change of name is necessary when he states that there is no intention to make the date of change retrospective. Surely this is a matter for a Council decision. Is this an indication of his assumed authority from his recent appointment to the Methods Committee? It may well be thought that this clearly demonstrates his unsuitability to serve on the Methods Committee and exposes what may well be the failing judgment of the Rev. K. Felstead, with whom he is so closely associated, and at whose suggestion he was co-opted.

RUTLAND SURPRISE MAXIMUS RENAMED

It is my personal desire and that of the Leicester Diocesan Guild to accept and conform to the letter with any Central Council decision and in this regard, as conductor of the first peal of Rutland Surprise Maximus to be rung I have renamed this Belvoir Surprise Maximus, after having given due notice to the Methods Committee.—Yours faithfully,

HAROLD J. POOLE.

Leicester.

OXFORD'S CLOCKS

Dear Sir,—Those who search for clocks with one hand or none will find Oxford a happy hunting ground for the latter type, for the city contains no fewer than four clocks with no external face—Magdalen College, New College, Merton College and Christ Church (the belfry, not Tom Tower). All these clocks chime the hours and quarters, and the first three have chimes of great interest and considerable age. The chime of Merton College, for instance, is based on a mediæval psalm-tone.

By the way, the home of Mr. F. H. Parr, referred to in 'Belfry Gossip' as 'Bucknall' and beneath his letter as 'Bucknell,' is, in fact Buckerell. I mention this, not by way of reflection on your accuracy or his handwriting, but because I hate to think of up-country clock-fanciers wandering endlessly, like Vanderdeken, round the Otter Valley looking for a one-handed clock in a non-existent village!—Yours, etc.,

(REV.) JOHN G. M. SCOTT.

Exeter.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Humour at the Annual Dinner

THE Chester Guild's annual dinner on October 11th at Bollands' Restaurant, Chester, was attended by a company of 60 which included the Bishop of the Diocese and the Archdeacon of Chester. Among the veteran ringers present were Sam Jones, sen., of Eccleston, and Robert Sperring, of old St. Mary's, Chester. Mr. F. Dunkerley, of the Lancashire Association, and Mrs. Dunkerley were also among the welcomed guests.

The Master (Mr. J. W. Clarke) proposed the loyal toast. In submitting the toast of 'The Guild,' the Bishop referred to the early history of the College Youths and their link with the Diocese. The Master, in his reply, supplemented the Bishop's remarks with further interesting details.

Mr. Dunkerley dealt with the clergy and spoke appreciatively of their service to the nation in general, and in the case of several of them, to the Exercise in particular, recalling the names of some who had been closely connected with the ringers of the Diocese. To this the Archbishop responded suitably—and humourously.

The toast of 'The Ladies' was undertaken by Mr. William Allman. He carried the company back in thought to a period centuries before the College Youths were thought of, to a period B.C., when Antony took Cleopatra to Cairo to listen to his ringing in a peal of Sphinx Surprise, after which she gave him a piece of her mind regarding his bad striking. Antony thereupon suggested that she needed a new pair of ears, and she appealed to her 'Friends, Romans, Countrymen' for the loan of theirs. Mrs. C. K. Lewis responded with the eloquence and felicity we have learned to expect of her.

The Guild was fortunate in having two excellent entertainers—Mr. E. Jones, of Chester College, and of the Magic Circle, and Mr. Harry Thomas, of Eccleston. Mr. Jones entranced with his feats of magic, and with uncanny insight selected Walter Allman as a part-time coadjutor, which needless to say, led to increased hilarity as the fun proceeded. Mr. Thomas was as amusing as last year with his vocal contributions, one of which was a revised version of 'The Village Pump,' modernised by the inclusion of some topical verses singularly appropriate for the occasion and the company present One of these derived its inspiration from an event to which frequent reference was made during the evening—an impending marriage. Those in the know were aware that 'Walter Allman' was no more than a campanological nom-de-plume for Sir Charles Jukes and to our great delight he brought the future Lady Jukes with him to the dinner.

Proceedings broke up shortly after 10 p.m. and everyone agreed that it was far and away the best annual dinner the Guild had so far had.

J. K.

BARWELL NEWS

A recent addition to the belfry at Barwell is a mahogany peal board recording the peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major by an entire Barwell band—the first tower in the district to do so. The work is that of craftsman Alan Hough, vice-captain of the band. Mr. W. P. Whitehead gave the wood. This is the third tablet to be placed in the belfry since the war.

Congratulations from his home tower to Roy Coleman who, since moving to Weston-super-Mare, has been appointed captain of the ringers.

David Wilebore, one of the youngest members of the band, had the misfortune to crush one of his fingers at school and has since had to have it amputated. The band are certain that this handicap will not deter his keenness when he returns to the belfry.

FOR BEGINNERS—

And a Word to the Older Hands

XVIII—OXFORD BOB MINOR

We need not here go into the arguments which have often been put forward showing the advantages of practising a variety of methods, particularly on the lower number of bells, but we would like to point out to those who at present ring only Bob Minor that it is not at all difficult to get on to new methods, and that it makes ringing vastly more interesting.

For instance, there is the method Oxford Bob. Put simply, it is Bob Singles (the Plain Bob method on four bells), with the other two bells continuously dodging behind from the time the treble leaves the back until it gets up there again when the bells behind hunt straight down to lead and two others (who led in turn after the treble) hunt straight up and take their places.

Many ringers will probably be able to step straight into the belfry and ring the method with that explanation, but for the sake of others let us go into a little more detail.

This is a table of rules by which you learn Bob Singles:—

Pass treble in 3-4, lie a whole pull in 4ths, dodge 4-3, and hunt down to lead.

Pass treble in 2-3, dodge 3-4 up, lie a whole pull in 4ths, and hunt down.

Pass treble in 1-2, make 2nds and lead again.

In Oxford Bob you do exactly the same thing, except that there is sandwiched on each side of the 2nds place the dodging in 5-6 referred to. This dodging is actually a three-pull dodge. That is to say, in whichever direction you are going, you have to step back three times. You cannot very well make a mistake in it, however for the two bells dodge until the treble separates them.

Now let us amplify our Bob Singles' table and make it fit our Oxford Bob Minor.

Pass treble in 3-4, lie a whole pull in 4ths, dodge 4-3, and hunt down to lead.

Pass treble in 4-5, a three-pull dodge in 5-6 up, lie a whole pull behind and hunt down to lead.

Pass treble in 1-2, make 2nds and lead again.

Pass treble in 5-6, lie a whole pull behind, a three-pull dodge in 6-5 down, and hunt down to lead.

Pass treble in 2-3, dodge 3-4 up, lie a whole pull in 4ths, and hunt down.

Here are the figures of the first part of the course showing the full dodging behind. Write out a complete course, draw a continuous line over one of the working bells and you have a diagram of the method. From it you can visualise the whole of the work:—

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1 2 3 4 5 6
2 1 4 3 6 5
2 4 1 3 5 6
4 2 3 1 6 5
4 3 2 6 1 5
3 4 6 2 5 1
3 6 4 5 2 1
6 3 5 4 1 2
6 5 3 1 4 2
5 6 1 3 2 4
5 1 6 3 4 2
1 5 3 6 2 4
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1 5 6 3 4 2
5 1 3 6 2 4
5 3 1 6 4 2
3 5 6 1 2 4
3 6 5 2 1 4
6 3 2 5 4 1
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The bobs are made exactly as in Plain Bob, but just a word of warning, a bob 'Wrong' in Oxford comes at the third lead and not at the first lead as it does in Plain Bob. For a 720 you can call the 6th, Wrong, Right, Wrong, or the 5th, Right Wrong, Right.

WOBURN, BEDS.—On Oct. 12th, 1,344 Yorkshire Surprise Major: D. Harris 1, W. C. Marshall 2, A. J. Lancefield 3, F. G. Huckstepp 4, R. J. Sharp 5, M. S. Lancefield 6, C. E. Jeffries 7, T. Cullingworth 8.

DEDICATIONS IN THREE COUNTIES

STRADBROKE, SUFFOLK

Saturday, October 18th, was a great day for Suffolk ringers and indeed, for the parishioners of Stradbroke, when the two new treble bells and chiming apparatus were dedicated and the old eight bells rededicated by the Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich, Dr. Richard Brook.

Stradbroke tower was well known for its sway, causing extreme difficulty in ringing the bells, and many ringers came from long distances, not only to witness the grand and lovely dedication service, or hear and ring on the new ten, but to test the actual 'go' of the bells and to check up on the 'behaviour' of the tower. Suffice to say that the 'go' of all the bells is perfect and there is now little more than a slight vibration of the tower.

Well before the service the church was full and judging by the number of cars that had parked in the vicinity, the number of clergy attending, the large robed choir, the lovely voluntaries from the organ and the general air of excitement and expectancy, one gathered this was going to be no ordinary event.

The service was conducted by the Rector (Canon K. E. Shaw) who was assisted by the Archdeacon of Ipswich (the Ven. C. O. George) and the minister of the Free Church. Among the visiting clergy was the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow. After the processional hymn, the Lord's Prayer, canticles and lessons, the Bishop and clergy, choir, representatives, including Mr. David Vincent, the donor of the two new trebles, Mr. Michael Howard representing Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, the architect, Mr. B. A. Hatcher, Professor Ryle, the Master and secretary of the Suffolk Guild, and churchwardens moved to the tower, where the dedication took place, after which the local ringers rang rounds on the bells.

In his address, the Bishop congratulated the parish of Stradbroke on the work it had done. He said he really loved church bells and rejoiced that so many young folk in the county were taking up the art. He hoped the chiming apparatus would be used only for the early service and definitely not for matins and evensong!

The lovely service over, came the eagerly-awaited opportunity to ring on Suffolk's latest and sixth ring of ten and the 150 or so ringers who had congregated from several counties found difficulty in getting a pull. Nevertheless the bells were kept going until a late hour when everyone should have had their requirements satisfied.

The fine oak frame has been retained and strengthened and the two tenor bells which cracked the tower have now been hung to swing east to west in a massive iron and steel frame underneath and the two new trebles have been placed in their pits. All the bells have been hung on ball bearings and reclappered and now form an exceptionally good ring.

Inside the tower the front eight bells are overpowered by the booming tenors—this is to be rectified by the bellfounders who will fix sound boxes. With the exception of the south louvre, which is to be boarded to quieten the eighth bell, the outside effect is delightful as the whole front eight bells sound clear and distinct and the tenors quiet and mellow. This is a pleasing contrast to the usual bold tenors drowning the trebles in rings of ten and twelve.

The whole of the work on the bells and tower has successfully been carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, who received many congratulations on the completion of an unusual and difficult job. So another milestone has been passed on the long journey towards the restoration of Suffolk's fine but rough-going rings.

On behalf of Suffolk ringers, a warm and heartfelt 'Thank you' to Mr. David Vincent, Canon Shaw and the hard-working Stradbroke people for their generous and splendid work.

EAST DRAYTON, NOTTS

The Bishop of Southwell (the Right Rev. Russell Barry) dedicated, on October 4th, the two new trebles added to the existing four bells at St. Peter's, East Drayton. The tenor has also been recast. A new ringing gallery was been erected in the tower. The contract was carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., who are congratulated on first-class workmanship. Mr. John P. Fidler represented the foundry.

After the dedication the bells were rung by the Misses G. and K. Burchnall, Messrs. H. Denman, Oswy Street, J. T. Bartram and Arthur Crawford.

The inscriptions on the bells are:—

Treble.—A. M. D. G. Given by the people of East Drayton in memory of George William Davison and Francis Cyril Pinder. A.D. 1951.

Second.—In memory of Charles, Mabel and Edmund Wilkinson and their parents. The gifts of their family, A. W., C. S. W., R. F. W. A.D. 1951.

Third—'Jesus be my Speed.' D. H. 1744.

Fourth.—John Taylor and Co., Loughborough. 1873.

Fifth.—'I sweetly toling, men do call. To taste on meat that feeds the soule.' H. O. 1606.

Tenor.—Recast 1951. The gift of M., R. C. L. and A. F. L. Burges, in memory of Rev. A. F. L. and F. M. Wilkinson. (Weight 13 cwt. in F sharp.)

The second bell was given by Canon R. F. Wilkinson, of West Bridgford and formerly Rector of Ordsall, and his two sisters, and the tenor bell by Mrs. Burges and her two sons.

Ringers were present from Nettleham, Bawtry, Shireoaks, North Muskham and Willingham. After tea ringing continued until 9 p.m. in various methods including London Surprise.

ANCIENT CUSTOMS

On the following Sunday evening Canon R. F. Wilkinson preached at the harvest festival. In his address he recalled memories of his childhood days at the Vicarage, and told something of th story of church bells and their message through the centuries. His family had a great affection for their old home, and he commended all the workers who had devoted themselves to such a great task. He hoped they would encourage the ringers in their duty and happy service.

In days gone by there were some interesting wedding customs. On the walls of the tower can be seen a number of rings painted in red ochre. They refer to a curious custom which existed until the latter part of the last century. After the banns were published for the first time, the ringers used to ring a special peal on the four old bells. On the wedding day the bells were rung immediately the registers were signed, and at intervals for the rest of the day. The wedding party brought up to the belfry a large plum loaf of six or eight pounds weight, and a cheese. These were carried by the 'best man.' All the school children paraded to the tower at the same time and the oldest ringer distributed a large piece of the loaf and cheese to each child. The ringers also received £1, which was spent in equal shares at the two village inns. A final peal was rung at six o'clock the next morning. Then the initials of the bride and bridegroom and the date were painted on the belfry walls, in a ring. There are nearly 100 rings, in the first being: 'E., W.D., 1777: and the last: 'B., R.M., 1865.'

The top letter stands for the bride's name. The same custom was observed at Treswell, Laneham and Egmanton.

STROUD, GLOS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Riddiford 1, Doris Shepperd 2, T. Pritchard 3, T. Witts (cond.) 4, T. Price 5, B. Cottle 6, W. Dean 7, M. Simpson 8.

WITNEY, OXON.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each Plain Bob, Old Norfolk, April Day and 300 Grandsire): E. Knight 1, E. J. Hill 2, L. Oliffe 3, J. Coggins 4, G. Wright (cond.) 5, P. Powell 6.

RADLEY BELLS RE-OPENED

Following the service of hallowing the bells, already reported in our columns, Radley Church was again filled on Tuesday October 21st, when parishioners and ringers from surrounding churches in Berks, Bucks and Oxon attended the service of re-opening of the ring of six bells.

The ceremony of handing the bells to the Vicar (the Rev. J. V. Pixell) was conducted by the Rev. C. E. Wigg (Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild), who also preached an inspiring sermon. The lesson was read by the Warden of Radley College (the Rev. J. Vaughan Wilkes). Other clergy present included the Reverends C. V. Cross (Aston Tirrold, chairman of the North Berks Branch), N. Hope (March Baldon) and E. S. Tarrant (Launton). The general arrangements were in the charge of Miss M. R. Cross (tower leader) and Mr. A. Cross (churchwarden).

An outstanding feature of the inspiring service was the fine corporate singing. This was ably led by the Radley Church choir which included 17 boys (all local, regular members of the choir). The ladies' section of the choir lent character to the service by singing from the gallery belfry the carol, 'Ding Dong Merrily on High.' Special prayers included one for those village ringers who, having learned to ring at Radley, are now away from the village at work, at college or at school. A further prayer was for the many ringers who have been taught as members of the Radley College Campanological Society, many of whom are now in distant lands. (The writer's thought went particularly to Philip M. Gray who whilst a schoolboy at Eastbourne College (evacuated to Radley) had been taught by Miss Cross, along with Richard Speed, and also to the young subaltern, name forgotten, whom he had met on a mountain top in Hong Kong in 1949). During the service a collection was taken to help reduce the sum of money still owing for the rehanging and recasting of the bells.

A touch of 60 Grandsire Doubles was rung as part of the handing-over ceremony by R. White, F. White (bellhangers, Appleton), A. A. Hughes (Messrs. Mears and Stainbank), F. Sharpe (Deputy Master of Oxford Diocesan Guild), the Rev. C. E. Wigg and the Rev. J. V. Pixell. At the conclusion of the service 120 Grandsire Doubles was rung by W. F. Judge (Master, Oxford Society), W. H. B. Wilkins (committee Oxford Guild), C. Kinch (secretary, Bicester Branch, Oxford Guild), A. E. Locke (secretary, North Berks Branch), P. Walker (secretary, Oxford Society) A. R. Pink (secretary, Oxford Diocesan Board of Finance). This was immediately followed by touches by the younger Radley ringers and included members of the Radley College Campanological Society.

Later, whilst the other visiting ringers were trying their hands on this lovely ring, which many considered to be among the prettiest and handiest in the district, refreshments were served to the visitors in the adjacent school by the ladies' choir. R. G. C.

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HUGHENDEN BELLS AND WINDOWS

The Bishop of Oxford dedicated, on October 12th the recast ring of eight bells in a new iron frame at Hughenden. The four windows replacing those destroyed by enemy action were also dedicated.

The bells are now all on one level and are a real pleasure to ring and listen to. The old tenor, CIRA 1410, has been preserved and hung above the ring for use as a service bell only. The crown, complete with cannons and inscription band of the seventh, CIRA 1490, also the inscription band of No. 6, 1633, have been kept.

The work was carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., who are to be congratulated on an excellent job.

The local ringers, with help from a few friends, took on the task of preparing the tower to take the new frame and bells, replacing two worm-eaten floors, raising the ringing room ceiling, redecorating the belfry and staircase and all the necessary work to ensure a perfect job. This entailed 833 hours of voluntary labour.

At the dedication the church was filled to overflowing and chairs had to be used. After the Blessing the recessional hymn 'Now thank we all our God' was sung. P. N.

HITCHIN BELL FOUNDRY

Mr. Derek P. Jones of Hitchin, writes:—The bells at Shillington, Beds, also had work done upon them by a founder at Hitchin at the end of the 16th century, according to the churchwarden's accounts. The incumbent, the Rev. Mr. Farmiloe, who is doing some research into this, referred me to the Victoria County History Herts, Vol IV., from which it appears that the founder was John Dier. An itinerant founder, he was working in the Hitchin neighbourhood from about 1580; a few of his bells still exist in this district, it is stated, and I hope to investigate this further.

OBITUARY

MR. W. J. SIMONS

Mr. Walter John Simons, of Dorchester, who died on October 15th, aged 79, was associated with St. Peter's, Dorchester, tower, for nearly 37 years and was a well-known member of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild. During the whole of that time he had been associated with the late Mr. J. T. Godwin, whose death was recorded in our columns recently. He was a competent ringer and instructor.

There was a very large attendance at the funeral service which was conducted by the Rector, Canon A. Wilkinson Markby chairman of the Dorchester Branch, assisted by the Rev. A. J. G. Chard. Apart from the officers of the Dorchester Branch the following towers were represented: St. Peter's, Fordington St. George's, Abbotsbury and Wyke Regis. The bells were rung half-muffled to Grandsire Triples before the service and as the cortege left the church. Cremation was at Weymouth.

EXETER.—At the Church of St. Thomas, on Oct. 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Wills 1, J. Hosgood 2, W. A. Wills 3, F. Wreford 4, J. E. Lilley 5, Rev. J. G. M. Scott (first of Stedman) 6, E. W. Biffin (cond.) 7, R. Willey 8. Also on Oct. 12th 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Hosgood 1, F. Wills 2, W. H. Howe 3, Miss M. Mundy 4, C. P. Yates 5, W. A. Wills 6, E. W. Biffin (cond.) 7, E. J. Bristowe (first quarter) 8. Rung for the Order of the Moose service.

GREAT TEY, ESSEX.—On Oct. 5th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. Dale 1, H. Webb 2, B. Webb 3, K. Smith 4, E. Piper 5, E. Percival 6, S. Piper 7, J. W. Dyer (cond.) 8. For harvest festival.

RIPPLE, WORCS.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Bennett 1, C. Halling 2, B. Spiers 3, C. Haylings 4, T. Hill (first quarter 'inside') 5, E. Sherwood 6. A birthday compliment to Miss Eunice Hawker and Master Robert Thomas.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Branch Meeting at Dean Prior

The Mid-Devon Branch held a quarterly meeting at Dean Prior, Buckfastleigh, on October 11th, when members and friends attended from Manchester, Teignmouth, Newton Abbot, Ashburton, Buckfastleigh, Totnes and Plympton. The service was conducted by the Rev. C. B. Underwood, Vicar, who gave a short address. Mr. A. H. Birley acted as organist.

After tea the usual business meeting followed with Mr. J. E. Lilley in the chair.

The programme for 1953 was adopted as follows:—January 31st Wolborough; April 25th, Cockington and Upton; June 27th, Joint Meeting with the South West Branch at South Brent; July 18th, Widecombe-in-the-Moor and Buckland; August 22nd, Branch Outing; October 24th, Stoke Gabriel and Paignton; November 28th, Extra Meeting at Babbacombe; all subject to the usual permission being obtained.

The election of Mr. B. Bladon, of Swindon, as a non-resident life-member prior to starting for a peal was confirmed, and in response to a question it was left to the Branch officials to look into the question of ringing arrangements for the Coronation.

The usual votes of thanks concluded the meeting and ringing took place at Ashburton in the evening. A. L. B.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.

Northern District

A meeting was held at Hinxworth, the most northerly church in the county, on Saturday, October 4th. The treble of the ring of six was added in 1908 by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank and the other five are by either Miles George or John Briant. The service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. G. C. F. Edwards, with Mr. H. C. Scarbrough at the organ.

A nice little tea was provided in the cosy Village Hall by the local ladies. The Rector was elected to the chair for the business meeting, his first duty being to ask the company present to stand in silence in memory of their president and former Northern District secretary. Mr. A. E. Symonds, who had passed to higher service since the last meeting.

Two new honorary members were elected—the chairman and Mr. E. R. B. Harriss (Baldock)—and the membership of Winifred M. Elliott was confirmed.

A letter was read from Mrs. Symonds thanking the District for their sympathy during her great loss.

Ringing then continued until 8.45: methods ranged from rounds to Cambridge Surprise.

ST. AMBROSE GUILD, BRISTOL

The Guild held its second annual Ringers' Sunday on October 19th and despite the inclement weather a very successful gathering took place. Ringing started at 7 a.m. for 8 a.m. communion service and ten members took communion.

At evensong, some 36 ringers and friends attended. Among those present were the Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Association (Mr. J. G. Jefferies), several members from Mangotsfield, Mr. C. R. Harding (chairman of the Bristol Rural Branch), Mr. A. T. Maggs, Coalpit Heath (at one time captain of the Guild for 17 years), Mr. and Mrs. W. Cook, Almondsbury.

A very bright service was held, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. F. S. Lee and an excellent address given by Mr. H. A. Curtis, Diocesan lay reader.

After the service the Guild entertained the visitors and friends to refreshments. Thanks were expressed on behalf of the visitors by Mr. J. G. Jefferies. Mr. A. C. Baker (captain) thanked the visitors for their support and also the choirmaster for his willing help and co-operation.

It was suggested that the service be held next year on Sunday, July 19th, that being the silver jubilee of the dedication of the bells.

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BIRTH

ROBBINS.—On Saturday, October 25th, 1952, at 100, Bell Lane, Bury, Lancs, to Betty (née Spice), wife of the Rev. Peter T. Robbins, a son—Andrew John. 1593

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

From Oct. 30th, 1952, the address of Mr. W. Prockson will be 37, Long Meadow Road, Sidcup, Kent. The above-named will still be the tower keeper at St. James', Clerkenwell, London, E.C.1. 1594

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MISCELLANEOUS

There will be no Wednesday practices at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, until further notice while repairs to the seventh bell are awaited. 1604

'ALL SAINTS' DOUBLES' METHOD.—This new method can be obtained from W. H. Cavill, High Street, Ashcott, Bridgwater, Somerset. Price 6d. post free; extra copies 4d. each. 1591

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MEETINGS

COVENTRY GUILD.—Southern District.—Saturday, Nov. 1st, Leek Wooton (5) (between Warwick and Kenilworth). Bells 3 p.m. Short service 4.30. Tea notifications to R. J. Edden, 25, Deppers Bridge, Southam, Rugby. (Harbury 314.) 1576

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Quarterly, Woolhope, Nov. 1st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers by Oct. 28th.—J. W. Downes. 1560

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, Nov. 1st, Oxhey (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m Names to R G. Bell, 131, Hampermill Lane, Watford. Tel. Watford 7936. 1540

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Smarden, Nov. 1st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 1505

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting on Nov. 1st at Prescot. Bells 2.30. Service 5. Tea 5.30 (1s.) All names, please, to Mr. W. C. Finney, 89, Derby Street, Prescot.—J. M. Preston, Branch Sec. 1606

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes and Salisbury Branches.—Joint meeting, Codford (6), Nov. 1st. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Business meeting for Salisbury Branch. Wylye (5) available afternoon and Heytesbury (6) evening.—J. Slatford and Y. Eloie. 1506

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Cotgrave Nov. 1st. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. 1541

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Sudbury-Clare District. — Ringing meeting, Nov. 1st at Haverhill. Bells 3 p.m Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock for those who notify, by Oct. 31st, Mr. Harry Clarke, 7, Hamlet Croft, Haverhill Suffolk—L. D. Mills, Hon. Sec. 1533

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division. — Practice meeting, Balcombe, Saturday, Nov. 1st, 3 p.m. Tea for those who advise by Oct. 29th.—G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley, Sussex. 1572

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—I. W. District.—Quarterly meeting at Ryde, Nov. 1st. Bells from 2.30. Service All Saints' 4.30. Tea and business meeting Wight Cat Cafe.—A. M. Guy, Dis. Sec. 1517

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch.—Meeting at Belbroughton, Saturday, Nov. 1st, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, social evening.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 1549

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Monday, Nov. 3rd, 7.15 p.m., general practice, St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge. All welcome. 1567

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Shelley near Huddersfield, Nov. 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Those requiring tea must notify, not later than Nov. 5th, Mr. F. R. Brook, Crabtree, Lower Cumberworth, near Huddersfield.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 18, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 1608

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Tempsford on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—L. H. Bywaters, Sec. 1580

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Hedon, Nov. 8th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.40. Names for tea by Wednesday, Nov. 5th, to Mr. C. Everingham, 25, Church Lane, Hedon. 1605

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District.—November meeting, North Wingfield, Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells from 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. W. H. Wain, South View, Church Lane, North Wingfield. Good attendance specially requested. 1597

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—West Hoathly (6), Nov. 8th. Tea at The Fountain Cafe. Names by Nov. 6th.—C. A. Bassett 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst, Sussex. 1598

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Meeting at Old Chesterton (6), Saturday, Nov. 8th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Hall.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 1600

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. —Meeting at Great Dunmow Nov. 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to H. W. Smith, 11, The Causeway, Great Dunmow, Essex. 1552

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Rodbourne Cheney (6), Nov. 8th. Tea.—Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon. 1583

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Yorktown (8) on Saturday, Nov. 8th, 6—9 p.m.—G. S. Joyce, Dis. Sec. 1610

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District. — A quarterly meeting, Cound, Nov. 8th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. 1587

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Meeting at Berkhamsted (8), Saturday, Nov. 8th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by Nov. 5th to Miss P. A. Martin, 12, Chapel Street, Berkhamsted. 1568

HUDDERSFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting, Kirkburton (8), Saturday, November 8th. Bells 2.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Plain tea for all at moderate cost 5 p.m. Business meeting immediately afterwards and bells until 8.45. 1579

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Whittle-le-Woods, Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bring own food.—L. Walmsley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Rishton, Nov. 8th. Ringing at 3 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 1586

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at St. Leonard's Middleton, Nov. 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Light tea 1s. 6d. Please inform, by Wednesday, 5th, Miss D. Lees, 15, Top Street, Middleton, Lancs. — F. Pritchard. 1585

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District. — Meeting, Shepshed, Nov. 8th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea in School 5. Names, by Nov. 5th, to Mr. G. Butler, 21, Bridge Street Shepshed. 1589

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District. — Meeting, Kibworth, Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., Railway Hotel.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 1596

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bourne, Nov. 8th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Phipps Cafe. Names for tea by Monday previous, please.—Bernard H. Dalton, Hon. Sec., Billingborough.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Nov. 8th All Saints', West Ham Lane (few minutes Stratford Station or Broadway). Bells (10) from 3 p.m. Tea 4.45. Business and further ringing from 6 p.m.—A. Boyack. Wanstead 1575 1609

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AND LONDON GUILD.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Church End, Finchley, on Saturday, Nov. 8th, 3 p.m. Service, tea and business. Hendon bells available 6.30 to 9 p.m.—T. J. Lock. 1588

NORTON-SUB-HAMDON. — Thanksgiving service for the restoration of the bells of Norton-sub-Hamdon on Saturday, Nov. 8th, at 3 p.m. Preacher, the Ven. the Archdeacon of Wells. Ringers who send their names, by Nov. 5th, to Mr. T. Osborne, Higher Street Norton-sub-Hamdon, will be entertained to tea as guests of the tower. Ringing until 9 p.m. 1574

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch. — Meeting at North Lopham, Saturday Nov. 8th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 at the Cherry Tree for those who notify, by Monday, Nov. 3rd, Mr. Ray Grant, North Lopham, Diss.—A. G. Harrison, Branch Sec. 1559

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Reading Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Tilehurst Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30 at Old Schools. Names, by Nov. 5th, to A. Diserens, 18, Manchester Road, Reading. 1575

SALISBURY GUILD. — Calne Branch. — Meeting, Lyneham (6), Nov. 8th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea. F. Goodwin, 83, Lyneham, Chippenham, Wilts.—W. Hacker, Hon. Sec. 1601

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — North Notts Branch.—Meeting at Bawtry (6), Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells until 6.45 p.m. Cafes close to church. Good bus service.—H. Denman 1542

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Quarterly meeting, Billingshurst, Nov. 8th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 (names, please, before the 5th).—E. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court Bognor Regis. 1599

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH —Andover District. — Whitchurch (8), Nov. 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5.15. Names by Nov. 6th—J. A. Hill, Anna Valley, Andover. 1602

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Southampton District. — Practice meeting, Nov. 8th, at Fawley. Bells 2.30. Names for tea, by Nov. 4th, to M. J. Butler. 8, St. Peter's Road Southampton. 1590

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.— Christchurch District.— Quarterly, Hordle (6), Nov. 8th, 3 p.m. Tea and meeting Milford-on-Sea, 5.15. Milford bells (8) after 6 p.m. Please note: **Annual meeting,** Christchurch, **Dec. 6th.**— A. V. Davis, 116, Alma Road Bournemouth. 1612

WORCESTER ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch. — Bi-quarterly meeting at Wychbold, Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, by Tuesday, November 4th, to E. F. Cubberley, Park Cottages Kempsey, near Worcester. 1607

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—By-meeting Wivenhoe Nov. 15th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Ringing till 9 p.m. Numbers for tea to me by November 10th, essential, please.—R. Duesbury, Hughesdale 5, Clacton Road, St. Osyth, Essex. 1571

MARSDEN, YORKSHIRE. — Annual Ringers' Day, Nov. 15th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Meat tea for all who notify, by Nov. 8th, Miss Mary Addy, Throstle Nest, Marsden. Whist, dancing, handbells and supper in the evening. 1536

NORWICH ASSOCIATION (Eastern Branch) and SUFFOLK GUILD. — Joint meeting. Beccles, Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells (10) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea by 12th, please, to E. R. Goate, 47, Smallgate, Beccles. 1584

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Meeting, Nov. 15th, Wyke Regis. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Names for tea, by Nov. 10th, to Mr. G. Abbott, 36, Williams Avenue, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.—Hayne, Sec. 1582

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—A Dinner will be held at Wadsworth's Cafe, Wednesbury, at Saturday, Nov. 15th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets 8s. 6d. each (remittance with order) can be obtained from Mr. F. Brotherton, 25, Beech Road, Oxley, Wolverhampton or Mr. F. Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourn, near Wolverhampton. Bells available during the afternoon: Wednesbury (10), Wood Green (8), St. Matthew's, Walsall (12) and All Saints', West Bromwich (8). Accommodation is limited so please obtain tickets as soon as possible. 1551

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting, Bingham (8) Saturday, Nov. 15th, 2.30 p.m. Tea (3s. 6d.) at Corner Cafe, for those who notify me by previous Tuesday.—P. N. White, 131, London Road, New Balderton, Newark. 1581

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, King's Somborne, Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells (6) 2. Service 4.15. Tea 5 in School Hut. Names, by previous Wednesday, to Mr. J. A. C. King, 29, Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester. 1592

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BULWELL, NOTTINGHAM.—Open Ringing Day, Saturday, Nov. 29th, 2.30. Short service 4.30. Teas 5, light or substantial, at nearby cafe. Come and enjoy these rehung bells.—C. Glenn. 1595

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual committee meeting at Maidstone, Saturday, Nov. 29th. Place, time and agenda by post in due course.—G. H. Spice, Hon. Sec. 1550

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Winchester District. — Preliminary Notice: The District Dinner will be held at the Westgate Lodge Hotel, Winchester, on Saturday, Nov. 29th, at 7 p.m. Details of ringing later. Tickets (8s. each) are now on sale from Mr. J. A. C. King, 29, Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester. 1546

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Eastern Division.—Meeting, Great Waltham (8). Saturday, Dec. 6th—amended date. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. H. Everett, The Chase, Boreham. 1577

QUARTER PEALS

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCS.—At the Church of St. Michael, on Oct. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: O. Wright (first quarter) 1, Joan Carter 2, L. Hill 3, F. Ronan 4, G. Gee 5, S. Marshall 6, J. Carter (cond.) 7, N. Ledger 8. Rung on the back eight as a birthday compliment to Canon Horner, Rector.

WINTERTON, NORFOLK.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. E. Larner 1, D. W. Green 2, R. G. Moore (first quarter) 3, R. G. Larner 4, J. S. Powles 5, R. E. Woodhouse (cond.) 6. Rung for harvest festival.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: T. Holloway (cond.) 1, Miss E. Bennett 2, W. Ludlow 3, A. G. Moore 4, L. Cave 5, S. Elliott 6.

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JEALOUSY

IN his address of welcome to the Central Council at Chester in 1951, the Dean, Bishop Norman Tubbs, said he had been, in his own words, mightily impressed by the numbers present at the corporate Communion earlier that morning. Inspired by the writings of Lawrence of Arabia, the thought had irresistibly crossed the Dean's mind that these ringers were blood brothers.

The same thought, although not always conveyed with the Dean's natural eloquence, recurs from time to time in the addresses to which ringers listen at their special services. The speakers are impressed by what they are sometimes pleased to call 'the freemasonry of the belfry.' And the wish has often been expressed that the spirit of brotherhood and friendliness which animates the large company of ringers could be induced more readily in other branches of church work.

Perhaps, by and large, these tributes to our unity, our community of purpose, our bond of affection, are well deserved. Certainly, it is a fine thing that with certain exceptions, too miserably few to be worthy of notice, a ringer may, wherever he finds himself on a Sunday morning, go to a belfry where he is a complete stranger and be assured of a friendly greeting and usually, if circumstances permit, an opportunity to join the local ringers in the performance of their Sunday morning duty. Of course, little incidents do occur sometimes when perhaps the visitor forgets his manners and feels that the ringing should be rearranged just to suit his convenience, or the hosts greet the stranger with an unfriendly stare. Generally, however, the inevitable 'Are you a ringer?' paves the way to yet another pleasant interlude in a ringer's career. Indeed, it would be idle to speculate upon how many life-long friendships have begun with that same question.

In spite, however, of all this undoubted goodwill there must be occasions when ringers, listening to tributes to their friendliness, feel a certain uneasiness in the remembrance of shortcomings which, although not evident to those who see us at our best, are nevertheless still alive in our midst and are a slur on our good name. Like all good families we have our skeletons in the cupboard, and it is as well that they should be brought out from time to time for an airing.

Is it too much to say that the chief of these skeletons is jealousy? To the student of ringing history it is evident that in ringing, as in all things transitory, crowns and thrones do perish and kingdoms rise and wane, but these inevitable shifts of emphasis are not always accepted with good grace?

The complete cessation of ringing for three years during the war and the disruption of our normal activities for considerably longer than that are now passing into perspective. When ringing got off once more to a somewhat unsteady start little bursts of activity became evident in unsuspected places. It was difficult to be certain at first where the post-war emphasis on ringing would be. New names, many already forgotten, began to appear. Other names, well known before the war, failed to come back. But inevitably the more recent years are teaching us that we can look for leadership in the Exercise in other places than those with which we were more familiar in pre-war days.

There are certain quarters where this changed order is not well accepted. Ridiculous remarks may be heard about the quality of ringing in other centres from people who, quite often, have never heard the ringing about which they express themselves so strongly. Sometimes the critics are not quite all they might be themselves. Others, undoubtedly very fine exponents of the art in their own day and generation, too readily assume that those who follow them, particularly those who are separated from them geographically, are unworthy bearers of the torch. It is difficult to assume that this attitude is prompted by any other feeling than jealousy. Of course, the criticisms are sometimes accurate enough, although, need it be said, not necessarily the more charitable for that. Nevertheless, accurate or not, the remarks in question are usually best unsaid. Their only effect is to engender bad feeling and certainly the critic's own ringing skill is not improved by his attitude of superiority and his inability to admit that another may be a better man than he.

If you think you have done better in the past than others are doing now you must be content to leave the verdict to history. If you think you are doing better at present you are well advised to keep your own counsel in the matter. If you think you can do better in the future you can only hope for an opportunity to prove it. In the last resort that which will satisfy you most is the knowledge that you are giving to ringing as much as you hope to receive from it, and if it pleases you to think you are doing a little better than someone else that thought, as long as it remains a secret within your own mind, will warm your heart and illumine your hearth, but let it out and it may burn the house down.

P. A. C.

TEN BELL PEAL

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Thurs., Oct. 23, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 24 cwt.

CLIVE M. SMITH	*Treble*	J. NORMAN HADLEY	6
*DEREK J. TRANTER	2	MAURICE G. TURNER	7
ALFRED C. BOXLEY	3	*DEREK K. KNOWLES	8
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	4	ERNEST STITCH	9
*JOHN R. COTTERILL	5	HOWARD HOWELL	*Tenor*

Arranged by C. WALLATER. Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.
* First peal of Royal. First peal of Royal as conductor. A birthday compliment to Mr. H. Howell.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

DRAYCOTT-LE-MOORS, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 6, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's Variation Tenor 11 cwt. 25 lb.

MICHAEL SLANEY	*Treble*	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	5
JUNE M. HENSHAW	2	CHARLES H. PAGE	6
WILLIAM CARNWELL	3	FRANK P. WRIGHT	7
ERIC NIXON	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER BORDER.
The first peal in the method on the bells.

HORWICH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 18, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12¾ cwt.

*ARTHUR TOMLINSON	*Treble*	ALAN PENDLEBURY	5
†MARJORIE BROWN	2	RAYMOND JOHNSON	6
NORMAN TOMPKINS	3	JOSEPH THORNLEY	7
†IAN P. MCEWAN	4	*PETER CROOK, SEN.	*Tenor*

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY. Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.
* 100th peal together. † First peal in the method.

STRETFORD, LANCASHIRE.
THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 18, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5056 OWEN'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11¼ cwt.

*MARGARET E. JACKSON	*Treble*	PHILIP P. CARTER	5
DEREK OGDEN	2	*DAVID A. EDWARDS	6
JEAN C. BROWN	3	WILFRED L. ROBINSON	7
GEOFFREY PEARSON	4	BRIAN HARRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD (C.C.C. 25).
Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.
* First peal of Major. The first peal in the method (C.C.C. 222). First tower bell peal of Major by the Guild. 25th peal as conductor.

THROWLEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 18, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM C. MARSHALL	*Treble*	*RICHARD J. LANCEFIELD	5
WILFRED W. RING	2	MARK W. MARSHALL	6
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	7
WILLIAM P. GARNER	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.
* First peal of Surprise.

WARFIELD, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 18, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Variation. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in F.

MICHAEL HATCHETT	*Treble*	REGINALD L. SILLS	5
EDWARD ARMSTRONG	2	JOHN M. ELLWOOD	6
RUTH TABRAHAM	3	WILLIAM BUTLER	7
GEOFFREY W. ASHDOWN	4	ALLEN D. RIVERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.
First peal of Stedman Triples by all. The conductor has now rung Stedman from Doubles to Cinques. To celebrate the birthday of the treble ringer.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Oct. 20, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

HARRY HUBBALL	*Treble*	†STANLEY PRESTIDGE	5
*RODERICK J. LEES	2	WILLIAM DAVIES	6
ALFRED C. BOXLEY	3	J. NORMAN HADLEY	7
ERNEST STITCH	4	†MAURICE G. TURNER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.
* 25th peal. † 25th peal together. A birthday compliment to Wm. Davies and M. G. Turner.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Oct. 20, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,
A PEAL OF 5056 BIDDENDEN SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS	*Treble*	EDGAR J. SMITH	5
FRANCES A. EDGAR	2	R. GORDON CROSS	6
MARIE R. CROSS	3	CHARLES COLES	7
EDMUND E. PEARSON	4	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
The first peal in the method for the Guild, on the bells and by all the band.
Rung for the Feast of St. Frideswide (Patron Saint of Oxford).

MARK, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Oct. 21, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 19 cwt.

JOHN THOMAS	*Treble*	ERNEST F. SHEARN	5
MRS. JOHN THOMAS	2	GEORGE PRESCOTT	6
*MARJORIE LEGG	3	LEONARD DERRICK	7
HERBERT W. KNIGHT	4	*F. BEN COMER	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.
* First peal of Stedman Triples. First peal of Stedman on the bells.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Thurs., Oct. 23, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 28¾ cwt.

*GEORGE L. ROOBOTTOM	*Treble*	BARNABAS G. KEY	5
*DOROTHY T. GARDINER	2	SIDNEY H. JONES	6
HAROLD E. HARRISON	3	GEORGE L. RODEN	7
*PETER FOSTER	4	LEONARD CHAMBERLAIN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. J. PARKER (No. 13). Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.
* First peal in the method.
Rung as a compliment to Miss Doreen Brain, of St. Paul's Society, on the occasion of her wedding to Mr. R. Green.

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MARKET HARBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Oct. 23, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DIONYSIUS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's Variation No. 2. Tenor 19 cwt.

HAROLD J. POOLE	*Treble*	JOHN W. RAWSON	5
FRED W. WALLINGTON	2	S. ANTHONY JESSON	6
ERNEST W. RAWSON	3	GEORGE A. HOLLICK	7
*CYRIL G. WINDRAM	4	PETER J. STANIFORTH	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE A. HOLLICK.
* First peal in the method.
Rung as a farewell to Sergt. Rawson and Mr. E. J. Sharp, of the local band, who are shortly leaving the district. Also a birthday compliment to Inspector H. J. Poole.

SHREWSBURY, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Oct. 24, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19½ cwt. in E flat.

ERNEST F. WILLCOX	*Treble*	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	5
BESSIE CARTER	2	FREDERICK G. BEDDOW	6
A. EDWARD REEVES	3	RALPH G. EDWARDS	7
JOHN E. BIBBY	4	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by CLIFFORD A. BARRON.
First peal on the bells since 1912.

ALDENHAM, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 25, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN E. ROOTES	*Treble*	JOHN R. MAYNE	5
*ANNE B. SPEED	2	ALFRED J. HOUSE	6
C. EDWARD LANKESTER	3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	7
ALICK CUTLER	4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.
* First peal in the method.
Rung on St. Crispin's Day.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 25, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

RONALD W. STEWARD	*Treble*	GEORGE E. SYMONDS	5
*GEORGE N. ORMAN	2	ALAN R. ANDREWS	6
*ROY DUESBURY	3	GEORGE W. PIPE	7
JAMES BENNETT	4	CECIL W. PIPE	*Tenor*

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by CECIL W. PIPE.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 25, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5056 PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb.

*EDWARD J. JENNER	*Treble*	†MAXWELL F. OAKSHETT	5
†CHARLES A. BASSETT	2	ROBERT COLLINS	6
†HILDA OAKSHETT	3	†WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	7
ARTHUR F. LEWRY	4	ERNEST J. LADD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. B. FENTON. Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the 7th ringer.

GREASLEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Oct. 25, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5392 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Granta Variation. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*CLEMENT GLENN	*Treble*	*EDWARD C. GOBEY	5
*SAMUEL PINDER	2	*BRIAN BUSWELL	6
*GRACE BURCHNALL	3	J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF	7
*KATHARINE BURCHNALL	4	*EDWARD F. GOBEY	*Tenor*

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
* First peal of Granta. First peal of Granta on the bells and of Major in the method by the Guild.

HADDENHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 25, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (6th Observation). Tenor 19½ cwt.

AUBREY JAMES SEYMOUR	*Treble*	HARRY C. JONES	5
GEORGE W. HOLLAND	2	WILLIAM YATES	6
VICTOR R. HOLLOWAY	3	FREDERICK VICKERS	7
HARRY W. BADGER	4	WALTER LEE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM YATES.
Rung for H.R.H. Duke of Edinburgh's visit to Haddenham.

HIGHER WALTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 25, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Rev. C. D. P. Davies' Five-part. Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

*BERNARD JACKSON	*Treble*	JOSEPH THORNLEY	5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	2	†FRANK STEAD	6
NORMAN TOMPKINS	3	PETER CROOK, SEN.	7
†MRS. W. MANSLEY	4	LAWRENCE WALMSLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.
* First peal of Triples. † First peal in the method.
Rung as a mark of esteem and appreciation to Mr. John Taberner, the local captain and People's Warden, on completion of 40 years as a Sunday service ringer.

TENTERDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 25, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MILDRED,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 30 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in D flat.

*WILFRED W. RING	*Treble*	†MARK W. MARSHALL	5
BENJAMIN F. BAKER	2	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	6
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	7
LOUIS HEAD	4	WILLIAM C. MARSHALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS CULLINGWORTH.
* 100th peal. † 75th peal and first of Stedman. An 87th birthday compliment to Mr. Robert Edwards, of the local band.

WOOD GREEN, WEDNESBURY.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD
On Sat., Oct. 25, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.

*JAMES B. BICKNELL	*Treble*	DEREK K. KNOWLES	5
ERNEST STITCH	2	HOWARD HOWELL	6
SAMUEL BIRCH	3	J. NORMAN HADLEY	7
DEREK J. TRANTER	4	MAURICE G. TURNER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by J. NORMAN HADLEY.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

WOLBOROUGH, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Tues., Oct. 28, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 15½ cwt.

E. MAURICE ATKINS	*Treble*	JAMES E. LILLEY	5
BRIAN PIDGEON	2	†REV. J. G. M. SCOTT	6
*REV. N. F. D. COLERIDGE	3	FREDERICK WREFORD	7
†ROBERT T. PERRY	4	†WILLIAM J. HARVEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK WREFORD.
* First peal of Triples 'inside.' † First peal of Triples.
Rung for the Festival of SS. Simon and Jude.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

DAVENHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Oct. 7, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Consisting of one 720 of Cambridge Surprise and two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

A. BOOTH	*Treble*	ERIC HORNBY	4
R. W. WORRALL	2	HARRY W. HOWARD	5
DAVID GODFREY	3	A. GORDON LAWRENCE	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. GORDON LAWRENCE.
Rung to celebrate the wedding earlier this day, at this church, of Charles Kinchin and Norrie Summers, late ringers of Northallerton and St. Paul's, Thornaby-on-Tees, respectively, who have now joined the company at Davenham.

DAVENHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Oct. 12, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

ALBERT BOOTH .. .. ..*Treble*	A. GORDON LAWRENCE .. 4
DAVID GODFREY 2	HARRY W. HOWARD 5
ERIC HORNBY 3	DAVID SMITH .. .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by A. GORDON LAWRENCE.

Rung for the Patronal Festival and before a Service of Thanksgiving to mark the completion of a successful appeal for £1,500 to save the spire of this church, a local landmark, from demolition. It also commemorates the completion of 25 years as a ringer at this church by David Smith.

HORTON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Oct. 17, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Twelve Callings. Tenor 12¼ cwt. in F.

*LEONARD STILWELL .. ..*Treble*	*WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. 4
WILLIAM BUTLER 2	BRIAN TAYLOR 5
JOHN M. ELLWOOD .. 3	MICHAEL HATCHETT .. *Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.

* Have now completed Stedman from Doubles to Cinques. First peal of Stedman Doubles by all the band. The treble ringer has now 'circled' the tower.

SHARESHILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Fri., Oct. 17, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

*HARRY BUTLER .. ..*Treble*	ERNEST STITCH 4
J. NORMAN HADLEY .. 2	MAURICE G. TURNER .. 5
ALFRED C. BOXLEY .. 3	HOWARD HOWELL .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.

* First peal.

DOWNHAM, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 18, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being eight extents of Place Bob, eight of Blackburn Place, six of Accrington, two of St. Simon's and eighteen of Plain Bob. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

DEREK WOLSTENHOLME ..*Treble*	NORMAN SMITH 3
KENNETH HARTLEY 2	ROGER LEIGH 4
BRIAN H. WOOD .. ..*Tenor*	

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.

FRAMPTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Eastern Branch.)
On Sat., Oct. 18, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Childwall, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

*MALCOLM FRANKLIN ..*Treble*	JOHN R. YOUNG 4
JOSEPH BAILEY 2	THOMAS CUMMINS 5
ARTHUR YOUNG 3	ALBERT E. FLATTERS .. *Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. YOUNG.

* First peal.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 18, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 six-scores of Reverse Canterbury, 10 six-scores of Plain Bob, 20 six-scores of Grandsire. Tenor 14 cwt.

*KITTY BRYAN .. ..*Treble*	†EDWARD W. COLLEY .. 4
††M. SUSAN JACKSON .. 2	GERALD BOWEN 5
†R. GEORGE MORRIS .. 3	†FRED HYDE .. .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by GERALD BOWEN.

* First peal. † First peal in three methods. ‡ First peal 'inside' and on six bells. First peal in three methods as conductor.

PENN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Oct. 18, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Single Oxford, Cambridge, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*EDWARD ARMSTRONG ..*Treble*	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. 4
WALTER LEE 2	†MICHAEL HATCHETT .. 5
LEONARD STILWELL .. 3	WILLIAM BUTLER .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal in seven Minor methods. To celebrate the birthday of the ringer of the 5th.

ST. EWE, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 18, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Ten callings. Tenor 7 cwt. 16 lb. in B.

ENID TOYE .. .. ..*Treble*	CALEB DUNSTAN 4
*DOUGLAS BURNETT .. 2	REV. A. S. ROBERTS .. 5
MRS. A. S. ROBERTS .. 3	CLEMENT W. JOSE .. *Tenor*

Conducted by REV. A. S. ROBERTS.

* First peal. First peal on the bells.

Rung on the Festival of St. Luke.

DARLINGTON.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Oct. 24, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being 720 each of Primrose, Hexham, Berwick, Bourne, Surfleet, Beverley and Cambridge. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in B flat.

DORIS M. KILLINGLEY ..*Treble*	THOMAS COOKE 4
FREDERICK W. COOKE .. 2	W. NORMAN PARK 5
RICHARD BUSBY 3	ROLAND PARK .. .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

A birthday compliment to George W. Park.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 25, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

*DENIS N. C. EMERY ..*Treble*	REGINALD ROWLEY .. 4
†RAYMOND G. SMITH .. 2	†RICHARD G. BELL .. 5
STEPHEN H. HOARE .. 3	GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN .. *Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN.

* First peal. † First peal on six bells. First peal on six bells as conductor.

MARKFIELD, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 25, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 10 cwt.

*JOAN COOPER .. .. ..*Treble*	‡JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. 4
†BERNARD J. BOWN .. 2	‡ROLAND BENISTON 5
†JOHN WARDLE 3	†HARRY WARDLE .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal. ‡ First peal of Plain Bob Doubles. A wedding compliment to Mr. Kenneth Burdett on his marriage this day to Miss F. E. Hazleden, of Beckenham, Kent.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 25, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 1,440 Single Court, 2,160 Oxford Bob, 1,440 Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr.

JAMES MUSSON .. ..*Treble*	H. P. COLLIN 4
RONALD RUSSELL 2	DENIS FRITH 5
PERCY D. BALDOCK 3	JOHN H. BLUFF .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.

STAPLEFORD, NOTTINGHAM.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 25, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 7½ cwt.

WM. THORNLEY, SEN.	*Treble*	FREDERICK A. SALTER	4
WILFRED WALKER	2	STEPHEN LOACH	5
*MRS. M. T. PAILING	3	WM. THORNLEY, JUN.	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN.
* First peal.
Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of the ringer of the 2nd and Mrs. Walker, and the golden wedding of the ringer of the 5th and Mrs. Loach.

STISTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 25, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in A flat.

*TONY STOCK	*Treble*	TERRY EARLE	4
*TERRY STOCK	2	ALAN SYDER	5
ALBERT SAUNDERS	3	RONALD SUCKLING	*Tenor*

Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.
* First peal. The ringers of the first five are Sunday service ringers at Stisted.

CLEOBURY MORTIMER, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sun., Oct. 26, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 40 six-scores, 10 callings and one 240 of Pitman's. Tenor 15 cwt.

LEONARD E. A. DAVIES	*Treble*	ALBERT E. JONES	4
HERBERT JONES	2	*ALFRED OWEN	5
RICHARD F. DAVIES	3	WILLIAM NASON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT E. JONES.
* 25th peal. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Oct. 17, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,
A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS

MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH	1—2	PETER J. STANIFORTH	5—6
HAROLD J. POOLE	3—4	ALFRED BALLARD	7—8
		JOHN B. BENNETT	9—10

Composed by FREDERICK H. DEXTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
This composition has alternate quick and slow course ends. It is the first time it has been rung on handbells, and those taking part fully appreciated and enjoyed its excellent musical qualities.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sun., Oct. 19, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS
No. 34. Tenor size 15 in C.

WILLIAM G. YOUNG	1—2	DANIEL T. MATKIN	5—6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	3—4	ROY C. HURST	7—8
		KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER	9—10

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

CLEEVE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Sun., Oct. 19, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT WOOLMERS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Original.

HERBERT W. KNIGHT	1—2	JOHN THOMAS	5—6
MRS. JOHN THOMAS	3—4	ALBERT M. TYLER	7—8

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Fri., Oct. 24, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT 147, KINGSTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

PETER BORDER	1—2	ROBIN G. TURNER	5—6
*PETER C. WRIGHT	3—4	*FRANK P. WRIGHT	7—8

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by ROBIN G. TURNER.
* 100th peal.



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FOR BEGINNERS—AND A WORD TO THE OLDER HANDS

XIX. — METHOD GROUPS

There are many methods which run in groups. They are internally of similar construction, but the various portions are linked together in different ways; it may be by 2nds or 6ths place when the treble leads, or (in Minor) 5ths place when the treble lies its whole pull behind (7ths in Major when the treble is behind), or it may be by both 5ths and 2nds or 6ths. In such groups the changes in a course are the same, but the blocks into which they are formed come in a different order, so that in actual ringing the various pieces of work are in a different sequence and a different 'method' is the result. But a knowledge of one method is often a great help in ringing another.

The insertion of a place in the type of methods we are now dealing with causes other bells to dodge; for the same reason the omission of a place eliminates a dodge and the bells, instead, hunt straight off to another position.

In Oxford Bob, which was the subject of an article last week, 4ths place is made twice in each lead and each place compels the bells behind to make a dodge. Between the 4ths places, while the treble leads, 2nds place is made, which imposes a dodge in 3-4 and 5-6 as well. It is because of these three successive 'places,' 4ths, 2nds and 4ths, that the two bells behind have a three-pull dodge.

The 4ths places are part of the integral construction of the method, but the 2nds place is only a link between the leads. In combination with the 4ths places it makes 'Oxford Bob,' but this 2nds place is not necessary to the construction of a symmetrical method, and when it is omitted it is given the name of Court Bob. But, as was pointed out above, the elimination of a place cuts out a dodge (in this case both in 3-4 and 5-6) and consequently the work occurs in a different order and is linked together in leads, not by a place (2nds) and two dodges (3-4 and 5-6), but by plain hunting.

Here is a table by which you can ring Court Bob, if you prefer to ring it by that means:—

Pass the treble in 5-6, dodge 6-5 down.

Pass the treble in 4-5, dodge 5-6 up, lie a whole pull behind and dodge 6-5 down (this is sometimes called dodging each way behind).

Pass the treble in 2-3, dodge in 5-6 up.

After the dodging, hunt straight down to lead each time, then:—

Pass the treble in 1-2, make 4ths and lead.

Pass the treble in 3-4, make 4ths and lead.

Observe there is no dodging anywhere but in 5-6.

The natural result of omitting the 2nds place when the treble leads is to make a 6ths place essential, and in Minor methods, which have 6ths place at the lead end, the bob is made by the bells behind. Whether you have a method with 2nds place at the lead end or 6ths place, the bob must be made by a bell 'lying still,' that is, making a place, in 4ths. Here are the two forms of bob:—

2nds Place at Plain Lead	Bob
516342	516342
153624	153624
156342	135642
513624	316524

6ths Place at Plain Lead	Bob
516342	516342
153624	153624
135264	135642
312546	316524

If you want to ring a 720 of Court Bob your observation bell is called In, Out and In, instead of, as in Oxford Bob, Wrong, Right and Wrong; 'In' being, of course, when it runs in to take the treble off the lead, and the 'Out' when the treble takes the observation bell from lead.

Now if you wrote out the full course of Oxford Bob last week, as we suggested, and drew a diagram over it, try an experiment. Cut your strip into five pieces between the changes when the treble is leading; where, in fact, the line appears in the figures above. Then see if you can join these pieces together as Court Bob. Or, if you haven't got your Oxford Bob diagram, write out a course of Court Bob, cut it up in the same way, and transpose the five leads into Oxford Bob. The figures of a lead of Court Bob are the same as those given above the line in the article on page 700 last week. To continue the course, make 6ths place instead of 2nds in the first row below the line.

LETTERS

BIRKENHEAD PEAL

Dear Sir,—Congratulations to the Birkenhead Surprise peal band in their seven 6ths place methods. I would beg to point out that all these methods lose their 6th place at every call, therefore not conforming to an all 6th place treble lead.—Yours truly,

'STILL LEARNING.'

DOUBLE-HANDED SURPRISE

Dear Sir,—In the columns of 'The Ringing World' recently there have been points raised from various readers concerning double-handed tower-bell ringing.

On October 19th, Mr. Tony Price rang two bells to a 720 of London Surprise Minor, which he also conducted. He has also rung a course and several touches of London Surprise Major, ringing 3-4. Has this ever been done before by any other double-handed ringer? — Yours truly, JANET S. BAILEY.

Sunbury-on-Thames.

CLOCKS AND BELLS

Dear Sir,—There is a clock with only one hand at Kedington, Suffolk, and clocks with no hands at Wymondham, Norfolk, and Lavenham, Suffolk.

Many Suffolk churches possess another peculiar feature—good rings of bells with, apparently, no clappers Do your ringers know of any other silent rings?

'SILLY SUFFOLK.'

CLOCK WITHOUT HANDS OR FACE

Dear Sir,—I have been interested in the items concerning curious clocks, one-handed or otherwise, I think that I can go one better. The Church of St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, has a clock with no hands or even an exterior face but which strikes the hours on a 32-cwt. tenor. —Yours sincerely,

Fulham. WILLIAM J. ELSON.

THE QUIZ

Dear Sir —May I suggest a further important question to the recent editorial quiz?

Do you contribute **regularly** to Sunday service ringing, however humble the methods rung locally?

Score: Yes—100. No—0.—Yours faithfully.

Eastbourne. H. REYNOLDS.

25 SURPRISE METHODS

Dear Sir,—It may interest some of your recent correspondents to know that in your issue of May 5th, 1950, on the back page, there is a list of 25 Surprise methods to whoch compositions of Superlative without reverse in 5-6 will run true. There is however, an exception—compositions with 5-6 reversed in Lead IV., that is, between M and W. The course-ends are false to Dorchester, Eccleston and Huddersfield, which methods show falseness in that lead. —Yours sincerely, CHAS. J. SEDGLEY.

Ipswich.

QUARTER PEALS

ABERAVON, GLAM.—On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss G. Hopkins (first quarter) 1, T. Roderick 2, A. Hannington 3, J. Lovett 4, A. J. Pitman (cond.) 5, G. Lewis 6, E. Morris 7, R. Blick 8. To mark the retirement of Railway Inspector A. Pitman after nearly 50 years' service, with the good wishes of the band.

BOCKING, ESSEX.—On Oct. 26th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. Moore 1, J. Starling 2, Mrs. Jarvis 3, Mrs. H. Moore 4, H. Pratt 5, J. Leeming 6, S. Bones 7, R. Suckling (cond.) 8. A birthday compliment for ringer of 6th.

BONVILSTON, GLAM.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Thomas 1, S. Lunn (first quarter) 2, H. Greene 3, M. Williams 4, R. E. Coles (cond.) 5, H. Blick 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. S. Lunn on the birth of a daughter.

BOURNEMOUTH.—At St. John's, Surrey Road, on Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. E. Coote 1, Miss K. E. Fletcher 2, D. T. Matkin 3, M. J. E. Best (first quarter on tower bells as cond.) 4, F. Price 5, J. E. Daniels 6, H. E. Mitchell 7, W. Miller 8.

BRIDLINGTON, YORKS.—On October 18th, at the Priory Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Langton (first quarter) 1, J. Chew 2, J. Davies 3, J. Porter 4, J. A. Parker 5, J. B. Ibbotson 6, H. Parker (cond.) 7, E. Thorley (first quarter) 8. First quarter of Grandsire Triples by all the band. First quarter of Grandsire Triples by a local service band.

BUCKLEY, FLINTS.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Hayes 1, J. E. Usher 2, A. G. Watkin 3, F. R. Evans 4, P. C. Roberts 5, A. Lewis 6, D. H. B. Millward (cond.) 7, C. Pridden 8.

BURMARSH, KENT.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Nellie Watts 1, Annie Rayner 2, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 3, Rose Wratten 4, S. J. Boulden 5, T. Fagg 6. First quarter for 1, 2 and 6.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Shirley Watts 1, Mrs. W. L. Watts 2, Mrs. A. S. Roberts 3, W. L. Watts 4, Rev. A. S. Roberts (cond.) 5, H. Taysom 6. First quarter by 1, 2 and 4.

CHERITON, KENT.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss R. P. Longhurst 1, W. C. Chandler 2, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 3, J. Soles 4, J. Chittenden 5, T. Piddock 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. Acland on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary (Mr. G. Acland is a ringer at Cheriton Church).

CHATHAM, KENT.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Norris 1, Miss P. Smee 2, P. Borer 3, V. Jarrett 4, C. Norris 5, R. Norris 6, W. A. J. Knight (cond.) 7, C. Jarrett 8. Rung as a farewell to the Rector of Chatham.

CHELSEA, LONDON.—At St. Luke's, on Oct. 19th, 1,260 Stedman Caters: F. Howson 1, Miss A. Castle 2, Miss J. Weddell 3, E. Beauchamp 4, A. F. Udall (comp. and cond.) 5, C. H. Wood 6, C. M. Meyer 7, J. H. Lott 8, G. C. Goodman 9, C. Bartlett 10. Rung for the patronal festival.

CLERKENWELL, E.C.—On Oct. 26th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. F. Harman 1, Miss M. Prockson 2, J. Hales 3, R. Newman 4, E. Pryor 5, W. Prockson 6, R. Begrie 7, F. C. W. Knight (cond.) 8.

CROSCOMBE, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Miles 1, W. Gulley 2, R. Miles 3, P. H. Hull (cond.) 4, R. Green 5, W. Davis 6. A wedding compliment to Mr. G. Willmot (local captain), who was married to Miss B. Jones.

EAST BUDLEIGH, DEVON.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): T. Holloway (cond.) 1, Miss E. Bennett 2, W. Ludlow 3, A. G. Moore 4, L. Cave 5, S. Elliott 6.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Oct. 12th, 1,302 Grandsire Triples: Miss C. Smith 1, Lt. T. White 2, Miss M. Ashdown 3, F. Richardson (cond.) 4, E. Crowder 5, F. Hurrell 6, J. Hurrell 7, P. Rablah 8. For harvest festival. Also on Oct. 19th, 1,316 Grandsire Triples, conducted by E. Crowder. Rung as a farewell to Lt. T. White on leaving for service abroad.

ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Bob Triples: W. Bowers 1, S. Atkins 2, J. Sharpe 3, W. Paul 4, Miss D. Reeve 5, H. Fuller 6, J. Paul (cond.) 7, W. Rickwood 8. First in method for all.

EVERSHOT, DORSET.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Vine 1, M. Bishop (first quarter, aged 12) 2, J. Fox 3, Mrs. H. Smith 4, H. D. W. Bishop (cond.) 5, G. Bird 6. Rung for Confirmation service by the Bishop of Sherborne.

FULHAM.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Bryant 1, Mrs. C. Watts 2, R. Mackerill 3, H. Ellis 4, B. Lunn 5, J. Phillips 6, H. M. Page 7, D. Burnett (first quarter on eight) 8.

HEDDINGTON, WILTS.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Walker 1, Miss M. Johnson (first quarter) 2, J. Parsons 3, F. Hacker 4, W. Hacker (cond.) 5. A farewell to the Rev. R. Sercombe.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Oct. 26th, 1,320 Annable's London Surprise Minor: F. Warrington (cond.) 1, E. J. Parish (first in method) 2, F. R. Nicholls 3, W. Ransom 4, A. Clements 5, H. S. Peacock 6.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On Oct. 26th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Miss L. King 1, W. Simmonds 2, W. Massey 3, B. Calcombe 4, Miss P. Collis 5, J. King 6, J. Brent 7, F. J. Dodson (first as cond.) 8.

HIGH ONGAR, ESSEX.—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. E. Race (first quarter) 1, F. R. Goddard 2, H. G. Goddard 3, D. J. Crouchman 4, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 5, D. A. S. Symonds 6.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.—On Oct. 16th, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: J. Papworth 1, F. Whiterod 2, H. Nicholls 3, J. Elliott 4, C. Burton 5, A. Elliott (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of those who lost their lives in the Harrow train disaster.

KINGSWOOD, SURREY.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Munt 1, Miss J. Bostel 2, B. Jackson 3, M. Jackson 4, C. Munt (cond.) 5, D. Briggenshaw 6. Rung in honour of the christening of Michael, son of tenor ringer.

KNUTSFORD, CHESHIRE.—On Oct. 25th, at St. John-the-Baptist, 1,680 Plain Bob Minor: R. Hough 1, Mrs. S. Hough, jun., 2, Mrs. R. Hough 3, S. Hough, jun., 4, N. Hough 5, S. Hough, sen. (cond.) 6. On the occasion of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. S. Hough.

LEAMINGTON, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 20th, at the Church of All Saints, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. C. Burt 1, W. S. Oakley 2, E. H. Adams 3, T. W. Wyatt 4, W. Collett 5, H. Huxley 6, R. J. Edden 7, J. R. Ball (first of Bob Major, cond.) 8.

LEICESTER.—At St. John-the-Divine, on Aug. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, 9, 8, 10 covering: P. Desbrow (first quarter) 1, Mrs. F. E. Wilson 2, G. Hebborn 3, Miss E. Burton 4, T. Bolingbroke 5, E. Clements 6, F. E. Wilson (cond.) 7, C. Desbrow (first quarter) 8, S. Harrison 9, C. Weston 10. Rung half-muffled.

LEYTON, ESSEX.—On Oct. 25th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: A. J. Salisbury 1, C. R. Smith 2, Mrs. R. F. Deal 3, C. A. Hughes 4, L. E. Last 5, D. W. Beard 6, J. H. Crampion 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8. A welcome to the Rev. F. H. Food, who was inducted Vicar of Leyton on Oct. 20th.

MAULDEN, BEDS.—On Oct. 25th, 1,344 Spliced Yorkshire, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major (36 changes of method): R. Kendall 1, A. Rushton 2, A. C. Sinfield 3, H. Burton 4, B. Pattison 5, Rev. G. G. Graham 6, C. E. Jeffries 7, L. H. Bywaters 8. First of Spliced Surprise for 1, 5, 6 and 8. First quarter of Spliced Surprise in the county by a resident band.

QUARTER PEALS

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: B. Baker (cond.) 1, T. Grice 2, L. Head 3, F. Hogan 4, F. Leason 5, R. Rich 6, L. Mannering 7, F. Thwaites 8.

MITCHAM, SURREY.—At Christ Church, on Oct. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: V. Shefford (first quarter) 1, J. Uden 2, W. E. Eveleigh 3, S. Howard 4, E. H. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, F. Uden 6.

OVERSEALE, DERBYS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. W. Cotton 1, J. W. Cotton 2, Joan Cotton 3, W. G. Hair 4, W. H. Curson 5, W. Brooker 6, P. W. Grice (cond.) 7, H. Shaw 8. Rung for harvest festival.

OXHEY, HERTS.—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Gillian Flitton 1, Mary Flitton 2, Mary Delderfield 3, T. Clark 4, J. Rootes 5, F. W. Brinklow (cond.) 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to T. Clark.

PENSHURST, KENT.—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: O. Cunnington 1, B. Pankhurst 2, K. Hohl 3, L. Goater 4, E. Jenner 5, B. Collison 6, A. Richardson (cond.) 7, E. Lane 8. A 21st birthday compliment to E. Lane.

PRESTON, DORSET.—On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. H. Perry 1, J. H. Hayne 2, C. H. Smart 3, Mrs. A. J. Slade 4, A. J. Slade (cond.) 5, H. J. Ford 6. Rung as a compliment to the captain of Preston ringers, Mr. H. Corben, and Mrs. Corben, on their silver wedding. The first quarter peal on the bells.

STISTED, ESSEX.—On Oct. 18th, 1,368 Plain Bob Minor: T. Stock 1, Mrs. H. Moore 2, A. Saunders 3, H. Moore 4, A. Syder 5, T. Earle (first as cond.) 6.

SLEAFORD, LINCS.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, 4, 6, 8 covering: D. Wray 1, Mrs. D. Wray 2, D. Metam 3, W. Weston 4, B. D. Hill 5, G. Cloxton 6, H. Cloxton (cond.) 7, V. Andrews 8. Rung with bells half-muffled in memory of Miss Jessie Snow, for many years an ardent church worker.

SOUTHWARK, S.E.—On Oct. 19th, at the Cathedral, 1,056 Cambridge Surprise Maximus: H. Belcher 1, Mrs. R. F. Deal 2, K. W. Mackintosh 3, Jill Brittain 4, D. E. Parsons (cond.) 5, M. V. Chilcott 6, R. F. Deal 7, R. E. Price 8, C. G. J. Watts 9, T. M. White 10, John Phillips 11, J. Chilcott 12.

SUTTON COURTENAY, BERKS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Mooring 1, W. Webb 2, F. Mooring (first quarter) 3, J. Greenwood 4, R. Broad (cond.) 5, G. Allen 6. Rung for harvest festival.

STONEHOUSE, GLOS.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Baker (first quarter) 1, S. T. Price 2, R. R. Cottle 3, N. Perkins 4, J. R. Joyner (first quarter of Minor) 5, J. H. Joyner (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of the mother of the conductor, interred at the church the previous day.

THAMES DITTON, SURREY.—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss A. Clark 1, Miss B. Harris 2, G. C. Goodman 3, C. W. R. Grimwood 4, E. Morey 5, F. E. Hawthorne (cond.) 6. Rung for the wedding of Miss P. G. Kitchen, a local ringer, to P.O. G. S. Varnham.

THAXTED, ESSEX.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. J. H. Crampion 1, R. C. Heazel (cond.) 2, R. Bassett 3, D. Bassett 4, J. H. Sitch 5, T. Bassett 6, J. H. Crampion 7, M. Caton 8. First quarter peal by 3, 4, 6 and 8.

THORPE BAY, ESSEX.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Smith 1, Miss M. Jeffreys 2, P. J. King (cond.) 3, Miss A. Christmas 4, B. Cook 5, B. Sadler 6, F. B. Lufkin 7, J. Binks 8. First quarter for 1, 2, and 4.

WALMER, KENT.—On Oct. 26th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: F. Lawrence 1, Miss J. Wells 2, F. J. Stonton 3, Miss A. Vine 4, G. E. Ruck 5, P. J. Rye 6, H. Furminger 7, F. A. Rye (first of Major as cond.) 8. First quarter of Major 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6. Rung for P. J. Rye, who is leaving the district to do his National Service.

WEMBDON, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (60 Stedman and 240 each Reverse St. Bartholomew, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury, April Day and Grandsire): M. Stone 1, E. Norman 2, P. Lancaster 3, R. Short 4, F. Sweet (cond.) 5, C. Clarke 6. First in six methods on the bells and by all. A compliment to F. Sweet (capt.) on 25 years a ringer at this tower.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY, LONDON.—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. H. Pasmore 1, W. S. Langdon 2, A. B. Peck 3, H. Belcher 4, H. N. Pitstow (cond.) 5, J. E. Phillips 6, H. Langdon 7, C. J. Watts 8. Rung for the consecration of the Bishop of Masasi, East Africa.

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'I have never attended a similar ringers' function when the speeches delivered were so consistently excellent right through the list and most charmingly given. . . . . Needless to say, the whole function was up to the Leicester "Superlative" standard.'—A male reader's comments on the 40th anniversary dinner of the Ladies' Guild, which will be our main feature in next week's issue.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Eighteen ringers from Birmingham made the journey to St. Nicholas', Liverpool, on October 26th and were well rewarded, Mr. Albert Walker regarding the ring as one of the best at its weight he had heard.

It is interesting to recall that St. Martin's Guild also took part in the opening of the old twelve on June 4th, 1814. On that occasion they were presented with a silver cup, valued 20 guineas, by the town of Liverpool for the best ringing performance. This was 3,000 Grandsire Cinques. On June 7th, 1814, they rang a peal of Grandsire Cinques on the bells.

We all wish 'bon voyage' to Mr. Stafford Green, who is on his way to Australia. Mr. Green has not been well for some time.

Four of the six ringers in the peal of Minor at Stisted, Essex, have been taught to ring in the past year by Mr. Albert Saunders.

Will any reader who has received the manuscript of 'Carol Tunes' please send a copy to the Editor for circulation to other readers? The manuscript has been lost in the post.

Mr. W. Rogers, of Rotherfield, is in the Kent and Sussex Hospital, Tunbridge Wells suffering from a slipped disc and spinal injuries. At the present time he cannot say when he will be ringing again.

Four ringers from Nailsea and one each from Backwell, Bristol, Clevedon, Long Ashton, Melksham, Wraxall and Wrington enjoyed their half-day's outing in South Somerset on October 25th. Ringing took place at North Curry, Chard and Shepton Beauchamp.

We reintroduce to our peal columns this week Mrs. Dorothy T. Gardiner, daughter of the late Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, who at Burton-on-Trent on October 23rd rang her first peal since her marriage. The peal was rung at the second attempt; the first on September 15th failed after three hours' ringing.

The six bells of St. Mary's Church, Hambleden, Bucks, are to be augmented to eight should the parish appeal prove successful. This is in memory of the last English pre-Reformation saint, Thomas de Cantelupe, a native of this village. The new ring will have a tenor of 19 cwt. in E. The present ring (tenor, Wokingham, C. 1420, 12¼ cwt. in F sharp) was augmented to six bells in 1724 by the winning (at cards) of the bells of Fingest by the Rector of the day.

In view of the arguments about leaving bells 'up,' readers should note the fire at Beckford, Worcs, in this issue. Bells that were 'up' swung down to give the fire alarm.

Mr. W. Thornley, sen., 'completed the circle' of Stapleford tower, Nottingham, on October 25th, the 20th anniversary of the first peal on the bells which he conducted.

We are asked through this column to thank the band which rang at Tenterden, 'for the nice peal of Stedman. It was good of them.' Such appreciation, we are sure, makes pleasant reading.

A wedding peal was rung at Markfield, Leics, on October 25th with the good wishes of the band to Mr. Kenneth Burdett, a Markfield ringer for 10 years, who was married that day to Miss F. E. Hazleden, of Beckenham, Kent. Their future home is to be at Beckenham.

The first peal has been rung at St. Ewe, near Mevagissey, Cornwall, which is reputed to be the smallest tower known to contain an effective ring. There were previously three bells but the completely restored ring of six was installed in 1926. A picture of this three-tier frame appears in Morris' 'The History and Art of Change Ringing.' The bells are a delight to ring and can all be heard equally well both inside and outside the tower, which is surmounted by one of the few Cornish spires.

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315th ANNIVERSARY DINNER AT NEW VENUE — MASTER CRITICISES 'GO' OF ST. PAUL'S BELLS— RINGING MADE TOO EASY, STATES PRESIDENT OF CENTRAL COUNCIL — OXFORD RINGERS & COLLEGE YOUTHS

FOR their 315th anniversary dinner last Saturday, the Ancient Society of College Youths had a new venue in the Mecca Restaurant, Mincing Lane, E.C. The spacious accommodation made a splendid setting and added dignity to the entry of the Master (Mr. J. G. A. Prior), accompanied by Mr. F. E. Collins (senior steward) and Mr. J. E. Chilcott (junior steward). A company of about 160 attended, and other officers present were Mr. A. A. Hughes (treasurer, who acted as toastmaster), Mr. A. B. Peck (secretary), Mr. W. H. Pasmore and Mr. E. G. Fenn (trustees).

After the loyal toasts, the Master, as is customary, submitted the toast of 'The Church.' 'I often think,' he said, 'that this toast instead of being "The Church" should be "The Clergy," because we as ringers are servants as well as members of the Church and we owe so much to the clergy for all the privileges we receive. Our Sunday service ringing is our work for the Church, and our practices help us to attain such a standard so that we can provide the best possible ringing for the services of the Church; and nothing else is good enough. There are many other occasions when we ring bells purely and solely for our own pleasure, and for that our thanks are due to the clergy. Without the co-operation of the clergy our prodigious peal ringers would not be able to amass their totals and our "tower grabbers" would be unsuccessful.

SAD STATE OF CITY RINGS

'As well as doing work for the Church, ringing is a delightful and fascinating hobby, and it is natural when ringers think of the Church they also think of bells and ringing, and we London ringers have a particular interest in the City of London, as so much of the history of the Society is associated with the rings of bells that used to hang in the City. I say used to hang because in the whole of the City of London to-day there are but three usable rings of bells, as we lost some of our finest during the war.

'First of all we have St. Paul's Cathedral. Year by year twice every Sunday those bells ring out under our inspired leader Bert Langdon. The "go" of those bells is far from satisfactory and they need rehanging. Then we have Cornhill, which also need the bellhanger's attention, and there is also St. Botolph's, of which it is said the bells are all right, but the tower wants rehanging. We all hope that some of the missing towers in the City will be replaced: if that takes place it will be a great challenge to the London ringers to provide the ringers. But the picture is not all dark. Some of you had the privilege to-day of ringing at Stepney. I have a passing interest in Stepney, as I was born in the parish, although I was never a member of the Stepney band, but it can be said that Stepney bells are better than ever before.'

He accorded a special welcome to Canon Jocelyn Perkins, of Westminster Abbey, the Rev. E. G. Turner, of St. Giles', Cripplegate, and the Rev. H. J. Fynes-Clinton, of St. Magnus'.

HOPES FOR ST. GILES'

The Rev. E. G. Turner, who responded, said it was a well-known fact that at St. Giles' they had a ring of bells which was a bad ring and the enemy might have done them a good turn when it was destroyed. If the money could be found to complete the church it would be far finer than it was in 1545 Mr. Godfrey Allen, their architect, was doing a magnificent job of work there. He was surprised how many people had expressed to him the hope that they would soon be hearing their bells. The architect had told him that they would have to make an appeal for £50,000 to provide a church adequately and completely furnished for divine worship, including the bells. An item in that cost was £4,000 for the bells, of which they had already £1,000 in hand. He assured them that one of the first things he must do was to get the bells in despite the fact that the church stood in what is now a desert. People reminded him of the old chimes that had a different tune for each day of the week. On Monday it was 'God save the King,' and on Saturday 'Home, sweet home' to remind office workers of the end of the week. To-day, however, they did not come on a Saturday. If any of them had £3,000 he would gladly give them a receipt for the bells.

Mr. E. H. Lewis, president of the Central Council and a past Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, submitted the toast of the evening, 'The Ancient Society of College Youths.' He said he never enjoyed a week-end more in his life than when members of their Society came to visit them in Scotland in July, 1939. There were three main reasons. One was that it was the highest form of enjoyment to see others enjoy themselves, which he felt sure their visitors did. Another was he had always found members of the Society were very good ringers and very good company, and, thirdly, they had some very good ringing with a peal of Stedman Caters at Inveraray. Inveraray was his nearest tower some 45 miles away. To-day there were no ropes to those bells and no ringers there. Inveraray was an Episcopal Church and the number of Episcopalians in the parish was very small. Scottish people did not take to bells. At the time of the Reformation many of them regarded bells as ornaments of the church and they were destroyed. The number of rings of bells in Scotland could be counted on the fingers of both hands.

It was said years ago that their Society was looked upon as a body of haughty people. He did not think it was haughty, but it had reason to be proud. Did they not invent change ringing? If they looked up the history of the Society they would find that Robert Roan presented 120 changes of Doubles to the Society. He was Master in 1662 and they should be proud of having invented the wonderful art of change ringing. Then they looked back with pride on other men who carried on the tradition—Fabian Stedman, Benjamin Annable and John Holt.

RINGING TOO EASY

He thought the bell founders had made ringing rather too easy. They found bands of young ringers within a few months ringing Surprise. They knew the method. He thought it would have been better for them if they were brought up in the old school where the bells were a bit rough and false struck. These modern rings did not make ringers suitable to become members of their Ancient Society.

Some people had asked him what were the qualifications for a ringer. He thought a ringer must have a little knowledge of music so far as rhythm was concerned; then he must have a knowledge of mathematics if he was going in for composition, and he used to say they required a little muscle, but he did not think with these modern rings of bells that that was necessarily a quality he much regretted.

He was sorry there was no service before the dinner. He was wondering if on future occasions the officers of the Society would arrange for a service to be held at Cornhill or one of the City churches. In coupling Mr. Peck's name with the toast, Mr. Lewis said he did not think that it was possible to find a better man to succeed the late Mr. Cockerill.

Mr. A. B. Peck, who responded, assured Mr. Lewis that the holding of a service previous to the dinner received their deep consideration. They did consider going to Southwark, where there was an evensong at 5 p.m. but on the last occasion they were placed in the choir and the Provost was so delighted to see them that they did not get away until after 6 o'clock.

During the year they had held 12 business meetings and 47 practices. Besides the usual towers they had visited Liverpool, Waltham Abbey, South Croydon, where they made 14 new members, Rotherfield, Holloway, Fulham, Clapham Park and St. George's, Southwark.

NEW MEMBERS

During 1952 they made 55 new members, viz.: David North and C. J. Stevens (Wellington), W. Stevens (Tiverton), F. Varty (Wallasey), F. R. H. Scott (Slough), R. F. G. Holmes, F. A. White, H. C. White and F. White (Appleton), P. Walker (Radley), G. J. Hearns (Checkendon), C. E. Lewington and J. Rampton (Reading), P. S. Davis, J. Relf, J. Hayward (Croydon), H. C. Weaver (Goring-by-Sea), M. Jackson (Kingswood), A. Hatch (Cholsey), G. W. Massey (Frome), J. Thompson (Nuneaton), S. N. Bristow, F. W. Slocombe and G. J. Gammon (Wellington), H. Purchase (Wiveliscombe), R. W. Skinner (Chatham).

P. J. Woodgyer (Cranford), M. S. Cloke (Hawkhurst), A. W. T. Cleaver (Solihull), J. Martin Thorley (Doncaster), R. C. Ingram (Erdington), S. H. Dearden (Oldham), A. J. Phillips (St. Kea), H. J. Gaylard (Yeovil), W. E. Critchley (Scawthorpe), L. A. Tidy (Limpsfield), J. Clegg (Manchester), W. R. Manser (Maidstone), R. Savoury (Evesham), H. Myatt (Loughborough), W. H. B. Wilkins, D. Woodley and K. E. White (Oxford), G. H. Webb (Kennington), D. Fowles (Cranford), J. Walden (Lincoln), D. G. Yeo (Long Ashton), R. J. Fox (Yeovil), J. R. Worrall (Cardiff), R. J. Bowden (Clifton), D. K. Adkins (Abbots Langley), E. R. Warner (Woking), J. J. Symonds (Ashtead), J. Whitehorn (Ewell).

The company then honoured those present who had been members of the Society for 50 or more years. These were: Messrs. R. Stannard (62 years), E. A. Young and I. Emery (61), W. T. Elson (60), W. H. Pasmore (57), C. Fenn (56), G. N. Price and A. D. Cullum (55), E. G. Fenn (54), J. S. Hawkins, H. Hodgetts and A. B. Peck (51), A. A. Hughes (50).

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. C. Roberts, the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, Messrs. G. R. Newton (who wrote that he attended his first dinner in 1901) Albert Walker, Roland Fenn, W. Shepherd, W. H. J. Hooton, R. T. Newman (who is in hospital at Hitchin for a gastric ulcer) and A. J. Phillips (who is also in hospital). Letters of sympathy and wishes for a speedy recovery are to be sent to the last two named.

Finally, Mr. Peck expressed the Society's indebtedness to Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hughes for permitting their meetings to be held at their home. 'They took us in and fed us during the war,' said Mr. Peck, 'and we still go there, and it is largely due to that that we are going from strength to strength.'

LOSSES BY DEATH

The company stood as Mr. Peck read out the list of members who had died during the year: George Flintham, Lincoln; Henry G. Miles, Kensington; G. H. Huxley, Bromley; A. W. Brighton, Forest Gate; Dr. J. C. E. Simpson, Chester; S. J. Hector, Trowbridge; T. Miller, Mitcham; A. J. Corrigan, Bristol; Conor O'Brien, Dublin; Thomas F. King, Bath; Arthur Martin, Maidenhead; S. Warren Sturgis, Boston, U.S.A.; J. M. Turner, Bournemouth; Richard Hasted, Farnham; Edwin L. Miles, Streatham; F. W. Stokes, Lincoln; Ernest

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Beckwith, Coggeshall; Fred and George Howchin, Norwich; Arthur Wiggins, Caversham.

A number of other ringers were also remembered, among whom were William Keeble, Leytonstone; Charles F. Bailey, Leiston; A. King, Victoria, B.C.; E. Curry, New Zealand; and R. H. McDonald, Sydney.

Mr. A. A. Hughes submitted the toast of 'The Visitors and Kindred Societies,' and said they had always had at their dinners a very good assembly from all parts of the country. They were practically all College Youths and they were delighted to see them and hoped they would continue to grace their annual feasts for many years to come.

Mr. G. H. Cross, the Master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, who was the first to respond, was introduced by the Master as one of his oldest ringing friends. Referring to the Howchin brothers, of Norwich, Mr. Cross said they had much to do with his early ringing. George was quiet and said very little; Fred was just the opposite, and if they went out with a band of ringers and anybody did not strike to Fred's standard they soon heard about it. He was not diplomatic either.

'Although I am not a College Youth,' continued Mr. Cross, 'I feel in spirit I am one of them because they are some of my best friends, including your Master. I had something to do with his ringing in the early days and I think you have in him an ideal man for the job.'

He congratulated Mr. Alexander Young on his booklet on James R. Haworth and in including in it the Song of the College Youths of James Dwight. He remembered reading those words when a boy about 1894 and was particularly struck with the verse concerning Matthew Wood, who rang the ninth. The lines went:—

Then who was that, that rang the ninth
With so much skill and grace;
From the treble to the tenor,
You can't put him out of place;
Young ringers all take my advice,
Copy him you should;
Study well his attitude,
It's the famous Matthew Wood.

He would commend that advice to all young ringers. If they saw a man who handled well try and copy him; they would then go in the right direction.

A CORONATION PEAL

Next year was Coronation year and he proposed that they get together and ring a peal with a band composed of six Cumberlands and six College Youths (applause).

Mr. Frederick Sharpe, Deputy Master of the Oxford University Guild also replied. It was a great joy, he said, not only to enjoy the excellent repast, but to meet their old friends of kindred ringing societies from all over the country.

He reminded the assembly that although the College Youths had a long history, the Oxford Society of Change Ringers was contemporary with them, but unfortunately in 1820 they lost their records. They knew that Richard Duckwood was contemporary with Fabian Stedman. Duckwood was the man who wrote the first book on change ringing and Stedman was the publisher. They would notice that on the title page the book was dedicated to the Noble Society of College Youths. There must have been, therefore, at that time in Oxford and Cambridge ringers who were practising the art of change ringing, and the book was a gift of those ringers to the College Youths.

The Rev. H. J. Fynes-Clinton, of St. Magnus', in his reply, said it must be the 18th dinner of the Society that he had attended. As regards the bells of St. Magnus', they still lacked the money to recast four of the bells that were cracked, but Mr. Hughes' son was placing a little bell so that it could serve as a clock bell and be rung for services.

Some years ago an American gentleman was crossing the Atlantic with his young boy from school. The ship encountered a great storm and a huge wave washed the boy over the side into the ocean. The next wave, however, hurled him back on to the ship and he was saved. In thankfulness for that the father built a tower and gave a carillon. The bells were made at the Whitechapel Foundry, and he (the speaker) went down to bless them. They were in communication with this gentleman in connection with restoration of the bells of St. Magnus', and he was interested in what they were trying to do.

Mr. Kenneth S. B. Croft submitted the toast of 'The Press.' He reminded the company that at one time there was a very grave danger of the Exercise not having a 'Ringing World.' He knew of the great part the late Mr. Rupert Richardson and other gentlemen played in securing the continuity of the publication.

The success of the contents of 'The Ringing World' depended on their contributions. He had benefited from them and had two excellent meals of salmon as the result of an article written by his wife on the trials of a ringer's wife. It was evident that somebody enjoyed the articles.

Mr. T. W. White acknowledged the toast and on behalf of the Editorial Committee thanked those who sent donations with their peals and quarter peals. From this source they met the Editor's salary last month, which was a great help in balancing their accounts.

'THE FRAGRANT MEMORY'

The concluding toast, 'The fragrant memory of the Masters of 300, 200 and 100 years ago,' was submitted by Mr. E. A. Young. The Master of 300 years ago was Robert Roan, who was one of their most distinguished Masters and was a great composer. He was what they would call to-day an accountant and he worked in the King's household. They owed to him some of the rules that governed composition.

In 1782 they had Christopher Pinchbeck. There were two Pinchbecks, father and son, and they were clock makers. They were concerned with the son, who invented a metal named 'Pinchbeck,' an imitation gold. He had a business in Cockspur Street and King George III. patronised him. He made a clock which was in Buckingham Palace, and he had received permission to take a photograph of it which he would present to the Society. He joined the College Youths in 1733 and was steward in 1742. He did not appear to have rung any peals.

One hundred years ago they had James Dwight, who describes himself in his song of the College Youths:—

Now I think I have spun out pretty well
And have but little to relate,
Excepting that the tenor
It was two tons one hundredweight;
A wheelwright rang it without help,
You can let the whole world know it,
'Tis he who chimes these dogrell rhymes,
Jimmy Dwight, the Poet.

The Master thanked Mr. Young for his research and also for his gift of the pamphlet of James Robert Haworth, a copy of which was presented to each member of the company.

Tunes on handbells were given by the Thain brothers, members of the Society.

CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING AT BOURNEMOUTH, 1953

Preliminary Notice

Headquarters for the Council's meeting at Whitsun, 1953 will be the Devonshire Hotel, Bournemouth. The whole of the accommodation (for 60) has been reserved for Council members and their wives.

Members wishing to stay at headquarters are advised to book as soon as possible, stating what Association they represent (where appropriate). The charge is 25s. per day inclusive (plus 10 per cent. service charge).

A further list of hotels will be published shortly. E. A. BARNETT, Hon. Sec.

BELLS GIVE WARNING OF TOWER ABLAZE

A warning which could be heard all over the district was given by the bells of Beckford Church, Worcs, ringing as the roof of the central tower of this Norman church caught fire on October 28th.

Burning timbers from the roof fell into the bell chamber and destroyed the stays of some of the bells, causing them to swing down and ring.

Attempts by the Vicar (the Rev. W. G. B. Snell) and helpers to fight the fire with an extinguisher before the arrival of the fire brigade were of no avail. They reached the ringing chamber, but could get no further. Blazing debris were falling from the belfry to the floor. All they could do was to spray the floor and ceiling.

Firemen from Evesham and Pershore fought the flames from below before mounting the roof. Water cascaded through three floors of the tower and on to the floor of the church and damaged the organ.

Serious damage was confined to the tower roof, which was burnt away, and the floor of the belfry was also slightly damaged. The tower structure has not been affected. Beckford has six bells, dating from 1669, and these did not fall.

The day previous to the fire plumbers with blow lamps had been repairing cracks in the lead covering the tiled roof. Firemen are under the impression that the roof had been smouldering all night.

MAJOR HESSE WEEK-END

The annual gathering at Wrington in memory of Major J. H. B. Hesse was held on October 18th. Proceedings opened with an attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples at Long Ashton on the Friday evening, which was lost after an hour's good ringing.

The usual peal was rung at Wrington on Saturday afternoon, this being a 5,021 of Grandsire Caters, composed by Mr. J. Topp, brought round in three hours and 18 minutes. Mrs. Hesse then entertained the ringers to a fine tea, and Mr. Knight announced that he had received letters of apology for absence from Messrs. Stafford Green, C. H. Dobbie, E. J. Taylor and A. A. Hughes.

Mr. H. J. Sanger, in a short speech, said that it was good to remember such people as John Hesse, who was not only a good ringer but also a good striker. He felt that Major Hesse would have shown up well in regard to the 'quiz' which had appeared on the front of the current issue of 'The Ringing World.' Mr. Sanger thanked Mrs. Hesse for her hospitality, and she suitably replied, saying how quickly these annual gatherings seemed to come round.

The company included the Vicar of Wrington (the Rev. A. C. A. C. Talbot), Mesdames Knight, Massey and Thomas and Messrs. T. Brice, E. Chivers, L. Derrick, J. Dyke, T. Kimber, W. Kingcott, H. Knight, Massey, A. Reeves, H. Sanger and J. Thomas. M. J. H.

SPECIAL METHODS FOR MEETINGS

Dear Sir,—In keeping with the editorial of October 24th, may I commend the Bedfordshire Association in announcing a special method to their members? If secretaries of associations were to announce what methods were to be attempted at the following meeting worthy members would come prepared, and more satisfaction would be derived from the practice. By such means a systematic procedure would be established, infinitely preferable to the haphazard and uncertain operations which at present frequently occupy the time allowed for practice.

This, I think, would greatly improve the atmosphere in the belfry and standard of performance. It would also cope with, to quote from the article concerned, 'the type of ringer whose sole object is that of experimenting with methods of which he has little or no knowledge.'—Yours faithfully. F. R. H.-S.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE SALLY AND A 6ft. 11in. RINGER

Dear Sir,—In these days of record peals, fantastic Surprise methods and big tenors, fame is, indeed, hard to achieve We see claims for first peals, longest peals, fastest peals, heaviest peals, hundreds of peals, thousands of peals; we even have claims for youngest ringers, oldest ringers—and now, tallest ringers. At last, thank goodness, Heston (Middlesex) is in the running for fame; one of our band, Mr. John Moore, standing 6ft. 11in. high!

As regards moving boxes to make ringing more comfortable, I am afraid that none of our bells are heavy enough to warrant the use of a box, so we are forced to have our sallies fairly high. The only satisfactory long-term policy appears, however, for all potential young ringers to take up smoking whilst still of tender years!—Yours faithfully

J. B. SANSOM.

Southall.

SIX O'CLOCK PRACTICE MEETINGS IN THE CITY

Dear Sir,—I fully endorse Mr. Bishop's suggestion for regular practices in the City and West End, as I have felt for some time that ringers working in these areas should have an opportunity of attending meetings in the many churches where ringing is now possible.

In fact, I have been on the point of enquiring whether such practices could be arranged, as I think that, with proper organisation, it would even be possible to arrange a series of lunch-time practices, as this would give City workers an opportunity of hearing change ringing, and would, I think, attract the attention of the general public; after all, many attend lunch-time concerts.

Further, Coronation year is almost upon us, and it would, I feel, be a great thing if the Exercise could bring these time-honoured rings into the fullest possible use during this period.

May I suggest that you publish a short list of the rings available, and if, as Mr. Bishop suggests, there are sufficient ringers working in these areas to take an active interest in this admirable project, approaches could be made to the incumbents concerned.—Yours faithfully,

R. E. SWANN.

Royston, Herts.

Dear Sir,—I heartily endorse the suggestion made by Mr. F. D. Bishop in his letter published in 'The Ringing World' of October 24th, and I am convinced that for every learner who has read the letter and expressed his approval to you, there must be many who may not go to the trouble of doing so, but would be amongst the first to avail themselves of the facility.

And what of all those who are not numbered amongst your readers who work in the City or West End? Unfortunately, there are a number of captains in the London environs who take 'The Ringing World,' but tell their ringers who are not subscribers little or nothing of the various meetings and other items of general interest unless specially requested to do so—and then not always.

The degree of support which may be expected from any such learners is, therefore, largely dependent on the co-operation of their local captain, but regardless of this aspect I do feel that if only one church were made available in the City or West End for 6 p.m. ringing it would be so overcrowded on the first night that additional towers would soon have to be opened up to cope with the overflow.

'LEARNER.'

[NOTE.—We should be pleased to hear of any tower available at 6 p.m.—Ed.]

BRIGHTER BELFRIES

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. R. I. Shepherd's letter, I feel that some, on reading his remarks, will caustically ask, 'Why not look to the bells?' They are the main consideration, and this attitude is, of course, right; but if the bells are in the best possible order I quite agree with Mr. Shepherd's views.

Eighteen monthts ago at St. George's, Camberwell, we had a spring clean, the ceiling and the top of the walls were whitened, the lower walls and woodwork were painted, the peal boards were cleaned, varnished and, in two cases, rewritten. The effect is remarkable. We now know and can read easily that the first peal on the bells in 1823 was rung before the church was completed, that in 1833 one of the Shipway's peals (mentioned by Trollope in his 'Stedman' (page 108) was rung in our tower, in 1876 8,864 Kent Treble Bob Major, largest extent with tenors together to be rung in London upto that time, was performed on our bells.

Our belfry is swept, dusted, washed out, etc., regularly and one is proud to welcome visitors as one would be to one's home. I, personally, feel that learners appreciate the clean surroundings and, possibly, they are held longer than would be the case in a dingy atmosphere.

My best wishes to you, Mr. Shepherd. I hope that you succeed in your redecoration, and that others follow your example.—Yours faithfully,

F. R. L. BLEWER.

Camberley, S.E.5.

SUNDAY OUTINGS

Dear Sir,—I think that many ringers will not favour the idea that the ringers at St. Mary's, Scarborough, adopted, that is, of holding a ringers' outing on a Sunday. Surely the day that is set aside for praise to God is hardly suitable for chasing around the country 'tower-grabbing.' There is no mention, either, that the party went to church, although they rang for morning service at Helmsley. This is the kind of thing that increases the talk about ringers calling other people to worship and not going themselves. Also, as they have no bells of their own at the moment, surely that is the time to show their incumbent and the other parishioners that they don't merely ring the bells on Sunday for their own enjoyment, this being best done by being in their places (dare I say as usual?) for divine worship.

All Sunday service ringing should be performed to the glory of God, whether it be rounds, call changes or change ringing.—Yours truly,

F. S. WORTH.

South Brent, Devon.

TETBURY'S FOUR ROUNDS BROADCAST

Dear Sir,—I should like to enter an emphatic protest against the disgraceful recording of the Tetbury bells on the Home Service on October 26th. The B.B.C. actually announced them in the 'Radio Times,' which is rather unusual now, but on tuning in, one heard exactly four rounds, before being cut off. This is, in the writer's opinion, a deliberate insult both to these fine bells and to the people who rang them, who had probably been to considerable trouble in arranging to broadcast—and is, in the writer's opinion, typical of the supercilious and lofty indifference and of the bad manners which the B.B.C. display towards the ringing art. One has understood that a period of two to three minutes has been generally agreed upon—in this case it was literally about three seconds.—Yours, etc.,

J. LEWIS COCKEY.

London W.13.

THE APPLICATION TO RING

Dear Sir,—I am sorry if, inadvertently, my article of September 26th may have given the impression that permission for ringing should be given by the chief ringer without reference to the incumbent.

Certainly the incumbent's permission must be obtained, but I intended to convey, and about this I am quite unrepentant, that the proper person to seek the incumbent's permission is the representative of the local ringers, and for this reason the initial approach by a would-be visiting party should be to the local ringers rather than direct to the incumbent.

It is all very well for the vicar of a parish to say he gives permission to visitors and informs his chief ringer afterwards, but if I were the chief ringer I would be tempted to make the following comments to the vicar:—

(1) I suppose you will meet the visitors on their arrival and hand them the key to the belfry.

(2) I suppose you will go up and pull the clock chimes off and make sure none of the bells are lashed or that there are any obstructions.

(3) I suppose you will look over the ropes and do any necessary splicing and oil the bearings of the bells so that the visitors will be able to enjoy their visit without incident or mishap.

(4) I suppose you will go along after the visitors have left and make sure the clock chimes have been put on again, all lights put out, and the belfry door locked.

Again, it is all very well for a country vicar to issue an open invitation to all and sundry to come along and ring his bells, but he must realise that in very many towers ringing must be severely curtailed. There may be a hospital nearby, or the district may be thickly populated, or the church may stand in a shopping or business area of a town. In all such places careful consideration has to be given to any request for the use of the bells.

Can you imagine the feelings of a ringer at such a tower going along to the vicar to say, 'May I arrange a peal to mark the fiftieth anniversary of my confirmation?' only to be told, 'I am very sorry, but I have already told a party from so-and-so that they can come for a peal on the Saturday before your date so I am afraid I shall have to say no to you.'

There is nothing fanciful about all this. The incident at Cranborne earlier this year, as far as can be judged from the correspondence in 'The Ringing World,' occurred because, much against his better judgment, the incumbent gave permission for the ringing which caused the offence without reference to his own ringers. Again, where the various university societies began to find a new and larger existence in the years following the ban their enthusiasm ran away with them (excusably, no doubt), and they found it a useful thing from their point of view to write to the incumbent on college notepaper. This resulted in some instances in permission being given because the incumbent was at the same college, although he normally refused other ringers. (One gladly acknowledges that such incidents appear to have ceased now that the university people are adding such strength and lustre to the ordinary associations.)

It is all very well to be righteously indignant about alleged discourtesy to an incumbent, but the ringers who ring Sunday by Sunday are entitled to their courtesies as well. Fortunately, however, a very good understanding usually exists between the ringers and their incumbents. I was talking to a ringing captain only the other day whose rector had told him not to bother about getting permission for visitors provided there would be nothing on in the church. I may add that it is not to be concluded that the rector is careless or negligent of his responsibilities—he merely knows that he can rely on the good judgment of his own ringing captain —Yours faithfully,

P. A. C.

SNOWDON COMMEMORATION DINNER

YORKSHIRE'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE EXERCISE

THE irresistible charm of the city of York, opportunities to ring on the Minster bells, good fare (both solid and liquid) and a pervading air of genuine friendliness all combined to make the Snowdon Dinner, on October 26th, a most pleasant function.

The chair was taken by the president of the Yorkshire Association (the Ven. C. O. Ellison), who was supported by the Lord Mayor of York (Alderman C. W. Wright), the Dean of York (the Very Rev. Eric Milner-White), Mr. P. J. Johnson (vice-president) and Mr. L. W. Morris (secretary). The chairman announced that apologies had been received from Mr. E. H. Lewis, the Archdeacon of York, the president of the Lancashire Association, Mr. Earnshaw, Mr. G. Horner, Miss Margaret E. Snowdon and Mr. W. Barton.

The toast of 'Church and State' was proposed by Mr. P. J. Johnson who referred to the happy relations now existing between the civic and the Minster authorities at York. It had not always been so, for on one occasion a dispute between the Dean and the Mayor had necessitated a special visit by King Richard II. to settle the matter. On that occasion the King presented the city with a sword which was to be borne before the Mayor on ceremonial occasions.

THE OLD FOUNDRIES

Whenever he (Mr. Johnson) came to York' he always made a point of going to see the bellfounders' window in the Minster. There were at one time two old bell foundries in the city, one belonging to Richard Tunnoch (whom the window commemorates) and Smith's bell foundry. He had often tried to find the exact location of these foundries but without success.

He thought it should ever be borne in mind that one of the main tasks of the Church in the past had been the provision of Education, and he hoped the Church would continue to stress that the formation of character was more important than the making of money. Mr. Johnson paid a tribute to the Dean of York, who was so energetically tackling the work of restoration at the Minster. He reminded the audience that it was their duty to support the Church in the work it had to do in these difficult times.

The Dean, in reply, said he was thankful that he had not on that occasion received such a 'warm' welcome as that given to his predecessor, Dr. Foxley Norris, in that room many years ago, when a waiter inadvertently tipped four plates of hot tomato soup down his back!

He thought they would be interested to hear that he had once designed a bell. This was in connection with a stained glass window where they desired to represent the New Jerusalem descending on the City of Southampton. The bell was named 'Felicity.'

The Dean spoke of the function of bells and said next year they would play a big part in connection with the Coronation and would express the nation's joy.

The toast 'The late Jasper W. Snowdon and Past Officers of the Yorkshire Association' was proposed by Mr. J. F. Smallwood. He said that ringers had once been described as being 'consistent in their inconsistency.' For instance, in Yorkshire they preferred to ring Treble Bob in the Kent variation—and in Kent they preferred to ring Treble Bob in the Oxford variation. In some parts of the country they preferred ropes with one sally—in another (he would not say which) they preferred ropes with two! All, however were unanimous in agreeing they owed a great debt to the work of the late Jasper Snowdon, first president of the Yorkshire Association.

SNOWDON'S GREAT CONTRIBUTION

Jasper Snowdon was born in 1844 and was a keen athlete—once having walked from Leeds to London in five days. He (the speaker) preferred to think that it was after this walk he joined the Ancient Society of College Youths—that was in 1872. The books which Jasper Snowdon wrote have been mainly responsible for the standard of ringing as known to-day and they were still authoritative.

During his short lifetime (he died at the age of 41) he rang no less than 129 peals. He saw the need for practical as well as theoretical instruction and he filled that need. The College Youths thought very highly of him and on his death the Master of that day, Mr. J. Martin Routh, wrote:—

'What though the deeds in which he played his part
Are not inscribed on England's Roll of Fame,
As long as future ages prize our Art,
So long shall reverence be for Snowdon's name.'

The work which Jasper had commenced was continued by his brother William, who became president and was in turn carried on by his daughter, Margaret E. Snowdon, who was still with them and working on their behalf. It was gratifying that the Central Council at Lincoln this year bestowed on her its highest honour, viz., life membership of the Council in recognition of her services to the Exercise.

Another great figure in the Yorkshire Association was William Horner Howard, who took an active part in its formation and was made a vice-president. He was for 68 years a ringer at York Minster and took part in the last peal on the old bells when he and two others rang the tenor.

Other great names that came to mind were those of Charles Jackson, of Hull, one of the finest conductors of Grandsire the Exercise has ever known; Charles Henry Hattersley, of Sheffield, who gave them the simple turning course for Stedman Cinques; James Cotterill, for many years treasurer; Canon Marshall, president for 35 years; George Bolland, a famous six-bell ringer, who was ringing multi-method peals of Minor before splicing was heard of; Harry Williams of Leeds, a fine man and a splendid ringer. All these men had served the Association and the Exercise well and they were proud to honour their memory.

The toast of 'Visitors and Kindred Societies' was submitted by Mr. H. Walker (president of the York Minster Society), who said in spite of the counter-attractions of the opening of a new ring of twelve bells at Liverpool Parish Church and the 40th anniversary of the Ladies' Guild at Leicester, they had with them a number of distinguished visitors and representatives of kindred societies.

After welcoming the Lord Mayor, the Dean and the Rev. J. McMullen, Sacrist at the Minster, Mr. Walker referred to the presence of Mr. J. Frank Smallwood, who represented the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Editorial Committee of 'The Ringing World.' Making an appeal for greater support of 'The Ringing World,' he said more postal subscribers were required and bulk orders were cheaper than individual ones. At York they got eight copies delivered to one address and the cost (Yorkshire ringers please note) was no more than purchasing through a newsagent, but the committee benefited considerably as distributors and newsagents' profits were saved.

Among the other visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Norman Park, M. Rowland Park and Miss Margaret Fidell (Durham and Newcastle Association) Mr. and Mrs. Lathbury and Miss Shorter (Surrey Association), Mr. Rishworth (St. Martin's Guild) and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Raddon (Lancashire Association).

'CLATTERBANGERS'

Although the Ladies' Guild had a counter-attraction at Leicester he was glad to see so many 'Clatterbangers,' as they were called in Leicestershire, with them. Incidentally for the first time in history they had ladies as bellringers in York Minster. Miss Reeves joined the Society twelve months ago and Miss Kingdom had recently come to live in York from Chester. The Chester Diocesan Guild could be said to be represented by Miss Kingdom as she had not yet had time to join the Yorkshire Association.

The Lord Mayor, in thanking Mr. Walker for his kind welcome, said from what he had seen of bellringing he thought it should be registered as a 'dangerous occupation.' He thought bellringers were born — not paid! He had tried to qualify as a ringer by ringing the fire bell that day, but was proud to think that he had been successful in ringing one of York City's bell(c)s!

Mr. Lathbury, of Walton-on-Thames, responded for the kindred societies.

The toast of 'Continued Prosperity of the Yorkshire Association' was proposed by Mr. W. Norman Park, of Darlington. He said that the Association had been well served by its officers, and the formation and maintenance of such a great organisation with its vast territory and variety of industries reflected to the credit of the officers.

Mr. L. G. Morris (secretary) responded and said that the Association now had 1,592 members. It had only had four presidents since 1875. The officers were greatly helped by the intense loyalty of the members.

Although Yorkshire possessed five rings of twelve bells, it had only been possible to ring peals on four of them—the notable exception being that of York Minster. He hoped that in connection with the Coronation celebrations this omission might be put right.

Mr. G. Benfield, of Pudsey, submitted the toast of 'The Chairman,' and the president, in replying paid a tribute to Mr. H. Walker, who had so ably organised that gathering. He had worked very hard for a long time to ensure its success.

Musical items were given by Mrs. D. Bowles and Messrs. S. H. Steel, F. Horner, L. Wright J. Worfolk and K. Ward.

A course of Grandsire Caters was rung by John Ambler, E. W. Critchley, P. J. Johnson, L. W. G. Morris and S. Palmer.

The company included Mr. and Mrs. Braithwaite, Mr. and Mrs. A. Chapman, Mr. and Mrs. H. Forden, Mr. and Mrs. G. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Johnson, Mr and Mrs. R. Lathbury, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Marsh, Mr. and Mrs. H. Morley, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Park, Mr. and Mrs. C. Raddon, Mr. and Mrs. F. Ricketts, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Sellars, Mr. and Mrs. H. Walker and Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Williams.

Messrs. J. Ambler, G. Benfield, F. Bishop, J. E. Cawser, D. Chapman, A. Cole, W. E. Critchley, F. Darbourne, J. W. Gibson, J. L. Gilbert, E. Hudson, G. Jackson, R. W. G. Morris, R. and K. Park, S. F. Palmer F. W. Rishworth, E. Short, P. Speck, T. Southwick, B. Sutton, W. H. Taylor, J. Turley, A. H. Walker and E. Wilson.

Mesdames Reeves and S. H. Steel.

The Misses A. Abbey, N. Bickerdike, M. Fidell, S. M. Kingdom, W. E. Shorter, P. Reeves and M. Shearsmith.

HESTON RINGERS

Heston ringers, their friends and wives had a half-day's outing through Berkshire and Oxfordshire on October 4th. Ringing took place at Henley, East Ilsley (where there was also tea at the Crown and Horns Hotel, and Mr. W. Hibbert met the party), and St. Helen's, Abingdon. Thanks are expressed to Mr. John Sansom for arranging such an enjoyable outing and to the incumbents and steeplekeepers for the use of the bells.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD'S JUBILEE DINNER

Happy Relationship With Three County Associations

On June 27th last, the East Grinstead and District Guild attained its silver jubilee and to celebrate the occasion a dinner was held at East Grinstead on October 11th. The bells were available from 4 o'clock and ringing up to Cambridge Major was enjoyed. An excellent meal was served at the Glanfield Hotel. Everyone was pleased that the Guild's president (the Rev. Dr. G. Golding-Bird) was able to preside over the proceedings in his own inimitable way and act as toastmaster.

After the president had proposed the loyal toast Mr. B. W. White (general secretary, Sussex County Association) submitted 'The East Grinstead and District Guild.' He spoke of the good work that had been and was still being performed by the Guild; also of the excellent relations between Guild and county, hoping this state of affairs would continue for many years.

In reply, Mr. E. J. Ladd (chairman of the Guild) thanked Mr. White for his kind remarks and said how pleased he was that the dinner had been such a success, as it had been his idea.

Mr. C. A. Bassett (Guild secretary) proposed the health of 'The Visitors.' He said that being a visitor was one of the nicest things about ringing. They all knew the feeling about entering a strange tower and not knowing a soul, but as soon as the person was known to be a ringer he was made to feel at home. He endorsed Mr. White's remarks about the friendly relations between the Guild and the three county associations over whose territory the Guild operated, and was pleased to see as guests Mr. B. W. White of the Southern Division and Mr. G. Jennings of the Northern Division, Sussex Association, Mr. J. W. Knight, Surrey Association, and Mr. B. Pankhurst, of the Tonbridge District, Kent Association. He regretted that Mr. P. Rollison of the Eastern Division, Sussex County Association, was prevented from coming owing to his wife's indisposition.

Mr. G. Jennings replied, thanking the Guild for their hospitality.

The chairman then read a greetings telegram from the Tonbridge District, Kent Association, wishing the Guild continued success.

Mr. A. F. Wellington (Guild treasurer) proposed 'The President and Organisers.' He spoke of the hard work of the dinner subcommittee, especially Miss K. Shepherd, and went on to say how fortunate the Guild were in having such a man as Dr. Golding-Bird as president. It was a coincidence that this year Dr. Golding-Bird had celebrated his silver jubilee as Vicar of East Grinstead.

Mr. Wellington mentioned how easy it was for one to take up ringing in these days compared with 50 years ago, when one could sit in the belfry all the evening and never be asked to have a ring. He thought that the youngsters of to-day had every opportunity to learn especially with a Guild like theirs.

The president replied with a few well-chosen words thanking ringers for their unstinted labours for the Church, saying that he would always be pleased to do anything that he could for them.

The rest of the time was spent as a social evening, the company being entertained by Mr. Ernest Simms, who sang and accompanied himself on the accordion, and later introduced the high spot of the evening, Mr. George Creasey, as East Grinstead's new 'district nurse.'

In addition to the president and guests, those present were: E. J. Ladd, A. F. Lewry, A. F. Wellington, A. Relfe, A. Laker, C. A. Bassett, Mr. and Mrs. A. Turley, Mr. and Mrs. R. Wood, H. and M. Oakshett, D. Divall, E. Jenner, Mr. and Mrs. C. Hancock, Mr. and Mrs. R. Collins, Mrs. and Miss Colgate, Miss Golding, A. L. Ryman, Mr. and Mrs. W. Manser, L. Honess, Mr. and Mrs. S. Ponting, W. Morland and Miss Shepherd.

FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World' of Nov. 8th, 1912

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE
The Lancashire Association

On Thursday, October 31st, 1912, in 3 hours and 13 minutes
At the Church of St. Mark
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5,040 CHANGES

Carter's No. 10. Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

John Potter	Treble
James H. Ridyard	2
George Pincott	3
John Welsby	4
William Grunwell	5
Percy Derbyshire	6
Joseph Ridyard	7
*Joseph H. Ridyard, jun.	Tenor

Conducted by Joseph Ridyard.

*First peal in any method. The company think it reflects great credit on the bell founders when a youth of 16 years can ring a peal on a tenor of over a ton weight without being unduly exhausted.

[And, equally, great credit on the ringer. Since this auspicious beginning, Mr. Ridyard has become one of the leading conductors in the North of England.]

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY

St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, was the venue for the autumn meeting of the Society on October 18th. Ringing during the afternoon and evening on the fine ring of ten bells (tenor 28 cwt.) was under the direction of the Ringing Master (Mr. Maurice Turner). The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. Price) and St. Paul's organist (Mr. Cox) was at the organ. In his address Mr. Price stressed the point that if ringers were really doing their ringing for the glory of God, then there would be very few unoccupied ropes for service ringing each Sunday.

An excellent tea was served in St. Paul's Institute to which 45 sat down. Mr. B. G. Key and his helpers are to be congratulated on providing such a good meal.

In his remarks after tea, Mr. Fred Bennett pointed out that if other bands who had meetings coming off at their towers would only try and emulate the Burton ringers in providing tea, the cost would be considerably less than that charged by outside caterers. He mentioned about the forthcoming dinner at Wednesbury on November 15th and said he hoped all members of the Society would give their support.

ISLE OF WIGHT RINGERS' TOUR

Isle of Wight ringers went 'foreign' on September 27th and visited the mainland. Ringing took place at Lyminster, near Littlehampton, Bolney in Mid-Sussex, Buckland, Wisborough Green (where the visit coincided with the church fete and the visitors entered a tug-of-war team, but the horizontal pull was not their idea of a 'piece of cake') and Petersfield with its light staircase. The last boat was caught back to Ryde, after a day of full enjoyment. Ringing throughout the day was not brilliant and ranged from rounds to an unsuccessful attempt at Cambridge Minor.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

The six-bell tower of Souldern was selected for the quarterly meeting of the Bicester Branch on October 25th. The Guild service was conducted by the Rev. Hugh Benson (vice-president) and the lesson read by Mr. F. Sharpe. The Rev. C. Cowland Cooper (branch president) preached.

Members of the Mothers' Union provided an excellent tea. Business transacted included the election of Miss Elizabeth Sharpe, daughter of Mr. F. Sharpe, as a member, selecting Caversfield with Bicester for the next meeting on January 31st and thanks to all who had contributed to the success of the meeting.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Canterbury District

The annual meeting of the Canterbury District was held in Canterbury on October 18th. Ninety members and friends were present, coming from 24 of the 34 affiliated towers in the district. Ringing during the afternoon was held at St. Stephen's, St. Dunstan's and St. Alphege's prior to the service, which was held in the latter church, being conducted by the Rector (the Rev. C. Magraw).

Tea being disposed of, members settled down to the business meeting. The secretary's report showed that there had been a drop of 11 in total membership (this loss is now six). The large number of honorary members had been retained, 47. Six meetings had all been well attended, an average of 52 being present. Tower representation had been 16. These figures prove the interest taken in the district and easily prove the great harmony that exists between the members. While not aspiring to the heights of Spliced Surprise, methods up to Cambridge Major had been practised.

Mr. J. A. Russell, Birchington (chairman), Mr. B. J. Luck (secretary) and Messrs. H. R. French and S. Walter (representatives) were all re-elected on nomination. The Ringing Master was elected by ballot, Mr. W. S. Palin, Faversham, being chosen for this office. The officers were all thanked for their services during the past year, and Mr. R. G. French was thanked for his two years as Ringing Master.

Wingham outvoted Ospringe as the venue for the quarterly meeting. Mention was made of the social to be held in November, and a recommendation that the annual general meeting of the Association be held in Canterbury next year was passed.

Thanks were expressed to all the clergy in the city, these including the Dean and Chapter, by whose permission the Cathedral bells were available during the evening.

TOWER GRABBING IN SOMERSET

On a recent autumn Saturday afternoon the peaceful brown and gold tinted country lanes of Somerset were disturbed by an unusual amount of traffic. The mechanised squad was, in fact, a party of Bath and district ringers intent on a tower grabbing expedition. And let it not be thought this was merely a party of youths haring around the countryside bent on enlarging their lists of towers. Youth was certainly represented, and not least by 13-year-old Ellis Lipyeat, but the presence of nigh on 80-year-old Albert Baverstock ensured that age more than held its own.

Towers visited were Queen Charlton (5), Publow (6), Hinton Blewett (5), Litton (6), Paulton (6) and Priston (6). Three towers were grabbed before all ranks fell in for tea at the Ring of Bells, Hinton Blewett. A cordial welcome from mine hostess was followed by liberal offerings of country victuals which, needless to say, were appreciated to the 'full.'

The sixth and final tower of the day, Priston, was reached soon after 8 p.m. and a good hour's ringing completed operations.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Northern District at Royston

A most enjoyable and well-attended meeting was held at Royston by the Northern District on October 25th. A short service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. A. E. D. Devonshire, whose sermon was most encouraging to all present, his theme being—'We hath not chosen God, but God Almighty hath chosen us.'

Tea was provided by the Vicar at the Corner Cafe.

At the business meeting the Vicar presided and three new members were elected, viz., R. Swann (Royston), G. Johnson (Stevenage), W. Bysouth (Barkway). It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Baldock on Saturday, November 29th, the special method being Duffield Major E. G. B.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Difficulties Over Finances

An extra-ordinary general meeting of the Hertford County Association was held in the ringing chamber of St. Peter's Church, St. Albans, on October 18th.

The hon. general secretary (Mr. H. V. Frost) opened the proceedings by referring to the death of the president (Mr. A. E. Symonds), and the members stood in silent tribute to the memory of an old friend. The meeting then approved the action of the committee in asking the immediate past president (Mr. T. J. Southam) to act as president for the remainder of the term of office.

The hon. treasurer (Mr. G. W. Debenham) was then called upon for a financial statement. This showed that apart from the expenses incurred in the running of the Association and the amounts received from various sources so far this year, there were several large donations received already. Mr. Debenham enlarged on the bank statement and gave a rough idea of what it cost to run the Association per member. The committee had recommended that the annual subscription of ringing members be left at 2s. 6d. for 1953, but that the position be reviewed during that year in view of the possible need for an increase. This met with the approval of the meeting.

It was proposed that the subscription for new non-resident life members be raised from five to ten shillings as from January 1st, 1953. This met with much opposition from Messrs. W. H. J. Hooton and C. W. Woolley on the grounds of little gain. After some discussion it was finally agreed that the matter be left over.

Mr. Cashmore requested more detailed information on the financial position and of the efforts being made to repay the loan of £50 which the Association had accepted at the annual meeting.

Reports from district secretaries present showed that at least £50 had already been raised by means of collections at district meetings, socials and donations from various towers.

Mr. C. W. Woolley asked if competitive estimates had been obtained for the printing of the annual report. The secretary replied that following resolutions from two of the districts he had obtained such estimates and had been instructed by the committee to accept the lowest.

A general discussion then followed on whether the next report be printed or 'duplicated.' The hon. secretary said he hoped to have the report printed in time for the annual meeting if he could get the co-operation of all concerned. Mr. Woolley proposed that the printing or otherwise of the report be left for the time being and that the matter be reviewed at the annual meeting. The motion was lost. Mr. Woolley then proposed that the report be in 'duplicated' form, but his proposal failed to find a seconder.

Mr. W. H. J. Hooton put forward several suggestions for cutting costs, such as fewer notices in 'The Ringing World,' increasing the membership of ringing and honorary members, etc. Mr. H. G. Cashmore, who had given previous notice of alteration to Rule 2, then proposed that the latter part of the rule be reworded so as to exclude resident ringing members from becoming life members. This alteration was put to the meeting and carried unanimously.

A proposal that the peal book be written at the expense of the Association was agreed to by a majority vote after some discussion. This closed the business and members adjourned for tea and ringing at the Cathedral and St. Michael's.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

Peals On Meeting Days

The October quarterly meeting was held at Monk's Kirby, near Rugby, on the 18th ult., over 40 members attending. One of Warwickshire's best octaves (tenor 24¼ cwt. in D), housed in a magnificent tower attached to a large church, the building and the bells are out of all proportion to the size of the village. The ringing ranged from rounds to Spliced Surprise in the tower and Grandsire and Stedman Caters on handbells. Tea was taken at the Denbigh Arms.

The business meeting followed presided over by the Master, Mr. F. W. Perrens. Apologies were received from the president (the Rev. R. R. P. Rigby), Messrs. J. White, F. H. Ashley and H. E. Ashley and Mrs. Hinde (hon. member). The place of the next meeting caused a vote to be taken as both Chilvers Coton and Warwick were proposed and seconded. Upon a show of hands Warwick was selected.

The matter of peals being arranged on meeting days was aired, the principal speakers being Messrs. J. L. Garner-Hayward, A. J. Hinde, L. Trevor, H. Webb, R. J. Edden, with the Master summing up voicing the general opinion that, unless local conditions decree otherwise, peals on meeting days must be discouraged.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar (the Rev. A. R. Jones) for the use of the bells, and to Mr. T. Pittham, the local captain for arranging the tea and having everything in readiness in the tower. D. E. B.

BEVERLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The Society held its October meeting at Pocklington in the old church of All Saints, which has a ring of six (tenor 16 cwt.). Although the tower was surrounded with scaffolding and repairs to the stonework were being carried out, ringing was able to take place without damage to the structure.

Standard methods were rung during the afternoon until service time. The Vicar of Pocklington, Canon Richardson, was away in York with a Missionary gathering. His place was taken by the Rev. G. Storer, R.D., who conducted the service in his stead.

Tea was taken in the Church Hall, a feast of home cooking, ably served by the ringers' wives. In replying to a vote of thanks at the end of the meeting, Mr. C. Bairstow spoke of the church restoration in progress, which, with the tower, included a new east window and two new bells to complete the octave. Unfortunately there are not sufficient funds to pay for the recasting of the existing six.

Further ringing took place until 8 p.m.

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His many friends and members of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers wish speedy recovery for their popular president, the Rev. Preb. E. V. Cox, who has been in Ottery St. Mary Hospital since October 9th. He has had another, minor, operation and hopes soon to return home.

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MEETINGS

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield and Congleton Branch.—A meeting of the Branch will be held at St. Peter's, Congleton, on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells (8) at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Make your own arrangements for tea. 1639

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District.—November meeting, North Wingfield, Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells from 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. W. H. Wain, South View, Church Lane, North Wingfield. Good attendance specially requested. 1597

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—West Hoathly (6). Nov. 8th. Tea at The Fountain Cafe. —C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst, Sussex. 1598

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Meeting at Old Chesterton (6), Saturday, Nov. 8th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Hall.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 1600

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. —Meeting at Great Dunmow Nov. 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to H. W. Smith, 11, The Causeway, Great Dunmow, Essex. 1552

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Yorktown (8) on Saturday, Nov. 8th, 6—9 p.m.—G. S. Joyce, Dis. Sec. 1610

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Correction: Meeting on Nov. 8th at Prescot. Bells 2.30. Service 5. Tea 5.30 (1s.). —J. M. Preston, Branch Sec. 1637

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Nov. 8th All Saints', West Ham Lane (few minutes Stratford Station or Broadway). Bells (10) from 3 p.m. Tea 4.45. Business and further ringing from 6 p.m.—A. Boyack. Wanstead 1575. 1609

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AND LONDON GUILD.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Church End, Finchley, on Saturday, Nov. 8th, 3 p.m. Service, tea and business. Hendon bells available 6.30 to 9 p.m.—T. J. Lock. 1588

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Reading Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Tilehurst Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30 at Old Schools. — A. Diserens, 18, Manchester Road, Reading. 1575

WORCESTER ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch. — Bi-quarterly meeting at Wychbold, Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—E. F. Cubberley, Park Cottages, Kempsey, near Worcester. 1607

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Deanery.—Meeting at Dundry, November 15th, 4 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 1625

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Meeting at Westoning, Saturday, Nov. 15th, at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who send names.—Dennis Knox 17, Woodlands Avenue, Houghton Regis, Dunstable, Beds. 1629

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Acton, Nov. 15th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea **must** be received by Nov. 12th.—W. Kerr, 26, Davenham Crescent, Crewe. 1623

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Meeting, Christ Church, Port Sunlight (8), Saturday Nov. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea provided for those notifying me by 12th.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 1644

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Meeting at Thornaby on Saturday, Nov. 15th, at 3 p.m.—P. W. B. Semmens, Hon. Sec. 1641

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nuneaton District.—Meeting at Exhall, near Coventry, at the request of the local ringers, on Saturday Nov. 15th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, not later than Tuesday, 11th, to A. J. Hinde, 15, Church Street, Bulkington, Nuneaton. 1631

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak. District.—Annual meeting at Darley Dale, Saturday, November 15th, 3 p.m. Important business to discuss. Please try to attend. Cups of tea provided.—D. S. Gregory. 1649

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Practice, Saturday Nov. 15th, Rewe (6), 2.30 p.m. On the Exeter—Tiverton bus route. Guild Cathedral practice 6 p.m. same evening.—F. Wreford, Hon. Sec. 1618

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, Nov. 15th, at 3.30, Dedication of War Memorial in Newcastle Cathedral. Tea in the library after service. Ringing at Gateshead 6—9.—D. A. Bayles.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Meeting at Cottenham (6), Saturday, Nov. 15th at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Miss M. Grain, Dis. Sec. 1630

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Hunts District.—Meeting at Warboys (5), Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 1624

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.— Meeting Hilgay, Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by 12th, please. These bells have recently been overhauled.—J. E. Fox, Walpole Highway, Wisbech. 1632

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.— By-meeting Wivenhoe Nov. 15th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Ringing till 9 p.m. Numbers for tea to me by November 10th, essential, please.—R. Duesbury, Hughesdale 5, Clacton Road, St. Osyth, Essex. 1571

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD. —Meeting at Staplehurst (8), Saturday, Nov. 15th, 3 p.m. Notification for tea, by Nov. 12th, to Geo. Billenness, 3, Grasmere Terrace Hawkhurst, Kent. 1616

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION — St. Albans District.—Meeting at North Mymms (8), Saturday, November 15th, commencing 3 p.m. Names for tea to W. J. Southam, 14, Walton Street, St. Albans. 1627

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting Flookburgh, on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells (6) available 2 p.m. Names for tea to A. Edgar, Holker-in-Cartmel.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 1646

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch. — Meeting at Holy Trinity Church, Blackpool, on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—J. H. Foster. 1645

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—Meeting at St. Thomas's, Pendleton, Nov. 15th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea. Bus from King Street West or Victoria Bridge. All welcome.—R. Benson. 1647

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be at Bacup St. Saviour's on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells from 3. All welcome.—J. Porter. 1635

MARSDEN, YORKSHIRE. — Annual Ringers' Day, Nov. 15th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Meat tea for all who notify, by Nov. 8th, Miss Mary Addy, Throstle Nest, Marsden. Whist, dancing, handbells and supper in the evening. 1536

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Heston (8), Nov. 15th. Service 5, with tea in Vicarage afterwards (names by previous day to J. Sansom, 4, Shaftesbury Avenue, Southall). Bells 4—5 and after tea. St. Paul's Bath Road, Hounslow (8) 3—4. Joint meeting with R.C.Y. Dec. 6th.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec. 1633

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. — Next meeting, Newhall, Nov. 15th. Bells (6) 2.30. Tea 4.30 p.m. for those who notify the undersigned by Nov. 12th.—J. W. Cotton, Overseal. 1643

NORWICH ASSOCIATION (Eastern Branch) and SUFFOLK GUILD. — Joint meeting, Beccles, Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells (10) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea by 12th, please, to E. R. Goate, 47, Smallgate, Beccles. 1584

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.— Towcester Branch.—Practice meeting at Helmdon on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells (6) from 5 till 8.30 p.m. All welcome.—W. Yates, Branch Sec. 1621

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—A by-meeting at Hampreston on Nov. 15th. Ringing from 2.30; Canford in the evening. Tea for those who notify by Nov. 12th, I. Davis, 109, Wimborne Road, Poole. 1622

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.— Meeting, Nov. 15th, Wyke Regis. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Names for tea, by Nov. 10th, to Mr. G. Abbott, 36, Williams Avenue, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.—Hayne, Sec. 1582

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Monthly meeting, Snaith, Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Cups of tea only available. Members please bring own food.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 1640

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark District.— Meeting, Bingham (8) Saturday, Nov. 15th, 2.30 p.m. Tea (3s. 6d.) at Corner Cafe, for those who notify me by previous Tuesday.—P. N. White, 131, London Road, New Balderton, Newark. 1581

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division. — Practice meeting Burgess Hill, Nov. 15th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Please notify by Wednesday, 12th.—P. F. Romney, 21, Woodsland Road, Hassocks. 1634

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, King's Somborne, Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells (6) 2. Service 4.15. Tea 5 in School Hut. Names, by previous Wednesday, to Mr. J. A. C. King, 29, Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester. 1592

CHRIST CHURCH, MITCHAM (near Colliers Wood Tube Station).—Ringers' service, Nov. 16th 6.30 p.m. Ringing (6 bells) 5.30.— 6.30 p.m. The church has now been restored, redecorated, heated and a new organ is to be installed. All welcome. 1619

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby and Ilkeston joint meeting at Melbourne on November 22nd at 3 p.m. Names for tea to Lt.-Col. R. John Morris D.S.O., Vicar, The Vicarage, Melbourne, Derbyshire. 1651

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guildford District. — Nomination meeting at Bramley Saturday, Nov. 22nd. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Saturday, Nov. 15th, to Hon. Sec., 7, Raymond Crescent, Dennisville, Guildford. 1648

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The social will be held in Canterbury, Saturday, Nov. 22nd. St. Stephen's and St. Dunstan's bells from 2.30 p.m. Tea St. Dunstan's Parish Room, 4.45 p.m. Social evening to follow. Tickets limited, 2s. 6d. each (cash and stamp, please) from B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury, latest Nov. 17th. 1626

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SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District. —Ringing meeting, Saturday, Nov. 22nd, at Benhall, 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Saxmundham bells after tea. Annual subscriptions will be collected.—P. S. Bedford. 1614

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Meeting at Buckland Nov. 22nd. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, by Nov. 18th, to C. J. Champion, 1, Rectory Lane, Buckland, Betchworth. 1636

DEVON GUILD.—South West Branch. — Annual meeting, Plymouth, St. Andrew's, Dec. 6th. Bells (10) available from 2.30. Service in St. Andrew's Chapel 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in the Lower Abbey Hall. Names by Dec. 1st, to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 1613

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CHESHIRE AND THE COLLEGE YOUTHS

LOOKED at through modern eyes, it is difficult to appreciate the attraction which ringing held for the men who formed the earliest societies, since it consisted for the most part in raising the bells with all speed, swinging them in rounds and lowering. Not until the invention of the sixes was the slightest intellectual element introduced. Yet these early ringers were men of high social standing and were in the real sense 'scholars,' having had the advantage of the best education of the day. Ringing attracted simply because it was considered a sport, a trial of strength, a new game for the young bloods of the 17th century.

The late Armiger Trollope added much to our knowledge of these pioneers when he compiled 'The History of the College Youths,' a fine piece of research which he carried out with characteristic skill. In it he emphasised the high social standing of the early members of the Society and showed how its first Master was in close contact with the Royal Court itself. This fact alone might have made young Lord Brereton an obvious choice for the Mastership whatever his capabilities as a ringer. Quite reasonably his interest in ringing has always been taken for granted, but some definite evidence of this interest can now be added.

A short distance from his home in the county of Cheshire there was a bell foundry. It was opened at Congleton in the early years of the 17th century by Henry Oldfield, of Nottingham, as a branch foundry and was the only foundry which has ever operated in the county. It was situated in a disused church built in the half-timber style at the end of the wooden bridge over the Dane. To this foundry the bells of Brereton were sent to be recast in 1634, and it seems clear that his lordship was instrumental in having this work done, for he was present to witness the recasting and was entertained by the town.

> Payd to Peter Hodgkinson for one pottle of Sacke and one pottle of Claret wyne that was bestowed upon the Lord Brereton at the castinge of Brereton Bells...0. 4. 0.

A 'pottle' represented two quarts, so that Lord Brereton's capabilities evidently extended to fields other than ringing! He was then 23 years of age and there can be little doubt that he was an experienced ringer when he became the first Master of the Youths in 1637.

Cheshire has a further link with the Society. At the beginning of the next century there was a flourishing company of ringers in the county who styled themselves 'The Chester Scholars.' They rang at St. John's Church in Chester and rented a room from the Weavers' Company as a meeting place. Known locally as the 'Gentlemen Bell-ringers,' they were much in the limelight in 1733 when they added two trebles to St. John's six and gave the city its first ring of eight. Several of their names were recorded on the new bells (which still exist in a modern turret), and it is more than likely that they were all members of the College Youths. One of them certainly took a prominent part in the Society's affairs. Watkin Williams joined in 1717 and, as Trollope records, was almost the last in the long line of country gentlemen who were associated with the Youths. He later became possessed of large estates in North Wales and added the name Wynn to his own. He was M.P. for Denbighshire and on various occasions Mayor of Chester and Oswestry, being created a baronet in 1740.

At the present time, when the thoughts of so many ringers are turned to the College Youths, Cheshire is proud to remember its past and present associations with so famous a society.

J. W. C.

FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World' of November 15th, 1912

ODD CHANGES

The youthful members of Mr. Johnson's family at Hinton, Evesham, seem to take to ringing like ducks to water. Here we have three of them, whose ages, we believe, are 11, 13 and 10, ringing a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles on handbells. This was done on Monday week in 35 minutes: Ellen M. Johnson 1–2, Joseph D. Johnson (conductor) 3–4, Ruth Johnson (longest length) 5–6.

. . . . . .

The name of Pye in the peal ringing world is not likely yet to be lost sight of. Indeed, we should be sorry to think that those famous brothers, William, Ernest and George R., were going to disappear for many long years yet. But now we have their nephews [sons of another brother, Alfred] . . . reaching the greater heights of peal ringing. We record this week the first peal by L. A. Pye (aged 13) and W. A. Pye (age 17). It was Grandsire Triples at Romford, and their father and two uncles took part.

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Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal of Caters. First peal on the ten bells.
Rung for the Festival of All Saints. *

TWICKENHAM, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 19¼ cwt.

ERNEST C. S. TURNER	*Treble*	*JANET S. BAILEY	6
*FRANK T. BLAGROVE	2	WILLIAM J. ELLIS	7
JOHN D. ROCK	3	WILLIAM H. COLES	8
*ROBERT G. LAY	4	TONY PRICE	9
FREDERICK A. FINCH	5	RICHARD E. PRICE	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.
* First peal of Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(Southern Branch.)
On Sat., Sept. 20, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN THOMAS	*Treble*	ROBERT G. FREEMAN	5
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	2	JAMES ATTWOOD	6
MRS. J. THOMAS	3	E. TREVOR NEWBURY	7
FREDERICK G. NURDEN	4	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.
Rung for the marriage of Mr. Patrick Harris and Miss Margaret J. Rowland, two members of the local band, which was solemnised at the above church earlier in the day.

NEWMARKET, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Oct. 21, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN A. ACRES	*Treble*	T. REGINALD DENNIS	5
ERNEST G. HIBBINS	2	JOHN G. GIPSON	6
ALBERT E. AUSTIN	3	*JAMES W. R. QUINNEY	7
CYRIL A. HURST	4	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.
* First peal of Surprise Major. First peal of Surprise on the bells and first peal of any sort for 40 years.

OVERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 25, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. in A flat.

WILLIAM F. WOODWARD	*Treble*	ALBERT E. THOMPSON	5
ELSIE K. FULTON	2	JOSEPH WM. COTTON	6
WALTER G. SOAR	3	J. W. FRANK TROTMAN	7
GEORGE H. HART	4	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
Rung to mark the coming of age of Miss Joan Cotton, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Wm. Cotton, of Overseale.

WARMINSTER, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 25, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 28 cwt.

EDWARD C. MARLOW	*Treble*	LAURENCE E. HITCHINS	5
PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING	2	NORMAN KNEE	6
DONALD E. LEE	3	FREDERICK S. SLATFORD	7
CYRIL MUNT	4	THOMAS E. MALLARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK S. SLATFORD.
Rung as a compliment to ringer of treble (77 years) and for the birthday of Mr. W. C. West, General Secretary of the Guild.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Oct. 27, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5056 BELVEDERE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

ANTHONY R. AGER	*Treble*	JOHN PINFOLD	5
MURIEL REAY	2	BRIAN G. WARWICK	6
HENRY H. FEARN	3	J. MARTIN THORLEY	7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild.

ENDERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Oct. 27, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

BARBARA M. HARRIS	*Treble*	J. FREDERICK MILNER	5
HAROLD J. POOLE	2	S. ANTHONY JESSON	6
*M. JEAN FREER	3	JOHN HILL	7
ERNEST W. RAWSON	4	G. STEDMAN MORRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal in the method.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Oct. 27, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF EMMANUEL,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

THOMAS MARSHALL	*Treble*	JOHN BIBBY	5
RONALD KENRICK	2	ARTHUR MAWDSLEY	6
NORMAN HEAPS	3	RALPH G. EDWARDS	7
THOMAS HESKETH	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. R. F. F. Crane, of Brighton, who was inducted Vicar of the church on Friday, October 24th. Also a birthday compliment to Mr. E. C. Birkett, of Liverpool.

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BURNHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Oct. 28, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 97 lb. in F sharp.

GEORGE GILBERT ..	*Treble*	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ..	5
*NOLAN GOLDEN	2	ERNEST E. GOSLING ..	6
FREDA D. MURKITT ..	3	JOHN M. ELLWOOD ..	7
WILLIAM WELLING ..	4	*BERT GOGLE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* 100th peal together.

EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Oct. 28, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. SIMON AND JUDE,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 12 cwt.

MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH ..	*Treble*	MRS. H. J. POOLE	5
*BARBARA M. HARRIS ..	2	G. STEDMAN MORRIS ..	6
†M. JEAN FREER	3	ERNEST MORRIS	7
‡E. SYLVIA WISE	4	PETER J. STANIFORTH ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
* First Surprise peal 'inside.' † First peal of Cambridge. ‡ First peal on eight bells.
Rung on the Feast of SS. Simon and Jude during Earl Shilton's Wakes Week.
Specially arranged as a compliment to Mr. Clifford Clow on the completion of 25 years as verger at the above church. A compliment to Mrs. P. J. Staniforth on her birthday.

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
On Wed., Oct. 29, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

MRS. J. E. TURLEY ..	*Treble*	JOHN H. BROTHWELL ..	5
JOHN J. L. GILBERT ..	2	ARNOLD HILL	6
*ELIZABETH BATE	3	JACK G. BROTHWELL ..	7
J. ALAN AINSWORTH ..	4	JOHN E. TURLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED. Conducted by JOHN E. TURLEY.
* First peal in the method. A birthday peal for the conductor.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Oct. 29, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's No. 2 Variation of Thurstans' Tenor 6½ cwt.

ERNEST MORRIS	*Treble*	*E. SYLVIA WISE	5
HAROLD J. POOLE	2	H. GEORGE BAILEY ..	6
ERNEST W. RAWSON ..	3	JOHN B. BENNETT	7
HERRICK B. BOWLEY ..	4	MRS. H. J. POOLE ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal of Stedman.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. P. J. Staniforth.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Oct. 30, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

MURIEL REAY	*Treble*	CLIFFORD A. BARRON ..	5
ANTHONY R. AGER	2	BRIAN G. WARWICK ..	6
HENRY H. FEARN	3	*J. MARTIN THORLEY ..	7
BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY ..	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* 50th peal in 1952.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Oct. 31, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

BRIAN G. WARWICK ..	*Treble*	J. FREDERICK MILNER ..	5
WINIFRED M. BURTON ..	2	HAROLD J. POOLE	6
*WILFRED G. SAUNDERS ..	3	JOHN R. SMITH	7
MRS. H. J. POOLE	4	G. STEDMAN MORRIS ..	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal in the method. Rung on the eve of the patronal festival.

ALFRETON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

THOMAS W. HOPSON ..	*Treble*	WILLIAM LANCASTER ..	5
JACK BAILEY	2	DENIS R. CARLISLE	6
GORDON A. HALLS	3	HAROLD TAYLOR	7
ALBERT E. THOMPSON ..	4	FRANCIS R. LOWE	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by JACK BAILEY.
Rung to celebrate the Feast of All Saints. Also as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Kathleen Tivey, of Derby. First peal on the bells for 30 years.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb.

EDWARD C. LEIGH	*Treble*	LUTHER J. HONESS ..	5
ERNEST J. LADD	2	ALEC E. RICHARDSON ..	6
HENRY N. VAUGHAN ..	3	EDWARD J. JENNER ..	7
BERNARD W. PANKHURST ..	4	*DENNIS E. LEIGH	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.
* First peal.
Arranged and rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Jenner.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-part.
Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ..	*Treble*	MRS. A. D. BARKER ..	5
*RODERICK W. PIPE ..	2	GEORGE W. PIPE	6
ARTHUR D. BARKER ..	3	CECIL W. PIPE	7
JAMES BENNETT	4	*FREDK. J. CRAPNELL ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR D. BARKER.
* First peal of Stedman. A birthday peal for Arthur D. Barker.

HARRIETSHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Original. Tenor 12 cwt.

*MARY TAPLEY	*Treble*	GEORGE F. CANTRILL ..	5
BENJAMIN F. BAKER ..	2	WILLIAM R. MANSER ..	6
ALEXANDER WADDINGTON	3	LOUIS HEAD	7
FREDERICK S. MACEY ..	4	*MARK H. COUCHMAN ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by LOUIS HEAD.
* First peal on eight bells. Birthday compliment to Benjamin F. Baker.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

*SYDNEY A. WARWICK ..	*Treble*	*H. GEORGE HART	5
PHYLLIS M. MAYNE ..	2	*JOHN D. NIBLETT	6
*JOAN E. NIBLETT	3	CECIL C. MAYNE	7
*ELSIE K. FULTON	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung for the Patronal Festival.

HARTLEBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt.

*DAVID M. LEES	*Treble*	ALFRED W. GLAZZARD ..	5
ALFRED C. BOXLEY ..	2	WILLIAM DAVIES	6
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ..	3	HOWARD HOWELL	7
*DAVID BEACHAM	4	MAURICE G. TURNER ..	*Tenor*

Composed by C. WALLATER. Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.
* First peal in the method and of Major.

KELSALE, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

*JACK PILGRIM	*Treble*	ROBERT E. LESTER	5
CHARLES E. FISHER	2	RONALD W. STEWARD	6
FRANK L. FISHER	3	NORMAN R. BAILEY	7
†JAMES SMY	4	WILLIAM J. BUTTON	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by FRANK L. FISHER.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Major.

MAIDENHEAD, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, BOYNE HILL,
A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt.

*GEOFFREY H. LISTER	*Treble*	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	5
†BRIAN L. TAYLOR	2	ERNEST E. GOSLING	6
WILLIAM WELLING	3	REGINALD W. REX	7
RONALD F. DISERENS	4	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Composed by J. S. WILDE. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal. † First peal of Surprise ' inside.'
Rung on the Feast of All Saints.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

PETER LAFLIN	*Treble*	WILFRED STEVENSON	5
ANNE WORTH	2	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	6
NEIL D. LOMAS	3	JOHN WORTH	7
FRED DUNKERLEY	4	ALAN A. POTTS	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
A 75th birthday compliment to Mr. Herbert Barlow, of the Oldham Parish Church Company.

SPELDHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in F sharp.

REGINALD E. LAMBERT	*Treble*	ROBERT COLLINS	5
*SHEILA M. DOBBIE	2	DORIS E. COLGATE	6
THOMAS E. SONE	3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT	7
WALTER H. DOBBIE	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal of Surprise.

THURLASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 17 lb. in G.

*JANE M. HOOKE	*Treble*	*HARRY POYNER	5
WINIFRED M. BURTON	2	*ERNEST MORRIS	6
BRIAN G. WARWICK	3	*J. MARTIN THORLEY	7
*MICHAEL D. STANIFORTH	4	*TERENCE A. THORNBER	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells and for the Guild. Rung on All Saints' Day for the Patronal Festival.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

*MRS. DORA EVANS	*Treble*	*MAURICE HELPS	5
WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT	2	WILLIAM H. HURFORD	6
HORACE D. TAYLOR	3	†GEORGE J. HAWKINS	7
ERIC NAYLOR	4	‡ROGER O. FRY	*Tenor*

Composed by HARRY W. BROWN. Conducted by GEORGE J. HAWKINS.
* First peal of Double Norwich. † 50th peal. ‡ 100th peal.
Arranged and rung in honour of the 90th birthday of Mr. Harry W. Brown, the composer, of Bath.

WETHERBY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12¾ cwt.

JOHN AMBLER	*Treble*	EDWARD HUDSON	5
WILLIAM BARTON	2	*BARRY SULLIVAN	6
SEDMAN H. STEEL	3	†CHARLES MAXFIELD	7
WILLIAM DIXON	4	PERCY J. JOHNSON	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.
* First peal ' inside.' † First peal.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising: 1,696 Superlative, 1,600 Cambridge, 992 London and 768 Bristol, with 107 changes of mehod. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER	*Treble*	*GEOFFREY DODDS	5
LEONARD H. BOWLER	2	†ALICK CUTLER	6
ANNE B. SPEED	3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	7
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	*Tenor*

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE (C.C.C. 12).
Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise. † 150th peal for the Association.

WITTON, NORTHWICH, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

HENRY O. BAKER	*Treble*	WILLIAM ALLMAN	5
ERIC HORNBY	2	CECIL RADDON	6
HAROLD WORRALL	3	JOHN E. BIBBY	7
HARRY W. HOWARD	4	WALTER ALLMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.
Rung for All Saints' Day and as birthday compliments to Henry Parker and Edward V. Rodenhurst.

HOLBEACH, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Elloe Deaneries Branch.)
On Mon., Nov. 3, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

*FRANK TAYLOR	*Treble*	ERNEST BRITTAIN	5
JOHN G. AMES	2	THOMAS H. CHARLTON	6
GEORGE R. G. BUTLER	3	*†FRED BRIGHTMAN	7
JOHN E. ALLEN	4	STANLEY E. BENNETT	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by STANLEY E. BENNETT.
* 25th peal together. † First peal in the method. First peal of Treble Bob as conductor.
Rung for the Festival of All Saints.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

DERSINGHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 27, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven variations of extents. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

STEPHEN K. WHEELER	*Treble*	GEORGE BATTERBEE	4
FRED RIX	2	RONALD THAXTER	5
JAMES GIBSON	3	CECIL V. EBBERSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by CECIL V. EBBERSON.
A welcome home peal from the Forces to James Gibson.

COSBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Oct. 30, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-AND-ALL-ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob (C.C.C. 138, 150, 151) and four 720's of Plain Bob (C.C.C. 49, 48, 36, 29). Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

FREDERICK WATSON	*Treble*	ERNEST MORRIS	4
WINIFRED M. BURTON	2	E. CHARLES TURNER	5
B. STEDMAN PAYNE	3	MICHAEL E. BROWN	*Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL E. BROWN.

ARELEY KINGS, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 4, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob (4 callings), 30 six-scores of Grandsire (10 callings). Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.

JOHN H. HICKS	*Treble*	ALFRED W. GLAZZARD ..	4
A. REGINALD ROWLEY ..	2	GERALD BOWEN	5
C. ERIC LUCAS	3	GEORGE LEWIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by GERALD BOWEN.
First peal as conductor.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Thomas Elcox.

TILNEY, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Oct. 6, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 16¼ cwt.

EDWARD BARKER	*Treble*	ERNEST H. MASTIN ..	4
STANLEY G. ELSEY ..	2	GEORGE RICH	5
*CECIL V. EBBERSON ..	3	WILLIAM ROSE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.
* 300th peal.

COLTISHALL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 22, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents (1) Spliced Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (2) Spliced Plain and Double Bob, (3) combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (4) combined Reverse Bob and College Bob, (5) combined Double and Single Court, (6) Oxford Bob and (7) Cambridge Surprise; 58 changes of method. Tenor 10¼ cwt. in G.

ARTHUR G. BASON	*Treble*	NOLAN GOLDEN	4
F. CHARLES GOODMAN ..	2	BERT GOGLE	5
GEORGE SAYER	3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
First peal on the bells in 12 methods and since rehanging.

KIRBY MUXLOE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 25, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In five methods, being 12 extents of April Day (4 callings), 2 of St. Simon's Bob, 10 of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob (4 callings), 8 of Grandsire (6 callings), and 10 of Plain Bob (4 callings).
Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in A flat.

FREDERICK WATSON ..	*Treble*	*WINIFRED M. BURTON ..	3
*†BRIAN G. WARWICK ..	2	GEORGE PICKERING	4
PETER J. THOMAS	*Tenor*		

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal on five bells. † 100th peal for the Guild.
Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Poole.

STRETHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 25, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents (90 Singles, 58 Bobs).
Tenor 11 cwt. (approx.).

FRANK WARRINGTON	*Treble*	GEORGE A. WALKER ..	4
HENRY SHARP	2	*ARTHUR JARROW	5
HARRY COLLINS	3	P. JOHN WILKIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.
* First peal. Birthday compliments to Miss Gwen I. Rusby, Mr. H. Sharp (79 years) and Mr. H. Collins (59).

LYNSTED, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Sun., Oct. 26, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Tenor 11 cwt.

V. PAGE	*Treble*	*W. DALTON	3
*F. MOORE	2	R. HODGES	4
W. NYE	*Tenor*		

Conducted by W. NYE.
* First peal. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.



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FYFIELD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 29, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Seven different 720's. Tenor 7 cwt.

FRANK B. LUFKIN	*Treble*	*CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON	4
FRANK V. GANT	2	HARRY TURNER	5
DAVID W. BEARD	3	JOHN H. CRAMPION	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.
* First peal of Cambridge Minor.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Wed., Oct. 29, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents (C.C.C. Nos. 73, 74, 65, 66, 64, 59, 58).
Tenor 7¼ cwt. (approx.) in B flat.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Treble*	*ANTHONY R. AGER	4
MURIEL REAY	2	†MICHAEL D. STANIFORTH	5
GEORGE E. FEARN	3	J. MARTIN THORLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal of Minor in the method. † First peal on six bells. First peal of Surprise on the bells. A birthday compliment to Mrs. P. J. Staniforth.

OTLEY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., Oct. 31, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being an extent each of: Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. in G.

GEORGE BENNETT	*Treble*	RONALD W. STEWARD	4
JAMES BENNETT, SEN.	2	JAMES BENNETT, JUN.	5
*GEORGE WATERMAN	3	*URBAN W. WILDNEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.
* 50th peal together.

CHATTERIS, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being an extent of Cambridge Surprise, two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

JOHN R. G. SPICER	*Treble*	WILFRED YOUNG	4
HERBERT GOAKES	2	TREVOR A. BEVIS	5
FRANK W. LACK	3	FRANK WARRINGTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by TREVOR A. BEVIS.
First peal as conductor.
Rung for the Festival of All Saints.

COCKERHAM, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Lancaster Branch.)
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents, 10 different callings. Tenor 11 cwt.

ANTHONY HORNBY	*Treble*	RICHARD RAINFORD	4
*ROBERT WARDEN	2	FRANK HORNBY	5
HERBERT RAINFORD	3	RICHARD HORNBY	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT RAINFORD.
* First peal.

DISLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8¾ cwt.

*MARGARET HALL (12)	*Treble*	SYDNEY HOUGH, JUN.	4
JAMES A. MILNER	2	C. KENNETH LEWIS	5
BASIL JONES	3	STEPHEN W. J. PENNY (16)	*Tenor*

Conducted by STEPHEN W. J. PENNY.
* First peal. First peal as conductor.

GREAT GLEN, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven 720's differently called. Tenor 9 cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON	*Treble*	DENIS ALLSOP	4
ERNEST MORRIS	2	ERNEST F. PAYNE	5
PETER J. THOMAS	3	B. STEDMAN PAYNE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
Rung to celebrate the feast of All Saints.

FULBOURN, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VIGOR AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, one of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

M. N. BLAND (Queens')	*Treble*	W. J. RIDGMAN (Queens')	4
*D. J. WOODHAMS (Trinity)	2	R. B. MORRIS (Clare)	5
P. A. F. CHALK (Selwyn)	3	F. E. ROBERTS (Selwyn)	*Tenor*

Conducted by F. E. ROBERTS.
* First peal of Minor.

HAMMERWOOD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Consisting of four 120's each of (1) Winchendon Place, (2) St. Nicholas, (3) St. Martin's, (4) St. Simon's, (5) Old, (6) Norfolk, (7) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (8) April Day, (9) Plain Bob, and (10) 720 of Grandsire (four 120's and a 240, Morris' Arrangement).
Tenor 7¾ cwt. in A.

*MRS. EVELYN M. HICKS	*Treble*	*FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN.	3
*C. JOHN PIPER	2	†WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	4
†FRANK H. HICKS	*Tenor*		

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.
* First peal in ten methods. † First peal in ten Doubles methods. First peal in ten methods on the bells. Believed to be the greatest number of Doubles methods rung to a tower bell peal by the Association.
Rung for the first wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Hicks.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov 1, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and one extent of Plain Bob Minor. Tenor 21¼ cwt. in E.

JOSEPH PAPWORTH	*Treble*	JOSEPH ELLIOTT	4
JEAN M. HARRIS	2	ALAN R. ELLIOTT	5
CHARLES BURTON	3	FRANK L. HARRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH ELLIOTT.

HANDBELL PEALS

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Oct. 24, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT 39, TITIAN AVENUE,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Consisting of 320 each London, Bristol, Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire, Pudsey, Eastbury, Watford, Ealing, Leatherhead, Wembley, Rutland, Maulden, Ashtead, Radlett, and Berkshire.

CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	1—2	HAROLD G. CASHMORE	5—6
ERNEST C. S. TURNER	3—4	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW	7—8

Composed and Conducted by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.
Umpire: WILLIAM WENBAN.
The first peal in 16 Surprise methods on handbells.
The umpire checked every lead-end throughout the peal.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Oct. 30, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

*WILFRED STEVENSON	1—2	JOHN WORTH	5—6
ALAN A. POTTS	3—4	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	7—8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
* First peal in the method in hand.

BATH, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Oct. 31, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes.*
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

ERIC SUTTON	1—2	REGINALD G. HOOPER	5—6
FREDERICK J. SAMPSON	3—4	ROGER O. FRY	7—8

Composed by JOHN E. BURTON. Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.
First peal of Major on handbells as conductor.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.—On Nov. 2nd, 2,208 Kent Treble Bob Major: C. Evens (first quarter Treble Bob) 1, J. W. Cleaver 2, R. Rowley 3, C. Wenban 4, W. Wenban (cond.) 5, A. C. Wenban 6, J. E. Rootes 7, T. W. Sheppard 8.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: C. S. Aylett 1, H. G. Summers 2, J. W. T. Taylor (cond.) 3, F. W. Perrens 4, J. W. Taylor (first in the method) 5, G. Gardner 6, D. A. Carpenter 7, W. A. Stote 0. For the patronal festival.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: H. N. Pitstow (cond.) 1, Elizabeth Layton 2, Jill Brittain 3, M. F. Layton 4, N. Hobden 5, T. Norman (first in method) 6, A. E. Cheeseman 7, D. N. Layton 8. Rung for patronal festival.

BOSTON, LINCS.—On Nov. 2nd, at St. Botolph's, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. L. Briggs 1, G. Dawson (first quarter Grandsire Caters) 2, S. Jessop 3, W. E. Clarke 4, D. White 5, A. Freeston 6, F. Dewey 7, R. Brown (first of Caters as cond.) 8, J. Petch 9, T. Freeston 10. Rung as a welcome to the tenor ringer on his return from H.M. Forces.

CHERTSEY, SURREY.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. B. Hessey 1, R. I. Shepherd (cond.) 2, C. W. R. Grimwood 3, W. Goldstone 4, M. W. Harbott 5, N. G. Smith 6, W. A. Peck 7, T. Warden 8. Rung to celebrate all Saints' Day, and as a birthday compliment to the Rev. G. S. Archibald.

DARLINGTON, C. DURHAM.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Airey 1, Miss M. Reed 2, R. James 3, T. Hill 4, R. Airey 5, E. Burnett 6, T. Cooke (cond.) 7, D. Airey 8. Rung on the occasion of the visit of H.R.H. the Princess Royal.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—On Oct 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Dilys Jones 1, F. W. Richardson 2, R. G. Long 3, J. Warner, jun., 4, P. G. Parrott 5, T. A. Easterby 6, B. B. Crowder (cond.) 7, J. Warner, sen., 8. Rung to mark the golden wedding anniversary of F. W. Richardson, captain and secretary, an old chorister and lifelong member of St. John's.

GEDDINGTON, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 1st, 1,259 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 779 Grandsire): A. Warren 1, L. Toseland 2, R. F. Turner 3, C. W. Bird 4, R. G. Black (cond.) 5. A compliment to the oldest local ringer, Mr. George Black, on his 90th birthday.

QUARTER PEALS

GODSHILL, I.O.W.—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. H. Mason 1, C. Denness (cond.) 2, Shirley Westmore 3, L. Bailey 4, F. S. Cheek 5, C. Morris 6. First quarter for 1 and 3. Also on Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Thorne (first quarter) 1, E. Thorne 2, L. Bailey 3, C. Denness (cond.) 4, E. Westmore 5, C. Morris 6. Rung for the patronal festival of All Saints.

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD.—On Oct. 26th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: P. Harrison (first quarter) 1, J. G. Brothwell 2, Mrs. J. E. Turley 3, Miss E. Bate 4, W. H. Taylor 5, J. H. Brothwell 6, J. J. L. Gilbert 7, J. E. Turley (cond.) 8.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Whitby 1, W. H. Aley 2, R. Hayden 3, H. Bird 4, S. Clark 5, E. Rochester 6, F. Bird (cond.) 7, W. Wheeler 8.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On All Saints' Day, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Judith S. Shedel 1, M. Baker (cond.) 2, B. E. Shedel 3, W. T. Hill 4, C. E. Hill 5. Rung directly after the induction service to welcome the new Rector (the Rev. H. G. Tindall).

KNOWLE, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Nix 1, G. W. Critchley 2, C. A. Harding (cond.) 3, E. E. Wimlett 4, J. L. Lightfoot 5, A. C. Morris 6, D. Harrison 7, B. Nix 8. First quarter of Triples by all except 2 and 3.

LEICESTER.—At St. John-the-Divine, on Oct. 30th, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: S. Harrison 1, Miss M. Payne 2, F. E. Wilson 3, Miss E. Burton 4, Mrs. F. E. Wilson 5, W. H. Clarke 6, E. Payne (first quarter on ten) 7, G. Olliffe (cond.) 8, E. Jelley 9, J. Jelley (first quarter on ten) 10.

LONGWOOD, YORKS.—On Oct. 29th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. Townend 1, F. Popplewell 2, C. Aaron 3, D. Sharples 4, J. Pearson 5, A. Hinchcliffe 6, A. W. Bond (cond.) 7, A. Rothery 8. Rung for the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. A. Townend.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss D. Keeley 1, E. L. Taylor 2, C. W. Powell 3, Canon C. C. Cox (cond.) 4, H. G. Keeley 5, G. H. Whitemore 6, G. S. Morris 7, R. Keeley 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. James Searle on the occasion of their golden wedding; Mr. Searle having been at one time a ringer at this church.

NORTH PERROTT, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. A. Guppy 1, E. C. Atyeo 2, W. E. Turner 3, W. H. Poole 4, G. H. Pike (first 'inside,' first as cond.) 5, A. S. Atyeo 6.

OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Down 1, V. Pyne 2, L. Hine 3, G. J. Turner (cond.) 4, E. Marks 5, W. Burrows 6, J. Arbury 7, R. Wood 8. Rung for the commemoration of All Souls.

PIDDLEHINTON, DORSET.—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. B. Davis 1, W. A. Theobald 2, H. J. Gladwyn 3, J. Coombes 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5, F. C. Davis 6.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 4th, 1,952 Plain Bob Major: T. Scott (longest length) 1, R. D. Divall 2, E. Bishop, jun., 3, K. Hohl 4, A. F. Lewry 5, E. J. Ladd 6, F. Hammond 7, W. A. Kitchenside 8. Arranged and conducted by A. F. Lewry.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,264 Bob Major: W. Leeson 1, C. Dale 2, N. D. Lane 3, V. W. Rigg 4, T. Warner 5, E. C. Shepherd (cond.) 6, T. Abbotts 7, C. W. Bragg 8.

SOUTH SHIELDS, DURHAM.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Bob Minor: Miss M. Softley 1, Miss M. Gibson 2, Miss B. Softley 3, Mrs. N. I. Lea 4, Miss E. Softley 5, Mr. C. N. Lea (cond.) 6. First quarter 2, 4 and 5. Rung to the glory of God and in honour of all His Saints.

STRETFORD, LANCS.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,280 Bob Major: J. A. Somers 1, H. Birchall 2, Miss M. Llewellyn 3, T. Birchall 4, W. Clarke 5, H. W. Wootton 6, W. Birchall 7, W. J. Moss (cond.) 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to ringer of the 2nd.

THAKEHAM, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss R. Towse (first quarter) 1, Miss H. Skinner (first quarter) 2, C. B. Skinner 3, Miss M. Skinner 4, B. W. Farhall (cond.) 5, W. Cherriman (first quarter) 6.

WINSLOW, BUCKS.—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Gibbard (cond.) 1, F. Gregory 2, F. Bull 3, J. Hall 4, H. France 5, R. Saunders (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Arthur Scott, for many years a service ringer at this tower, whose ashes were interred this day. Also on Oct. 23rd, 1,280 Plain Bob Doubles: F. Bull 1, J. Hall 2, H. France 3, F. Gregory (cond.) 4, F. Gibbard 5, R. Saunders 6. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. G. H. Tompson, for 60 years organist at Winslow Church, who was interred this day.

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Mr. F. J. Lewis, hon. secretary of the Cirencester Bellringers' Association, writes that the B.B.C. have not approached them in regard to a broadcast of the bells of Cirencester for the Coronation. 'Whatever you may have heard to the contrary is the result of "wishful thinking" at the moment, I am afraid,' he adds. The statement we published appeared in a local newspaper which was forwarded to us by a correspondent.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. T. F. Earnshaw, of Acocks Green, Birmingham, is the only survivor of the last peal rung on the bells of York Minster, 5,129 Grandsire Caters, on November 9th, 1892, in 3 hours and 35 minutes. On that occasion there were three men on the tenor. We hope to publish Mr. Earnshaw's notes on this peal later.

A correspondent reminds us that it was the Rev. Richard Duckworth, and not Duckwood, who was the contemporary of Fabian Stedman. See page 714.

The Chew Deanery Branch of the Bath and Wells Association held their bi-annual Corporate Communion followed by breakfast at Wrington on Sunday, October 26th.

With the peal at Packwood, Warwickshire, on October 29th, Mr. Michael D. Staniforth has rung peals of Cambridge from Minor to Maximus.

Mr. J. M. Thorley, of Thorne, Yorkshire, and Mr. B. G. Warwick, of Leicester, have now both rung their 50th peal this year—the former at Birmingham Cathedral on October 30th, the latter at Gilmorton on October 31st. By a coincidence both were peals of Yorkshire Major.

On November 1st eight members of the Bath Abbey band rang a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major at Twerton-on-Avon, Bath, as a 90th birthday compliment to Mr. Harry Brown, the composer of the peal rung. Although now retired from active service, Mr. Brown still takes a very keen interest in ringing. A founder member of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, he was for many years conductor at the Abbey, and conducted the first peal ever rung on the ten. The band wish him many happy returns and continued good health and look forward to ringing the next birthday peal.

The band from Tetbury, Wilts, that rang for the broadcast on October 26th had an average age of 14. They had had only eleven months' training by the tower captain, Mr. William Locke. This band was collected in an unusual manner. Mr. Locke was giving a lesson in bell control to Fred Mitchell when he heard a noise in the tower. He found nine boys who had been playing in the street had come to investigate. The boys became interested and seven of the nine joined the band. Mrs. Locke is training another six boys at Shipton Moyne Church.

The loan advanced to the Hertford County Association was £150 and not £50 as mentioned on page 718. The error is regretted.

Egham Parish Church Society of Bellringers have a target that every member should be a regular subscriber and reader of 'The Ringing World.'

To those who have been anticipating the account of the Universities' Week at Nottingham, we have an assurance that the copy will reach 'The Ringing World' office in the course of the next few days.

The peal of Grandsire Triples at Harrietsham, Kent, was another stepping stone in the progress of the local band. Mr. A. Waddington, their instructor, had the satisfaction of seeing two of the band score their first peal on eight bells.

The many ringing friends of Mr. George Martin will regret to learn that he has been admitted to Maidenhead Hospital. He has been indisposed for several weeks and has been unable to take part in any ringing. We are sure that everyone will join us in wishing him a speedy recovery to good health. The peal rung at Boyne Hill on Saturday was the first one for many years in which George has not taken part.

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LEICESTER PROVIDES 'BEST EVER DINNER' — PIONEERS OF THE GUILD HONOURED — LADIES' SERVICES TO CENTRAL COUNCIL — MR. E. H. LEWIS DEFINES POLICY AS TO METHOD RINGING

'THE best dinner ever held' was the verdict after the Ladies' Guild celebrated their 40th anniversary in Leicester on October 25th, and the Midland District are to be heartily congratulated on their efforts in arranging such a successful event.

The president of the Guild (Mrs. G. Fletcher) presided at the dinner and 130 members and friends thoroughly enjoyed a very happy evening.

Miss S. Thursfield, O.B.E., submitted the toast of 'The Church.' She stated that as the daughter of a clergyman she had plenty of opportunity of seeing the Church in action, and she stressed the point that the Church did not consist of clergy only; they were all part of the family. She suggested that other people in the parish would be interested in ringing if they knew more about it. Why not ask the incumbent to include an announcement about any ringing meeting with his notices of other parish events, and extend a welcome to all who cared to attend the Guild service?

The Lord Bishop of Leicester, the Right Rev. Guy Vernon Smith, M.C., D.D., recalled occasions in his life when he had met various ringers who were present at the dinner, and went on to say how much he agreed with the idea of the family, which had been put forward by Miss Thursfield. Of course there would always be criticisms of the Church but they should never feel they had to apologise for it. They should be proud to belong to it and to play their part.

BY-PASSED LEICESTER

When Mrs. C. C. Marshall rose to propose the toast 'The City of Leicester' she startled her audience by saying that until a few weeks ago she knew little of Leicester, and what she did know she did not like. She thought of it as a great industrial city, a vast expanse of buildings, traffic and policemen through which she tried to pass as quickly as possible and was very relieved if she could by-pass it altogether. Since then she had found that Leicester was a very wonderful city, which had something of everything and, of course, all ringers knew that their policemen were wonderful!

In his reply, the Lord Mayor of Leicester (Alderman G. Barnett) stated that during his term of office he had heard many toasts proposed to the City of Leicester, but never in such a charming fashion, nor had any previous proposer first revealed his inner thoughts as Mrs. Marshall had done. He understood, however, that she came from Leeds, and he would like to point out that Leicester was a city when one could still go across the meadows where Leeds now stood. He went on to say that Leicester had many things of which to be proud, but he was not going to say anything about the Police Force because, as a lawyer, he had spent his life trying to get a living out of them and would have to return to that task when his term of office was over. His office was close to the Cathedral, and though he had a great respect for those who rang there, there were times when he found the bells trying, especially if he was working on a complicated legal document.

The toast 'The Ladies' Guild' was proposed by Mr. H. J. Poole, who said it was a great honour and a great responsibility to have been given the privilege of proposing the toast which, on reflection, one would have expected to have been proposed by a lady. He was not sure where he came into it, but hoped he had not been asked because they thought him an 'old woman.' In a brief résumé of the early years of the Guild he mentioned such pioneers as Mrs. Fletcher (president), Miss Steel (past president) and Mrs. White, all of whom were present at the dinner. Although ladies were not welcomed in the belfry in the early days, they had proved they could be as good ringers as the men, except perhaps on the heavy bells, and in some cases they had surpassed the men. He wished the Guild the very best of success and prosperity in the future.

Mrs. Fletcher responded and told how the Guild had been founded at a meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on October 26th, 1912, when 15 lady ringers were present. Since then they had had to work hard to get the Guild up to the present standard. Sir Arthur Heywood, whose two daughters had rung in peals before the Guild was founded, had been a great help and had given them a donation of £10 so that they should not start without funds. The first president was Miss Alice White, who held office for about four years. Then for a period there was a fresh president each year until in 1926 Miss E. Steel was elected and she remained president for 21 years and journeyed all over the country attending the majority of the meetings. Years ago the centre of ringing for the Ladies' Guild was London but now it had moved to Leicester, and she thanked Mrs. Staniforth for all the work she had put into organising the dinner.

LONG SERVICE TO CENTRAL COUNCIL

The toast 'The Central Council' was proposed by Mrs. F. M. Mitchell, who explained how the Council was constituted and said that the Ladies' Guild was affiliated to it in 1915, the first representative being Miss E. Parker (now Mrs. Fletcher), who had served on the Council ever since. At this year's Council meeting she had been elected a life member as a token of appreciation for her long and faithful service. One of the most important things the Council had done in recent years was to take over the publication of 'The Ringing World' and it was up to every member to support this to the utmost. Mr. E. H. Lewis had been president of the Council for 22 years and Mr. Fletcher hon. secretary and treasurer for 21 years. The Ladies' Guild were honoured to have Mr. Lewis with them that evening.

Replying to the toast, Mr. Lewis said that since the last meeting of the Council there had been quite a bit of criticism and it was said that very little had been accomplished at Lincoln. They must not forget, however, the work throughout the whole year of the Council's committees. Judging by the sales of their publications, they must be doing a great deal of good all over the country. To those who complained of the quality of the Council he would point out that it was made up of individual members, and it was up to the affiliated Associations and Guilds to elect representatives who could express their ideas at the meeting. If the various Associations would get their members to put in resolutions to be discussed, it would be of great assistance to the Council. Mr. Lewis stressed the fact that young ringers should be taught to handle a bell properly before they were pushed into change ringing. He pointed out that the Council had no power to lay down the law as to what should or should not be rung, but they could recommend what they thought would provide the best music for the public, and in publishing their own analysis they had the power to exclude from that analysis the peals they thought should not be recorded there, but that did not exclude the fact that a peal had been rung.

Miss I. B. Thompson (vice-president of the Midland District) proposed the toast 'The Visitors' and welcomed them to the dinner. At their meetings it was usually her duty to ask the men to retire, but that night she was delighted to be able to say to them, 'Stay as long as you can.' There were too many visitors to mention individually, but she would like to give a special word of greeting to Mr. H. J. Poole, who, with Mrs. Poole, was celebrating his silver wedding anniversary. She also extended a special welcome to the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, who, in the midst of a very busy life, had managed to fit in the Ladies' Guild dinner.

BELLS AND ENGLISH LIFE

In her reply the Lady Mayoress said that prior to the dinner her only acquaintance with ringing and ringers had been through Miss Dorothy Sayers' book. She had thoroughly enjoyed Mrs. Hughes' delightful handbell solos but was afraid she would never be able to learn how to do it because she could never put anything back in its right place! She thought that one of the things most reminiscent of English life was the sound of the church bells and ringers were very lucky because their 'music-making' gave pleasure to so many.

The speeches were interspersed with handbell solos by Mrs. A. A. Hughes, for whom Mrs. T. Lock acted as accompanist, and these were much appreciated.

A social evening then followed in the typical Leicester manner. The Guild would like to record its very grateful thanks to all who helped to make the evening such a success, including Mr. P. Staniforth who was a most efficient toastmaster, and, of course, the 'President of the Supporters' Club,' who saw that everyone had an enjoyable evening and even organised a shuttle service afterwards so that all arrived home safely.

PEAL SAVED IN DRAMATIC FASHION

The occasion of the peal of Bob Major rung on the very hard-going bells of Alfreton, Derbyshire, Parish Church, on Saturday, November 1st, was a memorable one for the ringers involved. The peal was well under way when the good lady who had been decorating the altar, having finished this duty, switched off all the lights in the church including the belfry light above, and then, despite the stamping of feet by two of the band, took her departure. At this moment the band were informed by the local member in the peal that the lady was very deaf. However, the band carried gamely on in the failing daylight, knowing full well that they would not be able to finish the peal unless someone happened to visit the church and realised their plight—a forlorn hope.

That 'someone' came in the nick of time to save the peal, after an hour's ringing in semi-darkness, in the persons of Mr. P. Whitaker, of Yorkshire, and Miss Kathleen Tivey, who had journeyed 14 miles from Derby, unknown to the band, to listen to the bells. On the discovery, by the ringers, of movement in the church below, the attention of the two visitors was eventually attracted to the situation and they hurriedly found the switchbox, hidden away in a cupboard. By this time the belfry was nearly pitch black and in about five minutes the conductor would have had no alternative but to stand the bells.

Congratulations must be extended to the only local ringer in this peal, Mr. T. W. Hopson, captain of this tower, who has been a ringer at the church for 50 years but had never rung a peal on these bells, on which attempts have been few.

F. R. L.

RECONSECRATION FESTIVAL AT LIVERPOOL

Favourable Comments on New Twelve at Parish Church

THE bells of the ancient Parish Church of Liverpool (Our Lady and St. Nicholas') are ringing once again—in fact they have been rung on nearly every day of the fortnight-long reconsecration festival of the rebuilt church, which has just ended.

On Saturday, October 18th, at 3 p.m., the Lord Bishop of Liverpool reconsecrated the church. After a penitential preparation, during which the Bishop and his procession encircled the church, the Bishop demanded entry, and the door was ceremonially opened by the Princess Royal.

First came the Blessing of the Processional Cross, then the three Assistant Bishops moved to their places for the dedication of the font (the Bishop of Warrington), the organ (the Assistant Bishop of Birmingham), and the bells (the Bishop of Plymouth).

After this the Bishop of Liverpool performed the solemn act of consecration from the sanctuary, and this was followed by a fanfare of trumpets, one minute of rounds on the bells, and the 150th Psalm. The consecration and vesting of the altars followed and the service closed with the necessary legal business and a short sermon from the Bishop.

Afterwards the bells were fired and kept going in a variety of methods for a couple of hours. The band were very pleased to welcome the Bishop into the tower and are proud that his is the first signature in the new visitors' book.

A FORTNIGHT OF SPECIAL RINGING

The next morning came the first celebration of Holy Communion in the new church when there were 320 communicants. The Bishop of Warrington concelebrated with the Rector and two curates, the Bishop facing westward. At the elevation of Host and Chalice, besides the usual bells (the Cunard Company has presented the church with a very fine ship's bell, which is being used in the sanctuary) there were fanfares of trumpets.

Throughout the fortnight of the Consecration Festival there have been special services for various interests in the city and diocese and it has been possible to ring either before or after nearly every one of these services. The band wish to thank all those visitors who have come along and helped on these occasions. The ringing of the bells has created much public interest and attention in Liverpool and there have been many people who have been attracted by the bells and then have stayed to services.

For ringers, however, the highlight of the whole fortnight was on October 25th, when visitors from as far afield as Dublin and Beckenham, Barrow and Birmingham, Glasgow and Derby, Coventry and Leeds, as well as many from nearby districts, gathered in Liverpool. There were complete twelve-bell bands from Birmingham, from Leeds and from Cheshire (John Worth's band). There was ringing from 10.30 in the morning until 9 at night and on the whole it was of a high standard.

A FIRST-CLASS JOB

The general opinion of all who have heard the bells is that Messrs. John Taylor and Co. have done an absolutely first-class job; in fact some ringers went so far as to say that the bells are second to none for their weight. The 'go' is perfect, of course, and the circle well-nigh perfect. The tone is magnificent—both inside and outside—and a particularly pleasing feature is the absence of undue hum. All the bells can be heard equally distinctly and the back bells do not overpower the smaller ones. The only small criticism is that the bells might with advantage be a trifle louder in the ringing chamber; this, however, is a matter which can soon be put right.

The service, at 3.30 p.m., was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Robert Nelson) who, in welcoming the ringers, said that he was sure they would be interested to know that most of the wood in the rood which now hangs above the sanctuary came from the old oak bell-frame. The sermon was preached by the Rev. David Railton, a former Rector of Liverpool, who recalled the days of the blitz and the destruction of the old church. A single oak door saved the tower and bells and he thought it was symbolic that English oak should have done that. He was sure that ringers would never forget the nature of their vocation and he pointed out what a wonderful start had been made to the ringing in the new St. Nicholas', when practically every member of the band had made his Communion at the first celebration, on October 19th. A collection was taken for the Bell Restoration Fund.

About 130 ringers and friends sat down to an excellent tea in Reece's Restaurant. Besides the Rector and churchwardens there were present Miss Obegi, the donor of the new treble, and also the Rev. D. Railton and the Right Rev. J. C. H. How, another former Rector. After tea the Rector again welcomed all the visiting ringers—especially the gentleman who had come from Barrow, where he had come from, and the Dublin contingent, who had travelled overnight to be present and would do the same to get back again. He expressed the thanks of the Church to Taylor's for the wonderful work they had done and for the generous terms on which payment is to be made. After the bells were installed the tower had been cleaned out and decorated by the local band, who wished to thank other ringers who had helped, and especially Mr. Tom Hesketh. Fr. Nelson also welcomed Miss Obegi and pointed out the uniqueness of an occasion on which a Rector of Liverpool was drinking tea from the same pot as two of his predecessors!

Mr. J. Fidler replied on behalf of the bell-founders. He said every tower in which they installed a ring of bells presented its own problems, but they always did their best and it was very gratifying when their efforts met with such approval.

Bishop How said how glad he and his wife were to be present, especially as one of those who had been ringing during the day was his own daughter.

Mr. Fred Dunkerley spoke on behalf of the Lancashire Association. He and the Association were very glad that there was now such a fine ring of bells at old St. Nicholas'.

Mr. Albert Walker also spoke: he recalled the opening of the old ring of bells 138 years ago, when the Birmingham men won the cup presented to the best band present. Unfortunately, the cup had long been lost.

J. E. S.

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DEDICATIONS

ST. PAUL'S, BATH

On Sunday, October 26th, the recast sixth bell of St. Michael's with St. Paul's Church, Bath, was dedicated by the Rector, the Rev. Norman H. Parcell.

During evensong the choir and churchwardens proceeded to the base of the tower where the Blessing was given. The recently-formed local band then rang a few rounds after which the choir returned to their seats singing a well-known ringers' hymn. After the service more ringing took place for the visitors.

The new bell, recast by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. helps to make St. Michael's bells a mixed ring. The reproduced inscription on the sixth states: 'We were all cast by Abel Rudhall 1757' yet the tenor bears the date 1759. The second and seventh were recast by Warners in 1912 when the eight were rehung in a steel frame.

The records show that there were six bells at St. Michael's as early as 1408, one was recast at Bristol in 1484. The old six were cast into eight in 1757 when 'The Wardens and other friends gave several gallons of rum and brandy to make as much punch as would fill the treble bell.'

The eight were rehung in the present church which was consecrated on January 4th, 1837.

G. J. H.

KIRBY HILL, YORKSHIRE

At a special service recently held at the Parish Church of All Saints, Kirby Hill, near Boroughbridge, North Yorkshire, the restored ring of six bells was rededicated by the Archdeacon of Leeds (the Ven. C. O. Ellison). The Vicar (the Rev. T. H. Jones) conducted the service.

Restored in honour of all from the parish who served in the war of 1939-1945, and in proud and grateful memory of the nine men who gave their lives, the bells have been retuned and provided with new fittings, including new headstocks, new clappers and ball bearings, and rehung on a new iron frame. The cost of the restoration has been met by public subscription and the work carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., who have made a first-class job. The inscriptions on the bells are:—

Treble.—Benedicite omnia opera Dei Deo. J. Warner and Son, 1869.

2nd.—Te Deum laudamus. J. Warner and Son. 1869.

3rd.—Te martorum candidatus exercitus laudat. J. Warner and Son. 1868.

4th.—Gloria altisimus Deo. Samuel Smith, York. 1718.

5th.—Venite Domino exultemus. Samuel Smith, York, 1713.

Tenor.—Black letter inscription, 'Sct Trinitis unicus Deus.' Maker's mark, a shield charged with a cinquefoil on a saltire. Weight 8 cwt. 14lb. Note A sharp.

J. B. H.

5,056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE

By JAMES TOPP

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MR. KIPPIN AND THE METHODS COMMITTEE

Dear Sir,—I didn't intend to interfere in any Poole-Kippin controversy, but since Mr. Poole sees fit to mention my name I feel I must rise to the defence of both the Methods Committee and myself.

Firstly, it must surely be recognised that the members of the committee are perfectly free to write letters giving their own opinion on any matter. I trust such personal ideas are not regarded as the views of the Methods Committee as a whole. I think it has always been definitely stated that such and such a letter is 'on behalf of the Methods Committee,' or words to that effect, and under normal circumstances my name would be attached, as convener. As a matter of fact, in this particular instance, Mr. Kippin knows that I regretted his letter and I have actually told Mr. Poole as much in a recent letter about other things.

Secondly, I regret Mr. Poole's insinuations in his penultimate paragraph which are simply not true (I don't mean my 'failing judgment,' which is for others to decide—I cannot do so). Until he became a member, Mr. Kippin knew no more about the workings of the Committee than anyone else. When the Exercise at large was invited to contribute opinions on the Extension question, Mr. Kippin was I think, the only member of the Council who did so (Mr. York Bramble and Mr. Rowe were not members). He went to a tremendous amount of trouble and even extended every method in Mr. Corrigan's Surprise Major collection to test various theories, etc. (An interesting result of this, by the way, has been his arrival at the same conclusions as the committee working in a different way.) Consequently, when it became clear that one of the members of the committee would become the new Central Council secretary, Mr. Kippin was the obvious choice to fill the gap (for it was desirous to keep the 'balance' of the committee), but this choice was not my own, but the unanimous choice of the members of the committee, and I asked the Council to elect him on their behalf as well as my own (in the excitement and rush of the proceedings, I nearly forgot this and it was only an urgent message from Mr. C. K. Lewis which reminded me to do so, thus providing a real anti-climax to the meeting !).

I feel that it was unnecessary and rather unfair to bring me into the matter at all, but if, by giving the above facts, the air is cleared somewhat and misconceptions removed, I shall not regret the fact that Mr. Poole caused me to defend myself.—Yours sincerely,—

K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

Southampton.

RINGING THE TENOR

Dear Sir,—With regard to Mr. R. A. Reed's remarks concerning ringing the tenor behind—surely the ringer of that bell must vary the speed in accordance with the other bells, as there is always a change in speed however good the ringing may be.

In peal ringing the pace is quite often slow at the start and quickens up as time goes on, and a good tenor ringer must let his bell run with the others; if he tries to hang on to the initial speed something is going to come unstuck !

Also, he must keep her in over the little bells when they come up behind and keep her off the bigger ones when they come up to him.

In any case it would take a very good man indeed to ring the tenor at **exactly** the same speed—there is always a variation though at times this may be very slight.

May I add that I know a very good tenor man who shares these views with me?—Sincerely yours. WILFRED W. RING.

Bethersden, Kent.

POOLE—WORTH CONTROVERSY

Dear Sir,—I would like to assure Mr. Poole that we did not ring London Surprise Royal No. 3 Version at Loughborough either at Mr. Kippin's instigation or for the purpose of creating a stunt. As so far as I know the method conforms with every rule on method construction as laid down by the Central Council, and my only reason for writing to 'The Ringing World' drawing attention to the number of versions of various methods by resident members of the Leicester Diocesan Guild was the unfortunate treatment to a band of visitors who happened to ring a new method for the Guild.

If, as Mr. Poole states in his letter to 'The Ringing World' of October 31st, the Leicester Diocesan Guild desires to accept and conform with any Central Council decision, surely the right and proper way is to wait for the decision of the Council and not to try to either draw red herrings across the recommendations of the committee appointed or to force their hand by trying to forestall them on any particular method.

With regard to Rutland Surprise Maximus, London Surprise Royal No. 3 Version or any other method rung, surely the decision to alter the name now rests entirely with the Central Council and not with any individual or Association, otherwise I can see the whole situation becoming chaotic.

Congratulations to the Leicester Guild band on ringing the first peal of Metropolitan Surprise Royal. I would now like them to ring a peal of London Surprise Royal No. 3 Version and then I think they would agree with me that, as a method, London Surprise Royal No. 3 Version is far better than Metropolitan Surprise Royal.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN WORTH.

Macclesfield.

CENTRAL COUNCIL PUBLICATIONS

Dear Sir,—As a result of suggestions made at Lincoln this year I have asked those ordering Central Council publications to enclose 3d. with each order to help with the cost of postage and stationery. The response to this request has been very good and I should like to express my thanks for this assistance. The reason for the charge was the very low published price of many of the older publications, and in consultation with the hon. secretary I have now revised these prices to bring them into line with those of the more recently-published books. This makes possible a return to the practice of supplying all publications post free.

Members of the Exercise are asked to watch the Council's advertisement for the forthcoming changes.—Yours sincerely,

W. H. J. HOOTON,
Hon. Librarian, Central Council
of Church Bell Ringers.

Tring.

CLOCKS WITH NO HANDS

Dear Sir,—Of the two clocks in Norwich Cathedral, that in the south transept has hands but no strike, whilst that in the tower has no hands but strikes on the five bells. These bells, in the minor key, blend remarkably well with the Responses as sung here at daily services, and form an amusing guide as to whether the Precentor is on the note or 'off colour.' The book on the subject, pages 39-41, gives further details. I gather that the pendulum of one clock is of metal, the other of timber, so that changes in weather conditions often lead to one clock being in advance of the other. This gives both the quick and the slow in our Cathedral community excuse for their actions.—Yours faithfully.

GILBERT THURLOW.

Norwich.

RECOGNITION OF METHODS

Dear Sir,—The letter from Mr. A. R. Pink in issue No. 2,167 re the non-acceptance of peals which include the method St. Dunstan's is rather disquieting. In his excellent leader in issue No. 2,161 he quoted the objects for which the Central Council was formed in 1890 and the inference is that those objects have not been amended or extended. Nevertheless it would seem that since then, and without any mandate from even the few ringers who know of and recognise the Central Council, that that august body has assumed the power to make 'decisions,' a very considerable extension from the original objects which were clearly advisory only.

This tendency to dictate is an all too common phenomenon in the present age, but I feel that it is high time that a stop were put to it so far as ringing is concerned.

There is ample scope within the framework of its present mandate for the Central Council to do good and useful work to further the art of ringing but arbitrarily to rule that certain methods shall or shall not be recognised, especially when, as in the case of St. Dunstan's, it is a method that has been recognised in the past, is going altogether too far. The fact is that any five-bell method which produces a true six-score is correct whatever the Central Council may say to the contrary. St. Dunstan's is a favourite method in some parts of Gloucestershire and if ringers want to include it in peals, I, for one, hope that they will continue to do so.

Mr. Pink refers in the opening paragraph of his leader in issue No. 2,161 to an allegiance which Associations owe to the Central Council but I hold that far transcending any such allegiance is the support due from the officials of an Association to their own members, One very good reason is that without members, a Guild or Association ceases to exist. He sums the position up admirably in the final paragraph of his leader and I hope that the Gloucester and Bristol Association will write to the secretary of the Central Council and take a very firm stand. I hope that they will point out that St. Dunstan's is a favourite method in these parts, that it has been accepted in the past and will continue to be accepted by the Gloucester and Bristol Association in the future; and call upon the Central Council to cancel these 'decisions.' If the Central Council refuse to cancel their quite unauthorised 'decisions' then in my view the Gloucester and Bristol Association should withdraw from the number of Associations who recognise the Central Council. It only requires one or two Associations to take such action to very quickly bring these 'decision' makers to their senses. — Yours faithfully,

T. V. LISTER.

Apperley House,
Apperley, Glos.

WEYMOUTH TOWERS

Dear Sir,—Like the 'Dorset Rabbit,' we were unable to find a tower in Weymouth. The place we actually visited on the Saturday evening was Wyke Regis, which is not far away. Whether one considers Preston to be nearer to Weymouth than Wyke Regis presumably depends on what part of Weymouth one starts burrowing from.—Yours faithfully,

'A LONDON FERRET.'

PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE

Dear Sir,—Mr. Green's answer, page 684. Please note, my figures are one round block with no chance of increasing or decreasing the 5,056, nor is there any variation. Mr. Hattersley's figures give at least 21 variations and goodness knows how many transpositions. — Yours truly, F. WARRINGTON.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

Record Number at Fifteenth Annual Dinner

IN the report of last year's annual dinner of the Worcestershire and Districts Association it was stated that the attendance number showed a steady increase each year. This trend was continued this year when on October 25th a record company of 176 assembled in the Guildhall, Worcester, under the chairmanship of the president, the Very Rev. W. E. Beck (Dean of Worcester). Supporting him were the Rev. H. Hartley (chaplain), the Rev. J. O. C. Champion, Mr. C. Skidmore (Master) and Mrs. Skidmore, Mr. J. D. Johnson (general secretary) and Mrs. Johnson, Mr. J. R. Newman (vice-president) and Mrs. Newman, Mr. W. B. Cartwright (vice-president) and Mrs. Cartwright and Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Holt. Also present were Messrs. J. Bass and W. Ranford (Freemen).

Among the visitors present were Messrs. F. G. Leaker and F. C. Mogford (Bristol), Messrs. F. C. Lyne and R. C. Chapman (Stratford-on-Avon), Mr. H. Huxley (Leamington), Mr. F. Bennett and a complete band from Claverley (Salop).

Apologies were received from the Rev. L. J. and Mrs. Birch (Hanbury), the Rev. R. Craze (Worcester), Major O. Dudley-Smith (Earl's Croome), Mr. W. C. Dowding (King's Heath), Miss F. Rabould, Messrs. J. Pinfold and W. G. Critchley (Birmingham).

Following an excellent dinner, the loyal toast was honoured on the call of the chairman, who expressed his pleasure at being able to attend that record meeting and also gave his good wishes to the Association.

The toast of 'Church and State' was proposed by Mr. W. Holm, who, in a brief history of the relationship between Church and State, showed that the primary purpose of the country's heritage of church bells was to summon people to church. Bands of ringers must be held together to fulfil this purpose by a leader and they should all be prepared to lead when called upon to do so. He said that during the past year they had mourned the death of the late King, head of the Church and State who, when called upon to lead, did not falter.

The Rev. J. O. C. Champion, in his reply, said that the relationship between Church and State was settled compared with years gone by. Bells and bellringers formed a very important link between Church and State, as was shown most markedly at times such as the threat of invasion, at the victory rejoicings and as no doubt would be shown next year at the Coronation. However, the primary use of church bells was to call people to church. Mr. Champion continued by giving his ideas of ringers' annual outings, which appeared to him to be the complete 'busman's holiday,' this producing much laughter from the assembled company. Referring to some people's idea of the Church being 'a hanger-on' of the State, he said that this was far from the case, and that the Church was in fact a worthy partner of the State.

GOOD SOCIAL ATMOSPHERE

In proposing the toast of 'The Worcestershire Association,' Mr. F. G. Leaker, of Bristol, said he brought wishes of every success for the dinner from the Bristol ringers and from the Gloucester and Bristol Association. Mr. Leaker said he felt he must return thanks, especially to Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas, for the kind hospitality which he had received in Worcestershire during the past few weeks. During that time he had visited many Worcestershire towers, and was very impressed with the good social atmosphere which he found in all of them. Furthermore, he was pleased to see the number of young people taking an active interest in ringing, which he felt assured the success of the Association in the future

Mr. G. J. Hemming, replying, referred to the great importance of teaching beginners. For the success of the Association there must be efficient officers who were well supported by the members, subscriptions should be regularly paid, and, what was very important—co-operation from the clergy. The efficiency of the officers of the Worcestershire Association was shown by the length of time they remained in office. Meetings were always well attended, as was this very successful annual dinner. Co-operation of the clergy was shown by the number of peals rung by the Association, and he was sure that no peals were rung by members of the Association without the consent of the clergy concerned. The standard of ringing compared favourably with that of other Associations which proved that it did pay to take pains with beginners. Concluding, Mr. Hemming said that ringers from any other part of the country were always assured of a warm welcome in Worcestershire.

Mr. John Hall proposed the toast of 'Kindred Associations' with a very witty speech. He said that the present standard of ringing which was enjoyed throughout the country was due to the various Associations. Interest could easily be lost in ringing where no advancement was made. This led eventually to no service ringing, which was the primary purpose of the bells. Speaking of the social side of ringing, Mr. Hall said that no matter wherever a ringer went in the country he was always assured of a warm welcome and of finding friends.

SUPPORT OF YOUTH

Mr. Fred Bennett, hon. secretary of the Stafford Archdeaconry Association, in his reply, said he thought that 'good fellowship' was the aspect of ringing which stood out above all others. He expressed his pleasure at seeing so many young people at the dinner, and said he must congratulate the Association on its record attendance. After giving an example of the good fellowship which existed between the Worcesters and the Staffords (which produced much laughter from the assembled company) Mr. Bennett said he sincerely hoped that this good fellowship between the two Associations would continue.

This concluded the formal toasts but the chairman said he would like to propose one more toast, this being 'The Hon. Secretary,' at which the entire company rose to sing 'For he's a jolly good fellow,' and followed this up by three rousing cheers.

Mr. Johnson, replying, expressed his thanks for such appreciation for his efforts, and hoped that the attendance at the dinner next year would be 200.

Finally the chairman expressed his thanks to all members of the Association for their good services during the past year.

As has been the practice in recent years, a musical programme then followed, with Mr. D. H. Watson as M.C. and Mr. L. Bedenham as accompanist. The programme consisted of songs rendered by Miss W. M. Harris and Mr. G. J. Hemming, a sketch by 'The Four Nondescripts' from All Saints', Worcester, and a selection of Stanley Holloway poems ably rendered by Mr. Fred Thomas. The handbells were also in evidence with a course of Little Bob Maximus 'lapped' by Mr. and Mrs. J. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. P. Harris and Messrs. J. D. Johnson and R. R. Savory. The Brierley Hill band gave an excellent selection of tunes on handbells and a performance of their spectacular 'rise and fall.'

'Auld Lang Syne' concluded a very successful and enjoyable evening, everyone leaving with the comforting thought that the Guildhall is already booked for next October 24th for the 1953 annual dinner. R. R. S.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

The Bishop Pays a Surprise Visit

The Bishop of Salisbury (the Right Rev. W. L. Anderson) surprised and delighted the members of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild by looking in at their tea at Codford Village Hall on November 1st. Rumour had reached him that the Salisbury and Devizes branches were holding a joint meeting at Codford and the Bishop, passing through the village on his way home from another service in the diocese, took the opportunity of stopping to have a cup of tea and a few words with the ringers. He was accompanied by the Rev. A. D. F. McKenzie, Rector of Sarum St. Martin's, whose bells are at present being overhauled.

The Bishop commented on the 'masonry' which exists among ringers and the fact that a ringer moving to another town has only to walk into a belfry to be greeted and made to feel as though he had never rung anywhere else. 'I wish you could pass on to other workers in the Church the secret of this brotherhood,' he said, 'and, looking round this room, I would add sisterhood.' He appreciated the service given Sunday by Sunday by the bellringers of the church, often hidden away out of sight.

This was the first meeting of the Guild at which Dr. Anderson had been able to be present and the members very much appreciated the honour of his unexpected and informal visit.

The whole meeting was a happy and successful one, 52 members and visitors being present. The Rev. H. W. Hutchings conducted the Guild service at Codford St. Peter and gave a short address welcoming the ringers. Mr. Hutchings also presided at the tea prepared by the local ringers' wives. It was just after the company had sat down to tea that the Bishop and Fr. McKenzie came in. At the Salisbury Branch quarterly meeting which followed, Edward Haines (aged 13), of Wilton, was elected a ringing member.

During the afternoon and evening the bells at Codford St. Peter (6, rehung and one recast as the village war memorial), Wyke (5) and Heytesbury (a very fine 6) were rung.

FIRST PEAL ON TEN AT STRADBROKE

The peal attempt for the festival of All Saints had been well advertised and the inhabitants of the Suffolk village of Stradbroke, who listened keenly to it, were not the least disturbed by the possibility of their bells being rung for three hours and more. 'The ten aren't so noisy as the old eight used to be,' confided the wife of the landlord whose public house is immediately opposite the church.

A telegram of good wishes and useful advice arrived for the 'owd bellringers' from the 'Boy Dearvud.'

Mr. David Vincent, who, with his sister, natives of Stradbroke, gave the two trebles in memory of their brothers, Charles and Frank, killed in the first world war, listened to some of the ringing at his home at Hale, in Cheshire, through the agency of an old school pal, Mr. J. C. Foulsham, who had fixed a megaphone to his telephone! The operators at the Ipswich and Manchester exchanges assisted in judging the best position of the Stradbroke instrument. Mr. C. W. Pipe also heard the bells through the medium of the Rector's telephone.

It was somewhat of a relief to the ringers to learn that the striking was very good, for all one hears in the ringing chamber is a disconcerting bim! bom!! with the first six hardly audible, and in the circumstances, Stedman was not the ideal method to ring. After the peal Mr. L. Edward Etheridge, among other acts of kindness associated with the arrangements for the peal, entertained the ringers to tea, with the Rector, Canon K. E. Shaw, the guest of honour. N. G.

FOR BEGINNERS—AND A WORD TO THE OLDER HANDS

XX.—DOUBLE METHODS

When the work of a method with the treble in front (that is, in Minor when it is BELOW 4ths, and in Major BELOW 5ths) is reproduced, relatively, with the treble behind (ABOVE 3rds in Minor and ABOVE 4ths in Major), that method is a 'double' method. A simple example is Double Bob.

In Plain Bob the 2nds place made when the treble is leading causes the bells ABOVE to dodge in pairs. If a place is made immediately below the treble when that bell lies its whole pull behind (5ths place in Minor, 7ths in Major), the bells BELOW dodge in pairs. 'Double' Bob is the method in which both 2nds and 5ths are made and dodging takes place on each occasion.

It is interesting to notice the effect of this on the 'lead head' (that is the position of the bells at the backstroke lead of the treble). Rounds is the first lead head. The second lead head in Bob Minor is 135264; the third lead head is 156342. You get this by transposing 135264 by 135264. Now if you introduce 5ths when the treble is behind as well as 2nds when the treble is in front, then your second lead head is 135264 transposed by 135264, giving you 156342, and your third lead head is 156342 transposed by 156342, viz., 142635.

Without going into a detailed explanation of the reason, it may be stated that all 'regular' Minor methods produce the same lead heads, although, as we have seen above, they may come in a different order. There are five lead heads in a course, and beginning, as we always must, with rounds, they can come up in four different orders:—

First lead head: 123456 123456 123456 123456
Second lead head: 135264 156342 164523 142635

If you work out the courses under each of these heads, by using the transpositions shown in each case, you will find that, as we said above, they produce exactly the same lead heads, but in a different order.

All this may seem to have little to do with 'double' methods, but it is one of the established facts about 'regular' methods which beginners should know and remember, because it will help in an understanding of certain groupings of methods which we hope to deal with later.

But, now, about these double methods. In examining their construction and, at the moment, we will deal only with Minor, you want to write out a course, draw your diagram over it, and then divide it from top to bottom with a line drawn between the 3rd and 4th figures. When you have done this you will see that the 'work' on each side of the line is exactly balanced, that you can, in fact, turn it upside down, read your method from bottom to top, and find it is the same either way.

When we explained Oxford Bob we said it consisted of 4ths place made twice inside each lead, and 2nds place when the treble leads. Now Double Oxford Bob contains all these places, made when the treble is below 4ths, and corresponding places, two of them in 3rds and 5ths place when the treble is above 3rds. Here is a lead, but we recommend you to write out the full course and study it. Compare its construction with Oxford Bob—

Oxford Bob	Double Oxford
123456	123456
214365	214365
241356	241356
423165	423165
432615	243615
346251	426351
364521	243651
635412	426315
653142	246135
561324	421653
516342	412635
153624	146253
156342	142635

The two methods are totally different to ring; and in some ways Double Oxford should prove easier than the single variety. There is really very little to remember. There is a three-pull dodge each way (that is, down and up, with 2nds place between) on the front; and a three-pull dodge each way (that is, up and down, with 5ths place between) behind. In between, whether going up or down, there is a dodge in 3–4 places 'across the treble' (that is 4ths and 3rds when going up or 3rds and 4ths when going down), and another dodge in 3–4.

If you look at the figures above you will see the lead head of the double method, 142635, is a double transposition of the 156342 of the single method.

If you want a 720 you can call Double Oxford as you call the single method (because in both methods 2nds is made when the treble leads) Wrong, Right and Wrong, with an additional single called at the otherwise plain Right, at half-way and end. Remember, however, that while in Oxford Bob the Wrong is the third lead of the course, in Double Oxford the Wrong is the fourth lead.

There is the same alternative extent, with the fifth called Right, Wrong and Right, as there is in Plain Bob.

A WICKHAMBREAUX RECORD

On Saturday, November 15th, four members of the band of ringers at the Church of St. Andrew, Wickhambreaux, near Canterbury, will celebrate 50 years as members of the Kent County Association. They are Messrs. Harrison Smith, Sidney Walter, Jabez (Jack) Walter and 'Billy' Maytum. They were elected at a committee meeting of the Association at Tonbridge. During all these years they have given regular service to the church where they learned their ringing.

Mr. Smith was elected a representative of the Canterbury District in 1926, an office he held for ten years. Mr. S. Walter is now a representative. Of the four the two Walter brothers are still ringing regularly and are both members of the Cathedral band in addition to being members of their own parish church. Mr. Maytum is still pretty active. Mr. Smith is not able to get about as much as he would wish, but welcomes a visitor and a good chat about old times and old friends. In years their ages amount to 299. All friends wish them many happy years yet.

MEMORIES OF 40 YEARS AGO

In July, 1912, Mr. Francis S. Wilson (now retired and living in Lilliput, Dorset) was invited to Guildford by Mr. Alfred H. Pulling for a week's handbell ringing, during which time he rang his first four peals 'in hand' (three Stedman Triples and one Grandsire Triples). In the last of the four peals the following ringers took part: William Shepherd, A. H. Pulling, John Thomas and F. S. Wilson. The last three named ringers did not ring together again for thirty-six years, when they met on November 25th, 1948, joined by Mrs. Jack Thomas (Amy Johnson), and rang a peal of Stedman Triples 'in hand' to celebrate Mr. Wilson's 100th peal. The peal was rung in Martin Stewart's private house in Ferndown.

During the passing years it is interesting to note that Mr. Wilson had rung handbell peals with five members of the Johnson family—Frederick J. Johnson, Ellen M. Johnson, Amy R. Johnson, Kathleen M. Johnson and Joseph D. Johnson. All these events bring back many happy memories. F.S.W.

OVERSEALE'S 21st BIRTHDAY PEAL

The strong bond of family life is undoubtedly the secret of Britain's survival through the centuries. Such a secret and pleasure seven peal-ringers found at 3, Coronation Street, Overseale, Burton-on-Trent, on October 25th. The occasion was the coming of age of Miss Joan Cotton, eldest daughter of Mr. Joseph William Cotton, the genial and indefatigable hon secretary of the Midland Counties Guild, and Mrs. Cotton.

Joan, herself a member of the local band, through business calls was, unfortunately, unable to ring in the peal. She is a Sunday school teacher and a Guider, in connection with St. Matthew's Church, and was christened by the then Rector, Archdeacon H. E. Fitz-Herbert (president of the Midland Counties Guild).

It is hoped that sister Eileen and brother Norman will follow in their sister's and father's ringing footsteps. Bonny 'Joe' must be getting on towards his century of peals on the merry octave at St. Matthew's; it is something over three decades since he rang his first there.

TRIBUTE TO A LEICESTERSHIRE VERGER

The peal at Earl Shilton to mark the 25 years' service as verger of Mr. Clifford Clow was originally intended to be a vergers' peal, but there are not sufficient members to form a team. It was fitting, therefore, that the band included Mr. Ernest Morris, the secretary of the Leicester Diocesan Vergers' Guild and a member of the Central Council of Church of England Vergers' Guild. The band were entertained by Mr. Clow at the conclusion of the peal.

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OBITUARY

MR. TOM ELCOX

By the death of Mr. Tom Elcox, of Areley Kings, the Worcestershire and Districts Association has lost its oldest member. First elected a member in 1891, he could claim 61 years' unbroken membership—a record for the Association. Although not a great peal ringer—he had rung 16 for the Worcestershire Association—he was a regular ringer at Areley Kings, and last year rang a quarter peal of Doubles for his 87th birthday. To his memory a peal and quarter peal have been rung.

MR. D. K. C. BIRT

It is with deep regret we record the death at his home on November 2nd of Mr. Daniel Kenneth Capper Birt, aged 74 years. Mr. Birt had been Master of the Surrey Association from 1928 to 1946 and general secretary from 1946 to 1951. At the time of his death he was a vice-president. His great interest in, and work for, the Association will long be remembered.

At the funeral of November 5th, at Merstham, a crowded congregation heard the Vicar pay tribute to Mr. Birt's sterling qualities and gentle speech. Ringers present were Mr. and Mrs. D. Cooper. Messrs. A. Cheasely, C. Parkes, H. A. Hoad and A. Gear, Miss M. Munt, Mesdames Morris and W. F. Oatway.

Merstham bells were rung half-muffled before and after the service.

W. F. O.

MR. S. T. GOODCHILD

By the death of Mr. Sidney T. Goodchild at High Wycombe on October 26th at the age of 83, the last of the pioneers who laid the foundation of change ringing in this part of the diocese has passed on

Born within sound of the bells of St. Michael and All Angels', Hughenden, he was an active ringer there from the '80's until the turn of the century. For about ten years he worked in London but returned to reside in Wycombe in 1910, where he proved a valuable asset to the All Saints' band, who were then making strides with Stedman Cinques on the augmented ring. He remained a most valued member here for some 30 odd years, when his career as a ringer came to an abrupt termination by the ban on ringing early in the war.

Although slight of stature he always handled a big bell for preference in a most efficient manner. Mr. Goodchild's record of peals is unknown but he rang quite a good number at Hughenden in the early days and seven Stedman on All Saints' latest bells.

The funeral took place from the Parish Church on October 31st. In the evening half-muffled touches were rung as a last token of respect by a company which included both local ringers and representatives from Hughenden tower.

ASFORDBY'S BELLS

Upon the recommendation of Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Asfordby (Leicestershire) bells are to be silent until a complete restoration is carried out, as the third and fifth are in a very bad state. If sufficient funds can be raised it is proposed to provide an eight-bell frame and two additional trebles. The old five bells at Asfordby (Hugh Watts, 1630) were rehung on the old frame by Messrs. J. Taylor and Sons in 1878 in commemoration of Queen Victoria's jubilee. The old frame is thought to be older than the bells.

SUNNINGWELL, BERKS.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (360 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, 240 April Day, 300 Grandsire): F. Honey 1, Miss K. Andrews (first quarter in 4 methods) 2, James Honey 3, Jonathan Honey 4, A. R. Pink (cond.) 5, W. Cudd 6. Rung for the patronal festival.

BECKENHAM, KENT

Making Good a War Casualty

Beckenham Parish Church of St. George, a fine, spacious building erected about the turn of the century on the site of an older church, stands in a commanding position at the centre of the largest borough in Kent.. Like so many churches in this part of the world St. George's suffered badly in the war but it has been restored with loving care.

The bells, a ring of ten with a tenor weighing 14 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. escaped actual damage in the war but the tower, like the rest of the church, was badly blasted, and felt packing to the louvres was blown away. Accordingly, the large louvres exposed the bells to the ravages of the weather and they were also very noisy outside.

The back six bells were recast in 1903 by John Warner and Sons from an old ring which had hung in the original tower. The new six, with two additional trebles were installed in a metal 'A' frame with a wooden sole plate, when the church was rebuilt. Two further trebles, to complete the ten, were added by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston in 1934. The eight had been on one level but there was insufficient room for ten and the treble and the fourth were hoisted in a new frame above the other eight.

A careful inspection earlier this year revealed that the back eight, which had not been touched by a bellhanger since they were installed fifty years ago, were in need of attention. The work was entrusted to Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, who have quarter-turned the bells, refaced the clappers, reconditioned the wheels and headstocks as necessary and rehung the bells on ball bearings. All wooden fittings have been treated with preservative and all metalwork repainted.

In addition, Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have closed up the louvre windows with a layer of bituminous felt sandwiched between one set of boards fixed vertically and another set fixed horizontally. Four windows have been completely closed and the remaining four to the springing of the arch. This woodwork has also been treated with preservative. This part of the work has afforded weather protection to the inside of the tower and at the same time has been very effective in modulating the sound of the bells outside. All ten bells can be heard at uniform volume at any point.

The bells were tried out on October 7th. Not only was it found that the 'go' was perfect and none of the bells oddstruck, but they had been restored to their former beauty of tone as a result of the quarter-turning of the bells and the refacing of the clappers.

Just at the time that the order for the work to the bells was being contemplated another misfortune overtook Beckenham belfry. The wire bond of a clock weight in a well broke and caused the weight to burst through the wooden casing of the well and through part of the belfry floor with considerable damage and mess. When the repairs to this work were undertaken by a local builder it was found that woodworm had attacked the whole of the belfry floor, the panelling to the walls and the casings to the two clock-weight wells. In renewing all this work the wooden panelling has been replaced by hardboard and the opportunity has been taken to provide open panels in the clock-weight wells at ceiling level to admit to the ringing room more sound from the two hoisted bells. Although it is still not easy to pick out the individual top notes of the ten in the ringing room there is considerable improvement in this respect.

All responsible contractors are to be congratulated upon their speed as no orders were placed until early June and everything had been completed by early October. The local practice night is Tuesday from 8 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. Before the work to the bells was undertaken Monday was tried for practice night but this interfered with Council meetings in the nearby town hall. Unfortunately, any other

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QUARTER PEALS

ANSTEY, LEICS.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Miss J. M. Simpson 1, M. D. Staniforth 2, R. F. Elkington (cond.) 3, W. A. Lacey 4, G. H. Arguile 5, D. S. Harris 6, J. B. Bennett 7, J. M. Thorley 8. Rung for the festival of All Saints and All Souls and for the birthday of Miss J. Harris.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,340 Plain Bob Major: E. G. L. Coward 1, J. Oakshot 2, G. Peters 3, A. Smith 4, G. Marriner 5, Beryl Worsfold (first of Major) 6, J. T. Symonds (first of Major) 7, A. Harman (cond.) 8. For the Feast of All Souls.

ARELEY KINGS, WORCS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): J. Hicks 1, R. Rowley 2, E. Lucas 3, A. Glazzard 4, G. Bowen (cond.) 5, G. Lewis 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Thomas Elcox, interred this day.

DENHOLME, YORKS.—On Nov. 2nd., 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: V. Bairstow 1, H. Oglesby 2, J. Windle 3, A. Bairstow 4, A. Smallbones 5, L. Thompson 6, F. Dalby (cond.) 7, W. Proctor 8.

DRONFIELD, DERBYS.—On Oct. 27th, 1,312 London Surprise Major: L. A. Tremeer 1, H. O. Chaddock 2, J. A. Ainsworth 3, A. Firth 4, E. A. Thorpe 5, J. J. L. Gilbert 6, N. Chaddock (cond.) 7, J. E. Turley 8. First quarter of London Major for 2 and 8.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.—On Oct. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Wilsher (aged 15) 1, G. Rogers 2, C. Wilson 3, F. Abrey 4, C. Harrinton 5, H. Egglestone (first as conductor) 6. First quarter by 1, 2, 3 and 4.

HAMPTON, MIDDLX.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Ingham 1, F. Blagrove 2–3, R. Woodcock 4, P. A. Lawrence 5, S. J. Woodcock (cond.) 6.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLX.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,280 Rutland Surprise Major: Mrs. C. C. Mayne 1, S. A. Warwick (first of Surprise 'inside') 2, Miss E. K. Fulton 3, H. G. Hart 4, Mrs. J. D. Niblett 5, J. D. Niblett 6, W. Wenban 7, C. C. Mayne (cond.) 8. First quarter in the method by all the band except the 7th.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' Church, on Nov. 2nd, 1,440 Bob Minor: M. J. Dyer 1, H. B. Bull 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, J. R. G. Spicer 4, H. S. Peacock 5, S. Gilbert (cond.) 6. Rung for the patronal festival.

KEWSTOKE, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Dowden 1, W. Hart 2, E. Thomas 3, C. Bowden 4, G. Prescott (cond.) 5, J. Weakley 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. J. H. H. Doorbar, Vicar of Kewstoke from 1913 to 1935.

KILBURN, LONDON.—At St. Augustine's, on Oct. 26th, 1,260 Bob Major: E. Lankester 1, H. Catlin (first quarter 'inside') 2, Miss D. Watts 3, Miss A. Barker 4, A. Cutler 5, T. Dew (first quarter of Bob Major) 6, R. Meadows 7, D. C. Birkinshow (cond.) 8.

NEWPORT, MON.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. J. F. James 1, B. J. Parry 2, J. L. Fitzgerald 3, Jacqueline S. Evans 4, D. G. Clarke (cond.) 5, A. R. Price 6, D. J. King 7, M. N. O'Brien 8. Rung to commemorate All Saints' Day.

OLDHAM, LANCS.—On Oct. 29th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: D. M. Seville 1, O. Moores 2, A. F. Taylor 3, J. T. Walmsley (first quarter 'inside') 4, F. Pritchard (first quarter) 5, H. Barlow 6, I. Kay 7, V. Sykes (cond.) 8, E. Jenkins 9, T. B. Hartley 10. Rung to celebrate the 75th birthday of Mr. H. Barlow.

PADBURY, BUCKS.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. A. Vickers (first quarter) 1, Miss D. M. Spokes 2, W. Yates 3, C. Gough 4, F. Vickers (cond.) 5, H. Jones 6. Birthday compliment to ringer of treble and good wishes before his national service.

PINNER, MIDDLX.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Gorringe (first quarter) 1, W. Norman Genna 2, Miss M. J. Skinner 3, D. Burton 4, J. Schofield 5, R. W. Wilkinson (cond.) 6, E. W. Thurlow 7, H. Stratford 8. A compliment to R. Colyer, who is at present indisposed.

STANMORE, MIDDLX.—On Oct. 19th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Major: C. Wenban 1, R. Stoddard 2, E. J. Leversuch 3, J. Schofield (first quarter in the method) 4, T. Clark 5, W. Wenban 6, J. E. Rootes 7, E. C. S. Turner (cond.) 8. Also on Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. Clark 1, D. E. Cattell 2, W. J. Nudds 3, J. Schofield 4, R. Stoddard 5, E. C. S. Turner 6, E. J. Leversuch (cond.) 7, R. Lambert 8.

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night than Monday inevitably clashes with other practices in the district.

There are several promising young ringers at Beckenham and it is to be hoped that they will give every support to the Rector, Canon F. W. Boyd who has spared nothing to put the bells and belfry into very good order. Canon Boyd, who has been in the ministry over 50 years, and at Beckenham over 21, has certainly given the example—it is up to the ringers to follow it.

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MEETINGS

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DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, Nov. 15th, at 3.30, Dedication of War Memorial in Newcastle Cathedral. Tea in the library after service. Ringing at Gateshead 6—9.—D. A. Bayles.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Meeting at Cottenham (6), Saturday, Nov. 15th at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Miss M. Grain, Dis. Sec. 1630

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Hunts District.—Meeting at Warboys (5), Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 1624

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch — Meeting Hilgay, Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by 12th, please. These bells have recently been overhauled.—J. E. Fox, Walpole Highway, Wisbech. 1632

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—By-meeting Wivenhoe Nov. 15th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Ringing till 9 p.m. Numbers for tea to me essential, please.—R. Duesbury, Hughesdale, 5, Clacton Road; St. Osyth, Essex. 1571

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD. —Meeting at Staplehurst (8), Saturday, Nov. 15th, 3 p.m. Notification for tea to George Billenness, 3, Grasmere Terrace, Hawkhurst, Kent. 1616

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION — St. Albans District.—Meeting at North Mymms (8), Saturday, November 15th, commencing 3 p.m. Names for tea to W. J. Southam, 14, Walton Street, St. Albans. 1627

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Heston (8), Nov. 15th. Service 5, with tea in Vicarage afterwards (names by previous day to J. Sansom, 4, Shaftesbury Avenue, Southall). Bells 4—5 and after tea. St. Paul's Bath Road, Hounslow (8) 3—4. Joint meeting with R.C.Y. Dec. 6th.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec. 1633

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. — Next meeting, Newhall, Nov. 15th. Bells (6) 2.30. Tea 4.30 p.m. for those who notify the undersigned.—J. W. Cotton, Overseal. 1643

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division. — Practice meeting Burgess Hill, Nov. 15th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Please notify P. F. Romney, 21, Woodsland Road, Hassocks. 1634

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, King's Somborne, Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells (6) 2. Service 4.15. Tea 5 in School Hut. Names to Mr. J. A. C. King, 29, Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester. 1592

CHRIST CHURCH, MITCHAM (near Colliers Wood Tube Station).—Ringers' service, Nov. 16th 6.30 p.m. Ringing (6 bells) 5.30.—6.30 p.m. The church has now been restored, redecorated, heated and a new organ is to be installed. All welcome. 1619

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting at Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Saturday, Nov. 22nd, 3 p.m. Election of officers.—A. B. Peck. 1671

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Practice meeting at Weare, Nov. 22nd. Bells (6) 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.—A. J. P., Act. Sec. 1652

CASTLE BROMWICH, BIRMINGHAM.—The Parish Church of St. Mary and St. Margaret. Dedication of recast ring of six bells on Saturday, Nov. 22nd, at 3.30 p.m.. All welcome. Bells available till 8.30 p.m. Tea obtainable in Victory Hall 4.15—5.30. Advise by Nov. 20th, F. G. Harvey, 70, Chester Road, Castle Bromwich. 1653

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby and Ilkeston joint meeting at Melbourne on November 22nd at 3 p.m. Names for tea to Lt.-Col. R. John Morris D.S.O., Vicar, The Vicarage, Melbourne, Derbyshire. 1651

DEVON GUILD.—N. and N.E. Branches.—By-meeting, South Molton (8), Nov. 22nd, 2.30. Service 4.15. No business meeting. Names for tea, please.—Miss Boyle, Libra Gardens, Combe Martin. 1656

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION. — Southern District. — Meeting, Holy Trinity, Darlington, Saturday, Nov. 22nd, 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Thursday, Nov. 20th, to Mrs. W. N. Park, 10a, Woodlands Terrace, Darlington.—D. R. Airey. 1670

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guildford District. — Nomination meeting at Bramley Saturday, Nov. 22nd. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Saturday, Nov. 15th, to Hon. Sec., 7, Raymond Crescent, Dennisville, Guildford. 1648

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The social will be held in Canterbury, Saturday, Nov. 22nd. St. Stephen's and St. Dunstan's bells from 2.30 p.m. Tea St. Dunstan's Parish Room, 4.45 p.m. Social evening to follow. Tickets limited, 2s. 6d. each (cash and stamp, please) from B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury, latest Nov. 17th. 1626

LADIES' GUILD. — Midland District. — Meeting at Birstall, Leicester (8), Saturday, Nov. 22nd. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, Nov. 19th, to Mrs. P. J. Staniforth, 150, Narborough Road South, Leicester.—Mrs. P. J. Staniforth, Hon. Sec. 1664

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch. — Meeting at St. Mary's, Deane, on Saturday, Nov. 22nd. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Business meeting follows tea. Cups of tea provided.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec. 1668

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Stoney Stanton, Nov. 22nd. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names, please, by Nov. 19th, to Mr. N. Walker, 92, Hinckley Road, Stoney Stanton, Leicester. 1662

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Meeting at Waltham-on-the-Wolds, Saturday, Nov. 22nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Names, by the 20th, to Mr. C. Matthews, Waltham. 1663

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Meeting, Stoke Poges, Saturday, Nov. 22nd, 6 p.m. No tea.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 1660

SUFFOLK GUILD.—General meeting, Bury St. Edmunds, Nov. 22nd. St. Mary's (8 27 cwt.) 2.30 p.m.; Cathedral (10, 30 cwt.) after tea. Those requiring tea, definitely notify Mr. W. Stannard, Fornham All Saints, Bury St. Edmunds. 1628

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District. —Ringing meeting, Saturday, Nov. 22nd, at Benhall, 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Saxmundham bells after tea. Annual subscriptions will be collected.—P. S. Bedford. 1614

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Meeting at Buckland Nov. 22nd. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, by Nov. 18th, to C. J. Champion, 1, Rectory Lane, Buckland, Betchworth. 1636

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. —Quarterly meeting, Christ Church, Blacklands, Hastings, Saturday Nov. 22nd. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea which is free to those who notify, by Wednesday, 19th, J. Downing, 128, Elphinstone Road, Hastings. Good attendance desired for business meeting.—P. H. Rollison, Hon. Div. Sec. 1661

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Basingstoke District. — Combined practice at Wolverton, Hants (6 bells) on Saturday, Nov. 22nd, from 5.30. All ringers welcome.—D. Cane. 1659

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Quarterly meeting, Titchfield (6), Nov. 22nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5 in Parish Room. Names by Nov. 19th.—John H. Hunt, 44, Bellfield, Titchfield, Hants. 1657

BULWELL, NOTTINGHAM.—Open Ringing Day, Saturday, Nov. 29th, 2.30. Short service 4.30. Teas 5, light or substantial, at nearby cafe. Come and enjoy these rehung bells.—C. Glenn. 1595

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Saturday, Nov. 29th, 2.30 p.m., Lanchester, All Saints.' Names, by Nov. 27th, to C. T. Lamb, 26, St. Mary's Cres., Blackhill. 1654

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Woodford (near Gates Corner, South Woodford), Nov. 29th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Leytonstone bells (8) from 6.30. Names for tea to Miss A. M. Bailey, The Gables, Avenue Road, Bishop's Stortford. 1667

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Annual Dinner on Saturday, Nov. 29th, in Westgate Lodge Hotel, Winchester, at 7 p.m., followed by social evening. Bells available: Cathedral (12) 2—3, St. Maurice's (6) 3.30—5, Hursley (8) and Twyford (8) 2—4, Alresford (8) 2.30—4.30. Service in St. Lawrence's 5.15. Tickets (8s.) from Mr. J. A. C. King, 29, Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester. 1658

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting at Howden, Nov. 29th. Bells (8) from 2 p.m. Service in church 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Please notify, by Wednesday, Nov. 26th, Mr. E. A. Newham, 31, Pinfold Street, Howden, near Goole.—H. S. Morley, 28, Church Hill, Selby. 1669

BUXHALL, SUFFOLK.—The restored and augmented ring of six bells will be rededicated by the Bishop of Dunwich at a special service at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 2nd. All ringers and friends welcome. 1665

DEVON GUILD.—South West Branch. — Annual meeting, Plymouth, St. Andrew's, Dec. 6th. Bells (10) available from 2.30. Service in St. Andrew's Chapel 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in the Lower Abbey Hall. Names by Dec. 1st. to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 1613

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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bicker (8), Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, before Nov. 29th, to J. E. Allen, 31, Quadring Road, Donington, Spalding. 1666

UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.—The 9th Annual Dinner will take place in London on Friday, Jan. 2nd, 1953. Details will be circulated soon. Prospective new members please communicate with Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 1655

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CHRISTOPHER PINCHBECK

TWO hundred years ago, in 1752, Christopher Pinchbeck was Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and he was honoured in the toast of 'Fragrant Memory,' submitted at the Society's last dinner. In giving the details of Pinchbeck to the assembly, Mr. E. Alex. Young made acknowledgment of the help he received from Mr. Ernest C. S. Turner in searching the manuscripts of the late Mr. J. Armiger Trollope.

There were two Pinchbecks, states Mr. Young. They were father and son, and both were associated with musical instruments, clocks and watches, and various ingenious contrivances of a mechanical nature. The family lived at Clerkenwell, but in 1721 removed to Fleet Street. The father was also famous for certain astronomical clocks, and particularly for making an alloy of zinc and copper to imitate gold, and named after him 'Pinchbeck.' He died in 1732, and the business was carried on by his two sons, but it was his second son upon whom it devolved—Christopher Pinchbeck, born in 1710, and who died in 1783—and it was he who made it so widely known and himself a man of some renown. He not only made many friends, but amongst them King George III.

Pinchbeck's mechanical ingenuity won him many prizes, and twice he was awarded medals by the Royal Society—for a certain brake for cranes, and again for an improved form of plough. This all apart from his steady output of clocks and watches. He had now moved westward and had a shop in Cockspur Street, but his workshops were probably still in the City. Like his father, he made astronomical clocks, and in 1765 there is a reference to his having made one for the Queen. It has four dials, and is still one of the treasures of Buckingham Palace. On his death he was buried at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields.

His ringing career was not so famous. He joined the College Youths in 1733, during the mastership of Samuel Fielding, was steward in 1742, and reached the chair ten years later. He was a contemporary of and watched all the great happenings of the famous 'Annable period.' But there does not appear to be any record of his having rung a peal himself. But the Masters were not necessarily peal ringers in those years, such efforts being mostly confined to picked men attached to regular bands of skilled ringers. As Trollope remarks, a 5,000 then was much as much as is a 15,000 to-day. It was during Pinchbeck's mastership that John Holt joined the Society, and he was one of the subscribers to the latter's Broadsheet, and when, in 1758, a certain number of the old Society joined the 'Juniors,' he was not one of them.

CALL CHANGE RINGING

OCCASIONALLY reference is made to the call change ringing and ringers in Devon and other parts of the country. But beyond the fact that these ringers are usually severely critical about the striking of the bells by visiting ringers of 'scientific,' or giving their advice on the way the bells should be raised or lowered in peal, very little interest seems to be taken in their doings outside their immediate circles. These ringers take their work very seriously, and their goal is perfection in striking, and their competitions are held with this object in view. As practised in some of the towers, it reaches the acme of perfection.

Having had the privilege of listening to a fine ring of bells, over a period of several weeks on practice nights and for service ringing, I must say that the striking was excellent, right through from rise to fall; indeed, the music was beautiful. The method of calling is to change one pair of bells at each call, made at frequent intervals. The ringing from cards placed on the floor in front of each ringer seems to have been discarded. The ringers are fond of a 'peal' with the bells in the Queens position.

At a six-bell tower, where the ringing is from the ground floor, with a long rope draught, the bells are rung very close, with no open hand stroke lead, which produced the effect of being almost mechanical, but again nearly perfect striking.

So far as I am aware, the ringing associations seem practically to ignore the efforts and work of these ringers, and I suggest that steps be taken to bring their interests more in line with those who practise the higher forms of the art of change ringing. After all is said and done, the primary object of having church bells is to call the people to worship, and this work is being faithfully performed by these ringers, whose interests I would like to see more fully recognised in 'The Ringing World,' the official organ of church bell ringers.

GEORGE H. HEAD.

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TEN BELL PEALS

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Leonard Trevor	*Treble*	Frank K. Measures	6
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Albert M. Tyler	2	William H. Parker	7
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Edgar C. Shepherd	3	Henry H. Fearn	8
John Pinfold	4	Ralph G. Edwards	9
William C. Dowding	5	Wilfrid F. Moreton	*Tenor*

Composed by William Pye. Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Thurs., Nov. 6, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes.*
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A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 26¼ cwt. in D.

Clive M. Smith	*Treble*	*Samuel Birch	6
Christopher Wallater	2	Neville R. Holland	7
Ernest Stitch	3	J. Norman Hadley	8
Derek J. Tranter	4	Maurice G. Turner	9
Richard J. Warrilow	5	Howard Howell	*Tenor*

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Shirley Burton	2	*Terence Bolingbroke	7
*Eileen M. Burton	3	*B. Stedman Payne	8
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D. JORDAN	4	D. BOSLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by M. BISHOP.

First peal as conductor. Rung as a compliment from the Harwell ringers to the ringer of the 6th upon his completion of 25 years as foreman at Hagbourne.

BETCHWORTH, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 25, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

*JANET M. BESANT	*Treble*	JOHN WHITEHORN	5
EDWIN J. LINDLEY	2	J. OLIVER GLANVILLE	6
ROLAND W. MORANT	3	†JAMES F. DODSON	7
†JOHN S. SEAGER	4	ERNEST R. WARNER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by EDWIN J. LINDLEY.
* First peal on tower bells. † First peal of Bob Major.

DARESBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 25, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in E.

ELIZABETH M. ROBINSON	*Treble*	RALPH TAYLOR	5
DAPHNE WAIN	2	KENNETH EDWARDS	6
*JOHN BREEZE	3	HAROLD WORRALL	7
†PETER MILLWARD	4	DOUGLAS KIRKPATRICK	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by HAROLD WORRALL.
* First peal. † First peal on eight bells.

BOCKING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE DEANERY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

*HAROLD MOORE	*Treble*	ALFRED LITTLE	5
HENRY PRATT	2	JOHN LEEMING	6
PETER WOOD	3	STANLEY BONES	7
†MRS. M. MOORE	4	RONALD SUCKLING	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.
* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major 'inside.' Rung in honour of All Saints.

LEOMINSTER, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22¾ cwt.

MICHAEL P. MORETON	*Treble*	WILLIAM THOMPSETT	5
FREDERICK R. HARRIS	2	AUSTIN T. WINGATE	6
LESLIE EVANS	3	WILFRID F. MORETON	7
REV. E. G. BENSON	4	HARRY PARKES	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
Rung for the Festival of All Saints.
Also as a farewell to John Clingo, a member of this tower, on his departure for Lichfield Theological College, and also for the wedding of Ronald H. Mewies (Eardisland) and Miss Margaret Smith, which took place this day.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 26 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in C.

WILLIAM ROSE	*Treble*	ERNEST E. WHITMORE	5
JOHN KING	2	RONALD C. NOON	6
BRIAN S. COPE	3	GEOFFREY E. WATSON	7
RONALD J. SHARP	4	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS (C.C.C. 6).
Conducted by GEOFFREY E. WATSON.
First peal in the method on the bells.
Rung for the third anniversary of the enthronement of the Lord Bishop of Peterborough.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 3, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 10½ cwt.

HAROLD P. BURTON	*Treble*	*BRYAN PATTISON	5
C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	2	RICHARD KENDALL	6
GEOFFREY DODDS	3	ALFRED E. RUSHTON	7
RONALD J. SHARP	4	ANDREW C. SINFIELD	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED E. RUSHTON.
* First peal on eight bells. First peal in the method on the bells and as conductor.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Nov. 5, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

MRS. H. J. POOLE	*Treble*	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON	5
JOHN R. SMITH	2	HAROLD J. POOLE	6
S. ANTHONY JESSON	3	JOHN B. BENNETT	7
ALFRED BALLARD	4	TERENCE A. THORNBER	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
Rung as a compliment to Mrs. B. Seal, donor of the bells, on her birthday and to Mr. and Mrs. J. A. L. Thompson on their 20th wedding anniversary.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Nov. 6, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5152 CRANBOURNE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	*Treble*	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	5
MURIEL REAY	2	J. MARTIN THORLEY	6
BRIAN G. WARWICK	3	HENRY H. FEARN	7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
First peal in the method for the Guild and by all.

PAKEFIELD, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Nov. 6, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9½ cwt.

ARTHUR W. BIRD	*Treble*	RICHARD W. R. COATES	5
GEORGE W. HOWLETT	2	JACK KINDRED	6
PETER KINDRED	3	ALBERT E. COLEMAN	7
DOUGLAS MITCHELL	4	ARTHUR G. WIGMORE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ARTHUR G. WIGMORE.
First peal as conductor.

SUTTERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Eastern Branch.)
On Thurs., Nov. 6, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

LESLIE TAYLOR	*Treble*	EDWIN FISHER	5
RHODA BROWN	2	ALBERT E. FLATTERS	6
ARTHUR YOUNG	3	ROBERT BROWN	7
DONOVAN R. WHITE	4	JOHN R. YOUNG	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOHN R. YOUNG.
First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major by all the band except the ringer of 4th. First in the method in the Eastern Branch by branch members.

ALMONDSBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Nov. 7, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 25¼ cwt. in D.

REGINALD G. HOOPER	*Treble*	*J. WALTER SMITH	5
*CYRIL R. HARDING	2	*WILFRED F. WEBB	6
*RICHARD J. BOWDEN	3	ROGER O. FRY	7
SYDNEY G. RICHES	4	*WILLIAM J. COOK	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.
* First peal of Stedman Triples. First peal of Stedman Triples as conductor. A 30th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Cook.

BOURNEMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 8, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in E.

H. JAMES TURNER	*Treble*	JOHN PINFOLD	5
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT	2	REGINALD WOODYATT	6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	3	CYRIL TANSELL	7
NORMAN J. GOODMAN	4	THOMAS W. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT.
First peal of Bristol on the bells.

BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 8, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5088 BUCKLEY IMPERIAL BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14½ cwt.

J. BENJAMIN BUDD	*Treble*	FREDERICK H. BIRKS	5
DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	2	GEORGE H. RANDLES	6
NORAH M. BIBBY	3	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	7
JOHN W. BEST	4	PERCY SWINDLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
The first peal in the method (C.C.C. No. 250).

BURNHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 8, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

CYRIL E. LEWINGTON	*Treble*	RAYMOND G. BURTON	5
MRS. P. LEWINGTON	2	CYRIL A. BURGESS	6
ROBERT G. LAY	3	GEORGE GILBERT	7
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	4	WILLIAM HIBBERT	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by WILLIAM HIBBERT.
Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day; also remembering Messrs. G. Fearn and H. Baker.

BURY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 8, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

REV. R. D. ST. J. SMITH	*Treble*	ROGER LEIGH	5
REV. P. T. ROBBINS	2	PETER CROOK, SEN.	6
FRANK J. MAUDE	3	BRIAN H. WOOD	7
FRANK REYNOLDS	4	R. GORDON CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by E. J. LINDLEY. Conducted by REV. R. D. ST. JOHN SMITH.
To celebrate the birth of a son to the Rev. and Mrs. P. T. Robbins.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 8, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5056 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21½ cwt. in E.

RONALD W. STEWARD	*Treble*	ROBERT E. LESTER	5
CHARLES E. FISHER	2	WALTER RUFFLES	6
HARRY D. LISTER	3	WILLIAM J. BUTTON	7
GEORGE E. SYMONDS	4	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL	*Tenor*

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.
Rung half-muffled in remembrance of the Fallen of both world wars.

FELTHAM, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 8, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. in F sharp.

SIDNEY J. WOODCOCK	*Treble*	FREDERICK A. FINCH	5
ANNE B. SPEED	2	JOHN D. ROCK	6
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	7
RONALD J. SHARP	4	RICHARD E. PRICE	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, No. 158. Conducted by RICHARD E. PRICE.
First peal of Surprise as conductor.

GLOUCESTER.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 8, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY AND INDIVISIBLE TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation). Tenor 24 cwt.

HARRY NEWMAN	*Treble*	LESLIE ASTON	5
THOMAS NEWMAN	2	TREVOR PRITCHARD	6
FREDERICK NURDEN	3	LESLIE BARRY	7
THOMAS PRICE	4	CHARLES LARNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.
Rung as an 84th birthday compliment to Mr. Sidney Romans.

HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Nov. 8, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5056 LANGLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

ANTHONY AGER	*Treble*	TERRY R. HAMPTON	5
MURIEL REAY	2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	6
J. MARTIN THORLEY	3	HENRY H. FEARN	7
ERIC E. SPEAKE	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by HAROLD G. CASHMORE. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
First peal in the method for the Guild, and by all.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 8, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 22½ cwt

*NANCY E. MARKLEW	*Treble*	FRANK K. MEASURES	5
MRS. H. J. POOLE	2	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	6
HAROLD J. POOLE	3	JOHN B. BENNETT	7
W. HARRY DUNCOMBE	4	ALFRED BALLARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED BALLARD.
* First peal of Major. First Surprise peal on the bells since they were recast in 1925. A compliment to Miss May Fletcher and Mr. Walter Allman on their wedding day.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 8, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5056 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 91 lb. in G.

URBAN W. WILDNEY	*Treble*	GEORGE N. ORMAN	5
RONALD G. BUGG	2	EDWARD B. SMITH	6
GEORGE WATERMAN	3	*ALAN R. ANDREWS	7
ROY DUESBURY	4	EDWARD E. DAVEY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by EDWARD E. DAVEY.
* Has 'circled' this tower.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 8, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17½ cwt.

*DAVID J. KING	*Treble*	‡HOWARD HOWELL	5
*RAYMOND D. HAZELDINE	2	GEORGE A. PACKER	6
RICHARD D. LANGFORD	3	FREDERICK PRICE	7
†‡MAURICE G. TURNER	4	†IVOR R. NICHOLS	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by IVOR R. NICHOLS.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal in the method. ‡ 175th peal together.

SHERE, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 8, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in E.

EDWARD G. L. COWARD	*Treble*	GORDON P. T. PETERS	5
*CAPT. E. F. M. SAMSON	2	GEORGE L. GROVER	6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	3	ALBERT HARMAN	7
ARTHUR H. SMITH	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

STOKE, COVENTRY.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 8, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. in F sharp.

J. L. GARNER-HAYWARD	*Treble*	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ..	5
MARGARET D. BEAMISH ..	2	LEONARD TREVOR	6
*CLAUDIA A. HARDING ..	3	†BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY..	7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ..	4	JOHN L. THOMPSON ..	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.
* 100th peal. † First peal in the method.

TICKHILL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 8, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

RAYMOND C. WESTNEY ..	*Treble*	*DENIS A. CHAPMAN ..	5
GIBSON JACKSON	2	RONALD J. SANDERSON ..	6
*HOWARD SCOTT	3	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ..	7
*HERBERT M. HEATON ..	4	WILFRID F. MORETON ..	*Tenor*

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
* First peal in the method.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss May Fletcher and Mr. Walter Allman.

WROTHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 8, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
G. Lindoff's Two-part. Tenor 20 cwt. 10 lb.

PETER F. BORER	*Treble*	WILLIAM R. MANSER ..	5
ROBERT COLLINS	2	E. S. JOHN HATCHER ..	6
VICTOR A. JARRETT ..	3	GEORGE KENWARD	7
CYRIL S. JARRETT	4	REGINALD L. SILLS	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD L. SILLS.
Rung to welcome the new Rector, the Rev. Canon E. E. Maples Earle. Also as a birthday compliment to William R. Manser.

CONISBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 10, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Containing 1,600 London, 1,440 Rutland, 480 Bristol and 320 each of Superlative, Yorkshire, Lincolnshire, Pudsey and Cambridge with 120 changes of method. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in G.

*HOWARD SCOTT	*Treble*	*†J FREDERICK MILNER ..	5
*WILLIAM H. JACKSON ..	2	*W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ..	6
*F. BERNARD DITCHER ..	3	J. EDWARD CAWSER ..	7
WILFRID F. MORETON ..	4	*†GIBSON JACKSON	*Tenor*

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.
* First peal of Spliced in eight methods. † 50th peal together. First peal of Spliced in eight methods on the bells.

SIX BELL PEALS

LITTLE COMBERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(Southern Branch.)
On Sat., Oct. 11, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores with ten callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

SAM MOORE	*Treble*	*ERIC COOKE	4
*RALPH PERKS	2	EDWARD MOORE	5
RALPH HARRIS	3	ARTHUR RICHARDSON ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH HARRIS.
* First peal.

BERRICK SALOME, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

FRANK CASTELL	*Treble*	*FRANK ABSOLOM	4
*JAMES GODMAN	2	*JACK BERRY	5
*FREDERICK SMITH	3	*ROBERT BLOND	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT BLOND.
* First peal of Minor.
Believed to be the first peal on the bells.



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DOWNHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of London, Primrose, Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

*ARTHUR J. BRYANT	*Treble*	RICHARD VALENTINE	4
†HERMON J. OLIVER	2	LAURENCE H. TURNER	5
*ROBIN N. PITTMAN	3	HARRY TURNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

* First peal in seven methods. † First peal in seven methods on an 'inside' bell.

Rung to mark the Festival of All Saints.

LULLINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in F sharp.

*MRS. S. H. JONES	*Treble*	BARNABAS G. KEY	4
*WALTER G. SOAR	2	JOSEPH WM. COTTON	5
WILLIAM H. CURSON	3	SIDNEY H. JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

* First peal of Stedman Doubles.

Rung for the Patronal Festival of All Saints.

ROCHDALE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Rochdale Branch.)
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, being one extent each of Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

KEITH ABBOTT	*Treble*	*PHILIP J. H. HUDSON	4
IAN W. TAYLOR	2	†FREDERICK PRITCHARD	5
MARJORIE LEACH	3	JAMES TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES TAYLOR.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor. First peal in five methods by all the band.

Rung to welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. M. H. Zair, B.Sc. Also to congratulate the Rev. P. T. and Mrs. Robbins on the birth of a son.

ST. MELLONS, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MELLON,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three 720's Plain Bob.

FREDERICK J. BAILEY	*Treble*	†RONALD C. LUCAS	4
*GODFREY CHOULS	2	WILLIAM DARE	5
*DILLYS I. HULBERT	3	JACK R. WORRALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

* First peal in three methods. † First peal in three methods 'inside.'

Arranged as a wedding compliment to Margaret Joan Roberts Worrall and John Francis Thorne, who were married at this church earlier the same day. Also a welcome to the new Vicar, Rev. C. R. Gower-Rees.

STANDON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's each of Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob and one of Single Oxford Bob. Tenor 17 cwt.

NATHAN PATMORE	*Treble*	JOHN PHILLIPS	4
EDWARD J. PHILLIPS	2	SIDNEY F. CARTER	5
JOHN KEMP	3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by SIDNEY F. CARTER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to David Kemp, of Hertford.

MAVESYN RIDWARE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sun., Nov. 2, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Oxford Bob and two extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*EDMUND MALIN	*Treble*	DENNIS BERESFORD	4
*FRANCIS A. SEDGWICK	2	PETER BERESFORD	5
JOAN BERESFORD	3	GEORGE E. OLIVER	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. OLIVER.

* First peal in six methods.

HIGHCLERE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Andover District.)
On Sun., Nov. 2, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. in G.

*WILLIAM KEWELL	*Treble*	GEOFFREY K. DODD	4
PHILLIP E. DODD	2	MAURICE J. DODD	5
†GERALD EVANS	3	†DENNIS A. JOHNSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.

* First peal on a working bell. † First peal.

Rung in honour of the visit of H.M. the Queen, the Duke of Edinburgh and Princess Margaret to Highclere Castle for the week-end, and also on the occasion of the christening of the great grand-daughter of the captain, Mr. J. F. Smith.

The band are all local Sunday service ringers at this church.

EARDISLEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 3, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in eight methods. (1) Kingston Treble Bob, (2) London Scholars' Pleasure Treble Bob, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, (5) Oxford Bob, (6) Double Oxford Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

FREDERICK A. JAINE	*Treble*	MICHAEL P. MORETON	4
FREDERICK R. HARRIS	2	AUSTIN T. WINGATE	5
LESLIE EVANS	3	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

First peal of Minor on the bells.

KING'S BROMLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Mon., Nov. 3, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Comprising 480 changes each of St. Simon's, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury, April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew, 1,200 Grandsire and 1,440 Stedman. Tenor 11 cwt.

ERIC EDGINTON	*Treble*	BARNABAS G. KEY	4
HAROLD E. HARRISON	2	GORDON HARRISON	5
DOROTHY T. GARDINER	3	*GEORGE L. ROOBOTTOM	*Tenor*

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

* First peal of Doubles. First peal of Doubles in seven methods for all.

Rung as a welcome to Andrew John, son of Betty Robbins (nee Spice).

SWAFFHAM PRIOR, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Nov. 4, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CYRIAC,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.

CYRIL A. HURST	*Treble*	*JOHN B. T. HUMPHRAY	4
ERNEST G. HIBBINS	2	JOHN G. GIPSON	5
T. REGINALD DENNIS	3	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.

* First peal of Minor. Messrs. Hibbins and Dennis have now rung peals of Kent Treble Bob Minor, Major, Royal and Maximus together.

This is the first known peal to be rung on these bells, which were hung in the tower in 1791.

CASSINGTON, OXON.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Wed., Nov. 5, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 WESTMINSTER SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 15 cwt.

DONALD H. NIBLETT	*Treble*	PETER C. WRIGHT	4
ROBIN G. TURNER	2	FRANK P. WRIGHT	5
*R. JAMES COOK	3	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

* First peal of Minor and first of Surprise. First peal in method by all and for the Society. To mark the opening of Parliament.

WHICKHAM, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 5, 1952, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

*MARGARET GIBSON	*Treble*	KENNETH ARTHUR	4
*MARGARET SOFTLEY	2	†ERIC N. HARRISON	5
STEPHEN THOMPSON	3	†J. ALAN AINSWORTH	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

* First peal. † 25th peal together. First peal of Minor as conductor.

Rung as a 16th birthday compliment to Margaret Softley.

ROUSHAM, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Nov. 6, 1952, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. LEONARD AND JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Comprising an extent each of College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk, Ockley, Oxford, Kent and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 9 cwt.

*WILLIAM J. CROSS	*Treble*	*HARRY P. FLOYD	4
*DOUGLAS O. WILKS	2	*EDGAR J. SMITH	5
*EDMUND E. PEARSON	3	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal in seven Treble Bob Minor methods.

Rung on the Feast of St. Leonard.

WINTERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD
On Thurs., Nov. 6, 1952, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

One extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 9¾ cwt.

HARRY HALL	*Treble*	*BRIAN CUTHBERT	4
C. AUBREY HARRISON	2	JACK BRAY	5
RONALD CHAFER	3	GEORGE W. MOODY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal in seven methods.

HANDBELL PEALS

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1952, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,
IN UNIVERSITY COLLEGE,
A PEAL OF 5000 SPLICED MAJOR

In seven methods, comprising 1,056 Plain Bob, 1,056 Ashbourne College Bob, 792 Gainsborough Little Bob, 544 Reverse Bob, 528 Little Bob, 512 Double Bob, 512 St. Clement's College Bob, with 361 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

PETER C. WRIGHT	1—2	ROBIN G. TURNER	5—6
PETER BORDER	3—4	FRANK P. WRIGHT	7—8

Composed by E. NIXON. Conducted by FRANK P. WRIGHT.

Rung as a welcome to Andrew John, son of Rev. and Mrs. Peter Robbins.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Nov. 2, 1952, in 2 Hours,
AT 85, CHARLTON ROAD, ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

ERIC SUTTON	1—2	REGINALD G. HOOPER	5—6
FREDK. J. SAMPSON	3—4	JOHN F. PEDLER	7—8

Composed by J. W. BARKER. Conducted by JOHN F. PEDLER.

Rung for the Feast of All Saints. Also as a welcome home to J. F. Pedler from H.M. Forces.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 7, 1952, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH.
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

TERENCE A. THORNBER	1—2	ALFRED BALLARD	5—6
HAROLD J. POOLE	3—4	JOHN B. BENNETT	7—8

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Nov. 9, 1952, in 1 Hour and 48 Minutes,
AT 78, NEW ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 Kent Treble Bob and six variations of Plain Bob.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	1—2	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	3—4
		VINCENT W. RIGG	5—6

Conducted by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

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Owing to the illness of one of the ringers, an attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples at Aberavon to mark the retirement of Railway Inspector A. J. Pitman had to be abandoned. A quarter peal of Grandsire—a good first for Miss G. Hopkins—and other touches were substituted. A peal was, however, successfully rung for the occasion at Aberavon on November 15th.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Another interesting Lancashire restoration is at Christ Church, Southport. The steeple here is being demolished and this work is expected to be finished by the end of the year. The bells are to be recast with a tenor of 12 cwt. and re-erected in a new frame to be placed in the old clock room. The contract has been entrusted to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank and it is hoped that the bells will be ringing for the Coronation celebration. The work is the gift of three sisters in memory of their parents.

With the peal at St. John's, Leicester, the genial towerkeeper, Mr. Sidney Harrison, has now rung peals on each of the ten bells here.

A treble was added to Asfordby's bells in 1888 in commemoration of Queen Victoria's Jubilee, and not the bells rehung as was erroneously stated in our last issue (page 734).

It is claimed that Yatton bells have been rung on November 5th each year (except during the war ban period and while the bells were being restored) since that day in 1605 when Guy Fawkes was caught in Westminster. As far as is known this year's quarter peal is the first on a November 5th. Yatton has it seems, always been patriotic to the throne.

Miss Valerie Willard and Miss Barbara Beeson are enjoying a holiday at Sydney. On October 26th they were the guests of the ringers of St. James', Turramurra, and took part in 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. The ringers were John Rainsford (Turramurra) 1, J. Clark (Turramurra) 2, Valerie Willard (Luton) 3, Barbara Beeson (Cornwall) 4, A. R. Botting (formerly Betchworth) 5, W. Smith (Long Clawson, Leicester) 6. Another visitor to Sydney is Miss Joan Hills, of Grays, Essex. Mr. Botting writes that the 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor was the best ringing he had taken part in since the visit of the English ringers in 1934.

Appropriately, Oxford University Society rang a peal of Westminster Surprise Minor on Guy Fawkes Day. The peal was rung to mark the opening of Parliament. It is evident that one member of the band is reading history.

The peal of Plain Bob Minor at Tilney, reported on page 725, was rung on September 29th and not as submitted. It was the 400th peal of Mr. Cecil Ebberson.

Eight members of the Worcestershire Association spent an enjoyable week-end in Bournemouth when they rang a peal of Bristol Surprise Major. Among the questions asked were: Who was it that drove his car from Selly Oak to Bromsgrove with the brake on? Fell off a ladder on Friday and couldn't go? Missed the bus on Saturday and started to walk to Bournemouth?

Mr. William Barton, of Pudsey, Leeds, writes: The peal of Lincolnshire Surprise Major, which appears on page 730 under the name of Mr. James Topp was composed by me, along with some other one-part compositions in the same method, nearly 20 years ago. Most, if not all of them, have been called by Mr. J. E. Cawser. The peal that prompts this letter was called by him at South Anston, Yorks, on December 2nd, 1944, in exactly the same form as it now appears in 'The Ringing World.'

Mr. D. Mottershead, of Wilmslow, writes: 'I was wrong in my supposition concerning Metropolitan Surprise Royal. I have examined the facts stated in reply to my letter, but why were corrections not forthcoming after a previous similar statement concerning Double London Surprise in my article last April?' The remainder of Mr. Mottershead's two-column letter is pigeon-holed until space conditions are more favourable.

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AUGUST 15th – 23rd

WORTLEY HALL'S GREAT WELCOME — GREAT DAYS AT LEICESTER, IN DERBYSHIRE, SOUTHWELL, LOUGHBOROUGH AND DERBY

THERE can be no doubt that the 1952 ringing week achieved a place of distinction in the annals of the Universities Association and its memories will long assail those fortunate ones who took part. Somehow everything was just right; the fair city of Nottingham proved an excellent ringing headquarters; a glow of welcome pervaded us everywhere; we benefited from expert local help in the planning and arranging; ourselves a very representative bunch from a dozen universities and two colleges mixed well in happy fellowship; and behind all was the gracious hospitality received at Wortley Hall from Professor Radford and Mrs. Radford, the joint wardens.

Appropriately, the secretary arrived first on that Friday afternoon, just before the rain. The hall, situated in University Park, consists of the original house and single-storey blocks of study bedrooms erected in 1944 as a temporary expedient. Two of these were assigned to the men, a third to the fair sex, and Mrs. Radford confessed her feelings at the prospect of facing Richard and Anne Speed, who so recently had plighted their troth. However, she was well fortified by meeting first the McGuinesses, who were in their silver wedding year.

By the official tea hour only a handful of members had arrived and for over an hour cups of tea were being continually poured as numbers increased and by dinner these had reached 25. The opening ringing was at the church of St. Leodegarius, Basford (pronounced Base-ford), and on the lighter octave at St. Paul's, Daybrook. At Basford we were greeted by Mr. Clement Glenn, peal secretary of the Southwell Diocesan Guild - who had done a fine job of work in co-ordinating the whole week's programme, which, incidentally, was dispersed through the territories of the separate Guilds. How very glad we were that Mr. Glenn was able to join with us on several occasions and so see the results of his handiwork. Back at Wortley Hall we found tea and biscuits being served, a thoughtful gesture which was to prove a welcome round-off to our long and busy days. For the making, there was early morning tea as well and it is understood that the ladies soon had their supplies properly organised on a rota basis; the men were much more casual.

COMPLETELY MOTORISED

For Saturday morning an excursion eastwards over the Trent had been arranged, so for the first time we had to sort out our transport. The collection of nine cars (of considerable variety) and five motor-bikes meant that we were comfortably mechanised for the very first time on one of our weeks, even to the extent of leaving an odd car or motor-bike behind on occasion. This was a great contrast from the early tours at Worcester and Norwich, when the pedal cycle reigned supreme and of which the only visible heritage was a lone pair of shorts.

At Radcliffe-on-Trent we found a well-going eight (tenor 15 cwt.) and were met by three of the local ringers. Here a peal board commemorates the extent on four bells in 1883. The Church of St. John of Beverley, Whatton-in-the-Vale, has an attractive exterior with a squat central tower and the six bells are richly toned. The third tower was at Bingham, after which, despite a dash back to Nottingham, we arrived late for lunch!

For one of the afternoon peal attempts we were privileged to go for Cambridge Royal at St. Mary's, Nottingham, but, unfortunately, the fourth rope broke after 75 minutes. It was some consolation to hear Mr. Joe Dyke's remark that he thought it was 'in the bag,' and Mr. Glenn was also to refer to the high standard of the ringing later in the week. Our guardian angels must have been off duty for Double Norwich was lost in like fashion at St. Mary's, Greaseley, after over two hours' ringing, and non-pealers brought back news of two more broken ropes at Colston Bassett and Langar. Earlier, they had rung on the six at Barton-in-Fabis and the ring of eight at Ruddington before going on to sample the fine-toned bells of St. John-the-Divine's, Colston Bassett, While at Langar it was a real experience handling the five bells with their very long draught with ropes having no guides. Here it is possible to see the bells swinging from a floor 20 feet underneath.

Sunday's service ringing arrangements went to schedule, the party dividing into groups by committee direction with adjustments to meet as many personal requests as possible. At St. Peter's, the lighter Nottingham ten, the fourth justified its reputation by slipping wheel, and while this was being attended to we ventured on to the roof of the nave and surveyed the city centre; the nearby bells of St. Mary's sounded mellow and lovely. At Lenton church, with its very light octave (tenor 8¼ cwt.), we were given an extremely warm welcome, with mention in notices, prayers and sermon. Incidentally, the sermon preached at St. Peter's on 'Prayer' was a joy to hear. One group returned to Basford but in the morning only, for two more towers were on our evening list, Daybrook and St. John-the-Baptist, Beeston. At the latter tower the bells need rehanging, and the ringing time, usually only 20 minutes, was extended in our honour. It was at Beeston that later in the week we were to sing Compline.

THE UNIVERSITY OF THE FUTURE

Our guests at Sunday lunch reduced themselves to Mr. Glenn, who had a real field day with us. Unfortunately, both the Vice-Chancellor of Nottingham University and the University chaplain, Canon Inglis, Rector of St. Peter's, were away on holiday. In the afternoon there was a real treat in store, for after being dealt with by the photographer, Professor Radford led a walk through University Park. This was an inspiration for through his eyes we saw clearly a vision of the University as it will be many years hence. We did not ascend to the top of the University tower but propounded theories to account for a successful scaling exercise to the very weathercock, which was still shrouded in some degree of mystery. Another thing that took our eye was a vacant section of a large composite Society notice board which we thought ought to be appropriated to U.N.S.C.R.!

Not many local ringers ventured to join us at Wortley Hall in the evening but we were glad to have with us Canon R. F. Wilkinson, chairman of the Southwell Diocesan Guild, who found much in common with his fellow antiquarian, Ranald Clouston. The singing buzz of conversation provided ample evidence, if any were required, of a completely happy company. So we departed to bed with a glowing feeling inside, some of us aware that the steady tempo of the week-end would on the morrow have given place to a more hurried gait and that henceforth our week would rush wildly towards its end.

Monday was Leicester Day and driving southwards we felt on our mettle in visiting one of the great ringing centres of England. Perhaps one of the secrets of the leadership being exercised there is an unconscious inspiration of the best with first-class ringing a natural by-product.

In the northern outskirts of the city we came to St. Peter's, Belgrave, where Mr. Ernest Morris awaited us, whom many of us were honoured to meet for the first time. The next tower was that of St. Mary-de-Castro's, which boasts a glorious eight only recently restored, and here we were met by Peter Staniforth. Packed lunch in a nearby hostelry was the next order of the day and then we congregated outside the Cathedral Church of St. Martin. Precisely at 2 p.m. Mr. Harold J. Poole appeared, beaming his welcome, and the great moment had arrived. For nearly one and a half hours we made the most of this famous Leicester twelve on which ringing history is continually being made.

Outside, the rain came down, it seemed in torrents, and we went to shelter at our tea rendezvous at Gallowtree Gate. With us again was Mr. Morris, who afterwards escorted us to his own church, St. Margaret's, where we sensed the spirit of history which he himself has so carefully and wonderfully engendered. The ring of twelve (thirteen to be exact, as at the Cathedral) is somewhat heavier than its neighbour, with an added stateliness perhaps in keeping with the more spacious ringing chamber, and we made good use of the generous allocation of ringing time. Meanwhile Mr. Morris had disappeared to add one more to his enormous bag of peals.

Through the rain again to the day's last tower, that of St. John-the-Divine with its fine ring of ten; but we had not yet done with Leicester for we were to partake its own special brand of friendliness and fellowship at The Globe, just by the Cathedral. There in an upper room we lingered, some very long indeed, and all we will do is to give it our warmest recommendation. Our president, Mr. Edwin Lewis, voiced our combined thanks to which Mr. Poole briefly but effectively replied. So back the twenty-five miles to Wortley Hall to find a wonderful buffet supper awaiting us; and we were very late to bed.

TROWELL'S PLACE IN RINGING HISTORY

Nevertheless in the morning we were about betimes for our Corporate Communion service te St. Peter's, and then it was westwards into Derbyshire, except for the two peal bands who recorded successes at Daybrook (Double Norwich) and at Trowell (seven Minor methods), the chosen Festival of Britain village.

The Trowell peal was a very special one for Mr. Lewis, for he is a native of Nottingham and it was here, in 1900, that he was taught to handle a bell and ring call-changes, mostly on the fifth bell (from which he conducted the peal), by John Walker, the sexton, a few months after his father's appointment as Vicar. The next year Mr. Lewis became a member of the Cambridge University Guild and very soon started proper change ringing at Trowell, Mr. F. C. Gobey, whom we were to meet later that day at Ilkeston, going there for instruction.

Eastwood, the first tower for the non-pealers, is, in fact, in Nottinghamshire, and Heanor was the first actually in Derbyshire. Here, besides well-going, well-sounding bells we found some new mural decorations of which the Vicar is extremely proud. The third-ring of eight was at All Saints', Ripley, and after enjoying thoroughly these excellent bells, we set off for a real beauty spot and a very famous tower. Having lunched, we ascended to the ringing chamber where Sir Arthur Heywood, founder and first president of the Central Council, used to ring. There was the peal book, there copies of his book on the Duffield principle. For, indeed, we were at the Church of St. Alkmund, Duffield, and, appropriately, we attempted and eventually rang a course of Duffield Royal.

At West Hallam, we found, besides the Church of St. Wilfred of York, some open-cast coal-mining fields. With the appearance of the

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Universities Association—Cont.

peal bands the party was once more complete and busied themselves on the very light octave before proceeding to Ilkeston for tea. The Parish Church of St. Mary, Ilkeston, is an imposing edifice and its tower has been rebuilt three times in the last two centuries or so. The eight bells are quite fine and ringing opened with a slow and dignified well-struck touch of Spliced Oxford and Kent conducted by Mr. Gobey himself. Homewards, and then later that evening a goodly number demonstrated their persistent willingness to go on ringing bells by joining in the weekly practice at Basford.

AT SOUTHWELL

Next morning, Wednesday, deserting cars and motor-bikes, we occupied a coach. First call was at Southwell, where an hour was spent in a guided tour of the superb Minster Church, with its great Norman nave, Early English choir and exquisite chapter house. The eight bells are housed in the central tower, the ringers surveying themselves through protective wire across space with the floor visible a long way below. It was at Southwell Cathedral that Mr. and Mrs. Lewis were married in 1909, and Mr. Lewis took part in four of the first five peals rung here as well as in the first peal ever rung by undergraduates only—Bob Major on handbells. How we should have liked to have stayed longer there at Southwell, but, perforce, had an itinerary to be observed, worked out by Mr. J. W. Raithby, general secretary of the Southwell Diocesan Guild, who awaited us at Newark, a busy market town. The bells of the Parish Church were the heaviest of three rings of ten being visited that day (tenor 33 cwt.) and were much enjoyed. Lunch preceded ringing at Sutton-on-Trent and we happened on a potential recruit to the Exercise in one of the village inns—we certainly did our best to encourage her.

In addition to the enjoyment of the ten bells at St. Swithin's, East Retford, we were thrilled to meet a famous figure from the pages of Mr. Morris's 'History of the Art of Change Ringing,' none other than Mr. John Seager, who obligingly gave us a short demonstration of 'tapping' out touches on the handbells. He is also a student of method extension and so was introduced to Mr. York-Bramble. What Geoffrey Carter will remember at East Retford will be his tea in the cafe kitchen.

Then came the gem of the day, possibly of the whole tour, the ten bells of Chesterfield Parish Church, famed for its crooked spire. They are a completely new ring (tenor 25 cwt. approx.), and were music to the ear. In a letter to Mr. Glenn, Mr. Sam Scattergood remarked 'So we are to be honoured by a visit of the Universities Association'; it was U.A. which was honoured.

Later that evening we settled down in the lecture room at Wortley Hall to the summer general meeting, and on returning to the lounge found the Rev. Malcolm Melville installed, a staunch U.A. member of the earlier years.

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FORTY YEARS AGO

Extracts from 'The Ringing World' November 22nd, 1912

Miss Edith Parker celebrated her coming-of-age in a very befitting manner last week when, with the Edmonton band, she took part in a remarkably successful week of Surprise peal ringing. Out of seven attempts, six peals in different methods were scored, Miss Parker conducting four of them—Superlative, London, New Cambridge and Gloucester. The other two peals were Bristol and Norfolk.

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The premier lady handbell ringer, Miss Elsie Bennett, has added another to her laurels by being the first lady to ring a working pair of bells to a peal of Stedman and the first to ring a peal of Stedman Caters on handbells. This she accomplished on Wednesday week, and during the week-end added four more handbell peals to her total during a visit to Guildford.

TWO CORNISH DEDICATIONS

Two dedications took place in Cornwall on October 25th. At St. Endellion the Assistant Bishop (the Right Rev. J. Wellington) rededicated the completely recast ring of six which has been hung in a new frame and fittings. This tower is in the part of Cornwall where prize-ringing is popular, and there were some 20 sets of ringers present. Ringing went on to a late hour. At the dedication service the bells were pulled up in peal and lowered again faultlessly. This restoration makes a complete transformation for the bells were previously seriously out of tune, although they featured last year in the series 'The Faith in the West,' and were broadcast. The tenor weighs 8 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in A, and the bells now form an ideal ring.

At Padstow, only six miles away across the River Camel, but some ten miles by road, the Archdeacon of Cornwall (the Ven. F. Boreham) was rededicating at the same time the restored six bells there. Padstow bells had become well known as perhaps the worst for 'go' in Cornwall but they have been retuned and rehung in a restrengthened frame and with new fittings. The tenor weighs 10 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in G. There were a dozen or so sets of ringers at this dedication and others went there in the evening from St. Endellion. There were well over 200 ringers at the two dedications. Both rings have been in the hands of Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. and the results are according to their usual good standards.

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION

Ringers from Norton, Bucknall, Newcastle, Tunstall, Wolstanton, Brown Edge, Hanley, Swynnerton, Biddulph, Crewe, Cheadle, Stoke and Kingsley attended the North Staffordshire Association of Change Ringers' meeting at Bucknall on November 1st.

Ringing commenced at about 2.30 p.m. and continued until 9 p.m. A service was held in the church and the Rector (the Rev. E. T. Pearce) gave an inspiring address: the service was fully choral. An excellent meal was provided by the ringers and their wives, and approximately 62 ringers and their friends participated.

The Rector, who presided, reminded the ringers of their obligation to their church by attending service regularly and especially during 1953, which would be a year of lay-witness. The chairman, Mr. R. S. Anderson, proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector and to the conductor of the choir, Mr. Cartwright. Mr. A. W. Hall responded. Mr. D. R. Whalley proposed a vote of thanks to the ladies.

A committee meeting was held during the afternoon, presided over by the chairman, Mr. R. S. Anderson, as a pre-view to the work of the Association in 1953, of which a full report will appear in December after the annual meeting at Stoke.

SWAFFHAM PRIOR AND ITS TWO CHURCHES

Ringing in the eastern part of Cambridgeshire is in a poor way. This is hardly to be wondered at as several of the five-bell towers can only be rung with difficulty and sadly need the attention of a bellhanger. The following rings also are unringable: Soham (10), Isleham (5), Burwell (5), Quy (5), Brinkley (6) and Swaffham Bulbeck (6).

Swaffham Prior is a small village of a few hundred people some eight miles from Cambridge, situated on the edge of the Fens, and here are to be found two churches of considerable dimensions, standing side by side within a few yards of each other. One is dedicated to St. Mary and the other to SS. Cyriac and Juliet.

St. Mary's at one time had a fine tower and lofty spire. Only a part of the tower remains and the main building had become derelict but has recently been restored at a cost of several thousand pounds and the services are now held there.

The main building of SS. Cyriac and Juliet's is in poor condition and is not now used, but the tower is a fine one and contains a nice-toned ring of six bells. Thus is presented the unusual feature of the bells being rung in one church and the services held in the other.

The six bells were cast by Briant, of Hertford, and were placed in the tower in 1791. The 'Cambridge Chronicle' of that date records that: 'At the opening of the new peal of six bells at Swaffham Prior in this County on Monday, very great praise is due to the Soham Youths who raised the Bells and in a very superior style of ringing and rang the following peals, viz., Plain Bob, Treble Bob, Court Bob and Double Bob and falled them again without stopping, or even a clash.'

The bells still hang in the original frame and 'go' well in spite of the fact that inquiries have revealed that no one knows or have heard of any overhauls taking place. A young band of some 12 or more is being taught and most of them sat in the ringing room the whole time of a recent peal. We hope they learned something and that Swaffham Prior may become a bright spot in a somewhat barren district. We think they did, as a remark heard after the peal was 'That wasn't village bell ringing, that was the classic stuff.' E. G. H.

ST. MARGARET'S, DUNHAM MASSEY, ALTRINCHAM

The bells of St. Margaret's, Dunham Massey, a ring of ten (tenor 27¼ cwt. in C), were cast by Messrs. Taylor in 1854 for the church which was opened about that time. There were also a further 16 bells used for carillon purposes but sold before the 1914-18 war. The tower once sported a fine spire but this was removed in the 1920's as being dangerous. The bells were stopped before the opening of the century as they imperilled the safety of the spire.

In April, 1944, they were rung at a meeting of the Chester Guild but only the front six were employed. Later the whole ring was used and in 1946 the writer took part in the first touch of Bob Major on the bells. The bells were used for service ringing until about 18 months ago when an examination disclosed the loose stonework. When the present repairs are completed it is expected the bells will ring again.

Few ringers have rung at this tower but there may be some who would like to help.

The Vicar and wardens have, during the summer months, spent Saturday afternoons in collecting from passing motorists on the busy Chester-Manchester main road which passes the church.

Though this is not a bell restoration it is a case of where the ringing depends on the repairs, writes Mr. C. Kenneth Lewis. Donations can be sent to the Vicar (the Rev. T. E. Roberts), The Vicarage, Dunham Road, Altrincham.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

TETBURY'S BROADCAST

Dear Sir,—With reference to the protest by Mr. J. Lewis Cockey, I feel that too much blame should not be attached to the B.B.C.

I should like to make it known that an unfortunate error was made in the timing. We set out to ring two whole pulls, a course of Grandsire Triples, two whole pulls and stand. This was timed to take just over three minutes.

By mistake we started off at 09.27-30 instead of 09.28-30, thus depriving listeners of one minute's ringing. However, as the bells were stood, the B.B.C. had no alternative but to switch over to the organ.

The band is composed of boys with an average age of under 14 years, and it was of some consolation to be on the air again on Friday evening, the 7th inst., in the West Home Service at 6.30 p.m. and again at 7.30 p.m. the same evening in the Midland Home Service, when the bells came over beautifully.

If in the future this band should again have the privilege of broadcasting, I am quite sure he will not be disappointed.—Yours truly,

W. R. LOCKE.

Tetbury, Glos.

LIMITED RINGING AT BROADCASTS

Dear Sir,—I, too, was annoyed with the B.B.C. for the four rounds broadcast of the Tetbury bells. The same thing happens on other Sunday mornings and very little longer was allowed for Stepney bells, and Headcorn, on November 9th.

I wrote to the B.B.C. about this and received a reply to the effect that my letter had been passed on to those responsible for religious broadcasts for their consideration. If more ringers, thousands if necessary, would write protesting to the B.B.C. they would surely take notice and allow more time for the bells. This could easily be done as these morning services are preceded by one hour of Morning Melody. —Yours sincerely,

DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD.

Buckley, Chester.

GIFTS OF BELLS BY LIVERY COMPANIES

Dear Sir,—In February of this year there was dedicated at the Parish Church of Nazeing a treble bell given by the Worshipful Company of Mercers in memory of Captain Archdale Palmer, sometime Master of that Company, and the local ringers would be very interested to learn whether any other church has a bell or bells given by a London Livery Company in memory of one of their members.

I have made a certain amount of research into the matter but have been unable to locate any such gift.

I would be much obliged if any reader of 'The Ringing World' could give me any information on the above subject.—Yours faithfully.

K. C. S. WOOD.

Nazeing, Essex.

RECORD LENGTH NOTICE

Dear Sir,—I wish to give notice that all being well, five members of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild will attempt a peal of 13,139 Grandsire Caters, on handbells, on Saturday, November 29th, 1952. The attempt will be at 26, Wellington Road, Bournemouth, commencingly approximately 2.30 p.m.—Yours faithfully,

DANIEL T. MATKIN.

COMBINED TREBLE BOB

Dear Sir,—Mr. E. C. Gobey has pointed out an error in the 9,600 Worcester variation given in the issue of September 12th, on page 578. There should be no mark in the H column opposite 46325.—Yours sincerely,

M. HODGSON.

AN EXAMPLE OF ENTHUSIASM FROM WIVELSFIELD

Dear Sir,—We sometimes read of towers where the ringers are not very enthusiastic, there is no real progress, learners are not encouraged, the ropes and bells are not given any attention and very soon the band falls apart through lack of interest. This state of affairs must surely have a disheartening effect on the ringers who read about it.

I would like to tell of an enthusiastic band which will, I hope, give encouragement to other ringers in five-bell towers.

The five bells at Wivelsfield, Sussex, are badly in need of rehanging. There are ten young ladies in the band who not only ring for Sunday services and practices but also splice their own ropes, grease the bells and do all the jobs of steeplekeeper. They have recently taught two young men to handle a bell and have set themselves the task of raising £1,000 for the bells to be rehung and for a sixth bell to be added.

In order that they may become proficient as six-bell ringers, the members of this band travel to several six-bell towers for practice each week. The travelling time taken on the bus for each visit is three hours and this is at their own expense.

Apart from actual ringing, there is the £1,000 to be raised. The Church Council and ringers have circulated the village by letter asking for regular donations towards thte Bell Fund.

A fortnightly square dance is organised by the ringers and also a monthly dance in the nearest town, Haywards Heath, where there is a ballroom. Village whist drives and a film show have been held, and a series of concerts are the next items to be tackled.

Surely this is an example of real enthusiasm and if any reader wishes to make a contribution towards the Bell Fund I know that it will give encouragement and will be greatly appreciated. The treasurer's address is: Miss A. Millam, The Forge, Wivelsfield Green, near Haywards Heath, Sussex.

Good luck, Wivelsfield, and may it not be long before you are ringing Minor methods in your own tower.—Yours faithfully,

HARRY W. BROWN.

Aldrington, Sussex.

SIX O'CLOCK PRACTICE MEETINGS IN CITY

Dear Sir,—I am as yet not in a position to name a tower in the City or West End of London where a regular weekly evening practice could commence at 6 p.m. The idea put forward by Mr. Bishop is a good one and is worthy of consideration. I have, in an official capacity, spent much time and effort to encourage ringing within thte area in question, but there has been precious little reward. Even during recent months has a well-known ringer, with some influence, made application to ring during the week-days at a church in Central London, but we have had to take 'no' for an answer.

From the Incumbent's point of view, I know that permission would more readily be given for week-day ringing if the bells at his church were rung regularly Sunday by Sunday—it is of no interest to the Incumbent to be told that ringers who would ring at his tower on week-days ring sometimes at their home towers on Sundays.

Should this proposal come into effect the participants should arrange to provide assistance for Sunday service ringing at least as often as their mid-week ringing, and as I have yet to learn of a tower in the City or West End where voluntary ringing takes place for each Sunday service, I know my suggestion will be unpopular.—Yours faithfully,

T. J. LOCKE.

North Mimms, Hatfield.

JOSEPH H. RIDYARD, JUNIOR

Dear Sir,—With regard to your heading of 'Forty Years Ago' in your issue of November 7th, I should like to point out I was not a member of the band that rang in the peal. It was my cousin, Joseph Henry, who, unfortunately, was killed in a motor accident in the year 1941. The ringer of the seventh was my uncle. At the time I was in different parts of the country and did not start peal ringing until 1920. Of that band there is only one man living, my old friend Percy H. Derbyshire, who is still the towerkeeper at Worsley.—Yours sincerely,

J. RIDYARD.

Southport.

Dear Sir,—I wish to correct your article of 'Forty Years Ago' in last week's issue of 'The Ringing World,' The tenor ringer, J. H. Ridyard, was killed in a road accident in 1942, and is not the Joseph Ridyard of Southport, who is my younger brother and one of the leading conductors in Lancashire.

Joseph Henry Ridyard was the son of Joseph Ridyard, the ringer of the seventh and conductor, Joseph Ridyard, of Southport, and myself are sons of Richard Ridyard, of Worsley.—Yours sincerely, ARTHUR RIDYARD.

Prestwick, Manchester.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY RINGING

Dear Sir,—What is the correct procedure for Remembrance Sunday ringing: should the bells be rung muffled or open? I ask this question as our Vicar is against muffled ringing, his argument being that it is a day of thanksgiving as well as of remembrance.

Maidstone is the mother church of the district and as such should give a lead to other towers. Perhaps someone in authority will give an opinion.—Yours faithfully,

WILLIAM T. GRICE.

Maidstone.

Note.—A glance at our quarter peal page will indicate the prevailing practice. At Guildford we ring with the bells open.—Ed.

DIAL-LESS CLOCKS

Dear Sir,—I was always under the impression that the dial-less clock at Christ Church, Oxford, was in the Cathedral tower, not the belfry tower, as stated by the Rev. J. G. M. Scott in a recent letter. If I am wrong on this point I offer my apology forthwith.

Clocks of this type, which chime and strike, are to be found in most of our ancient cathedrals and at some other churches, a few of which are Doncaster, Tickhill (Yorkshire), Grantham, Louth, Boston and Gainsborough.—Yours faithfully, S. L. MARSHALL.

Sheffield.

Dear Sir,—With regard to Mr. Harry King's inquiry re clocks with no hands, we have a clock with no hands at Crowcombe Parish Church (Somerset). This clock is very old, we do not know how old, but in 1735 this tower was struck by lightning, the clock face destroyed and never replaced. It strikes the hours only. The bells (six) are hung anti-clockwise.—Yours sincerely,

C. W. J. LOCK.

Taunton.

Dear Sir,—For those readers interested in peculiar clocks the following may be of interest. The clock at Tickhill Parish Church, near Doncaster, has no exterior face or hands, but chimes the quarters and strikes the hours. It also plays a tune at four-hourly intervals, the tune being a different one for each day of the week.

The Parish Church of St. George, Doncaster, also has a clock with no exterior face or hands but which chimes the quarters and strikes the hours.—Yours sincerely,

R. J. SANDERSON.

Doncaster, Yorks.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
Lewisham District

The annual District meeting was held at St. John-the-Baptist, Erith, when 60 ringers and friends took part in a successful afternoon and evening's activities.

The recently-overhauled bells were made good use of under the direction of Messrs. F. J. Cullum and H. Audsley, before the service in church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. P. Lea). An excellent address by the Vicar included a warm welcome to the Association to the beautifully-restored church.

Tea was taken in St. John's Hall, where the business meeting followed, the Vicar presiding. Five ringers were elected members of the Association, four from Beckenham and one from St. Mary's, Lewisham, and the election of two non-resident members from Leicester was ratified.

A report of the year's work in the District, submitted by the District secretary, was adopted. Mr. A. G. Hill was re-elected hon. District secretary, and Messrs. A. S. Richards and J. Dafters were reappointed District representatives. Mr. E. Jones, St. Mary's, Lewisham, was elected Ringing Master for the next year in succession to Mr. H. Hoverd (Dartford).

Mr. J. Hurrell informed the meeting that Mr. F. W. Richardson, the popular captain of St. John's, Deptford, ringers, was that day celebrating his golden wedding. The District secretary was instructed to convey the meeting's congratulations and good wishes to Mr. Richardson.

Mr. E. Bennett undertook the sad task of acquainting the members of the grievous loss sustained by that grand old veteran, Mr. G. H. Daynes, by the passing of Mrs. Daynes at the age of 88. A message of sympathy was ordered to be sent to Mr. Daynes.

After some consideration it was decided to discontinue the social meetings that had been held (with varying success) in the District since 1947.

A cordial vote of thanks to the Vicar, curate, organist, choir, Mr. F. J. Cullum and the local ringers was carried enthusiastically. The Vicar replied and the meeting closed. Further ringing concluded the day's happenings.

SOMERSET ARCHÆOLOGICAL SOCIETY

The Weston-super-Mare Branch of this Society met on November 6th and members heard, a lecture on 'Bells and their founders,' illustrated by lantern slides kindly lent by the three firms of Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, and Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of Whitechapel. The ancient craft of casting was shown still being carried out in these foundries.

Examples of the great bells of our cathedrals and churches, and of pre-Reformation bells with their beautiful decoration and lettering, were given, together with much interesting matter including old inscriptions, dealing especially with the founders of Somerset and the West Country and the bells of churches in this neighbourhood.

At the close the lecturer, the Rev. A. D. H. Allan, M.A., was thanked by the vice-president, who said that the slides and descriptive matter had been greatly appreciated.

BEGINNERS' PLAIN BOB

The Printers' Guild of Ashford North Modern Boys' School have, under the direction of Mr. A. Waddington, produced very creditably 'Beginners' Plain Bob,' which follows their previous booklet on Grandsire. The author, Mr. A. Waddington, of Malthouse Farm, Egerton, Kent, writes while primarily intended for local and Kent County use, there should be a dozen or two available for any tower where a handy booklet might be appreciated. The price is 1s. per copy, postage extra, and on receipt of a postcard copies would be reserved.

FOR BEGINNERS—AND A WORD TO THE OLDER HANDS

COURT AND DOUBLE COURT BOB

In these notes a fortnight ago we had something to say about double methods and the grouping of methods. Let us look now at another well-known method which produces a perfect double. It is Court Bob, and it belongs to the group of which Oxford Bob is a member.

If you studied Oxford Bob you will remember that the main feature of its construction was the 4ths place made at each end of the lead as the treble passed up through 2-3 and down through 3-2

1 2 3 4 5 6	6 5 3 1 4 2
2 1 4 3 6 5	5 6 1 3 2 4
2 4 1 3 5 6	5 1 6 3 4 2
4 2 3 1 6 5	1 5 3 6 2 4

The leads themselves are joined by 2nds place made when the treble leads its whole pull, causing the two pairs in 3-4 and 5-6 to dodge.

Now Court Bob is exactly like Oxford Bob, without the 2nds place when the treble leads. Row for row the leads of a plain course are alike in the two methods, except that they are joined by 2nds in Oxford Bob and 6ths in Court Bob. Those who wish to study the method should be able to write out the course without further instruction and make their own diagram.

When they come to ring it, they will find that the change in the 'link' between the leads cuts out certain dodges and connects up the other work into a different sequence—but the construction of the method is the same.

The double method has the same relationship to the single version as Double Oxford has to Oxford Bob.

Places are made in corresponding places with the treble ABOVE 3rds as when it is BELOW 4ths. Thus the 4ths when the treble passes through 2-3 and 3-2 is duplicated in 3rds when the treble passes through 4-5 and 5-4.

But while in Double Oxford there were places in 5ths and 2nds with the treble behind and leading, respectively, in Double Court (following the example of the single method) there is neither 5ths nor 2nds. Here again you should, with this information before you, be able to construct your own course and make your diagram. Just try it; the effort to do these things for yourself will enable you to learn much more than having the figures given to you.

This is how the places are made 'across the treble' in Double Court:—

2 1 4 3 6 5	6 4 5 2 1 3
2 4 1 3 5 6	4 6 5 1 2 3
4 2 3 1 6 5	6 4 1 5 3 2
2 4 3 6 1 5	6 1 4 5 2 3

The second lead head of Court Bob (rounds being the first) is 1 3 5 2 6 4. The second lead head of Double Court is, therefore, 1 3 5 2 6 4 transposed by 1 3 5 2 6 4, which produces 1 5 6 3 4 2.

Because of the absence of 2nds place when the treble leads, the calling of these two methods is not the same as Oxford Bob, viz., Wrong, Right and Wrong. As we pointed out recently, methods with 6ths made when the treble leads have as their 'standard' calling 'In, Out and In'—that is, bobs called when the observation bell runs IN to take the treble off, and when it runs OUT from the treble. In the case of Court Bob, if the tenor is the observation bell, the plain 'Out,' that is the 'Out' where there is no bob, comes first (at the 2nd lead) and the first bob 'In' the following lead. In the double method the plain 'Out' comes at the first lead and the first bob 'In' at the fourth lead.

217 PEALS OF STEDMAN CINQUES

By JOHN CARTER

2314567890E		6	19	21346578E90		6	19
216453	A			2134658709E	B		
213654			19	312564		6	19
214356			19	314265			19
412653		6	19	413562		6	19
413256			19	412365			19
314652		6	19	412563		6S	19
312456			19	413265			19
312654		6S	19	314562		6	19
314256			19	312465			19
413652		6	19	213564		6	19
412356			19	214365			19
214653		6	19				
213456			19				
216354			19				
612453		6	19				

Repeat 12 bracketed courses calling first course 5, 19, brings up 21346578E90.

A. STARTING COURSES FROM 231. 5,019

1.	1 4S 9S 17 19	,,
2.	1 3 4 9S 12S 17 19	,,
3.	1 3 4 11 12 17 19 20	,,
4.	1 3 4 8 11 12 17 20 21	,,
5.	1 3 4 6 8 11 12 16 20 21	,,
6.	1 5 6 8 13 14 21 22	,,
7.	1 6 8 16S 21S	,,
8.	1 4S 8 17 21S	,,
9.	1 4 6 8 14S 16 21S	,,
10.	1 3 4 8 12S 17 21S	,,
11.	1 3 4 6 8 12 13 16 21 22	,,
12.	1 3 4 8 12 13 17 21 22	,,
13.	1 3 4 12 13 17 19S 22S	,,
14.	1 3 4 9S 12 13 17 19 22S	,,
15.	1 5 6 8S 9 13 14 18S 21 22	,,
16.	1 6 8 13S 16S 21 22	,,
17.	1 4 5 9 14S 17 19 21S	5,019
18.	1 4S 9 17 19 21S	,,
19.	1 3 4 9 12S 17 19 21S	,,
20.	1 3 4 9 12 13 17 19 21 22	,,
21.	1 2 4 6 8 11 12 14 16 20 21	,,
22.	1 2 4 6 8 10 12 14 16 20 22	,,
23.	1 2 3 6 8 11 12 15 16 20 21	,,
24.	1S 2 4 6 8 11S 14 16 20 21	,,
25.	1S 2 6 8 11S 15 16 20 21	,,
26.	1S 2 5 6 8 11S 14 15 20 21	,,
27.	1S 2 5 6 8 14 15 21S	,,
28.	2S 4 6 8 10 12 14 16 20 22S	,,
29.	1 6 7 8 10 11 12 13 15 16 17	5,007
30.	1S 2 11S 15 16 19 20 **From 123**	5,017
31.	1S 2 3S 11 12 15 16 19 20 ,,	,,

TURNING COURSES B from 213465

1.	1 13S 15S 22
2.	10S 13S 15S 22 23S
3.	2 5S 13S 14 15
4.	2 7S 13S 15 16
5.	2 7 8 13S 15 16 21S
6.	2S 3 7 8 12 13 15 16 21S
7.	2 13S 15S

Any of these for the Starting Courses **A** or Turning Courses **B**.

These 217 peals have all the 5-6's and 6-5's in the Tittums position and all the 5-6-7-8's in the Handstroke Home position

This is an exact copy of the peals as received by me from John Carter over 40 years ago, and is interesting that the course ends of the peals is the same throughout with the various Starting and Turning Courses.

A. WALKER.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Nov. 9th, 1,440 Doubles (one extent of Reverse Canterbury, two each of April Day, St. Simon's and Plain Bob and three of Grandsire): Mary Fuller 1, Barbara Mitchell 2, L. W. G. Skinner 3, A. S. Richards 4, J. Cannell (cond.) 5, Anne Holmes 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

ALVERSTOKE, HANTS.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. G. Barron 1, Rene Marwood (first quarter 'inside') 2, G. Verrill 3, E. Marsh 4, S. Kathleen M. Knight 5, A. Sturgess 6, H. A. Nobes (cond.) 7, J. Hedges 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

ANSTEY, LEICS.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Disney (first quarter) 1, W. A. Lacey 2, Miss J. M. Simpson 3, R. Copson 4, A. Disney 5, R. F. Elkington (cond.) 6, D. S. Harris 7, Miss A. Parker (first quarter) 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Hughes (first on a working bell) 1, B. Scoot (first in the method) 2, T. Holehouse 3, E. Buck (cond.) 4, W. Hitch 5, W. Pooley 6, J. Dear 7, R. Webb 8. Also on Nov. 9th, 1,260 Bob Triples: C. Harwood (first quarter) 1, B. Scoot 2, S. Bonnett 3, T. Holehouse 4, W. Collins 5, W. Pooley 6, J. Dear (cond.) 7, L. Hughes 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICS.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Chambers 1, J. Chambers 2, B. Corbishley 3, K. E. Lovett 4, R. G. W. Soars 5, F. K. Thompson (first of Minor as cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

BATHWICK, BATH.—On Nov. 9th: A. E. Baverstock 1, R. O. Fry (cond.) 2, Mrs. D. Evans 3, W. J. Cope 4, J. Hallett 5, E. J. Fry 6, K. F. Medway 7, P. R. Stubbs 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

BARWELL, LEICS.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Hill 1, Miss B. Colver 2, L. Kirkland 3, A. A. Lucas 4, J. L. Hough 5, C. R. Belton (cond.) 6, T. K. Deacon 7, A. H. Hough 8. A farewell to the ringer of the 5th on leaving for service in H.M. Forces.

BEDWELLTY, MON.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): P. Bryant 1, Miss J. Powell 2, Miss H. Evans 3, G. Flower 4, A. R. Price (cond.) 5, A. Williams 6, C. Thomas 7, N. Knight, sen., 8. First in two methods by all the band. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Old and Plain Bob, 300 Grandsire): Miss D. A. Lodge (first in 5 methods) 1, F. R. Goddard 2, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 3, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 4, D. J. Crouchman 5. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

BLUNSDON, WILTS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Miss W. Peake 1, W. H. Trueman 2, C. Savage 3, T. A. Palmer 4, B. Bladen (cond.) 5, J. Vincent 6. Rung on St. Leonard's Day, and as a 20th wedding anniversary compliment to T. A. Palmer.

BURES, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 9th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Miss J. M. Spurgin (aged 13, first quarter) 1, S. T. Hume (first 'inside', aged 15) 2, D. L. Mills (aged 13) 3, Mrs. L. Mills 4, C. Bower 5, A. W. Cansdale 6, L. D. Mills (cond.) 7, E. C. Hynard 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

CARDIFF.—On Nov. 2nd, at St. John's, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: L. Muller 1, T. Yeomans 2, W. Heath 3, F. Hannington 4, J. Davies 5, W. Dare 6, F. Rowsell (cond.) 7, J. Evans 8, S. Hart 9, S. R. Barker 10. Rung for the mission to Cardiff.

CARLISLE, CUMBERLAND.—At the Cathedral, on Nov. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. A. Palmer 1, J. Butterfield 2, A. Forsyth 3, J. B. Porter 4, J. Boustead 5, J. Ling (first quarter of Minor as cond.) 6, C. Lightning 7 (covering).

CHINNOR, OXON.—On Oct. 31st, a quarter peal: W. Clarke 1, A. Seymour (cond.) 2, A. Struthdee 3, M. J. Clarke 4, P. Harman 5, T. Wallington 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. A. J. Moxon, interred this day.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Nov. 9th, at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. J. Lewis, sen. (cond.) 1, Miss M. Bliss 2, F. J. Lewis, jun., 3, Sergt. L. Dixon, R.A.F. (first in the method) 4, V. R. Williams 5, E. H. Jefferies 6, W. H. Hayward 7, W. Wrigley 8. Rung for the dedication festival.

CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Oliver 1, E. Oliver 2, E. Henderson 3, R. Oliver 4, W. Tyson 5, R. Skelton 6, P. Draffan (cond.) 7, T. Hargreaves 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On Nov. 2nd, at the Church of St. John-the-Bantist, 1,320 Grandsire Cinques: F. E. Mitchell 1, R. Davies (first of Cinques as cond.) 2, Mrs. W. Oatway 3, Mrs. F. E. Collins 4, Miss P. Steere 5, P. Humphries 6, E. Razzell 7, W. Oatway 8, T. G. Myers (first of Grandsire Cinques) 9, G. H. Humphries 10, F. E. Collins 11, D. Cooper 12.

EASTRY, KENT.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob, 660 Grandsire): G. F. Gray 1, M. J. Martin 2, E. J. Walker 3, J. E. Chittenden 4, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 5.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. Green (cond.) 1, G. Green 2, E. W. Furbank 3, B. Sydenham 4, B. Bover 5, H. Carter 6, P. T. Spencer-Phillips 7, F. Payne 8. For Remembrance Day.

QUARTER PEALS

HARBURY, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss D. M. Palmer 1, G. Smith (aged 13, first quarter) 2, Miss M. M. Middlemiss 3, A. R. Barrett (first as cond.) 4, H. M. Windsor 5. First quarter by a local band on the bells.

HEREFORD.—On Nov. 7th, at All Saints' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rosemary Jarrett 1, W. H. Symonds 2, L. Evans 3, A. W. Davis (cond.) 4, R. Stickley (first of Triples 'inside') 5, A. T. Wingate 6, M. P. Moreton 7, L. Quartermain 8. A welcome home to the men of the K.S.L.I., who have returned from Korea.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Ward 1, F. Hayes (cond.) 2, A. Clutton 3, W. H. Plumridge 4, P. Evans 5, R. Coles 6, C. A. Smith 7, A. L. James 8.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Cox 1, J. Salway 2, Miss R. Lake 3, E. E. Retter 4, D. Callard 5, G. E. Retter (cond.) 6, A. Holway 7, R. Sandford 8. A birthday compliment to the tower captain (J. Salway). Also on Nov. 6th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Miss R. Lake 1, W. Seldon 2, J. Arbury 3, J. Salway 4, A. Tapley 5, C. J. Turner 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, W. Reeks 8. A birthday compliment to Mrs. C. J. Turner.

KINGSBURY, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, 10 callings: W. G. Lane 1, L. Wood 2, D. K. Lane (first as cond.) 3, B. R. Cummings 4, G. H. Lane 5. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

LAWTON, STAFFS.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Boffey 1, R. Arrowsmith 2, P. S. Whalley 3, B. Ferneyhough 4, W. Longman 5, A. Heath 6, D. R. Whalley (cond.) 7, R. Harper 8.

LEICESTER.—On Nov. 9th, at St. Margaret's, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: J. Morris 1, E. Morris (comp.) 2, R. Bettley-Cooke (Headingley) 3, T. Bent 4, E. J. Clements 5, W. Tanser 6, C. Walker 7, G. A. Olliffe (cond.) 8, J. B. Bennett 9, J. E. Cook 10. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

MARTINSTOWN, DORSET.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Irene J. Cordier 1, Betty J. Dyke 2, C. G. J. Ford 3, J. Coombes 4, H. J. Ford (cond.) 5, W. Reed 6. Rung half-muffled in remembrance of those who lost their lives in the two world wars, to whom the bells are a memorial.

NORTON SUBCOURSE, NORFOLK.—On Nov. 9th, 1,440 Surprise Minor (consisting of 360 London, 720 Cambridge, 360 Norwich): J. Forder 1, B. Barber 2, I. Fenn 3, C. Long 4, G. Walpole (cond.) 5, D. Long 6. Rung half-muffled.

PRESTON, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 9th, 1,272 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: F. Day (cond.) 1, B. Shorter 2, F. Hunt 3, D. Alderton 4, H. Hollocks 5, R. Chambers 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

QUEX PARK, BIRCHINGTON, KENT.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: L. Everest 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, B. Luck 3, P. Dadds 4, J. Russell 5, A. Hinkley 6, F. Gadsden (cond.) 7, J. Tumber 8.

READING.—At St. Mary's, on Nov. 2nd, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. N. Diserens 1, Miss N. E. Swann 2, R. F. Diserens 3, Mrs. A. Diserens 4, F. W. Lewis 5, C. Pullen 6, A. Diserens 7, N. J. Diserens (cond.) 8. First quarter of Surprise for 2 and 5.

RIPPINGALE, ESSEX.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. R. Marsh (first quarter) 1, Mrs. M. Adams 2, Mrs. V. Williamson 3, J. Nichols (first 'inside') 4, B. Boyfield 5, N. Whitney 6. Conducted jointly by J. Nichols and N. Whitney. First quarter rung on the six bells by the local band.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Peter's, on Nov. 2nd, 1,251 Erin Caters: D. G. Clift 1, H. V. Frost 2, A. M. Bailey 3, C. F. Sayer 4, R. W. Darvill 5, B. C. Johnson 6, W. J. Southam 7, G. W. Debenham (cond.) 8, T. J. Southam 9, F. J. Spicer 10. First of Erin Caters in the city.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: V. A. Hemming (cond.) 1, E. T. Lloyd 2, L. Tuffrey 3, Mrs. K. Watts 4, S. G. Chaplin 5, T. Gwilt 6, A. Morris 7, T. H. Bartlett 8. A farewell to Michael Bartlett, now resident in London. 21st birthday compliment to Miss Pat Tuffrey. Also on Oct. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: V. A. Hemming 1, E. T. Lloyd 2, L. Tuffrey 3, S. G. Chaplin (cond.) 4, G. Bailey 5, Mrs. K. Watts 6, A. Morris 7, T. H. Bartlett 8. A 20th anniversary of Mrs. Watts' first ring in 'rounds.'

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Nov. 9th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: A. D. Rivers 1, Miss R. Tabraham 2, J. Birt 3, B. L. Taylor 4, J. M. Ellwood 5, E. E. Gosling 6, W. Birmingham 7, W. Butler (first of Surprise Major as cond.) 8. First quarter of Surprise Major for 1, 2 and 5. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Kent Treble Bob Minor: B. Brinkley (first in the method) 1, E. J. Runter 2, G. Sollars 3, Mrs. G. Andrews 4, G. Andrews 5, P. Eves (cond.) 6. A farewell to B. Brinkley, who is leaving the district.

SIDMOUTH, DEVON.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Rowe 1, K. Clarke 2, A. Mingo 3, Miss B. Smith 4, P. Davis 5, E. Rowe (cond.) 6, R. Pike 7, B. Vincent 8. First quarter for 1 and 3.

STANWELL, MIDDLX.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas, Reverse Canterbury, Reverse Union, Norfolk, Old and Plain): A. Cooke 1, Rita Thompson 2, F. Blagrove (cond.) 3–4, R. A. Smith 5, C. Coles 6. First quarter for 1 and 6. Rung for harvest festival. Also on Oct. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas, Reverse Canterbury, Reverse Union, Norfolk, Old, Plain, Cassington and Grandsire): Rev. Hoyal 1, Rita Thompson 2, F. Blagrove (cond.) 3–4, K. Frith 5, Doris Thompson 6. First in ten for all and on the bells. Also on Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas', Reverse Union, Cassington, Reverse Canterbury, Norfolk, Old, Plain and Grandsire): G. Ingham 1, R. Woodcock 2, F. Blagrove (cond.) 3–4, K. Frith 5, C. Coles 6. First in ten methods for 1, 2 and 6.

TIVERTON, DEVON.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. J. Taylor 1, L. H. May 2, E. Richards 3, L. E. Parris (cond.) 4, W. H. Ware 5, R. J. Kelland 6, J. Upton 7, A. Kerslake 8. Rung for Remembrance Day.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Jordan 1, H. Markwell 2, H. Vaughan 3, A. Wellington (first quarter for over 40 years) 4, B. Collison 5, K. Hohl 6, E. J. Ladd (cond.) 7, A. E. Richardson 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Joan Phillips (first on eight bells) 1, S. Kathleen M. Knight 2, B. J. Luff 3, W. L. Weller 4, P. Page 5, J. W. Meade 6, L. Stillwell 7, F. W. Burnett (cond.) 8. First in method for 2 and 4.

WHITBY, YORKS.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss T. Duck (first quarter) 1, D. Elwick 2, J. R. Waller 3, W. A. Breckon 4, G. W. White 5, H. Short (cond.) 6, S. R. Elwick 7, A. V. Coates 8.

WHITSTABLE, KENT.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Ebbutt (first quarter) 1, —, Waters 2, J. Rye 3, R. Stafford 4, C. Dilnot (cond.) 5, —, Amos 6. Rung for patronal festival.

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THE MIRFIELD TAN

Dear Sir,—Recently in 'The Ringing World' various notes have appeared about Kent Treble Bob. A ringer who admired Kent Treble Bob informed us that he would much prefer it if the heavy bells were not so much at the front. The Mirfield Company have accordingly brought out a new call for Kent Treble Bob, which we call 'Tan.' It is called in the same positions as a Bob.

When a 'Tan' is called, the bell dodging 6-5 down goes down quick to make two blows in thirds, then quick out to 5-6; then ordinary Kent Treble Bob work.

The bell that should have gone into the hunt makes 4ths and 3rds and another extra 3rd, then two blows in 4ths place and quick down to lead.

The bell in the hunt snaps with treble, then lays a whole pull to the treble, then snaps with the treble and into the hunt again.

All bells dodging in 5-6, 7-8 9-10, 11-12 do ordinary Kent Treble bob work; there are no three-pull dodging behind when a 'Tan' is called.

We find by Mirfield calls we get better rhythm and more musical changes. Here is a short touch of Minor:—

1 Tan in 4th
1 Tan at Home
2 Bobs at Home
} 5 Leads
120 Changes

MAJOR

2 Bobs in the Middle
1 Tan in the Middle
1 Tan in the 4th
2 Bobs in the Wrong
2 Bobs in the Home
} 11 Leads
352 Changes

ROYAL

2 Bobs in the Middle
1 Tan in the Middle
1 Tan in the 6th
1 Tan in the 4th
1 Tan in the 5th
2 Bobs in the Wrong
2 Bobs at Home
} 13 Leads
520 Changes

Yours faithfully,
A. ROBINSON,
W. SMITH.

Dewsbury, Yorks.

A correspondent comments on 'Tan' as follows:—

From the description given, it seems as if our friends at Mirfield have added an additional seconds and thirds place at the treble lead to what would otherwise be a normal splice of Kent and Oxford at the lead-end.

Kent places: 213456, 123465, 214356, 124365 } in a 'Tan' 2-4 also lie still here giving:—
Oxford places: 142635, 416253, 146235, 412653 } 124365 / 124635

421563

I suspect this would greatly add to proof difficulties, but in any case it contravenes the Council's decisions regarding calls, so that while it may well be very useful and an ingenious method of keeping the back bells off the slow, it wouldn't be recognised officially.

There are, however, one or two variations of Kent Treble Bob introduced by the Rev. E. B. James about 30 years ago, which are permissible, have the same effect, and are I think, simpler. The two usually rung are 'Cam' and 'Granta.' In these, what really happens is that the treble does a 'slow' (or hunt) work instead of 7-8 in Major, 7-8-9-10 in Royal and 7-8-9-0-E-T in Maximus. The other bells are virtually unaffected.

	CAM	GRANTA
Ordinary Kent to here	61482735	
	16487253	
	61842735	Kent to
	16847253	16847253
	18674523	18674523
	81675432	81765432
	81764523	81674523
	18765432	18765432
	17856342	17856342
	71853624	71583624
	71586342	71856342
	17583624	17583624
	15738264 Ordinary Kent onwards	15738264 As with Cam

WESTON, BATH, BELLS GO TO FOUNDRY

For the first time in 213 years there are no bells to be heard in the 13th century tower of All Saints' Church, Weston, Bath. The old Thomas Bilbie ring of six has been taken to Loughborough for retuning and the addition of two treble bells and a complete restoration costing over £1,000 is now in progress. The founders have been given a free hand and the work includes provision of a new frame, new iron headstocks, wheels and the rehanging of the bells on ball bearings.

To mark the last Sunday service ringing on the old six, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles was rung after evensong on October 5th by six of the oldest stalwarts of the band. Those taking part were: Harry R. Stagg 1, George H. Cross 2, David J. Targett 3, George H. Brewer 4. Sealy S. Woodburn (conductor and tower master) 5, Hubert J. Ellis 6.

It is hoped to have the restored ring ready by Easter of next year and preparations are already being made for a big rededication service.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On Nov. 9th. 1,251 Stedman Caters: F. R. L. Blewer 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, Miss S. Booth 3, C. A. Hughes 4, L. W. Bullock 5, C. W. Ottley 6, E. E. Holman 7, C. E. Willmington 8, E. D. Smith 9, J. Bullock 10.

OUTINGS

YATTON, SOMERSET

An enjoyable day was spent by Yatton ringers and friends on November 5th. Ringing took place at South Petherton, Crewkerne, Yeovil, Sherborne Abbey and Queen Camel.

Methods rung during the day were Cambridge and Oxford Bob Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Grandsire, Stedman, St. Clement's and Oxford Bob Triples, Plain Bob Major and Grandsire Caters.

The thanks of the party are expressed to all tower captains and steeplekeepers, as well as the various Incumbents for permission to use their bells, and also to Mr. H. A. Price for his admirable arrangements.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S, KILBURN

On October 4th Kilburn ringers, with friends and families, spent an enjoyable day in and around Northamptonshire. Ringing took place at Weedon (8), Staverton (6), Daventry (8), Willoughby (6) and Braunston (6).

Methods rung during the day included Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Grandsire, Stedman and Cambridge, with some excellent rounds by learners. Grateful thanks go to all friends at every tower who made the visitors so welcome.

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ENGAGEMENT

SAMSON—READ.—The engagement is announced between Captain Edward Francis Murray Samson, 17/21st Lancers, eldest son of the Rev. A. M. and Mrs. Samson, of Loughborough, and Audrie Florence Jean, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Read, of Coulsdon, Surrey. 1679

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DANBURY, ESSEX.—There will be no further Sunday service ringing or Wednesday practices until Christmas owing to the rehanging of bells. 1681

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting at Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Saturday, Nov. 22nd, 3 p.m. Election of officers Ringing after at St. Dunstan's, Stepney.—A. B. Peck. 1671

DEVON GUILD.—N. and N.E. Branches.—By-meeting, South Molton (8), Nov. 22nd, 2.30. Service 4.15. No business meeting. Names for tea, please.—Miss Boyle, Libra Gardens, Combe Martin. 1656

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The social will be held in Canterbury, Saturday, Nov. 22nd. St. Stephen's and St. Dunstan's bells from 2.30 p.m. Tea St. Dunstan's Parish Room, 4.45 p.m. Social evening to follow. Tickets limited, 2s. 6d. each (cash and stamp, please) from B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 1626

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Meeting at Buckland Nov. 22nd. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Names for tea to C. J. Champion, 1, Rectory Lane, Buckland, Betchworth. 1636

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Basingstoke District. — Combined practice at Wolverton, Hants (6 bells) on Saturday, Nov. 22nd, from 5.30. All ringers welcome.—D. Cane. 1659

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Quarterly meeting, Titchfield (6), Nov. 22nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5 in Parish Room.—John H. Hunt, 44, Bellfield, Titchfield, Hants. 1657

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tuesday, Nov. 25th, 7.15 p.m., advanced practice, Christ Church, Ealing Broadway. Monday, Dec. 1st, 7.15 p.m., general practice, St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge. 1703

BULWELL, NOTTINGHAM.—Open Ringing Day, Saturday, Nov. 29th, 2.30. Short service 4.30. Teas 5, light or substantial, at nearby cafe. Come and enjoy these rehung bells.—C. Glenn. 1595

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—Meeting at Grappenhall, Saturday, Nov. 29th. Bells at 3 p.m. Please advise me if requiring tea.—J. E. Ashcroft, Hon. Sec. 1692

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at St. Paul's, Staley, on Nov. 29th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea, please advise, before Nov. 26th, Mr. S. Hodgson, 111, Spring Bank Street, Stalybridge. —C. K. Lewis. 1683

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Coventry and Rugby Branch.—Meeting at Berkswell, near Coventry, on Saturday, Nov. 29th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Nov. 26th.—J. L. Garner-Hayward, 8, Orchard Crescent, Coventry. 1701

DEVON GUILD. — Mid-Devon Branch. — Buckfast Abbey. Buckfastleigh (12). Saturday, Nov. 29th, 3 p.m.—A. L. Bennett Cornerways, Buckfastleigh. 1680

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Conisborough (8), Nov. 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5. Names for tea, by Wednesday previous, to R. J. Sanderson, 23, Mansfield Road, Balby, Doncaster. 1696

DUDLEY GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Nov. 29th, at Sedgley. Bells from 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting 4.45. Numbers for tea not later than Nov. 25th, please.—F. Colclough, 27, Hall Park Street, Bilston. 1700

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Monthly meeting at Westerleigh, Saturday, Nov. 29th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15. Names for tea, by Tuesday, Nov. 25th, to W. F. Scudamore, 6, Sandringham Avenue, Downend, Bristol. 1688

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Meeting, St. Paul's Chippenham, Nov. 29th, 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Service 6.30 p.m. Names for tea by Nov. 26th.—R. Tigwell, 44, King Alfred Street, Chippenham. 1674

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting at St. Mary's, East Molesey, on Saturday, Nov. 29th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Business includes nominations for District officers for 1953. Tea will be arranged if possible, if not, local cafes available. Full details next week.—W Simmonds, Hon. Sec. 1689

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Annual nomination meeting at Aldershot on Saturday Nov. 29th, from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Notify for tea, by previous Wednesday, to G. S. Joyce, 130, Shin Lane, Farnborough, Hants. 1684

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. — Baldock, Nov. 29th. 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special method: Duffield.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 1672

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Woodford (near Gates Corner, South Woodford), Nov. 29th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Leytonstone bells (8) from 6.30. Names for tea to Miss A. M. Bailey, The Gables, Avenue Road, Bishop's Stortford. 1667

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Liversedge, Saturday, Nov. 29th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea arranged for those who notify, by Nov. 26th, Mrs. Jones, 8, Prospect Terrace, Hightown, Liversedge. Meeting to follow tea.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec. 1698

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough and Syston Districts.—Joint meeting, Thurnby, Nov. 29th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, meeting, 5 p.m. Names to L. Wykes, 4, Council Houses, Bushby. 1682

NORWICH ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Antual meeting, Swaffham, Nov. 29th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea shops in town. Business meeting 6 p.m. in belfry.—W. J. Eldred, 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn. 1691

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch. — Duston, Nov. 29th. Names for tea essential, by Nov. 26th, to Mr. E. Nobles, Hon. Branch Sec, 48, Millway, Duston, Northants. 1676

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Towcester Branch.—A practice meeting will be held at Wicken on Saturday, Nov. 29th, 6 p.m.-9 p.m. All welcome.—W. Yates, Branch Sec. 1678

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Annual Dinner on Saturday, Nov. 29th, in Westgate Lodge Hotel, Winchester, at 7 p.m., followed by social evening. Bells available: Cathedral (12) 2—3, St. Maurice's (6) 3.30—5, Hursley (8) and Twyford (8) 2—4, Alresford (8) 2.30—4.30. Service in St. Lawrence's 5.15. Tickets (8s.) from Mr. J. A. C. King, 29, Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester. 1658

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting at Howden, Nov. 29th. Bells (8) from 2 p.m. Service in church 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Please notify, by Wednesday, Nov. 26th, Mr. E. A. Newham, 31, Pinfold Street, Howden, near Goole.—H. S. Morley, 28, Church Hill, Selby. 1669

BUXHALL, SUFFOLK.—The restored and augmented ring of six bells will be rededicated by the Bishop of Dunwich at a special service at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 2nd. All ringers and friends welcome. 1665

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Ilchester Deanery Branch. — Annual meeting, Yeovil, Dec. 6th. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow at the Cottage Cafe. Early notification for tea, please. — F. Farrant, Martock. 1705

DEVON GUILD.—South West Branch. — Annual meeting, Plymouth, St. Andrew's, Dec. 6th. Bells (10) available from 2.30. Service in St. Andrew's Chapel 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in the Lower Abbey Hall. Names by Dec. 1st, to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 1613

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly and executive meeting, Ripley (8), Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Own tea arrangements. 1698

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Eastern Division.—Meeting, Great Waltham (8), Saturday, Dec. 6th—amended date. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. H. Everett, The Chase, Boreham. 1577

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Mary's, Cheltenham, Dec. 6th. Bells (12) 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. Notify for tea.—P. Baker, 40, St. Michael's Avenue, Bishop's Cleeve. 1685

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District.—By-meeting at Borden (8) on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells from 3 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, Dec. 2nd, to C. S. Jarrett, 1, Blenheim Avenue, Chatham. 1702

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bicker (8), Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, before Nov. 29th, to J. E. Allen, 31, Quadring Road, Donington, Spalding. 1666

NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS.—Annual meeting, Liverpool, Dec. 6th. Ringing at St. Francis Xavier's R.C. Church (8), 10.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m. and 6.30–8 p.m. Emmanuel Church (8), West Derby Road, 11 a.m.–12.30 p.m. & 2.30–4.30 p.m. St. Nicholas' Church (12), Pier Head, 2.30–4.30 p.m., 6.30–8 p.m. Lunch at Stork Hotel, Queen Square, 1 p.m., 10s. 6d. High tea 7s. 6d. Applications for tickets by Nov. 29th to Hon. Sec., C. H. F. Knight, 51, Oadby Road, Wigston Magna, Leicester. 1704

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Meeting, Hampstead Norris, Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names, by Wednesday, Dec. 3rd, to Mr. J. Weaving, Hackney Bottom, Hampstead Norris. 1687

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting at Bletchley, Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells 2.30. Service 3.30. Please notify for tea by Nov. 30th.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 1695

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — W.W.H. Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Ashbury, Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Names by Dec. 3rd.—M. J. Pryor, 59, Marlborough Gardens, Faringdon. 1697

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Halesworth District.—Ringing meeting, Saturday, Dec. 6th, at Halesworth (8), 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Dec. 3rd, to R. S. Payne, 21, Hotson Road, Southwold. 1694

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North Western District.—Meeting at All Saints', Benhilton, on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Church Hall after service. Nominations for District Officers. Notice for tea, by Dec. 4th, to Mr. Gosden, 12, Meadow Close, Sutton, Surrey.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Secretary. 1690

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD. — Southern District.—Annual meeting, Gorseinon, Sat., Dec. 6th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names please, by Nov. 29th.—A. J. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Fforestfach, Swansea. 1675

SCARBOROUGH, YORKS.—The restored ring of eight will be rededicated by the Ven. G. F. Townley, M.A., Archdeacon of York, at morning service, 10.30 a.m., on Sunday, Dec. 7th. All ringers and friends welcome. Afternoon ringing at 3.15 p.m. 1693

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Annual meeting, Exeter, Saturday, Dec. 13th. Ringing, St. Mark's (new 8), 2.30-3.30. Service at St. Petrock's, 4 p.m. Tea and meeting, St. David's Institute, St. David's Hill, 4.30. Ringing, Heavitree, 7-8.30 p.m. Other Exeter towers if requested. Names by Dec. 9th.—F. Wreford, 24, Normandy Road, Exeter. 1677

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District. — Quarterly meeting at Rothwell on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Committee meeting 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify, by Wednesday, Dec. 10th, Mr. T. W. Strangeway, 21, Haigh Avenue, Rothwell, near Leeds. Special business: Election of new committee member: nominations to be sent to the District Secretary. Members please note these arrangements as no circulars will be issued.—A. E. Marsh, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1686

UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.—The 9th Annual Dinner will take place in London on Friday, Jan. 2nd, 1953. Details will be circulated soon. Prospective new members please communicate with Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 1655

EGHAM RINGERS FORM A SOCIETY

Egham ringers on October 28th formed the Egham Parish Church Society of Bellringers with the following officers:—President, the Rev. J. Northridge (Vicar); vice-presidents, Dr. R. O. Olphert and Mr. W. H. Harbott (churchwardens): Ringing Master, Mr. W. A. Peck; secretary and treasurer, Mr. R. I. Shepherd; librarian, Mr. M. W. Harbott.

Matters discussed were social activities for the winter, the opening of funds for the efficient control of the sound of the bells, replacement of ropes, redecoration of the ringing chamber and preservation of the frame and fittings and for the provision of additional handbells for tune and change-ringing.

Sunday ringing is 10-10.55 a.m. and 5.30-6.25 p.m. The weekly practice will be held on Tuesdays, 6.30-7.30 handbells; 7.30-9 tower bells.

The meeting was attended by 12 members of the local band and Mr. F. J. Dodson, Ringing Master of the Chertsey District.

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CHERTSEY'S FAMOUS ABBEY BELL

By WILLIAM SHEPHERD

In 666 St. Erconwald journeyed over the rough lands beside the Thames in a two-wheeled, horse-drawn cart to a Chertsey little more than a low-lying, desolate marshy waste, closed in by a wide sweep of the river. Soon was erected the monastery founded by Frithward, and St. Erconwald became the first abbot. In 871 the Danes in their Viking ships came up the Thames, landed at Weybridge and proceeded to Chertsey Abbey, which they plundered and destroyed. A second pillaging took place in 1010, and when it was rebuilt early in the 12th century the scheme probably included a bell tower and a bell. During the abbacy of John de Usk (1370–1400) it is recorded that the bell tower fell in ruins, a loss regarded as irreparable. That a new bell tower was built circa 1370–1380 is borne out by the 'Abbey' bell, which is still in use at the Parish Church, a bell bearing the marks of the early Wokingham foundry about the year 1375.

This bell was known as the 'Pardon' bell, and was tolled to call worshippers to a prayer to the Virgin Mary, which preceded the regular service. Its inscription is in crowned Lombardic capitals, 'ORA MENTE PIA PRO NOBIS VIRGO MARIA' (Pray with pious mind for us O Virgin Mary). Bells with all crowned capitals are few and far between, but there is also one at Dorchester Abbey, although the inscription is different. At the Dissolution in 1537 the bell survived destruction, and for the past 415 years has been in the tower of the Parish Church and is the 5th of a good octave.

The Abbey bell of Chertsey became famous on account of the story first told by Albert Smith in his 'Blanche Heriot' and afterwards related in ballad form by Clifford Harrison in his 'Legend of Chertsey.' It became very popular especially the oft-repeated words, 'Curfew shall not ring to-night.' The story tells of Cromwell's time when a young soldier was condemned to die, and the time of his death was fixed 'at the tolling of the curfew.' The soldier (Basil Underwood) was soon to have married a beautiful lady (Blanche Heriot), whom he had loved for some time. Loving him ardently, she had used her utmost efforts to avert his fate, pleading with the Judges and even Cromwell himself, but all in vain. In her despair she tried to bribe the old sexton not to ring the bell, but she found this impossible. The hour drew near for the execution, and the preparations were complete. The officers of the law brought forth their prisoner and waited while the sun was setting for the signal from the distant bell tower. To the wonder of everybody it did not ring, but only one person at that moment knew why. The poor girl herself, half wild with the thoughts of her lover's peril, had rushed unseen up the winding stairs and climbed the ladder into the belfry loft to seize the tongue of the bell.

The old sexton was in his place promptly. He threw his weight upon the rope, and the bell, obedient to his practised hands, swung to and fro in the tower. But the brave girl kept her hold and no sound came from the bell. Again and again the sexton drew the rope, but with desperate strength the young heroine still held on, every movement making her position more fearful, for every swing of the bell threatened to sway her through the high tower windows. But she did not let go.

At last the sexton went away. Being old and deaf he had not noticed that the bell gave forth no sound. The brave girl descended from the tower, wounded and trembling. She hurried from the Curfew to the place of execution. Cromwell was there, and was just sending to demand why the bell was silent:

She saw him, and her brow,
Lately white with sickening horror,
Glows with hope and courage now.
At his feet she told her story,
And her sweet young face still haggard,
With the anguish it had worn,
Touched his heart with sudden pity,
Lit his eye with misty light.
'Go, your lover lives,' cried Cromwell.
'Curfew shall not ring to-night.'

This legend is based on a similar incident reputed to have taken place in the War of the Roses. The name of the young man in the poem, Basil Underwood, was actually Neville, the nephew of Earl Warwick, 'the King Maker.' Even Chertsey Church could hardly have been the scene, for in 1471 the bell was still at the Abbey. The real name of the lady seems to be unknown, so we must still call her Blanche Heriot in a reconstructed version of the events, a version which we as ringers would prefer to accept more readily.

When Neville saw the Battle of Barnet was going against him, and his uncle had been killed, he fled, realising that the Lancastrians were soundly defeated. Neville hoped to escape to France, but he very much wanted to see his lady love, Blanche Heriot, before doing so. He went out of his

way for this purpose, but some of King Edward's partisans recognised him. He secured his interview with Blanche, and the leave-taking, though it seemed short, must have taken a considerable time. Tracked by his enemies, breathless and spent, he managed to reach the Abbey Sanctuary, yet refuge was denied him. After forcing an entrance, the Abbot could not withstand the fierce determination of the bloodthirsty mob, and Neville was sentenced to be executed within 24 hours.

His Chertsey friends took immediate counsel how to save him, and the only hope Neville had was that he had previously shared with his uncle the enjoyment of Royal favour. He was the possessor of a talisman ring, and if it could reach the King, he stood a good chance of escaping the sentence. His friend, a young doctor, willingly undertook the mission and went to Windsor early in the morning.

The hours wore on and day began to fade. Soon it wanted but a few minutes to the fatal hour, and Blanche Heriot anxiously watched for the return of the mission. Hoping against hope, she was gladdened when she heard the news that the riders were crossing Laleham ferry. Knowing that they had still to traverse the Abbey meadows, there arose the feeling that the journey might have been in vain, also that the pardon might arrive too late. Blanche had a sudden inspiration, and made her way to the Abbey tower just before the ringer of the Curfew was expected to arrive. Her scheme was to delay the ringing as long as possible, so, after mounting the first ladder, she threw it down and continued this process till she reached the bell. She caught hold of the clapper and clung to it firmly when it began to sway with the pull of the rope below. When the ringer went to investigate what was wrong with the bell he found the ladders out of position, and it took him some time to get things right. This delayed him sufficiently to enable Neville's rescuer to produce the King's pardon, and cancel the preparations made for the execution at 8 p.m., when the Curfew was due to be rung.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

HALIFAX, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1952, in 3 Hours and 52 Minutes.
At the Church of St. John,
A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 28 cwt. 14 lb. in D.

Henry O. Baker	*Treble	John Worth	7
Fred Dunkerley	2	Leslie W. G. Morris	8
*Basil Jones	3	Peter Laflin	9
James Fernley	4	Joseph W. Whittaker	10
Wilfred Stevenson	5	Ralph G. Edwards	11
John E. Bibby	6	Edward Jenkins	*Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Leslie W. G. Morris.
* First peal on twelve bells. First peal of Surprise on the new bells, and first in the method to be rung in this tower.
A wedding compliment to Mr. Walter Allman and Miss May Fletcher.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 17, 1952, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes.
In St. Hugh's Tower in the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
A PEAL OF 5021 ERIN CINQUES
Tenor 24 cwt.

John Freeman	*Treble	*Herbert Lowman	7
Raymond F. Smith	2	John A. Freeman	8
*Archer T. Lowman	3	John Walden	9
Jack L. Millhouse	4	*Geoffrey M. Mayer	10
Sydney A. Chambers	5	H. Leslie Pask	11
Walter Tomlinson	6	*Peter N. Bond	*Tenor

Composed by J. W. Parker. Conducted by John Freeman.
* First peal in the method. Ringers of 4, 8 and 9 have now rung peals of Erin Triples, Caters and Cinques. The first peal of Erin Cinques by all, and for the Guild. Rung for St. Hugh's Day.

TEN BELL PEALS

DERBY.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 8, 1952, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.
At the Cathedral Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5077 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 19 cwt. 1 lb. in D flat.

*Philip H. Whitaker	*Treble	Walter P. Whitehead	6
*Kathleen I. Tivey	2	Denis R. Carlisle	7
Francis R. Lowe	3	Albert E. Thompson	8
Jack Bailey	4	Harold Taylor	9
*Joseph A. Constant	5	Charles W. Walklate	*Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Walter P. Whitehead.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. Rung to mark the 25th anniversary of the Hallowing of Derby Cathedral and for the Feast of All Saints.

BANBURY, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1952, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in E.

*Edwin G. Moore	*Treble	William C. Porter	6
Herbert H. Alexander	2	*William Yates	7
Frank P. Wright	3	*Edgar J. Smith	8
Peter Border	4	*George W. Holland	9
*Edmund E. Pearson	5	Walter F. Judge	*Tenor

Composed by William Pye. Conducted by Walter F. Judge.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal.

ROCHESTER, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1952, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes.
At the Cathedral Church of Christ and the Blessed Virgin Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 30 cwt.

*Peter F. Borer	*Treble	*Victor A. Jarrett	6
Herbert E. Audsley	2	Cyril S. Jarrett	7
Ralph Bird	3	Benjamin A. Baker	8
George Kenward	4	George J. Butcher	9
George A. Naylor	5	†Frederick J. Cullum	*Tenor

Composed by G. H. Cross. Conducted by Cyril S. Jarrett.
* First peal of Royal. † First peal of Plain Bob Royal. First peal of Royal as conductor.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Peter F. Borer.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1952, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

Alan Carveth	*Treble	Dennis Roe	5
Rev. A. S. Roberts	2	Clement W. Jose	6
*Mrs. A. S. Roberts	3	Geoffrey W. Taysom	7
James P. Blond	4	A. Hubert Eplett	*Tenor

Conducted by Rev. A. S. Roberts.
* 125th peal.
Rung on All Saints' Day for the Patronal Festival, also to mark the Duke of Edinburgh's visit to West Cornwall two days previously.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD
On Tues., Nov. 4, 1952, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in G.

Sidney H. Jones	*Treble	Ernest Morris	5
*Mrs. S. H. Jones	2	Joseph Wm. Cotton	6
Ernest W. Beadsmoore	3	John Underwood	7
William F. Woodward	4	Roland Beniston	*Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Roland Beniston.
* First peal in the method.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Nov. 7, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

NOLAN GOLDEN .. .. *Treble*		WILLIAM LOVE	5
*GEORGE H. MOORE ..	2	CHARLES H. MOORE	6
CEDRIC CURSON	3	ARTHUR G. BASON	7
RAYMOND G. LOFTY ..	4	GEORGE SAYER .. .. .. *Tenor*	

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal in the method.

DERBY.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 8, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in E.

GORDON A. HALLS .. .. *Treble*		HAROLD TAYLOR	5
*DENIS R. CARLISLE ..	2	†SAMSON WALKLATE ..	6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ..	3	*†JACK BAILEY	7
ALBERT E. THOMPSON ..	4	‡FRANCIS R. LOWE .. .. *Tenor*	

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
* 50th peal together. † First peal in the method. ‡ 100th peal for the Association. 30th anniversary of the conductor's first peal of London Surprise Major. First peal of London Surprise Major in Derby. A welcome to the Rev. Martin Pierce.

DEVIZES, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 8, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 19 cwt.

WILLIAM G. MORTIMER .. *Treble*		*JACK LUCAS	5
PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING..	2	FREDERICK S. SLATFORD ..	6
LAURENCE E. HITCHINS ..	3	SIDNEY G. GRANT	7
STANLEY R. COCKELL ..	4	JOHN ROMAIN .. .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by SIDNEY G. GRANT.
* First peal of Triples 'inside.'

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 8, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12½ cwt.

CECIL RADDON .. .. .. *Treble*		HAROLD WORRALL	5
MRS. C. K. LEWIS	2	OSWALD CLAYBROOK	6
FREDERICK JACKSON	3	HENRY PARKER	7
JOHN SCOTT	4	HARRY W. HOWARD .. .. *Tenor*	

Composed by W. NICOLLS. Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.
Rung to celebrate the wedding of May Fletcher and Walter Allman, who were married this day at All Saints' Church, Runcorn.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 8, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In eight methods, being 1,536 Rutland; 768 each London and Ealing; 576 Bristol; and 384 each Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire and Lincolnshire, with 138 changes of method. Tenor 12 cwt.

THOMAS G. FOX .. .. *Treble*		FRANK V. GANT	5
MRS. R. F. DEAL	2	CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON	6
DAVID W. BEARD	3	JOHN F. GROVE	7
FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN ..	4	JOHN H. CRAMPION .. .. *Tenor*	

Composed and Conducted by DAVID W. BEARD.
First peal of Spliced Surprise Major in eight methods by all the band and for the Association.

MONKS-KIRBY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 8, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDITH.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24½ cwt.

K. MARY COWLEY .. .. *Treble*		ERNEST LINES	5
WILLIAM J. CHESTER ..	2	WILLIAM YATES	6
HERBERT H. ALEXANDER ..	3	THOMAS E. ROBERTS	7
FREDERICK C. CASE	4	GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. *Tenor*	

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEORGE W. HOLLAND.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 10, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb.

ERNEST STITCH .. .. *Treble*		WILLIAM DAVIES	5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ..	2	ALFRED C. BOXLEY	6
*DAVID M. LEES	3	RODERICK J. LEES	7
HENRY HUBBALL	4	HOWARD HOWELL .. .. *Tenor*	

Composed by GEO. HUGHES. Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE.
* First peal in the method 'inside.'
Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to Mrs. F. Guestford (mother-in-law of W. Davies). A birthday compliment to Mrs. J. Hicks, and a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. S. Prestidge.

BLEWBURY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Nov. 11, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-AND-ALL-ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Taylor's Six-part. Tenor 19½ cwt.

*GNR. R. H. CORDEROY, R.A. *Treble*		DVR. C. ALDRIDGE, R.A.S.C.	5
†PTE. E. J. GRACE, O.B.L.I.	2	DVR. R. B. BLOND, R.A.S.C.	6
CPL. A. R. GREENOUGH, R.A.F.	3	SPR. J. BERRY, R.E.	7
DVR. C. CORDEROY, R.A.S.C.	4	PTE. C. CORDEROY, R Berks *Tenor*	

Conducted by DVR. R. B. BLOND.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'
Rung half-muffled in remembrance by ex-Servicemen of the 1939-45 war.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Wed., Nov. 12, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

WILLIAM HIBBERT .. .. *Treble*		CHARLES W. MUNDAY ..	5
RAYMOND G. BURTON ..	2	JACK R. WORRALL	6
MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT ..	3	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY ..	7
JOHN E. CHILCOTT	4	COLIN A. HOPPER .. .. *Tenor*	

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by FREDK. A. MUNDAY.

NOTTINGHAM.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD
On Thurs., Nov. 13, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in E.

FREDERICK A. SALTER .. *Treble*		HERBERT LEWIN	5
*MRS. M. I. PAILING ..	2	PETER NIX	6
GEORGE E. PADGETT ..	3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD ..	7
MISS S. P. M. LEWIN ..	4	J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF .. *Tenor*	

Composed by H. TUCKER. Conducted by FREDERICK A. SALTER.
* First peal of Major.
Rung as an 84th birthday compliment to Mr. J. Mottershead, of Wilmslow, Cheshire, father of the 7th ringer.

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WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 14, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5056 LYME SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

Horace O. Over	*Treble*	John A. Underwood	5
Mrs. H. J. Poole	2	Michael E. Brown	6
Harold J. Poole	3	John B. Bennett	7
C. William Hall	4	Roland Beniston	*Tenor*

Composed by E. W. Tipler. Conducted by Harold J. Poole.
First peal in the method by the Guild and by all the band. A birthday compliment to J. Frederick Milner.

ABERAVON, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Sir A. P. Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 16¾ cwt. in E flat.

Alfred Hannington	*Treble*	Robert E. Coles	5
J. Arthur Hoare	2	Edmund J. Morris	6
*Trevor M. Roderick	3	Albert J. Pitman	7
Gwyn I. Lewis	4	Tom Petty	*Tenor*

Conducted by Albert J. Pitman.
* Has now rung each bell to a peal.
Rung as a compliment to Railway Inspector A. J. Pitman on his retirement at the age of 65 years.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising: 1,280 each of London, Cambridge and Superlative, and 1,312 of Bristol, with 112 changes of method and with all the work of the four methods for each bell. Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

*Peter D. Huckstepp	*Treble*	†Mark W. Marshall	5
*Wilfred W. Ring	2	*‡Thomas Cullingworth	6
*Albert J. Lancefield	3	Mark S. Lancefield	7
Fredk. G. Huckstepp	4	*Harry Parkes	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Mark S. Lancefield.
* First peal of four Spliced. † First peal of Spliced Surprise. ‡ 200th peal. First peal of four Spliced as conductor. First peal of 4 Spliced on the bells and in the district.

BUXTED, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Margaret, Queen,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16¼ cwt.

Henry N. Vaughan	*Treble*	Ernest J. Ladd	5
Arthur F. Lewry	2	Edward Eade	6
Richard D. Divall	3	Frederick J. Lambert, jun.	7
Archibald G. Grimwood	4	William A. Kitchenside	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by Arthur F. Lewry.
Rung as a golden wedding compliment to the conductor's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Lewry. Also as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

CHESTER.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-within-the-Walls,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

Elizabeth M. Robinson	*Treble*	Douglas W. Kirkpatrick	5
Betty Griffiths	2	Clifford W. Shaw	6
Eric Hornby	3	William Allman	7
Shirley Golding	4	Frank T. Parry	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Frank T. Parry.
A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

DARESBURY CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5120 DARESBURY IMPERIAL BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

J. Benjamin Budd	*Treble*	Dennis H. B. Millward	5
R. Gordon Corby	2	George H. Randles	6
Norah M. Bibby	3	John W. Griffiths	7
John W. Best	4	Percy Swindley	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. Heywood. Conducted by John W. Griffiths.
The first peal in the method (C.C.C. No. 218).

EGLOSHAYLE, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Conan,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb.

Stewart J. Robinson	*Treble*	James P. Blond	5
Rev. A. S. Roberts	2	A. Hubert Eplett	6
Clement W. Jose	3	Dennis Roe	7
Mrs. A. S. Roberts	4	James C. Northey	*Tenor*

Conducted by Rev. A. S. Roberts.
Rung on the 100th birthday of Mrs. M. F. Harris, of Glencoe, Wadebridge.

FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Ten-part (No. 6). Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in F sharp.

William Henley	*Treble*	William Welling	5
John M. Ellwood	2	William Birmingham	6
Edward Armstrong	3	William Butler	7
Michael Hatchett	4	David H. Pearce	*Tenor*

Conducted by William Butler.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

Leslie C. Wightman	*Treble*	Ernest E. Grimes	5
Leslie G. Brett	2	Russell Parker	6
Frank Ruffles	3	Walter Ruffles	7
Albert E. Whiting	4	Walter W. Miller	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Leslie G. Brett.

LOUGHTON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19¾ cwt.

John Sitch	*Treble*	Albert Pryke	5
*Derek Riley	2	*Harry Turner	6
Robert C. Heazel	3	Bertram C. Hines	7
Peter J. Eves	4	*Denis A. S. Symonds	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Parker. Conducted by Harry Turner.
* First peal of Oxford Major.
Rung in honour of the birthday of H.R.H. Prince Charles, Duke of Cornwall.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
C.C.C. No. 22. Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

Mrs. Dora Evans	*Treble*	Percival W. J. Harding	5
Frank A. Penn	2	*William C. West	6
Laurence E. Hitchins	3	George J. Hawkins	7
Maurice Helps	4	Eric Naylor	*Tenor*

Composed by George Hawkins. Conducted by George J. Hawkins.
* 200th peal. Arranged and rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Jack Hunt, a local ringer, and Miss Joan Johnson, who were married this day at this church.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
At the Church of Immanuel,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt.

*Jean Dawson	*Treble*	Charles Clegg	5
Arthur Tomlinson	2	Ernest J. Gower	6
†Brian A. Tomlinson	3	Victor J. C. Wood	7
Charles W. Blakey	4	Laurence J. Williams	*Tenor*

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Arthur Tomlinson.
* First peal. † First peal in the method 'inside.'
Rung in honour of the birthday of H.R.H. Prince Charles, Duke of Cornwall.

OXHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5152 ADELAIDE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER	*Treble*	FRANCIS KIRK	5
RICHARD F. B. SPEED	2	ALICK CUTLER	6
*ANNE B. SPEED	3	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	7
FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW	4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.
* 25th Surprise Major method for a peal. The first peal in the method.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

BETTY M. VIDLER	*Treble*	*THOMAS E. SONE	5
ROBERT T. LAMBERT	2	ROBERT COLLINS	6
JOHN O. WELLER	3	MALCOLM S. CLOKE	7
DORIS E. COLGATE	4	S. GEOFFREY WATERS	*Tenor*

Composed by H. J. POOLE. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
* 475th peal.
Arranged and rung as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Lewry, parents of one of the local ringers.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

RUGELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Thurs., Sept. 25, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 42 different extents, comprising 1 each of Kennington, North-repps, St. Martin's and Old Doubles, 3 each of St. Simon's, April Day and Reverse St. Bartholomew, 4 each of Plain Bob and Chase, 6 of Stedman, and 15 of Grandsire (7 with extremes).
Tenor 9 cwt. (approx.).

DAVID W. BARR	*Treble*	JOHN R. JOYNER	4
CECIL A. BRASS	2	JOHN A. TOWNSEND	5
JOHN H. JOYNER	3	*ERIC EDGINTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN H. JOYNER.
* First peal. First peal in 11 methods by all the band, on the bells, and for the Society.
Rung to welcome the Rev. G. W. Woodward as assistant priest to the parish.

IBSTOCK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Double Court, Single Court and Oxford Bob. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

BRIAN HODEN	*Treble*	WILLIAM T. GOADBY	4
ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	2	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	5
C. WILLIAM HALL	3	ROLAND BENISTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR E. ROWLEY.
Rung for the Festival of All Saints.

WINTERTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Nov. 2, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

GEOFFREY E. LARNER	*Treble*	RONALD G. LARNER	4
DENNIS W. GREEN	2	GEORGE R. POWLES	5
*RONALD G. MOORE	3	ROBERT E. WOODHOUSE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT E. WOODHOUSE.
* First peal.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

THURLASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 3, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.

*FREDERICK WATSON	*Treble*	ERNEST MORRIS	4
HAROLD KILBY	2	JOSEPH TAYLOR	5
GEORGE PICKERING	3	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.



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BREDON-WITH-NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Nov. 7, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHAPEL OF EASE OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 1 each of Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Kent, and Oxford Treble Bob, and Plain Bob.
Tenor 6¼ cwt.

*JESSIE NEWBURY	*Treble*	JOHN THOMAS	4
FREDERICK G. NURDEN	2	ROGER SAVORY	5
MRS. J. THOMAS	3	E. TREVOR NEWBURY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.
* First peal.

PIDDLEHINTON, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 7, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire with 14 different callings.
Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb.

NORMAN B. DAVIS (15)	*Treble*	HENRY J. FORD	4
REGINALD J. C. CLOTHIER	2	JOHN COOMBES	5
E. T. PAUL FIELD	3	FREDERICK C. DAVIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. T. PAUL FIELD.
Rung on the 10th anniversary of the death of Commander C. B. C. Swayne, to whose memory in 1949 the bells were restored and augmented as the gift of his widow.

AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Nov. 8, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents.
Tenor 6½ cwt.

*RICHARD PARR	*Treble*	*PHILLIP PARKER	4
*RUTH CORE	2	ALFRED DRAPER	5
ROBERT LARKEY	3	ARTHUR MAWDSLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR MAWDSLEY.
* First peal.
Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Larkey.

GRENDON, WARWICKSHIRE.
NON-ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 8, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being six of Morris's and five of Pitman's 240's, and 20 six-scores, 10 callings.
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

*THOMAS G. HENNEY	*Treble*	LESLIE L. WILLIS	4
ELIZ. J. CRAWLEY-BOEVEY	2	GORDON H. LANE	5
DONALD L. HOOPER	3	WILLIAM C. RHODES	*Tenor*

Conducted by GORDON H. LANE.
* First peal.
Rung as a farewell tribute to Rev. Canon A. C. Crawley-Boevey on retiring after 39 years as Rector of Grendon.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 8, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Consisting of two different 2,160's and a 720.
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in F sharp.

*C. JOHN PIPER	*Treble*	ARTHUR F. LEWRY	4
FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN.	2	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	5
GEORGE BEENEY	3	FRANK H. HICKS	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.
* First peal of Surprise. First peal of Surprise Minor as conductor. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

TIBSHELF, DERBYSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 8, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 720 each College Exercise, Capel, Sandal, Kingston, Oxford, Kent Treble Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. approx.

PHILLIP J. EASTLAND	*Treble*	FREDERICK D. A. BOAM	4
MARION BRADLEY	2	FRANK BRADLEY	5
DOREEN ARMSTRONG	3	ALBERT WHEELER	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK BRADLEY.
First peal in seven methods by all band. All Sunday service ringers of Blackwell, Derbyshire, except 3rd.

ACLE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 10, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND, KING AND MARTYR,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being extents of Double Bob, Single Court, Oxford Bob, Double Court, Plain Bob, Spliced St. Clement's and Double Oxford, and combined Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 47 lb. in G.

HERBERT W. LIDBETTER	*Treble*	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	4
NOLAN GOLDEN	2	GEORGE SAYER	5
*DORIS E. LIDBETTER	3	BERT GOGLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First in nine methods and 25th peal.
Rung in honour of Mr. H. W. Lidbetter's 80th birthday.

WHETSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 10, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 18 extents of Plain Bob and 24 extents of Grandsire.
Tenor 8¼ cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON	*Treble*	GEORGE PICKERING	3
PETER J. THOMAS	2	E. CHARLES TURNER	4
B. STEDMAN PAYNE	*Tenor*		

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.
Mr. P. J. Thomas has now 'completed the circle.'
Rung half-muffled in memory of those who gave their lives in the two World Wars.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Nov. 11, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Forty six-scores and Morris's 240.
Tenor 10 cwt.

EUSTACE W. BULLMAN	*Treble*	E. CHRISTOPHER BATES	4
T. REGINALD DENNIS	2	CYRIL A. HURST	5
WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	3	JOHN G. GIPSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL A. HURST.
Rung half-muffled in remembrance of the men of Trumpington who laid down their lives in two World Wars.

DARLINGTON.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Nov. 14, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven 720's: Carlisle, Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Alnwick, Newcastle, Chester and Munden.
Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in B flat.

RICHARD BUSBY	*Treble*	THOMAS COOKE	4
DORIS M. KILLINGLEY	2	ROLAND PARK	5
FREDERICK W. COOKE	3	W. NORMAN PARK	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.
To celebrate the marriage on November 8th of Mr. R. T. Simpson, a ringer at this church, to Miss D. Hutchinson.

SILSOE, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Nov. 13, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents.
Tenor 6½ cwt.

*TONY W. ALLEN	*Treble*	COLIN D. MANN	4
*DESMOND R. BRAZIER	2	THOMAS P. HARRIS	5
ANDREW C. SINFIELD	3	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.
* First peal. The first peal on the bells.

GREAT MONGEHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Nov. 14, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt.

FREDERICK W. LAWRENCE	*Treble*	FREDERICK A. RYE	4
ANN VINE	2	GEORGE E. RUCK	5
JANET R. WELLS	3	FRANK B. LUFKIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
First peal in two methods by all except the conductor.
A birthday compliment to H.R.H. Prince Charles. Also to Miss Gillian Rich, a local ringer.

WEEKLEY, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 14, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 10 lb.

*PAMELA J. E. LUMBERS	*Treble*	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	4
†MARGARET ROWE	2	BRIAN AUSTIN	5
LEONARD G. TOSELAND	3	BURLEY P. MORRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by BURLEY P. MORRIS.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal.
Rung for the Feast of St. Machutus, B., and to celebrate the fourth birthday of H.R.H. Prince Charles, Duke of Cornwall.

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
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Being 2 extents of Kent Treble Bob, and 5 of Plain Bob.
Tenor 9¼ cwt. in G.

FREDERICK W. LAWRENCE	*Treble*	FRANK B. LUFKIN	4
JANET R. WELLS	2	*SGT. H. FURMINGER	5
ANN VINE	3	GEORGE E. RUCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. RUCK.
* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor. A birthday compliment to Ann Vine.

FOLKINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Single Oxford and Single Court, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN H. BLUFF	*Treble*	RONALD RUSSELL	4
*PERCY D. BALDOCK	2	ROBERT H. KNIGHT	5
BERNARD H. DALTON	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.
* 50th peal. A birthday compliment to H.R.H. Prince Charles.

HANDBELL PEALS

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ST MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Fri., Nov. 7, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
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Tenor size 14 in D.

SHIRLEY V. RYMER	1—2	BRIAN G. WARWICK	5—6
HARRY POYNER	3—4	J. MARTIN THORLEY	7—8

Composed by E. MAURICE ATKINS. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

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Tenor size 15 in C.

ROBIN G. TURNER	1—2	PETER C. WRIGHT	5—6
PETER BORDER	3—4	*R. JAMES COOK	7—8
FRANK P. WRIGHT	9—10		

Composed by O. M. SLANEY. Conducted by ROBIN G. TURNER.
* First peal 'in hand,' and first peal of Royal and first in the method.

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We are sorry to learn that Mr. John W. Jones, of Newport, Mon., has been in bed for more than eight weeks following a slight stroke. His condition is not too encouraging, but he has amazing vitality. Mr. Jones will be 87 on December 5th.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Despite the fact that the bells of Great St. Mary's, Cambridge, have been at the foundry for many months, the year of office of 70-year-old Mr. Reginald Dennis, as Master of the Society of Cambridge Youths (founded 1724) is a memorable one. This week Mr. Dennis has completed peals of Grandsire from Doubles to Cinques, which is one week after completing his Kent 'family.' Mr. Dennis has rung more peals this year than in any previous year, and included in these are complete sets of Stedman and Grandsire on odd numbers.

Fifteen-year-old M. Orme, who had his first lesson last June, rang his first quarter at Great Wymondley, Herts, on November 16th.

Leicester Cathedral ringers and friends recently presented Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Poole with a silver tea set to mark their silver wedding anniversary.

The peal of Stedman Triples at Crayford on November 17th was arranged and rung on the 75th anniversary of the first peal on the bells. On that occasion the band were afterwards entertained and the conductor presented with a gold watch!

Mr. D. P. Jones, of 81, Grove Road, Hitchin, who is compiling a list of John Dyer's extant bells, asks any readers who have access to the Victoria County Histories of Essex and Cambridgeshire to forward him any details about Dyer's bells (c. 1590) in those counties.

A bell without a stay at Rochester Cathedral made a peal attempt on November 15th somewhat doubtful. Several of the band volunteered to ring the bell, stay or no stay, and the privilege (?) fell to Mr. Herbert Audsley, who proved that there should have been no fear for the success of the peal on that score. The remainder of the band are most grateful to him.

Those on the waiting list for carol tunes on eight bells are indebted to Miss Jennie Armstrong, of Morpeth, who has forwarded some nine tunes which she plays in the famous Morpeth Watch Tower. We have this week cleared off the majority on our waiting list, and those who have not received copies are asked to apply enclosing a stamped addressed envelope.

Miss Nancy Butler, of Shalford, Surrey, is leaving England shortly for Southern Rhodesia.

The Ex-Service Men's Remembrance peal at Blewbury was intended to be an effort by the regular service ringers at the Parish Church. Unfortunately, owing to ill-health, outside help had to be obtained at short notice and Sapper J. Berry, of Wallingford, stepped into the breach.

The peal of Yorkshire at Framsden on November 15th was of unusual interest; not only was it rung as a silver wedding peal for Mr. Walter Ruffles, of Debenham, but it enabled, after some 29 years, the 'Framsden Leslies' to ring 300 peals together.

The peal at Egloshayle (Wadebridge), Cornwall, was the first on the eight bells for 45 years. A peal of Doubles was rung on the back six four years ago, but the previous two peals were rung in one day by a touring band in 1907, of which Mr. A. H. Pulling seems to be the only survivor. The bells are a pleasing ring and still go well.

Mr. A. Robinson, of Ravensthorpe, Dewsbury, who introduced readers last week to the 'Mirfield Tan,' comes from a family that can trace ringing ancestry back to the 17th century. His colleague, Mr. W. Smith, is the son of Mr. D. R. Smith, of Halifax, who was a Kent Treble Bob composer and a personal friend of Mr. William Sottanstall, of Sowerby, Yorks. Mr. Smith's family has also a long ringing record.

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AT LOUGHBOROUGH

Peal bands were abroad early on Thursday morning for it was Loughborough Day and the occasion of our visit to the famous bell foundry of John Taylor and Co. as guests of fellow-member Paul Taylor. One attempt was on the midget foundry ring where, after some false starts, Yorkshire Surprise Major was brought round, being Wilfred Robinson's first peal of Surprise as conductor. The attempt for London at Stanford-on-Soar was unsuccessful and the band dashed to Kegworth just as the bells were being lowered—so up they had to go again. Before that the non-pealers had sampled a light eight at Sawley Church, which, founded by the monks of Repton in the ninth century, still has a finely-preserved and unusually wide Saxon chancel arch.

For an hour before lunch we spent in various parts of the bell foundry seeing every aspect of the founder's art, including actual casting. Then we were translated from the province of Paul to that of his charming wife, and in a marquee set up on the lawn of Foundry House we feasted. Back in the foundry we had much fun in the campanile, saw more casting, chimed the bells of Great St. Mary's, Cambridge, there in the tuning shop, and altogether indulged in the reception being accorded us.

Then came another ringing treat at the Parish Church of All Saints, Loughborough, where for well over an hour we had at our disposal ten very fine bells of select local product. After tea there was time for one more tower before turning homeward and our choice was St. Mary's, Sileby. That evening the weekly practice was at St. Peter's and from there to Beeston Church to sing Compline, as is our tradition.

METROPOLITAN ROYAL

The last excursion was to the city of Derby. En route we called at St. Lawrence's Church, Long Eaton, 'in the centre of the rather dull, modern town' which became a parish in 1864. Previously it was served by priests from Sawley and the tiny church of a tiny hamlet is now the south aisle and Lady Chapel, with the semi-circular chancel arch of probable Saxon origin like its larger counterpart in the mother church. The bells are a pleasant ring of eight (tenor 10¼ cwt.). In Derby we went straight to the Cathedral and we wish to put on record our appreciation of the understanding and courtesy of the Bishop and Provost of Derby in allowing us to ring the bells on this busy Friday morning. Here it was that several leads of Metropolitan Royal were rung.

A few miles to the south-east of Derby is Melbourne, a lovely village with a glorious Norman Parish Church. 'If the exterior, with its two stumpy, western towers and massive central tower suggests a miniature cathedral, much more so does the interior, with its magnificent arcades of "stilted" Norman arches, its triforium, and the vaulting of the central tower.' The bells, a ring of eight (tenor 15¼ cwt.), are a good ring. Rung literally from the choir stalls, partly removed on such occasions as our visit, there is a draught of over seventy feet, but, despite this, they were not difficult to manage.

Our thoughts turned naturally to Philip and Joan Gray in Melbourne, Australia, and cable as well as autographed picture card was despatched across the seas. From a long letter received in return I quote: 'One name we see omitted—Gilbert's. Wasn't he there, or wouldn't he sign?' He would have signed all right had he been there, but preparations for the Archbishop of Canterbury's visit to Norwich could not be neglected.

Returning to Derby there were three more towers to visit: St. Peter's, a light octave which goes well and sounds well. St. Luke's, a much weightier eight (tenor 30¾ cwt.), and St. Andrew's, a first-class ten for its weight (tenor 18¾ cwt.). St. Luke's Church is set on a hill amidst a vast sea of terraced houses and here a very pleasant surprise awaited us in the person of Dodds—or perhaps we should say Mrs. Dorothy Gardiner, nee Richardson, and young family—over from Burton-on-Trent. Here we may express regrets at being unable to accept an invitation from Mr. B. G. Key to attempt a peal at St. Paul's Church, Burton-on-Trent, a gesture none the less appreciated; and a third point about Burton, Mr. Joe Dyke used to be there and, like Mr. Lewis, in coming to Nottingham was reviving many memories.

Then, after tea, to St. Andrew's for the concluding ring of U.A. week, where a great temptation to prolong our ringing on these lovely bells until the evening service was sturdily resisted. We could not be late back at Wortley Hall.

FAREWELLS

So, for the last time, we sat at dinner with Professor and Mrs. Radford who, throughout the week, had done so much for us in every way, and had taken so much interest in all we did. They are well used to conferences, summer schools and the like but so often these consist of earnest people busy putting the world right, that to have us 'making sweet music and nothing else' was a delightful change. So that as Mr. Lewis presented them with a copy of Mr. Ernest Morris's latest book, 'Bells of All Nations,' beautifully inscribed by the author, we felt that no better memento could have been thought of.

Here with us for our social farewell evening was Clem Glenn, and before he was whisked away by Joe Dyke and one or two other 'kindred spirits;' words of deep appreciation were spoken by Mr. Lewis for everything he had done to assure the success of our tour. As a reminder of our invasion of Nottingham Mr. Glenn was presented with a copy of the group photograph, and in reply Clem spoke of his pleasure in giving his help and recalled his association with U.B.S.C.R. at Bristol.

This last evening passed all too quickly. In the morning came the exodus, with the transport setting off in all directions, including peal bands to Bottesford and Bolsover neither of which was to record success. Last to leave were the president and the secretary on their journey down to Kent.

Now for a few comments. As the names of those taking part show (see below) we were a most representative party and everyone had some experience in change ringing. So the general standard of our ringing was good, and with a generous sprinkling of the experts the methods rung covered a wide range up to Spliced Surprise. Once again we have to thank Miss Marie Cross for undertaking the arduous job of 'Master,' ably supported by Wilf Moreton and Dick Speed. Our policy of allowing adequate time at each tower meant that there was every chance of careful, unhurried ringing, and many made wonderful progress.

Since we were so near to Lincoln (Southwell Diocese was carved from the Lincoln Diocese) we were able to send our best wishes to old friends there by Charles McGuiness. He brought back an invitation for a few of us to participate in a peal of Stedman Cinques at the Cathedral on the Saturday, and this we did.

Finally, our thanks again to incumbents and ringers everywhere we visited in the three counties of Nottinghamshire, Leicestershire and Derbyshire, and to those who had joined with Mr. Glenn in the planning, Mr. D. R. Carlisle, of the Derbyshire Association, Mr. Harold J. Poole, of the Leicester Diocesan Guild, and Mr. J. W. Raithby, of the Southwell Diocesan Guild.

And 1953? To mark the first decade it is altogether appropriate that U.A. should go to Oxford, where in 1943 the foundation meeting took place. The dates are August 14th-22nd, and accommodation has been booked.

E. S. JOHN HATCHER.

Members taking part were:—

Birmingham.—Rev. M. C. C. Melville, R. Roger Savory.

Bristol.—Geoffrey Beynon, E. S. John Hatcher, Ivor H. Trueman, A. York-Bramble, Mary Kennelly, Heather Tesson.

Cambridge.—Ronald D. Edge, Edwin H. Lewis, Richard F. B. Speed, Brian D. Threlfall, Mrs. Anne Speed.

London.—A. Blair, Geoffrey Carter, Ranald W. M. Clouston, Joseph T. Dyke, Rev. Davis P. Roberts, Mary Fuller, Mary Hobbs, Brian G. Warwick (Leicester), David S. Harris (Loughborough).

Leeds.—Philip H. Whitaker.

Manchester.—Brian Harris, Derek Ogden, Wilfred L. Robinson.

Nottingham.—Ronald Pocklington.

Oxford.—Wilfrid F. Moreton, J. David Moxley, Frances Edgar, Julia Preston.

Reading.—Marie R. Cross.

St. Andrew's.—Meriel Hawkesley.

Sheffield.—Gordon Briggs, Norman Chaddock, Charles McGuiness, Paul Taylor.

Southampton.—John H. Gilbert.

Guests taking part.—Michael Fuller, Mrs. Charles McGuiness.

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THE ST. MARTIN'S YOUTHS

By EDGAR C. SHEPHERD

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JOINT AUTHORS

In 1842 there appeared a peal that was a great advance upon anything that had preceded it. It contained 240 bobs (the minimum number for a twin-bob peal) and two Holt's Singles. The peal was rung at Aston and was given as the composition of Thomas Thurstans. In the following year it was rung again, and this time it was credited to Lates. Thereupon ensued a lively controversy which ended in the peal being recorded in the joint names of the two composers. In the course of this controversy John Hopkins was constrained to describe Lates as 'the robber author,' but subsequent evidence would seem to establish the peal as the work of Lates.

In the same year, 1842, Johnson received from Thurstans a peal on a new plan. It contained the four quarter peals of the famous Four-Part; indeed it was the identical peal, except that the four quarters were joined together by special calls. This composition was never rung, but eventually, by some inspiration, Thurstans hit upon the idea of joining the parts by extras and omits, and so the Four-Part was born.

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART PEAL

Before this happened Thurstans had, unknown to Johnson or to anyone else in the town (as far as we know), composed a five-part peal on the twin-bob plan, containing bobs and common singles only. This peal, the date of which is unknown, undoubtedly was the first legitimate peal of Stedman Triples to be produced. It was sent by Henry Hubbard to a ringer at East Dereham in October, 1845, but how it came into Hubbard's possession is not known, nor can we say why Thurstans said nothing of this notable achievement to Johnson, his prover. The only possible explanation would seem to be that the idea in those days was to get a peal with two singles only, and that Thurstans therefore thought little of this production. What is perhaps more interesting and astonishing is that Henry Hubbard makes no comment on the fact that ordinary singles are used, merely remarking that they would probably be found more convenient than Mr. Hudson's doubles.

On May 18th., 1846, the famous Four-Part was rung on the front eight at St. Martin's. Johnson had received the figures from Thurstans some months previously, and had, it seems, been waiting for an opportunity to call it. Meeting short for a ten-bell practice, the company decided to go for a peal, and it was rung in two hours and fifty-three minutes. The band in this historic performance stood as follows: James Jarvis 1, Emmanuel Stokes 2, William Andrew 3, Joseph Spencer 4, John James 5, Nathan Blunt 6, Henry Johnson 7, Henry Whitworth 8. It was, of course, the first peal of Stedman Triples to be rung with common bobs and singles only, and it marked the end of the long and arduous struggle by the Birmingham composers. To Lates it came as a complete surprise. He was outside the tower when the band came down after the peal, and he accosted Johnson with the amazed query, 'Why, Harry, what peal have you been ringing? The bells came round with a common single.' 'I know they did,' said Johnson. 'It was one of Tom's with two common singles, and now you can have it.'

And John Day remarks, 'Those who knew Lates could form a pretty shrewd idea of what he would say after that!'

Thus was born and baptised one of the most important compositions the ringing Exercise possesses, a peal that stands with Middleton's Cambridge and Parker's 12-part peal of Grandsire Triples to make a trio of compositions indispensable to the conductor. There have come to us through the years since 1846 a multitude of peals of Stedman Triples on this amazingly adaptable plan, and the Exercise now has at its disposal a wealth of variety in the method. But Thurstans' peals were the first, and the Four-Part is in many ways the best.

Lates and Thurstans both died in 1858. In his last illness Lates sent for Chattell and handed to him all his papers and books. They passed later on to Perks, Bastable, and then to John Day; but subsequently they vanished, suffering thus the fate of so many manuscripts and papers belonging to ringers.

BURIED BY THE PARISH

Thurstans died in poverty and obscurity. Periods of heavy drinking and wild behaviour alternated with attacks of illness and wretchedness, and so erratic did his behaviour become that ringers avoided him, so that when he died there were few who knew the details of his end. John Day writes:—

'The last time I remember seeing him he was respectably dressed in black, I think in mourning for his sister, with whom he had lived for many years. He was carrying a basket of soil which he had been getting for his window plants. He told me he was unwell and could not work. That was in the Spring of 1858, and in the Autumn of that year Mr. T. Cole, a former member of St. Martin's Youths, went to Johnson and told him that "Poor Tom" was dead. From what Mr. Cole said we were led to suppose that he had had a break out, and was taken ill in the street, it was said with English cholera. He was taken to The General Hospital and there died. No one knew who he was, and no one inquired about him, so it came to pass that the parish authorities buried him—no friend or relative being near.'

With the publication of the Four-Part all the old peals of Stedman Triples fell into disuse. The excitement that had agitated and sustained composers of the period died away and interest in the method flagged. So it was that towards the end of the century Arthur Heywood wrote: 'Near upon half a century of apathy has cast around Stedman Triples a shroud of impenetrable mystery almost romantic in its completeness.'

There remained, indeed, no clue to the means by which the early composers secured their results or the principles on which they worked. From hints given here and there by John Day and others it would seem that much of the pricking was experimental and on the lines of trial and error; but even if this was so it is also certain that these men brought to the task special knowledge and great natural aptitude, for they were without doubt clever men, and their patience and perseverance against the almost insuperable difficulties of this unique method must command our utmost respect. Henry Cooper, Thomas Day, Henry Johnson, Isaac Lates, and Thomas Thurstans—these were the men whose labours ended in the victory of 1846, and it was to Thurstans that the final honour came.

We cannot but reflect on the wonder and the sadness of it. Lates remained among his friends to the last; Thurstans drifted away, disliked, avoided, outcast. Lates lies buried close to the tower of St. Philip's; where Thurstans lies no one knows. Lates's passing received the tribute of a muffled peal; to Thurstans no such honour was accorded. There stands the Masterpiece, four-square to the tempests of time; and behind it is the vision of the lonely, pathetic figure in decent black, with the basket of soil for his plants. And he passes on to the obscurity of a pauper's grave.

CONCLUSION

Here our brief survey may fitly be brought to a close, for the forty years that follow tell of many things outside the theme of Day's memoirs. They are the years of Perks, Bastable, and Buffery, of the maturing of Henry Johnson and the honouring of that grand old man by the ringers of Britain. They tell, too, of the Holt Society of Aston and the forty-one peals rung by this society before the amalgamation with The St. Martin's Youths.

The end of the century saw the rise of the Birmingham handbell ringers, the excellent peals recorded by a succession of fine exponents of this art, and the beginning of a reputation that found its consummation in the brilliant Stedman Cinques bands of the period 1920 to 1940.

The strength of the present is a heritage from the past, and so it is that in the continued prosperity of St. Martin's Guild we enjoy the fruits of the labours of the men of old. Let us see to it that their names are never forgotten.

A NOTE ON JOHN DAY

John Day was born in Birmingham in 1825. Round about 1830 his father, who had been a ringer, kept a small public house, 'The Bell' in Smallbrook Street, and this was the resort of many of the ringers of the town. The boy, however, spent much of his childhood with his paternal grandparents, and there he used to watch his Uncle Thomas, the celebrated Treble Bob composer, tapping tunes and changes on a set of handbells and figuring away for hours on countless scraps of paper.

In 1837 John Day was at school at Solihull, and he records a visit he paid to the belfry of the parish church on May 29th, to see the ringing for the birthday of Princess Victoria. Despite these early associations he seems to have had no direct interest in ringing until five years later when William Chattell persuaded him to join the St. Philip's band. In 1842 the baker taught him to ring, and thus began an intimacy that lasted for many years and had no small influence on Birmingham ringing. It was not an unbroken friendship, nor was it always an easy one, for Chattell's manner and the habits of his later life caused many minor rifts and at least one major break. But Day was profoundly affected by the character of this fine ringer, complex and baffling though it was, and while in his memoir he does not hide Chattell's weaknesses and coarsenesses, he writes of him with something of affection and an uncompromising admiration of his skill in the tower.

The reorganisation of The St. Martin's Youths in 1860 and the successful restoration of the Bull Ring bells in 1875 were both the result of the efforts of Day and Johnson, but in 1877 the former severed his connection with the society and joined the Holt Society when that company was formed in 1879. Some twelve years later he was largely instrumental in bringing about the merging of the Holt Society and the old St. Martin's Youths to form the modern St. Martin's Guild.

He was not a great peal ringer, but he took part in some sixty performances in the standard methods on all numbers. In his views on peal ringing he was fond of quoting his uncle, Thomas Day, who used to say: 'Just a peal or two of a sort, and those good ones.'

Towards the end of the century John Day succeeded Henry Johnson as Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild, and it was during this period that he was persuaded to publish his reminiscences. He died in June, 1902, and was buried at Harborne Church, not far from the spot where Chattell had been laid to rest. Muffled peals were rung for him at Harborne, at Aston, and at St. Martin's.

[Concluded]

HALF-MUFFLED RINGING

Dear Sir, — For about sixty years it has been the practice at Oswestry for half-muffled ringing to consist of Grandsire Doubles rung in whole pulls. I was taught to ring at Oswestry and well remember the half-muffled ringing on Good Friday, New Year's Eve, etc. It was rung very slowly and an extent took about a quarter of an hour. Good bell control is essential as the bells must be held both hand and back strokes.—Yours faithfully

Swindon, Wilts. W. B. KYNASTON.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FINEST HANDBELL FEAT

Dear Sir,—The band who rang the recent peal in 16 Surprise Major methods on handbells would not wish anyone to sing their praises, but such a performance should not pass without comment. The magnitude of it will perhaps be more fully realised by those who have achieved a moderate degree of competence in the simpler methods than by those who are without experience of handbell ringing.

It was not until March, 1947, that a peal in 16 Surprise Major methods was rung on tower bells, so that it has taken only five and a half years for that excellent performance to be equalled numerically on handbells. All four members of the band deserve the congratulations of the whole Exercise. Perhaps one may, without wishing to imply that his part was in any way greater than that of the others, pay tribute to the ringer of 7-8, Mr. F. W. Brinklow, for retaining sufficient mental agility, after 50 odd years of peal ringing, to participate in a peal of this kind.—Yours faithfully,

'B.'

THOSE SILENT BELLS

Sir,—May I encroach on your valuable space and mention how sorry I was to read in your leader of September 26th of bells hanging lifeless for perhaps years on end. Those of us living abroad who have tasted the art of bell-ringing in the old country hear such news with regret.

We are living in a mechanical age, a period of unrest, and nations are scheming to outwit each other financially, in speed records and the production of methods of destruction.

Those of us who have chosen to live in foreign parts always look to England to keep alive her stately homes and traditions. There is very little left to-day of peaceful and happier times we knew as children and most of the ancient arts and crafts have died. It is pleasing to know campanology, one of the few arts left and 100 per cent. British, is still alive, although it would appear mechanical ringing has, to my regret, crept in. I would call on all those connected with ringing to boycott such mechanism and make every effort to attract recruits to those silent ringing chambers.

When all the bells are speaking you can all say with pride, 'This is truly old England we love so well.'—Yours, etc.,

P. F. BARNARD.

Johannesburg.

TO TETBURY RINGERS

Dear Sir,—I hope the Tetbury ringers do not feel unduly disappointed about their recent Sunday morning broadcast, referred to by another correspondent; its shortness was obviously due to some mistake, not to discourtesy. The impression left by the bells was how pleasant they sounded and what a pleasure those few rounds were to listen to: and one hoped that the ringers would in no way feel upset when they learned how little had been broadcast, for it was still a perfect introduction to worship.—Yours faithfully,

Petersfield. C. C. ROBERTS.

P.S.—Since writing this, I read with interest the note on the band, November 14th.—C. C. R.

THE ROAD TO CANTERBURY

Dear Sir,—Having recently seen the film 'The Road to Canterbury,' I can recommend this as of interest to any ringer. Featured in the film are the towers of Canterbury and St. Paul's Cathedral, with Cinques from the former and half-muffled Cinques from the latter tower. Also filmed are other churches en route from Canterbury to London.—Yours faithfully,

Hermitage, Berks. NORMAN MALLETT.

THE INCUMBENT IS LEGAL CUSTODIAN

Dear Sir,—I feel that P. A. C. ought to be repentant for he is clearly wrong, neither do his suggested comments to the Vicar hold water—to me they seem ridiculous and perhaps impertinent. As the legal custodian of the bells, the Incumbent is the person to be approached. The first thing he should then do is to consult the tower captain to see whether there is any objection to the request for the bells—that is where the local ringer comes in, and this method would rule out any possibility of preventing the local band ringing on one of their own special occasions. I quite agree, of course, that it would be, at least, discourteous of the incumbent not to consult his ringers.

Another point that should be mentioned, regrettable though it may be, is the possibility of the Incumbent never knowing of the request for the bells if the approach be made through the local ringers. It is not unknown for a band of ringers to resent anybody at all ringing on 'their' bells. This was more or less the case in my present parish when I arrived—I was even told that the bells were no concern of mine! I feel fairly certain I should never have heard of any requests for the bells if they had come through the then ringers.

A further practical point: outside one's own area how many visiting teams would know the name and address of the captain of the band of the tower which they desired to visit (except in the case of famous towers or ringers)? One could hardly write to the Captain of the Ringers, c/o The Vicarage, could one? As an Incumbent I wouldn't be very pleased or flattered if that happened if it had to come back to me for permission.

Finally, the comments to the Vicar. If P. A. C. is right in what he says, then when a couple approach the Vicar about getting married, the latter should get the church ready, sweep up the confetti afterwards, etc., because the verger hadn't been approached first. Similar incidents can easily be envisaged which go to show how ridiculous the argument is.

I quite agree that if there is the proper relationship between Incumbent and ringers there will be no need to worry—each will consult the other in any eventuality, and it is good to know that this is usually the case. But the fact cannot be altered that the Incumbent is the legal custodian and has the say, whether he use that power properly or not.—Yours truly,

K. W. H. FELSTEAD (REV.).

St. Michael's Vicarage,
Southampton.

CITY TOWERS AVAILABLE

Dear Sir,—Apropos the letter of R. E. Swann, Learner, and your own request for information on City towers available at 6 p.m., the following is a list of ringing facilities in the City:—

Two rings of 12, neither of which is available;

Two rings of 10, one not yet rehung after removal for safety during the war, the other unringable for many years.

Three rings of eight: one has never been rung in living memory, one has not been rung since 1937, the third, St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, is the only possibility, and these are not the best of bells for learners.

Two rings of six, both unringable.

One ring of five, not yet rehung after removal for safety.

Such is the sorry, woeful tale of the rings of bells in the City to-day.—Sincerely yours,

ERNEST J. ROWE.

Tottenham, N.

LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE COMPOSITIONS

Dear Sir,—The composition of Lincolnshire Surprise published by Mr. James Topp in your issue of November 14th was originally obtained by Mr. William Barton. It was rung—probably not for the first time—at Harrietsham, Kent, on July 17th, 1948

Composition in this method is extremely interesting, but scope is of necessity limited if one is restricted to the usual type of peal, generally a 5,056, of which I have some 15 examples by various different composers. Perhaps those interested in the method might like to consider breaking fresh ground, as has Mr. R. F. B. Speed, who, by producing a 5,024, has made the only real advance since the Rev. H. Law James published the first peals in the method 25 years ago.—Yours faithfully,

Crayford. E. A. BARNETT.

Dear Sir,—If the well-known 5.056 of Lincolnshire Surprise Major by H. Law James is transposed to obtain the qualities claimed for the peal in your issue of November 14th, the following peal is obtained:—

23456	B	M	W	H
24536			—	2
32546			—	3
43526			—	
53624		—	3	
52436		2	—	—
35426			—	
45623		—	3	
42356		2	—	—
54326			—	
34625		—	3	
23456	X			2

Now six variations are obtainable by calling bobs on different Q sets at Wrong and Home with the 6th at home. Also all of these variations can be started in three different places and still avoid 82's. Thus, altogether, 18 peals are obtained. Surely this set of compositions belongs to H. Law James; he solved this particular problem first and these variations are hardly original work

The peal given is one of the 18 peals mentioned above.

Peals of Lincolnshire with the 6th the extent home seem to have been worked out, at least those in full courses or with only one short course.

It would be interesting to see a 5,024 in the method containing the 6th extent home, no 82's and no tenors parted. It can be done with the 6th eleven courses home. What about it, Mr. Topp?—Yours sincerely,

Harrow R. F. B. SPEED.

Dear Sir,—Such compositions in the method using blocks either three middles and one home or one middle, three wrongs, one home are based on the well-known and original peal by the Rev. H. Law James. Having regard to the impossibility of producing original peals because of the nature of the false courses, such compositions should be known as arrangements only.

The composition on page 730 of your issue of November 14th is the peal I called at Hethersett on January 7th this year as an arrangement of mine.—Yours faithfully,

Norwich. NOLAN GOLDEN.

CONGRATULATIONS ON NEWMARKET PEAL

Dear Sir,—I offer my congratulations to the band who rang a peal of Cambridge Surprise on the bells of All Saints' Church, Newmarket, on October 21st. I took part in a peal of Stedman Triples there on July 13th, 1906, conducted by the late Rev. F. E. Robinson.

Ickleton, Cambs. P. WEBB.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Successful Meeting at Wyke Regis

Upwards of 40 ringers from Dorset, Somerset and Cornwall attended the meeting of the Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers held at All Saints' Church, Wyke Regis, on November 15th.

The grand ring of eight bells was available from 2.30 p.m. and was kept going until 4 o'clock, when the Guild service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. F. E. Pratt, who gave an inspiring address based on a text taken from St. John xii., v. 5, 'Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence and given to the poor?'

This text, said the Rector, did not at first sight have much in common with ringing, but it was obviously the opinion of a worldly-minded individual, who was more concerned with value than he was with the motive. If we cared to apply this text to our work for the Church, we should see that only the very best was good enough to render to God's service.

Tea was served in the Hall by the lady members of the church, and the business meeting followed, conducted by the Rev. F. E. Pratt, in the unavoidable absence of both the chairman, Canon A. W. Markby, and the vice-chairman, Archdeacon J. C. Chute, who had sent messages of apology. An apology was also read from Mr. F. Precey, Branch Ringing Master.

A Cornish visitor, Mr. Alan Carveth, of Truro, was elected a non-resident life-member, proposed by Mr. E. T. P. Field and seconded by Mr. F. Stedman.

Arrangements for the annual meeting at St. Peter's Church, Dorchester, were left to the chairman and hon. secretary, the suggested date being January 17th.

It was stated that the six bells at Charminster had been dedicated and were now rehung ready for ringing and the Vicar, Canon D. B. Eperson, had expressed a wish that Guild members should attend on the next Sunday evening to ring following the evening service.

Mr. E. H. Amey, of Charminster, invited members to the tower for their next Branch practice, on November 29th, from 6 p.m. till 9 p.m., an offer which was gratefully accepted.

Mr. J. H. Hayne, hon. secretary, told the meeting that he had received a letter from the Guild secretary, Mr. W. C. West, reminding members that the Central Council would be meeting at Bournemouth during next summer, and he hoped that members of the Council would be made welcome throughout the Salisbury Guild area and given every opportunity to ring.

In a tribute to the memory of Mr. W. J. Simons, of St. Peter's, who had died since the last meeting Mr. R. H. Duke said he was a consistent and regular ringer and had taught many to ring. He had only recently given up and then only when forced by ill-health to do so. The members stood in silent tribute to an old friend.

At the close of the meeting the Rev. A. F. Godley proposed a vote of thanks to everyone who had contributed to the success of the meeting and especially to the Rector for his kind welcome, and to the organist and choir.

Mr. Pratt, in reply, said he hoped to see more meetings of this kind, the ringers were always welcome, and he also called for a 'big thank you' for the ladies who had looked after their visitors so well.

Ringing was resumed until 9 p.m. under the direction of Messrs. Field and Stedman. Deputy Ringing Masters of the Branch, methods rung including Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Triples, Plain Bob Minor and Major, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor and Major.

Ringers were present from Wyke Regis, Abbotsbury, Charminster, Dorchester (St. Peter's), Piddlehinton and Preston with visitors from Stalbridge, Templecombe, Truro, Yetminster and Yeovil. J. H. H.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World' November 29th, 1912

LONDON

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY

On Saturday, November 23rd, 1912, in 3 hours and 40 minutes

At the Church of St. Giles, Cripplegate

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES

5,019 CHANGES

Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

John C. Truss	Treble
John S. Goldsmith	2
John D. Matthews	3
John H. Cheesman	4
John Carter	5
John Thomas	6
John Armstrong	7
John R. Sharman	8
John H. B. Hesse	9
John N. Oxborrow	10
John W. Golding	11
John Neal	Tenor

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by John H. Cheesman

This is the first peal on 12 bells by a band having all the same Christian name.

[A performance which remains unique.]

Gratefully Acknowledged

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THE MIRFIELD TAN

The five leads of 120 changes of the Mirfield Tan in Minor on page 750 should read:—

1 Tan at Home
1 Tan in 4th
2 Bobs at Home
} 5 leads 120 changes

We regret that in the imposition of the page two lines should have been transposed.

THE SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION

The peace of the lieges of Alloa was shattered once more when there was an invasion of ringers for the half-yearly meeting of the Scottish Association on October 18th at St. John's, Alloa. Before the ringing had properly begun one of the stays was broken, but this in no way hampered the ringing and there was always someone willing to hold the bell during the short pauses between touches. Ring ranged from rounds to Cambridge.

At this, like many other ringing meetings, more ringers turned up than were expected; they were very welcome but even the extra numbers did not appear to embarrass the Social Guild of St. John's, who most kindly provided tea, as the ringers were not able to clear the tables of the food provided.

A number of the ringers from Dunblane were at the meeting and were duly elected members. All the other towers, except St. James', Leith, were represented. The visitors from outside Scotland included C. E. G. Banham (Norfolk), M. Schofield and R. C. Bell (Watford), F. G. Wilton and A. J. Tickner (Swindon), Allen Batten (Tamworth) and Donald Marshall (Bradford), who are at present temporary residents.

The secretary has in his possession a grey biro pen which was left behind at the end of the meeting and he will be glad to send it on to the owner.

OBITUARY

MR. ALBERT LAMBKIN

Mr. Albert Lambkin, who died in hospital at Scunthorpe, Lincs, on November 16th had many friends in two Guilds—the Guildford Diocesan and Lincoln Diocesan Guilds.

Shalford (Surrey) bells were silent when he first lived in the village and for special ringing a band was imported from Guildford. In 1926 he and Mr. Leslie Hunter decided to form a local company and from that time his interest in ringing never waned. When his railway duties permitted he was always to be found either at service or practice ringing. His friendliness made him popular at all ringers' gatherings.

About five years ago he was bereaved by the death of his wife and, haying retired from railway service, he made his home with his married daughter at Scunthorpe. He immediately contacted the local ringers, helping local bands with their practices and participating in service ringing. On the Tuesday before his death he was ringing. Mr. Lambkin had rung about ten peals.

The funeral service was at Shalford Church on November 19th, the Vicar (the Rev. W. R. Horth) officiating. The bells were rung half-muffled for the service, and to his memory a quarter peal was rung in the evening.

MR. A. E. WILLIAMS

For 32 years churchwarden at Knowle, Warwickshire, and the donor of the second bell in the tower in 1931, Mr. A. E. Williams died on November 9th, aged 78 years.

Many people attended the memorial service for him, which was choral. The choir included four ringers—Miss E. Wootton, Mesdames A. Nix, P. Nix and A. A. Upton. The bells were rung half-muffled in the evening.

Wreaths included one from the choir and bellringers of Knowle Parish Church and another from Packwood Church bellringers.

Bristol City Branch's Outing

The fifth annual outing of the branch took place on October 4th, the party being conveyed in a coach and a black Humber which conveyed two octogenarians and two others who nearly qualify for the same title.

At Hinton-on-the-Green the Vicar, Mr. and Mrs. J. Thomas and Mr. J. Hemmings welcomed the party and the bells were kept going for nearly an hour.

An excellent lunch was enjoyed at Evesham followed with ringing at St. Andrew's, Hampton, and the Bell Tower, Evesham, finishing there with a touch of Stedman Cinques.

The tea interval was taken at Cheltenham and the party took the opportunity to express a very sincere vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. J. Thomas for completing many of the arrangements for the day, and to our colleagues at Cheltenham.

Ringing for the day finished on the twelve at St. Mary's and while some of the party quenched their thirst the handbell enthusiasts enjoyed a little Stedman, Kent and Double Norwich. P. P. A. B.

Norwich Diocesan Association

Twenty members attended the meeting of the South Norfolk Branch at North Lopham on November 8th. The Branch chairman (the Rev. F. E. Vokes) conducted the service, the lesson being read by the president (the Rev. A. St. J. Heard).

Business transacted at the business meeting presided over by the Branch chairman included the election of Mr. Lewis Batley (Wingfield) as a ringing member, and Miss D. M. Reeve (Hockwold) and Mr. James Paul (Elveden) as life members. The annual meeting was fixed for February 7th at Diss.

FOR BEGINNERS—AND A WORD TO THE OLDER HANDS

XXII.—HEREWARD AND LONDON BOB

In preceding articles we dealt with double methods and method grouping—the real object of which has been to show that ringers, with the exercise of average intelligence, will find it perfectly easy to extend their practice from one to a number of methods—let us look at some other methods which come into the group of which Double Oxford and Double Court form part.

It has previously been pointed out that certain blocks of changes, forming plain courses, may have their constituent 'leads' united either by 2nds place or 6ths, when the treble leads, thus forming two different methods. In addition, the same changes can be used to make other methods by the use or omission of 5ths place when the treble lies its whole pull behind. Thus the changes of a plain course can be knit together in one or other of the following ways:

By 2nds only, when treble leads.
By 6ths only, when treble leads.
By 5ths, when treble is behind, and 2nds.
By 5ths, when treble is behind, and 6ths.

Strictly speaking, 6ths, in Minor, is not a 'place' 'within the meaning of the Act,' or, shall we say, 'within the meaning of the application of the word "place."' It is only a necessary whole pull in one position to enable a bell, which has been hunting up, to reverse its course and hunt down. But as 4ths place at the lead head of a regular method is a bob, it follows that if 2nds place is not made when the treble leads, the bell behind must of necessity lay a whole pull, and so we have our methods divided into 2nds place and 6ths place methods.

Double Oxford, as we have explained, is, constructionally, Double Court, with the addition of 5ths place when the treble is behind and 2nds place when the treble leads.

There are two other methods in this group which are obtained by the employment, in one case, of 2nds only, and, in the other, by the use of 5ths only. The former is Hereward Bob and the latter London Bob.

When you come to write out the methods you will find that London Bob is the same as Double Oxford, row for row, until the treble leads, and then 2nds is omitted, and 6ths place is necessarily made by the bell behind.

Hereward Bob follows Double Court, row for row, until the treble leads, when 2nds has to be inserted. In each half-lead of all these four methods places are made across the treble, 4ths and 3rds as it passes up through 3–4; and 3rds and 4ths as it comes down through 4–3. The difference in them all is the link that joins the half-leads.

Here is an interesting thing to do. Write out a full course of one of the methods, cut it into ten pieces by dividing it between the rows when the treble is behind and when it is leading. With these ten pieces you can reconstruct any one of the four methods.

The 'standard' callings as applied to Double Oxford and Double Court apply to these two other methods. Hereward, having 2nds place, is called Wrong, Right, Wrong; and London Bob, having 6ths when the treble leads, In, Out, In.

This is when the 6th is observation bell and the tenors are brought up always the right way behind. If the 5th is to be used as the observation bell and you 'keep the tenors the right way'—as you should—the calling to be used is 'Right, Wrong, Right' in the 2nds place methods; and Out, In, Out in the methods without 2nds place. This applies to all regular Minor methods.

In plain methods two singles are necessary to complete the extent, and they are called at what would otherwise be a 'plain' Right or a plain 'Out,' according to whether it is a 2nds or 6ths place method, if the 6th is the observation bell; and at a plain Wrong or plain In if the 5th is the observation bell. The first single may be called in either the first, second or third part of the first half, as long as the second single is called in the corresponding part of the second half.

Mr. A. J. PITMAN'S RETIREMENT

The peal of Stedman Triples at Aberavon on November 15th was arranged as a compliment to Mr. A. J. Pitman on his retirement, at the age of 65 years.

In the past Mr. Pitman has been fully occupied. Besides his employment as inspector in charge of the large railway yards at Port Talbot (known for its Great Abbey Steelworks), his spare time has been taken up in devoted attention to the care of his wife, who is bedridden and unable to move her limbs.

The writer knows that much of Mr. Pitman's compositions and proofs of other composers' peals have been done on his bedside table when it was thought that he was resting after work.

The ringers expressed the hope that Mr. Pitman will have more time now to devote to composition and also that he will ring peals more frequently. T. M. R.

HUDDERSFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY

Fine weather favoured the Huddersfield District Society for their meeting at Kirkburton on November 8th. A few touches were rung before the service, which was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Maddocks in the absence of the president.

An excellent tea was arranged by Mr. Roberts and enjoyed by a company of 24. The meeting was arranged to coincide with the 50th year of service as a ringer by Mr. Roberts and he received many congratulations.

The next meeting (the annual) is to be held at Halifax Parish Church, the probable date of which will be January 10th.

As many of the younger members were absent, ringing did not go above Stedman and Double Norwich Court Bob Major. It started well and finished well, but, like the proverbial sandwich, that between was of doubtful quality. Probably the considerable sway of the tower made striking more difficult for mixed teams.

COSLANY IMPERIAL MAJOR

No. 242 in the Central Council's Collection of Plain Major Methods

12345678
21436587
24163578
42615387
24651378
24563187
42536817
24356871
23465781
32645718
23654178
23561487
32516478
23154687
21345678
12436587

14263857
Bob
12436587

14235678
Single
12436587

12435678

5,056 by N. GOLDEN

M	W	H	23456
		—	42356
	1		54326
S	2	2	23465
2	1	2	52634
	2		23654
2		1	24356

Five times repeated, substituting two bobs for the S at middle in all parts except the fourth.

Rung at St. Michael-at-Coslany, Norwich, on October 6th, 1952.

METROPOLITAN SURPRISE ROYAL

1234567890
2135476980
1253749608
2157394068
2517930486
5271394068
5217930486
2571390846
5273198064
5723910846
7532198064
7352910846
3725901486
3279504168
2397051486
3297504168
2379054618
2730945681
7203496518
7024369581
0742639851

1462830597
1426385079
4ths place bob.

Rung at Christ Church, Macclesfield, October 8th, 1952.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM OUTING

Towers visited by Sible Hedingham ringers on October 11th for a half-day's outing were Rayleigh (8), Great Wakering (6), Thorpe Bay (8) and Boreham (8). Unfortunately, Prittlewell tower was under repair. At Great Wakering Mrs. Woodgate prepared a nice tea. Thanks are expressed to Miss M. Smith, Mr. F. Lufkin and Mr. A. Everitt and the Incumbents and towerkeepers. The party included Messrs. A. A. Finch (Sudbury), T. Bird (Wickham St. Paul) and G. Trendall (Pebmarsh).

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QUARTER PEALS

ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—On Aug. 31st, at St. Peter's Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Stacey 1, Ruth Donnelly 2, Betty Sloan 3, W. M. Rowe (cond.) 4, J. Boutland 5, J. J. Cummins 6, L. R. A. Curran 7, H. Cox (first of Triples) 8. First quarter of Triples on the bells.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Rosemary Patching (first quarter) 1, Mary W. Brown 2, Agnes F. Millam (first quarter) 3, Harry W. Brown 4, Stanley W. Brown (cond.) 5, D. H. Paine (first quarter) 6. Rung in honour of the fourth birthday of Prince Charles.

BADSEY, WORCS.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Mitchell 1, R. Jelfs 2, A. J. Taylor 3, T. W. Hardiman 4, A. Worthington 5, A. J. Brazier 6, R. R. Savory (cond.) 7, E. M. Mitchell 8. Rung on the occasion of the golden wedding of Mr. G. A. King, ringer and churchwarden at this church, and Mrs. King.

BOSTON, LINCS.—On Nov. 9th, at St. Botolph's, 1,260 Bob Royal: J. Brian 1, Lorna Briggs 2, F. Dewey 3, A. Freeston 4, S. Jessop 5, R. Brown 6, D. White 7, T. Freeston 8, W. E. Clarke (cond.) 9, J. Petch 10. Rung for Remembrance Day.

CHELSFIELD, KENT.—On Nov. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Parker 1, Ann Pannell 2, J. A. Pannell 3, V. Webster (first quarter 'inside') 4, J. C. Carpenter (cond.) 5, A. C. Smith (first quarter) 6. Rung for patronal festival.

CHESTER.—At St. Mary-on-the-Hill, on Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Thelma Townend 1, H. O. Baker (cond.) 2, Betty Griffiths 3, Shirley Golding 4, B. Kenny 5, Rev. J. Kingdon 6, G. F. Sperring 7, P. Townend 8.

CHELSEA, LONDON—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. H. Lott 1, K. M. H. Branson 2, F. Udall 3, J. M. R. Atkins 4, J. M. Weddell (first as cond., first 'inside' to Grandsire) 5, C. M. Meyer 6, P. A. Carter 7, C. Bartlett 8. Rung to celebrate the christening of Peter L. M. Meyer, first son of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Meyer.

FULHAM, MIDDLX.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Bob Royal: Mrs. C. J. Watts 1, H. Miles 2, I. Goulter 3, R. J. Bowden 4, A. M. Tyler 5, A. W. T. Cleaver 6, T. E. Marks 7, P. Baker 8, T. J. Setter 9, J. Phillips (cond.) 10.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On Nov. 16th, 1,440 Minor (720 each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob): M. Orme (15, first quarter) 1, P. Croft 2, G. Cherry 3, J. Church 4, W. Croft 5, F. Croft (cond.) 6.

HAZELBURY BRYAN, DORSET.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Foot 1, Bert Ridout 2, Ben Ridout (cond.) 3, F. Hilliar 4, L. Ridout 5, W. Ricketts 6. First quarter for 1, 5 and 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam William Uphall, a member of the local band.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On Nov. 9th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: L. Fidler 1, P. Croft 2, G. Cherry 3, W. Todd (first in method 'inside') 4, E. Winters 5, J. Church 6, D. Jones 7, F. Croft (cond.) 8. Also on Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Winters 1, P. Croft 2, L. Fidler 3, G. Cherry 4, J. Church 5, F. Croft 6, D. Gullick (first of Triples as cond.) 7, W. Todd 8.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Nov. 16th, 1,280 Lyme Surprise Major: Miss R. Buchthal 1, Miss E. Brown 2, H. G. Keeley 3, Canon C. C. Cox 4, R. Keeley 5, C. W. Powell 6, G. H. Whitemore 7, G. S. Morris (cond.) 8. First in the method by 1 and 2.

MELBOURNE, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA.—On Aug. 24th, at St. Paul's Cathedral, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: J. Roper 1, Mrs. P. Gray 2, Miss V. Willard 3, Miss E. Sloan 4, Miss B. Beeson 5, J. J. Cummins 6, K. Stacey 7, J. Boutland 8, D. Curran 9, W. Rowe (cond.) 10. First of Royal for 4, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10, who come from Sydney. In memoriam R. H. McDonald, of Sydney.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles, with 7 and 8 covering: Mrs. M. M. Osborne 1 Miss S. Booth 3, Mrs. J. C. Northan 4, H. F. Perry 5, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 6, A. T. Langstone 7, J. Merrett (first quarter) 8. 7-8 covering. First in method by all. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Sage (first quarter away from tenor) 1, H. Floyd 2, Miss B. Rowsell (first away from treble) 3, W. H. Tarr 4, F. Matravers 5, H. Mockridge 6, W. G. Gigg (cond.) 7, P. Pengelly 8. For Remembrance Sunday.

WIDCOMBE, BATH, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 16th, 1,260 Doubles (360 April Day, 480 Bob, 420 Grandsire): R. Collett 1, Mrs. P. Newman 2, P. Bate 3, E. Fry 4, H. Newman (cond.) 5, R. Burgess 6. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. Walker. First quarter in more than one method by all except 4.

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—Practice meeting at Cannington, Nov. 29th, 6.30 p.m.—R. Short, Chilton Trinity. 1740

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at St. Paul's, Staley, on Nov. 29th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15.—C. K. Lewis. 1683

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Annual nomination meeting at Aldershot on Saturday Nov. 29th, from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m.—G. S. Joyce, 130, Ship Lane, Farnborough, Hants. 1684

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting at St. Mary's, East Molesey, on Saturday, Nov. 29th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 Tea at Royal Cafe, Bridge Road, 5 p.m. Nomination meeting after.—W. Simmonds, Hon. Sec. 1738

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Baldock, Nov. 29th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special method: Duffield.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec 1672

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Woodford (near Gates Corner, South Woodford), Nov. 29th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Leytonstone bells (8) from 6.30. Names for tea to Miss A. M. Bailey, The Gables, Avenue Road, Bishop's Stortford. 1667

NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Antual meeting, Swaffham, Nov. 29th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea shops in town. Business meeting 6 p.m. in belfry.—W. J. Eldred, 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn. 1691

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Annual Dinner on Saturday, Nov. 29th, in Westgate Lodge Hotel, Winchester, at 7 p.m., followed by social evening. Bells available: Cathedral (12) 2—3, St. Maurice's (6) 3.30—5, Hursley (8) and Twyford (8) 2—4, Alresford (8) 2.30—4.30. Service in St. Lawrence's 5.15. Tickets (8s.) from Mr. J. A. C. King, 29, Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester. 1658

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Monday, Dec. 1st, 7.15 p.m., general practice. St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge. 1703

BUXHALL, SUFFOLK.—The restored and augmented ring of six bells will be rededicated by the Bishop of Dunwich at a special service at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 2nd. All ringers and friends welcome. 1665

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting, Yeovil, Dec. 6th. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow at the Cottage Cafe. Early notification for tea, please.—F. Farrant, Martock. 1705

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Annual meeting, Portishead, Dec. 6th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 1728

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Annual meeting, Wilton, Dec. 6th. Bells 2.45. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please.—A. H. Reed, George Street, Taunton. 1733

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Meeting, Dec. 6th, Stevington, 3. Service 4.30. Tea at Red Lion 5. Oakley bells during evening. Special method, Carter. Please note Bedford A.G.M., January 3rd.—Michael Stephens. 1745

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Ringing meeting, Davenham (6), Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, not later than Dec. 2nd, to D. Smith, 29, West Avenue, Rudheath, Northwich. 1719

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Saturday, Dec. 6th, Ilmington (6), 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30. Tea for those who notify by Wednesday, Dec. 3rd, morning.—R. J. Edden. 1709

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at St. Nicholas', Cramlington, on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Names for tea, by Thursday, Dec. 4th, to Mr. Hart, 3, Blagdon Terrace, Cramlington. 1741

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Melbourn, Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 1720

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Eastern Division.—Meeting, Great Waltham (8), Saturday, Dec. 6th—amended date. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. H. Everett, The Chase, Boreham. 1577

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Mary's, Cheltenham, Dec. 6th. Bells (12) 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. Notify for tea.—P. Baker, 40, St. Michael's Avenue, Bishop's Cleeve. 1685

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Annual meeting, Dec. 6th, St. Mary Redcliffe (12) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., Church Hall, Guinea Street. Meeting follows. Please attend. Important business. Advise for tea, by Dec. 4th, F. Hancock, 124, Coronation Road, Bristol 3.—A. Bennett, Sec. 1735

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch.—Annual meeting at Lydney, Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells (8) 2. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Names for tea, by Wednesday, December 3rd, to Mrs. D. Stafford, Staunton, near Coleford, Glos. 1714

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Annual meeting, Watermoor, Dec. 6th. Bells (8) open 3 p.m., afternoon and evening. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by Dec. 4th.—E. H. Jefferies, 24, Siddington, near Cirencester, Glos. 1754

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Saturday Dec. 6th, Bishey (8), 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to R. G. Bell, 131, Hamper Mill Lane, Watford. Tel. Watford 7936. 1715

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District.—By-meeting at Borden (8) on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells from 3 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, Dec. 2nd, to C. S. Jarrett, 1, Blenheim Avenue, Chatham. 1702

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Meeting, Hollingbourne (6), Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 1730

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midlands District.—Meeting at Chilvers Coton on Dec. 6th. Bells (10) available at 3 p.m. Tea available for those notifying me by Tuesday, Dec. 2nd.—Audrey A. Timms, 32, Redesdale Avenue, Coundon, Coventry. 1739

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Clitheroe on Dec. 6th. Ringing at 2.30 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 1744

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Meeting at Burton-in-Kendal, Westmorland, on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells (6) 2.30-8.30. Tea 4.30. Names for tea to A. Casson, 5, Barton Row, Burton-in-Kendal, near Carnforth.—R. F. Eccles, Branch Sec. 1750

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Ormskirk Parish Church on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Pilkington, 34, Derby Street, Ormskirk.—W. O. Farrimond, Branch Sec. 1753

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION and ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. — Joint meeting, Dec. 6th, St. Giles-in-the-Fields' (8), 3-4.30; St. Martin-in-the-Fields' (12), 4-5.15; St. Margaret's, Westminster (10), 7-9. Tea easily obtainable in vicinity.—F. W. Goodfellow and K. Matthews, Hon. Secs. 1712

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Stoke-on-Trent, Saturday, Dec. 6th. Names for tea to Mr. C. H. Page, 57, Oxford Street, Penkhull, Stoke-on-Trent.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 1706

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Meeting, Hampstead Norris, Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names, by Wednesday, Dec. 3rd, to Mr. J. Weaving, Hackney Bottom, Hampstead Norris. 1687

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting at Bletchley, Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells 2.30. Service 3.30. Please notify for tea by Nov. 30th.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 1695

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — W.W.H. Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Ashbury, Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Names by Dec. 3rd.—M. J. Pryor, 59, Marlborough Gardens, Faringdon. 1697

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practice at St. Paul's, Wokingham, on Saturday, Dec. 6th, 6.30-9 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 1710

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD — South Oxon Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Haddenham, Bucks, at 5.30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 6th.—H. Budger, Branch Sec. 1747

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting at Watford (6), Dec. 6th. Names for tea, before Dec. 2nd, please, to E. Orland, High Street, Long Buckby, Rugby. 1732

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD — Devizes Branch.—Meeting at Holt (6) on Dec. 6th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service and tea. Names to Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 1734

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Practice meeting, Shrewton (6), Dec. 6th. Names for tea, by Dec. 2nd, please.—Miss Eloie, 81, Hamilton Road, Salisbury. 1708

SALISBURY GUILD. — West Dorset Branch.—Annual meeting, Lyme Regis, Dec. 6th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4. Tea and meeting follow. Other towers open: Uplyme (6) afternoon and evening; Axminster (8) after 5.30. Names for tea by Dec. 1st, please.—C. H. Lathey. 1713

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY — Final meeting of the year at Handsworth on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Silver Cup Committee meet as advised in belfry 2 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. H. Taylor, 89, Hall Road, Sheffield 9.—J. E. Turley, Hon. Sec. 1718

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD — Practice meeting will be held at Rettendon on Saturday, Dec. 6th, at 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided; please bring own food.—P. A. Sadler. 1736

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Radcliffe-on-Trent (8), Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Names for tea, by Thursday previous, to Mr. A. Lygo, Kelvinside, Cranfield Avenue, Radcliffe-on-Trent, Nottingham. 1707

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Halesworth District.—Ringing meeting, Saturday, Dec. 6th, at Halesworth (8), 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Dec. 3rd, to R. S. Payne, 21, Hotson Road, Southwold. 1694

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District — Meeting at Newmarket, St. Mary's Church, 3 p.m., Saturday, December 6th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. M. Reeve. 1726

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Sudbury-Clare District. — Evening practice meeting, Dec. 6th. Bells (6) 5.30 p.m., Stoke-by-Clare.—L. D. Mills, Hon. Sec. 1721

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North Western District.—Meeting at All Saints', Benhilton, on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Church Hall after service. Nominations for District Officers. Notice for tea, by Dec. 4th, to Mr. Gosden, 12, Meadow Close, Sutton, Surrey.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Secretary. 1690

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD. — Southern District.—Annual meeting, Gorseinon, Sat., Dec. 6th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names please, by Nov. 29th.—A. J. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Fforestfach, Swansea. 1675

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern — Quarterly meeting, Crawley (8), Dec. 6th, 3 p.m. Tea for those who advise by Dec. 3rd.—G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley, Sussex. 1716

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION — Western Branch. — Branch annual meeting, Saturday, Dec. 6th., at Kempsey. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea by Tuesday, Dec. 2nd, to E. F. Cubberley, Park Cottages, Kempsey, near Worcester. 1748

SILSOE, BEDS.—To commemorate the anniversary of the dedication of the bells, a special ringers' service will be held on Sunday, Dec. 7th, at 3 p.m. Ringing before and after the service. Tea at 4.30 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome. 1755

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Deanery.—Annual meeting at Ilminster Saturday, Dec. 13th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify by Tuesday, 9th, for tea.—J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec. 1711

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Annual meeting, Exeter, Saturday, Dec. 13th. Ringing, St. Mark's (new 8), 2.30-3.30. Service at St. Petrock's, 4 p.m. Tea and meeting, St. David's Institute, St. David's Hill, 4.30. Ringing, Heavitree, 7-8.30 p.m. Other Exeter towers if requested. Names by Dec. 9th.—F. Wreford, 24, Normandy Road, Exeter. 1677

EARDISLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE.—The recast and augmented ring of eight bells (John Taylor and Co.) will be dedicated by the Bishop of Hereford at 3 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 13th. All ringers and friends welcome. Names for teas, by Dec. 9th, to L. Evans, The Brouch, Eardisland, Leominster. 1717

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Annual meeting, Ashton-under-Hill, Dec. 13th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5. Names for tea, by Tuesday, Dec. 9th, to J. Beech, 6, Abbey Terrace, Tewkesbury. Tel. 2308. 1725

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting, Ewell, Dec. 13th. Usual arrangements. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 in Church Room. Business to nominate District officers for 1953. Names for tea, by previous Wednesday, to John Beams, 4, Cottage Road, West Ewell.—A. H. Smith. 1746

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at King's Langley (8), Saturday, Dec. 13th, 3 p.m. Names for tea, by Dec. 11th, to Mr. A. G. Cook, 10, High Street, King's Langley.—P. A. Martin. 1723

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford City and District Branch.—Meeting, St. Ebbe's, Oxford, Saturday, Dec. 13th. Ringing 2.30. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Dec. 10th, to Miss M. R. Cross, The School House, Radley, Abingdon, Berks. 1727

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD — Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Weedon, Saturday, Dec. 13th. Names for tea, not later than Saturday, Dec. 6th, to Mrs. Hill, 14, New Street, Lower Weedon, Northants.—F. W. Hancock, Hon. Sec. 1729

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts District.—Meeting at Tuxford (6), Saturday, Dec. 13th (Edwinstowe unavailable). Names for tea by 10th to Mr. W. Brett, 1, Ashvale, Tuxford, Newark.—H. Denman. 1731

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Redhill, Dec. 13th, Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by business meeting including nominations for District officers for 1953. Names for tea to Miss Illman, 12, Garlands Road, Redhill. 1742

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Wonston, Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 3.15. Tea 4.15 at Coach and Horses Inn, Sutton Scotney. Names, by previous Wednesday, to Mr. J. A. C. King, 29, Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester. 1751

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District. — Quarterly meeting at Rothwell on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Committee meeting 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify, by Wednesday, Dec. 10th, Mr. T. W. Strangeway, 21, Haigh Avenue, Rothwell, near Leeds. Special business; Election of new committee member; nominations to be sent to the District Secretary. Members please note these arrangements as no circulars will be issued.—A. E. Marsh, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1686

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT RINGING SOCIETY.—Annual dinner will be held in Beverley on Jan. 31st, 1953. Members and friends please keep this date free. More details later. 1722

CREATON, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Seaton 1, S. Brown 2, W. Brown 3, D. Griffin 4, A. J. Millward 5, G. A. Hollick (cond.) 6. After a peal failure due to rope trouble.

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THE VALUE OF OLD ACCOUNTS TO CAMPANOLOGY

THE Parish Church at Knowle, Warwickshire, has had bells for 550 years, and the story of their maintenance for the last 300 years can be followed in the Chapel Wardens' Accounts*, which begin in 1672. There can be comparatively few ringers who realise the fascinating interest and quaint descriptions of incidents in the Churchwardens' Accounts preserved in the older parish churches. Although there is nothing outstanding about the Knowle Accounts, the quotations below are solely from them, the writer being fully conversant with them.

In 1672 the first entry in the Accounts referring to ringers reads: 'Nouember 5 1672 gaue the Ringers 2/6.' The money was paid for ale, so it probably reached no further than the innkeeper's till. In those far-off days, with the bell founder's work of a lower standard than to-day, ringing was thirsty work!

Ropes were not so soundly constructed then as they are now, or else they were used so often as to necessitate their annual renewal. Prices also fluctuated—whether because of the degree of urgency for replacement one cannot tell—but they cost 8s. 4d. in 1674, while in the ensuing ten years the cost varied between 7s. 4d. and 10s. 6d.

Minor repairs to the bells were numerous yet not without interest, for the Accounts often mention names of local tradesmen. Sundry entries in the Knowle Accounts, taken at random, have their parallels in almost any in the country.

1672. pd William Needles for putting in the Bauldrick making it new and mending the staple of the Bell 2/8.
1676. pd Archelaus Busbe for work about ye Bells 1/–.
1690. pd Andrew Needle for mending the bell wheel 1/6.
1700. pd for mending a Bell Clapper & Brass 10d.
1702. pd to Tho Barlow for cotters & ferrils for ye Bells 10d.
1704. pd for Nails for the Bell Frame and Floor Is.
1736. For taking up the Bells and Staying 'em 1s.

* Knowle was a chapel-of-ease until 1860 and not a parish church.

The bauldrick (bawdrick, baudrick, baldribb, etc.) was a leather thong by which the clapper was suspended from a staple in the crown of the bell.

Besides the local flavour of the Accounts there are events of national importance for which the ringers were called out to herald in the usual way, for agreed sums of money.

1684. pd to ye Ringers on ye Kings Coronation Day 2/6.
1688. June 28. Gave the Ringers & pd for gunpowder when the Bishoppes were sett free 2/6.
1689. Gave the Ringers on Coronacon day 3s.
1691. Given to the Ringers at the seige of Lymerick 1s.
1694. pd Andrew Neeler for tolling the Bell for the Buriall of the Queen 1s.
1713. Gave to the Ringers on ye Acct of ye news of ye peace 2/6.
1714. Gave to the Ringers at ye landing of ye King 2/6.

When recasting became necessary in 1681 and again in 1687, the Chapel Wardens' Accounts recorded the payments in detail, so that little is left to the imagination. The first sign of anxiety for the bells was apparent when 3s. 9d. was spent 'at a meeting about the bells' at the beginning of 1687. As a result 'a man' was paid 3s. for going to the bell founders, and subsequently the bells were removed and carted off to the bell foundry. The expenses were enormous, even to the extent that when Mathew Bagly, the bell founder, came to Knowle, the sum of 3s. 11d. (about £2 of modern money) was spent on him. Some of the work involved makes interesting reading—how, at each end, the bells were loaded after being weighed, the carriage expenses and, of course, the various accoutrements on the bells' return to Knowle.

On peal boards in any tower can be seen names of ringers in peals, but where, as at Knowle, there were but three bells in olden times and peals non-existent, the Accounts are invaluable. The first named ringer at Knowle was one Andrew Neeler, in 1694, who was paid 1s. for tolling the bell at the time of the Queen's burial.

Customs in the belfry are observed in most old churches, some going right back to very ancient times. At Knowle the observance of some of them can be seen on referring to the Chapel Wardens' Accounts. On November 5th the bells still peal out, as they did 300 years ago, for 'Gunpowder, treason and plot.' The difference is that it was in those days a paid job—now it is voluntary. At 8 p.m. from

November 5th until Christmas Eve the curfew is rung—a job which was worth 10s. in days gone by, but now an unpaid privilege.

Were space not limited this article could be extended, but what appears above is merely the bone—plenty of good meat can be found in the Churchwardens' Accounts to fill a small book about any belfry. It is sincerely hoped that some ringers will be desirous of looking up the ancient records of their tower and bells and, in some way, collect them all into one book of records. How about it, campanologists?

ANTHONY A. UPTON.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 24 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in D.

LEONARD TREVOR	*Treble*	BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	2	RICHARD INGRAM	8
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	3	*HUBERT E. ASHLEY	9
MRS. DOROTHY E. BEAMISH	4	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON	10
CLAUDIA A. HARDING	5	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON	11
FRANK E. PERVIN	6	JOHN E. LLOYD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by LEONARD TREVOR.
* First peal on twelve bells.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

FREDERICK G. LEAKER	*Treble*	W. BERTRAM KYNASTON	7
ALBERT M. TYLER	2	*FRANK A. PENN	8
*B. ENID LLOYD ROBERTS	3	†IVOR H. TRUEMAN	9
*REGINALD G. HOOPER	4	NORMAN H. COOMBS	10
ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER	5	GILBERT H. HARDING	11
WALTER H. TRUEMAN	6	*RICHARD J. BOWDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by ALBERT M. TYLER.
* First peal of Cinques. † First peal of Stedman Cinques. First peal of Stedman Cinques as conductor. R. G. Hooper and F. A. Penn have now rung peals of Stedman from Doubles to Cinques.

TEN BELL PEALS

BISHOP HATFIELD, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ETHELDREDA,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in D.

THOMAS J. LOCK	*Treble*	†PHILIP J. COWARD	6
MRS. N. O. L. MANCHIP	2	ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
*RICHARD F. B. SPEED	3	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM	8
*ALICK CUTLER	4	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	9
A. RONALD LING	5	THOMAS H. FRANCIS	*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK E. DARBY. Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.
* First peal of Treble Ten. † First peal on ten bells.

MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS. MARY, GEORGE AND DENYS,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 28 cwt.

DEREK OGDEN	*Treble*	THOMAS W. HESKETH	6
JULIA PRESTON	2	BRIAN THRELFALL	7
*MARY WALSHAW	3	RALPH G. EDWARDS	8
*GEORGE HESKETH	4	EDWIN C. BIRKETT	9
JOHN E. SPICE	5	PERCIVAL W. CAVE	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN A. BURFORD. Conducted by PERCIVAL W. CAVE.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal. First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal as conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21¼ cwt.

WILFRED EDWARDS	*Treble*	JESSE HARRISON	5
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER	2	ALFRED BRIDGES	6
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER	3	ROLAND BIGGS	7
GEORGE SWIFT	4	WALTER LEE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WALTER LEE.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

RUNCORN, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 8, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.

ANN WORTH	*Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS	5
HENRY O. BAKER	2	RALPH G. EDWARDS	6
NEIL LOMAS	3	JOHN WORTH	7
JOHN E. BIBBY	4	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.
Rung to celebrate the wedding earlier this day at this church of Miss May Fletcher and Mr. Walter Allman, head ringer at Runcorn.

LONG ASHTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Fri., Nov 14, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

JOHN THOMAS	*Treble*	DAVID G. YEO	5
MRS. JOHN THOMAS	2	HERBERT W. KNIGHT	6
GEORGE PRESCOTT	3	ROGER O. FRY	7
ERNEST F. SHEARN	4	LEONARD DERRICK	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL OF ST. CHAD,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in F.

SHIRLEY V. RYMER	*Treble*	ANTHONY AGER	5
MURIEL REAY	2	JOHN PINFOLD	6
BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	3	HENRY H. FEARN	7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

HATFIELD BROAD OAK, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18¼ cwt. in E.

GEORGE SCHLUETER	*Treble*	H. WALTER SMITH	5
RONALD SUCKLING	2	*DR. CASTLETON	6
ALFRED LITTLE	3	GEORGE SAUNDERS	7
JOHN WARNER	4	ERNEST BRIGHT	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.
* First peal in the method.

ROCESTER, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr.

FREDK. E. WILSHAW	*Treble*	RICHARD J. WARRILOW	5
WALTER G. SOAR	2	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	6
HAROLD TAYLOR	3	JOSEPH WM. COTTON	7
FRANCIS R. LOWE	4	FREDK. WM. GROCOTT	*Tenor*

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by FREDK. WM. GROCOTT.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Prince Charles.

SALISBURY, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

JACK MUSSELL	*Treble*	*HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS	5
*JOAN M. GRAY	2	*LESLIE A. PAGE	6
WILLIAM C. SHUTE	3	PETER R. BLACKMAN	7
JOHN HARTLESS	4	RONALD N. MARLOW	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by RONALD N. MARLOW.
*First peal of Kent Treble Bob. First peal in the method as conductor.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18¼ cwt.

*ERNEST BROWN	*Treble*	ALBERT CATTERWELL	5
FRANK CLAYDON	2	*JACK H. BRETT	6
CLAUDE SNOWDEN	3	THOMAS BIRD	7
HILDA G. SNOWDEN	4	WALTER ARNOLD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WALTER ARNOLD.
*First peal in the method.

SOUTH ANSTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5056 ZETLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in G.

DAVID G. JACKSON	*Treble*	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	5
F. BERNARD DITCHER	2	J. FREDERICK MILNER	6
J. EDWARD CAWSER	3	WILFRID F. MORETON	7
HOWARD SCOTT	4	GIBSON JACKSON	*Tenor*

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.
First peal in the method by all the band, in the county and for the Association. A birthday compliment to J. F. Milner.

WALLINGFORD, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-MORE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Taylor's. Tenor 21¼ cwt.

AUDREY B. CASTELL	*Treble*	JOHN N. MONEY	5
FREDERICK S. SMITH	2	ROBERT B. BLOND	6
FRANK ABSOLOM	3	JACK BERRY	7
*ALFRED H. JARVIS	4	TIM C. CORDEROY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT B. BLOND.
*First peal of Triples.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Nov. 17, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH.
A PEAL OF 5152 SOUTHGATE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Treble*	BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	5
MURIEL REAY	2	JOHN PINFOLD	6
SHIRLEY V. RYMER	3	HENRY H. FEARN	7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
First peal in the method for the Guild, and by all.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 17, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's Eight-part Variation of Thurstans'. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

EDWIN BARNETT	*Treble*	JAMES W. EDEN	5
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	2	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	6
WALTER J. LEMON	3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	7
MARY FULLER	4	RALPH BIRD	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

GREAT HOLLAND, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Nov. 18, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

ALAN R. ANDREWS	*Treble*	JAMES H. EDWARDS	5
ARTHUR G. BUTTON	2	GEORGE WATERMAN	6
EDWARD B. SMITH	3	WALTER SOUTHGATE	7
URBAN W. WILDNEY	4	EDWARD E. DAVEY	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

WIDFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Nov. 18, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation of Middleton's. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

WILLIAM S. MAY	*Treble*	GERALD FROST	5
FRANK L. HARRIS	2	PETER J. EVES	6
JEAN M. HARRIS	3	FRANK B. LUFKIN	7
ERNEST W. FURBANK	4	JOHN H. CRAMPION	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.
LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.
On Wed., Nov. 19, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14 cwt.

DAPHNE LUKE	*Treble*	FRANCIS D. BISHOP	5
CHARLES T. RICHARDS	2	THOMAS E. DAVIES	6
J. E. LEWIS COCKEY	3	WILFRID G. WILSON	7
BERYL R. COWLIN	4	*GEOFFREY M. HARVEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID G. WILSON.
* First peal.
Rung as a farewell compliment to Mr. H. P. Moss, sometime churchwarden and for many years a member of the Parochial Church Council and congregation of St. Stephen's.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 19, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5184 ALBURGH COURT MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 48 lb. in G.

THOMAS R. SIMMONS	*Treble*	GEORGE SAYER	5
WILLIAM LOVE	2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	6
ARTHUR G. BASON	3	BERT GOGLE	7
F. CHARLES GOODMAN	4	NOLAN GOLDEN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
The first peal in the method, first published in 'The Bell News,' May 20th, 1910, p. 196, by Gabriel Lindoff; C.C. Collection of Plain Major Methods (second edition), No. 121.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Nov. 20, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5088 APSLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	*Treble*	ANTHONY AGER	5
MURIEL REAY	2	TERRY R. HAMPTON	6
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	3	BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	7
SHIRLEY V. RYMER	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by RICHARD F. B. SPEED. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
First peal in the method for the Guild, and by all.

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DARTFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Nov. 20, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 18¼ cwt.

*PETER P. BROWN	*Treble*	FRANK E. WALKER	5
THOMAS TAYLOR	2	CYRIL S. JARRETT	6
GEORGE KENWARD	3	ROBERT G. RAYFIELD	7
PETER R. BORER	4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT G. RAYFIELD.

* First peal.

Rung in honour of the fifth anniversary of the wedding of H.M. the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh.

NORTHAMPTON.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Northampton Branch.)
On Thurs., Nov. 20, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND, KING AND MARTYR,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

A Variation of Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

GEORGE CARE	*Treble*	†BERNARD E. FROST	5
*BERTIE O. SODEN	2	STANLEY F. EARL	6
†GEORGE ROOME	3	ERIC NOBLES	7
FRANK BURGESS	4	‡WILLIAM R. HAMMONS	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by BERTIE O. SODEN.

*100th peal. † First peal on eight bells. ‡ First peal of Grandsire Triples.

Rung on St. Edmund's Day to commemorate the centenary of this church.

LOUGHBOROUGH.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 21, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5056 LYME SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6½ cwt.

JOHN B. BENNETT	*Treble*	S. ANTHONY JESSON	5
HAROLD J. POOLE	2	PETER J. STANIFORTH	6
MRS. H. J. POOLE	3	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	7
ERNEST W. RAWSON	4	JOHN R. SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

BATHWICK, BATH, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in E flat.

ERIC NAYLOR	*Treble*	JESSE HALLETT	5
MRS. DORA EVANS	2	EDWARD J. FRY	6
GEORGE J. HAWKINS	3	†KENNETH F. MEDWAY	7
*WILLIAM F. J. COPE	4	ROGER O. FRY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. BARKER. Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.

* First peal of Bob Major. † First peal of Bob Major 'inside.'

Arranged and rung in honour of the 80th birthday of Mr. A. E. Baverstock, a local ringer.

BOCKING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE DEANERY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18¾ cwt. in E.

HAROLD MOORE	*Treble*	*TERRY EARLE	5
MRS. M. MOORE	2	RONALD SUCKLING	6
PETER WOOD	3	STANLEY BONES	7
*ALAN SYDER	4	GEORGE SAUNDERS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.

* First peal of Major.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Thurstans' Five-part. Tenor 17¼ cwt. in E.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON	*Treble*	MAURICE THOMAS	5
NORMAN TOMPKINS	2	PETER CROOK, SEN.	6
GEOFFREY PEARSON	3	JOSEPH THORNLEY	7
ALAN PENDLEBURY	4	JOHN F. WOOD	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.

Rung for the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Philip P. Grundy. The former is a sidesmen at this church and Mrs. Grundy is a prominent worker for the G.F.S., being vice-president for the Manchester Diocese.

BROUGHTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
J. W. Washbrook's Variation of Thurstans' Four-part.
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in E.

FREDK. E. WILSHAW	*Treble*	CHARLES H. PAGE	5
*CHARLES S. RYLES	2	EWART H. EDGE	6
JUNE MARIE HENSHAW	3	FREDK. W. GROCOTT	7
ALAN D. STEEL	4	ALBERT H. LAWTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK WM. GROCOTT.

* First peal of Stedman.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. A. H. Lawton, who rang his first peal 45 years ago.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

EDGAR R. RAPLEY	*Treble*	JAMES W. JEFFREY	5
GEORGE APPS	2	*JAMES H. LILLEY	6
*BERNARD G. MOORE	3	KENNETH SNELLING	7
LEONARD STILWELL	4	RAYMOND OVERY	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 377). Conducted by RAYMOND OVERY.

* First peal in the method.

HIGHER WALTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Preston Branch.)
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5152 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16¼ cwt.

JOHN CHARNOCK	*Treble*	SIDNEY J. PHILBRICK	5
*JAMES B. CLARKE	2	LAWRENCE WALMSLEY	6
IAN JONES	3	JOHN JACKSON	7
ERIC BALDWIN	4	†FRANK STEAD	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 1). Conducted by JOHN CHARNOCK.

* First peal. † First peal in method 'inside.'

LISS, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Ten-part. Tenor 12 cwt. 44 lb.

*MYRTLE A. CASS	*Treble*	CLIFFORD J. BEADLE	5
DAVID B. WILLIAMSON*	2	E. JOHN WELLS	6
†PETER G. SHERWOOD	3	ROY COLLINS	7
WILLIAM J. PAICE	4	*ALAN BETSWORTH	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. PAICE.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Triples on an 'inside' bell.

PENKRIDGE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

*EDMUND MALIN	*Treble*	ROY K. MOWFORTH	5
JOAN BERESFORD	2	DENNIS BERESFORD	6
RICHARD J. WARRILOW	3	GEORGE E. OLIVER	7
ROGER HAWKESWORTH	4	ROY BASTONE	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. OLIVER.

* First peal in the method.

Rung as a compliment to Mrs. G. E. Oliver on her birthday.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5120 GROSVENOR IMPERIAL BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

SHIRLEY GOLDING	*Treble*	JOHN W. BEST	5
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	2	GEORGE H. RANDLES	6
DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	3	R. GORDON CORBY	7
NORAH M. BIBBY	4	PERCY SWINDLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by PERCY SWINDLEY.

The first peal in the method (C.C.C. 366).

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BARKSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 13 lb.

*GEORGE A. INGLEBY	*Treble*	WILLIAM H. DALE	4
ARTHUR DRURY	2	HARRY BARNES	5
ARNOLD HILL	3	GEORGE W. CREASEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE W. CREASEY.

* First peal.

GOOSTREY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of St. Columb, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps Pleasure, Plain Bob, April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Grandsire. Tenor 6 cwt.

MISS J. M. S. COOKE	*Treble*	SYDNEY SAGE	4
BERNARD J. ONGLEY	2	ERNEST PIMLOTT	5
ROBERT BARRATT	3	ERNEST L. ELLIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST PIMLOTT.

First peal in seven Doubles methods by all the band and on the bells.

Rung for the marriage of John Henry Lawrence and Sylvia Ruth Barratt, daughter of the 3rd ringer, which took place at Chelford.

MEMBURY, DEVONSHIRE.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt.

HENRY G. KEELEY	*Treble*	ARTHUR J. SCOTT	4
*H. DENNIS W. BISHOP	2	ROGER KEELEY	5
BRIAN PIDGEON	3	G. STEDMAN MORRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.

* First peal of Surprise.

The first peal on the bells since augmentation from five to six.

RETTENDON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods, being one extent of Kent Treble Bob, one extent of St. Clement's and five extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9¼ cwt. in A.

EDWARD W. ROAST	*Treble*	PETER J. CAME	4
IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS	2	JOHN WEST	5
ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON	3	JOE E. G. ROAST	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

Rung as a birthday compliment to H.R.H. the Duke of Cornwall.

RUSHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being five methods, viz.: Eight extents of Reverse Canterbury, six extents of Reverse St. Bartholomew, eight extents of April Day, eight extents of Plain Bob and 12 extents of Grandsire.
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in B flat.

*MARY WALLACE	*Treble*	JOHN R. JOYNER	4
DAVID W. BARR	2	†CLIVE M. SMITH	5
MICHAEL W. FAIREY	3	‡BRYAN E. CARSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by CLIVE M. SMITH.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles in five methods. ‡ First peal in five methods.

Rung as a birthday compliment to H.R.H. the Duke of Cornwall.

GRIMLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Nov. 16, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, 10 different callings. Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb. in F sharp.

*MAUREEN H. HAMPTON (15)	*Treble*	WALTER H. RAXTER	4
*HAROLD E. RAXTER	2	ALLEN MORGAN	5
FRED C. PUGH	3	FRED G. YATES	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER H. RAXTER.

* First peal.

A birthday compliment for ringer of 3rd.



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STOKESAY, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Nov. 16, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 40 six-scores, 10 callings, and one 240 of Morris's. Tenor 9 cwt.

Richard F. Davies	*Treble*	Herbert Jones	4
*Philip J. Evans	2	Albert E. Jones	5
Alfred G. Owens	3	*John Meyrick	*Tenor*

Conducted by Albert E. Jones.

* First peal.

Rung for the silver wedding of the parents of the ringer of the 2nd. Also a birthday compliment to Herbert Jones.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 17, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Ipswich Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 6½ cwt.

Charles C. Rawding	*Treble*	Ernest Brittain	4
*Geoffrey Pepper	2	Fred Brightman	5
Stanley E. Bennett	3	Frank Taylor	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank Taylor.

* First peal.

Rung in honour of the christening of the grandson of the ringer of the 5th.

BUCKERELL, DEVONSHIRE.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
(East Devon Branch.)
On Wed., Nov. 19, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Mary and Giles,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in B flat.

Miss M. Broadhurst	*Treble*	J. Broadhurst	4
R. M. Broadhurst	2	F. H. Parr	5
Brian Pidgeon	3	Rev. A. G. Chappell	*Tenor*

Conducted by Brian Pidgeon.

First peal for all the band except the conductor.

Rung for the golden wedding of Mr. John Wheaton, a ringer at this tower, and Mrs. Wheaton. Also a farewell peal to the Rev. A. G. Chappell, who is leaving the parish.

WOOLPIT, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 21, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

Urban W. Wildney	*Treble*	George W. Waterman	4
George W. Pipe	2	Garnham A. Blaxcell	5
Robert E. Lester	3	Ronald W. Steward	*Tenor*

Conducted by George W. Pipe.

First known peal to be rung on these bells.

CALDECOTE, RUTLAND.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John the Evangelist,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two six-scores of Old Bob and ten six-scores each of Reverse Canterbury, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 8½ cwt.

Malcolm R. Tomlin	*Treble*	Percy Amos	3
Victor A. Perry	2	Michael F. Amos	4
Ernest G. Orland	*Tenor*		

Conducted by Ernest G. Orland.

Rung in honour of St. Cecilia and as a thanksgiving for the restoration of the bells. This is believed to be the first peal on the bells.

HEYTESBURY, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, 10 different callings. Tenor 20 cwt.

Leslie E. J. Hawkins	*Treble*	*Cyril Munt	4
Edward C. Marlow	2	Thomas E. Mallard	5
Norman G. N. Knee	3	†Hubert A. Perrett	*Tenor*

Conducted by Norman G. N. Knee.

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

LAPLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four methods, viz.: Ten extents of Reverse Canterbury, ten extents of April Day, ten extents of Plain Bob, ten extents of Grandsire and one of Morris' arrangement. Tenor 10 cwt. 20 lb. in A flat.

*J. Neil F. Fairey	*Treble*	*John R. Joyner	3
†David W. Barr	2	Michael W. Fairey	4
Clive M. Smith	*Tenor*		

Witnessed by Alec G. Isaacson. Conducted by Clive M. Smith.

* First peal of Doubles in four methods. † First peal of Doubles in four methods 'inside.' First peal of Doubles in four methods on the bells and first peal on the bells for 22 years.

QUEENBOROUGH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5040 ST. CLEMENT'S BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

*Frank E. Fagg	*Treble*	Stanley V. Rayfield	4
Doris G. Dobbie	2	†George Kenward	5
William A. Wood	3	†George A. Naylor	*Tenor*

Conducted by George A. Naylor.

* First peal. † 50th peal together.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. H. A. Daws. Also in honour of the birth of a grandson to Stanley V. Rayfield.

SEMPRINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
At the Abbey Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's: One each of London, Cambridge, Norfolk, Primrose, Ipswich, Beverley and York. Tenor 8 cwt.

Albert E. Scott	*Treble*	James W. Haw	4
*Elizabeth M. Taylor	2	William H. Oldman	5
Cecil Wade	3	Leonard C. Blanchard	*Tenor*

Conducted by Cecil Wade.

* First peal of Surprise and first peal in seven methods.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of The Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

Herbert W. Knight	*Treble*	†Michael J. Horseman	4
*Thomas G. Phillips	2	†Clifford Kortright	5
Ernest F. Shearn	3	Leonard Derrick	*Tenor*

Conducted by Leonard Derrick.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor 'inside.' A 'welcome home' peal to Mervyn Shearn on his return from the Forces in the Middle East and a birthday compliment to the conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Nov. 20, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
At The Wayside, 150, Narborough Road South,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's. Tenor size 18 in G.

Mrs. P. J. Staniforth	1—2	Alfred Ballard	5—6
Harold J. Poole	3—4	Peter J. Staniforth	7—8

Conducted by Peter J. Staniforth.

DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 24, 1952, *in* 1 *Hour and* 47 *Minutes,*
At 105, Doncaster Lane, Woodlands,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor size 8 in C.

*Howard Scott	1—2	Wilfrid F. Moreton	3—4
W. Eric Critchley	5—6		

Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.

* First peal on handbells.

ASH, SURREY.—On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Mills 1, J. Avenall 2, F. Cherryman 3, F. Ellis 4, S. Russell 5, E. Pepler (cond.) 6. Rung for Confirmation service.

BALLARAT, AUSTRALIA.—At St. Peter's Church, on Aug. 28th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Ruth Donnelly 1, W. Rowe (cond.) 2, G. Waldron 3, G. Wilson (first quarter) 4, W. Wilson 5, K. Stacey 6. Also at the City Hall on Aug. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Stacey 1, Ruth Donnelly 2, Betty Sloan 3, L. Curran (cond.) 4, J. Boutland 5, J. J. Cummins 6, W. Rowe 7, G. Waldron (first of Triples) 8.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.—On Nov. 1st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss Groves 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, Miss Solly 3, Miss Reid 4, H. Luck 5, F. Gadsden 6, L. Everest 7, J. Russell (cond.) 8. Rung for patronal festival.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. H. Corderoy 1, J. Grace 2, A. R. Greenough 3, C. Aldridge 4, F. James (cond.) 5, C. Corderoy 6, R. Blond 7, C. Corderoy 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

CARSHALTON, SURREY.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. L. Reece 1, Miss Jill Brittain 2, R. I. Parsons 3, W. Parrott 4, A. J. Clayton 5, D. E. Parsons 6, L. A. Reece 7, F. E. Darby (cond.) 8. Rung within the octave of the patronal festival.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Jones (first quarter) 1, R. G. Long 2, P. G. Parrott 3, F. W. Richardson (cond.) 4, T. A. Easterby 5, G. H. Daynes 6, E. B. Crowder 7, J. E. Warner 8. For Remembrance Day.

FRIEZLAND, YORKS.—On Nov. 17th, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: L. Dawson 1, J. Burgess 2, H. Nutt (cond.) 3, C. Henshaw 4, A. J. Bennett 5, A. Farrand 6. Rung to celebrate 25 years of ringing by Mr. L. Dawson.

GRAVESEND, KENT.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Mitchell 1, R. E. Constant 2, T. Taylor 3, R. A. Constant 4, J. Burles 5, F. Cluett 6, G. Butcher (cond.) 7, R. C. Constant 8. On the occasion of St. George's Church being reopened as a Chapel of Unity.

HADLOW, KENT.—On Nov. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss D. Turner 1, Mrs. R. Hasler 2, J. Harden 3, L. Honess 4, J. Medhurst (cond.) 5, D. Bowen 6. First quarter for 1 and 6.

QUARTER PEALS

HASCOMBE, SURREY.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (120 each of Stedman, St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, Reverse St. Bartholomew, April Day, 240 Grandsire, 300 Plain Bob): D. Body 1, Miss J. Phillips 2, Miss S. Richardson 3, W. L. Weller 4, G. Francis (cond.) 5.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Nov. 12th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. R. G. Spicer 1, F. Warrington (cond.) 2, F. R. Nicholls 3, E. J. Parish 4, G. L. Perkins 5, H. S. Peacock 6. Rung after the wedding of Miss S. M. Scotney.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. H. Worboys 1, Miss J. Peacock 2, J. Carrott 3, A. J. Salisbury 4, D. M. Salisbury 5, S. Penfold 6, T. East (cond.) 7, F. V. Gant 8. For Remembrance Day.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 16th, 1,488 Plain Bob Major: I. Windwood 1, Miss F. Wyman 2, Miss N. Ickeringill 3, Miss A. M. Trott 4, E. Fosberry 5, E. R. Rapley 6, S. A. Paice 7, L. Stilwell (cond.) 8. Longest length of Major by 1, 3, 4, 5 and 7. Also on Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. A. P. Cannon 1, Mrs. E. R. Rapley 2, Miss N. Ickeringill 3, E. F. Fosbery 4, S. A. Paice 5, E. R. Rapley 6, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 7, C. Denyer 8.

LINDLEY, YORKS.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Roebuck 1, D. Kaye 2, C. Aaron 3, P. Aspinall 4, D. Sharples (cond.) 5, A. W. Bond 6. First quarter for 1 and 2. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday. Also on Nov. 10th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: D. Roebuck (first of Major) 1, J. Pearson 2, A. Rogers 3, F. Linfoot 4, D. Sharples 5, A. Hinchcliffe 6, A. W. Bond (cond.) 7, A. Rothery 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance.

SILSOE, BEDS.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. Stevens 1, D. R. Brazier 2, T. P. Harris (cond.) 3, A. W. Allen 4, P. W. Billington 5, F. Bunker 6. First quarter 1, 5 and 6. First quarter by an all-Silsoe band.

STAUNTON, GLOS.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Bessent 1, Mrs. K. Smith 2, G. W. Hollis 3, S. Goodwin 4, L. H. Jones (cond.) 5, E. Malsom 6. As a birthday compliment to the conductor.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Peter's Church, on Nov. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: M. Webb (first of Royal) 1, H. G. Mason 2, H. V. Frost 3, B. C. Johnson 4, C. F. Sayers 5, D. G. Clift (cond.) 6, F. J. Spicer 7, W. J. Southam 8, G. W. Debenham 9, T. J. Southam 10.

STISTED, ESSEX.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Brenda Whiting (first quarter) 1, R. Suckling 2, A. Saunders 3, T. Stock (first 'inside') 4, T. Earle 5, A. Syder (first quarter as cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to Mr. Harry Sibley. Also on Nov. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. W. Moore 1, Mrs. H. Moore 2, A. Saunders 3, T. Earle 4, A. Syder 5, Shirley Barringer (first quarter as cond.) 6. Also on Nov. 16th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: A. B. Stock (first quarter) 1, T. Stock 2, A. Saunders 3, A. R. Syder 4, T. Earle (cond.) 5, H. E. Sibley (first quarter) 6. First quarter of Doubles for all. Rung as a welcome to the Bishop of Chelmsford on his first visit to Stisted.

SYDNEY, N.S.W.—At St. Mary's Basilica, 1,260 Court Bob Triples: Miss J. Hills 1, Miss V. Willard 2, Miss B. Beeson 3, J. J. Cummins 4, J. Boutland 5, L. R. Curran (cond.) 6, T. W. Goodyer 7, E. J. Fowell 8. Rung in memoriam Mr. W. M. Hughes and Mr. R. H. McDonald. First quarter peal of Court Bob for the band and in Australia.

TRULL, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Harris 1, Sylvia Vine (first 'inside') 2, Beryl Churchill 3, H. Churchill 4, G. Perry (first as cond.) 5, B. Vine 6. For the patronal festival.

TWINEHAM, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (120 each of Stedman, St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, Reverse St. Bartholomew, April Day, 240 Grandsire and 300 Plain Bob): D. Body 1, Miss J. Phillips 2, Miss S. Richardson 3, G. Francis 4, W. L. Weller (cond.) 5. First in eight methods by all the band.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. G. Hartley (first of Minor, aged 16) 1, S. T. Hume (first of Minor, aged 15) 2, A. E. Leggett 3, L. D. Mills 4, Mrs. L. Mills 5, D. L. Mills (cond., aged 13) 6. Rung half-muffled in remembrance.

YATTON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 5th, at St. Mary-the-Virgin, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. I. Beechey 1, D. E. Vowles 2, M. O. Davis 3, G. K. Westlake 4, R. H. Brice 5, H. A. Price (cond.) 6, E. A. Price 7, J. K. Baker 8. Rung to commemorate the discovery of the Gunpowder Plot. First quarter for 1 and 3.

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Christmas greetings from readers to their friends in the Exercise will appear in the issues of December 19th and December 26th. Price 3/– for up to 30 words.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The bells of St. Nicholas', Newport, Salop, have been installed by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. and it was hoped to have them ringing again on Dec. 6th, the day of the church's patron saint, St. Nicholas. The second and sixth bells of the octave have been recast and all the bells fitted with ball bearings. The old oak frame has been strengthened. Messrs. J. B. Joyce and Co., Ltd., of Whitchurch, are to put in new and better hammerwork for the chimes.

The time for the peal rung at Acle on November 10th was 2 hours and 44 minutes and not as published.

We regret to record the death of Mr. S. Laxton, a ringer at Rippingale, Lincolnshire, for 50 years and one-time secretary of the Southern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

The band who rang the peal of eight Spliced Surprise methods at Conisborough, Yorks, would like to associate with it Mr. M. C. Fowler, who was prevented from taking part on account of illness.

For several years the late Mr. Albert Lambkin travelled each week from Scunthorpe to Messingham to attend the practice night and give the benefit of his unstinted help and advice. To his memory a quarter peal was rung on November 20th, ringing being preceded by prayers offered by the Vicar.

A tower of which we hope to hear more about in the future is Hovingham, Yorkshire. About a year ago Mr. Fred Bishop went to live there and his enthusiasm has created greater interest among the younger men in the village. On Remembrance Day the bells were rung half-muffled to touches of Stedman, Grandsire and St. Simon. Although the bells were installed in 1887 they had not previous to this year been heard halt-muffled.

So bitter was the cold when Messrs. John Taylor and Co. were installing the rehung bells at Newport, Shropshire, that the bellhangers had to leave the bell chamber every half-hour for a hot drink.

Regarding the peal at Egloshayle in 1907 referred to in this column last week, Mr. A. H. Pulling informs us that Mr. G. N. Price is another survivor of the band.

We have received the following corrections to the peal at Haddenham on October 25th:— Second should read Frederick Vickers; seventh George W. Holland

Miss Betty Taylor made a praiseworthy start to her peal ringing at Sempringham Abbey, Lincolnshire, on November 22nd, when she rang the second to seven Surprise methods. Aged 16, this was her first attempt at a peal.

Buckerell ringers are quite proud of their first peal, which was called for them by Mr. Brian Pidgeon, of East Budleigh. It was for the golden wedding of Mr. John Wheaton, who for 58 years has been a ringer and is now in his 79th year. Both he and his wife were born in the village and married in the Parish Church. For many years he was captain of the local ringers, being succeeded in 1945 by Mr. F. H. Parr.

We regret to learn that 87-year-old Mr. Frank V. H. Sinkins, of Slough, Buckinghamshire, has had the misfortune to fall downstairs and fracture his collarbone. Right up to the Sunday before his accident Mr. Sinkins was ringing regularly, and our correspondent informs us that he is very cheerful and eager for the day when he can return to his favourite pastime. When asked what he'd been up to, Mr. Sinkins replied that he was going upstairs but when he got to 4-5 up he made a trip and became 4-5 down! Mr. Sinkins is at present confined to his room at 33, College Avenue, Slough.

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A 2,500 MILES' RINGING TOUR

SYDNEY RINGERS VISIT MELBOURNE, BALLARAT AND ADELAIDE

ON Friday, August 22nd, 1952, a party of seven ringers, all members of the N.S.W Association, left Sydney on the 7.30 p.m. Melbourne express on the first stage of a two weeks' ringing tour of Melbourne, Bendigo (Sandhurst), Ballarat and Adelaide. The trip to Albury (400 miles) on the border of N.S.W. and Victoria, went very smoothly, though it was a little tiring. The fashion parade of 'Night Attire' caused some amusement to the other occupant of the compartment as when bellringers travel in this part of the world they have some weird and wonderful costumes to keep out the cold. We arrived at Albury at 8 a.m. and transferred to Victoria's streamlined, air-conditioned train, 'The Spirit of Progress.' Breakfast was served in the dining car and was thoroughly enjoyed by all, even the ladies forgetting their waistlines to partake of the excellent meal provided.

We arrived at Melbourne at 12.30 p.m. feeling quite fresh considering we had just left the train after 600 miles with only half an hour break at Albury. The St. Paul's Society ringers were at Spencer Street station in force to greet us.

AN INTRODUCTION TO 12-BELL RINGING

That evening we gathered at St. Paul's for a ring and to meet the rest of the band. The members of the party who had not rung these bells before were very excited at the prospect as they had heard many tales of their beautiful tone and 'go.' All were satisfied that the bells were all that had been said about them. The party was welcomed by the Dean of the Cathedral, the Very Rev. Roscoe Wilson. After tea, which had been provided on a lavish scale by the St. Paul's Society, the Dean informed us of the many historic and interesting features of the Cathedral and expressed the hope that we would take the opportunity of seeing them before we left. The Press were on hand and after the usual delays were satisfied with photographs. The bells were then rung in rounds using the full ring of 12. It was the first time that six of the visitors had heard 12 bells ringing to rounds. Courses of Maximus and Cinques were attempted and touches of Caters and Royal rung to the great satisfaction of all. Supper followed during which Messrs. Curran and Rowe delighted all present with tunes on the handbells.

On Sunday morning we rang at St. Paul's for a special service in connection with the Australasian Medical Congress being held in Melbourne. Four of our ringers attended the service and were seated in the second pew in specially reserved seats. It was a most beautiful and impressive service. The Cathedral itself is full of colour and this was further enhanced by the robes worn by many of the doctors.

In the afternoon, with the assistance of Mrs. Joan Gray, an attempt was made to ring a peal of Plain Bob Major. Unfortunately this failed after one and a half hours. In the evening a very good quarter of Plain Bob Royal was scored.

On Monday August 25th, we went to St. Kilda, Melbourne's renowned beach. In the evening the party split up and visited friends in the city.

AT BENDIGO

On Tuesday arrangements were made to hire a car in which to make a trip to Bendigo, some 96 miles from Melbourne, a journey of three and a half hours. We arrived in Bendigo at 12 noon and made straight for St. Paul's Church, where we were greeted by Mr. Travis Wilson and Mr. Alex. Herman. After lunch we came back to ring the bells, which had not been rung for 60 years. The tone is very fine and they are really beautiful bells. It appears that the reason given for stopping the bells being rung was because the tower was thought to be unsafe. However, the enthusiastic band there are doing their best to convince the authorities that the tower is quite safe for ringing, and we hope their efforts are fruitful.

After a delicious afternoon tea at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, we returned to the tower and rang until 6.30 p.m. We were then taken to the vestry to inspect the set of 49 handbells belonging to St. Paul's. Messrs. Rowe and Curran delighted the ringers with tunes on the handbells. At 7.30 p.m. we said goodbye to all our new-made friends and set off for Melbourne, arriving back at our hotel at 12 midnight after a most enjoyable and historic day.

On Thursday, 28th, we said goodbye to Melbourne and set off for Ballarat, three hours' journey in the train from Melbourne. At St. Peter's we found the bells to be in very good ringing order. Reporters from the 'Courier' arrived and interviewed and photographed the band. A well-struck quarter of Doubles in four methods was rung. We then had tea and returned in the evening to the tower to meet the ringers and ring another quarter of Doubles, this time with three members of the Ballarat team included. Touches were rung with the other ringers and a supper in the Church Hall followed, at which we met the Rector.

The next morning, August 29th, was free and in the afternoon another quarter was scored at St. Peter's with the local ringers taking part.

A QUARTER AT THE CITY HALL

In the evening we rang at the City Hall where there is hung a fine octave cast by Mears and Stainbank. This is the only active ringing tower in the Southern Hemisphere which is not connected with the Church. The only other ring is the Albert bells and tower of the Town Hall, Adelaide, which are, unfortunately, inactive. We enjoyed our ring on these bells immensely and good touches were rung with the Ballarat ringers.

On Saturday morning yet another quarter was scored at St. Peter's Church. Afterwards, Graeme Waldron, who is a volunteer fireman with the Ballarat Brigade, conducted us on a very interesting tour of the Fire Station. After lunch we visited the City Hall, where we inspected the Mayor's Room and the Committee Room, and then adjourned to the belfry where, after ringing touches with the local ringers, the Sydney band, with the help of Graeme Waldron on the tenor, scored a very good quarter of Grandsire Triples, the striking being particularly good throughout. It was rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, Laurie Curran. After tea we returned to the tower for our farewell ring in Ballarat. We left with the knowledge that the Ballarat ringers had gained materially from our visit. A long night's journey was ahead of us and Mr. Gullock, secretary of the City Hall ringers, knowing this, very thoughtfully provided a most delicious supper in the form of pies and pasties made by a friend of his for the occasion. We made our way to the railway station where we were to catch the 9.40 p.m. 'Overlander' to Adelaide. All the ringers came to the station to see us off and we thanked them for the very good time we had in Ballarat.

ADELAIDE'S WELCOME

Our entrance into Adelaide (500 miles) the next morning was enhanced by the promise of a beautiful day. We were met at Adelaide Station by the ringers of St. Peter's Cathedral Society, who conveyed us to the Cathedral by cars. There, with the assistance of Harry Cox on the tenor, we rang a beautifully-struck quarter of Grandsire Triples, conducted by Bill Rowe.

In the afternoon the Cathedral ringers called to take us for a drive through the Mt. Lofty Ranges, which are at Adelaide's back door and are the scenic view place of the city. Returning to Adelaide, the team broke up, some going to St. Peter's Cathedral and a few to St. Andrew's, Walkerville. Miss Joan Hills was at St. Andrew's, having just arrived from England that afternoon. A 720 Minor was scored, Miss Hills' first touch in Australia. All ringers gathered at St. Andrew's Church at 9 p.m. and were conveyed to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Staudie, captain of St. Andrew's, where we enjoyed a most delightful supper.

An attempt for a quarter of Plain Bob Major at the Cathedral on Monday, September 1st, unfortunately failed.

On Wednesday, September 3rd, we visited the Town Hall, and Mr. Anthony Taylor, one of the clerks, kindly conducted us on a tour of the building. We saw the bells and the projection box which makes it impossible for them to be rung. We also saw the revolving drum by means of which the bells are 'rung,' and were very sorry to see such shameful waste. We spent an hour that afternoon ringing at St. Andrew's and then returned for an interview with the Town Clerk of Adelaide. We hope our talk with him about the bells may lead to them being rung once more.

On Thursday, September 4th, we visited the Barossa Valley, the centre of the wine-growing industry of South Australia, calling in at the Church of England, Gawler, to inspect their hemispherical bells. The next day, our last in Adelaide, we visited the Adelaide Show and then hurried back to prepare for our departure.

Our trip home (over 1,000 miles) brought us through Broken Hill, a very important city, and the centre of some of Australia's richest silver and lead deposits, which, unfortunately, we had little time to inspect. So we continued on our way, arriving back in Sydney at 7.30 a.m. on Sunday, September 7th.

Our trip had been unique in the annals of bellringing history—we had covered 2,500 miles, the longest land journey ever attempted by bellringers. However, to us it was more than that—it was a holiday we shall never forget, and a time of fellowship with our brother ringers in Victoria and S. Australia. R. E. D.

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION

Meeting at Heston

The November meeting was held at Heston, where, apart from the usual warm welcome from the locals, tea was taken in the Vicarage under the genial eye of the Vicar, Preb. F. W. Ferraro. He also gave a homely talk to the ringers at the service, and it is not surprising to learn that Heston is one of the few churches in Middlesex that is really filled each Sunday.

At the quarterly business meeting six new members were elected, including four of the local band. Regret was voiced at the illness of Mr. Jack Cobb, of Heston. The congratulations of the meeting were sent to Mr. E. C. S. Turner, the general secretary of the Association, and his friends at Bushey on their ringing a peal of Spliced Surprise Major in 16 methods on handbells. It was a magnificent performance of perseverance and concentration, and the impressive record of similar performances by this band may never be equalled. The skill and patience of the umpire, Bill Wenban, was also commented upon and commended.

There was general disappointment when access to the ringing chamber of St. Paul's, Hounslow, was denied the visitors in the absence of the key. How many times have ringers' hopes been dashed by this little impediment! However, the motorist-ringers stepped into the breach and most of the party were wafted off to Heston, out of the rain and cold. The afternoon's and evening's ringing covered a wide range, from rounds for some promising young recruits from Hampton, Heston and Hillingdon to various Surprise methods. F. G.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

Splendid Support for Initial Annual Dinner

AT the annual meeting of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford in June last, it was decided to hold a dinner before the end of the year and this function duly took place at Wadsworth's Cafe on November 15th. The attendance of 111 was highly satisfactory and most encouraging to the committee responsible for the arrangements.

In the chair was the Archdeacon of Stafford (the Ven. W. A. Parker), supported by Mrs. Parker. Other visitors included Canon A. S. Jenkins (Vicar of Walsall), Dr. A. B. Lavelle (Vicar and Rural Dean of Wednesbury), Mr. Albert Walker (Birmingham), Mr. Frank Perrens (Coventry), Mr. C. Skidmore (Master of the Worcestershire Association) and ringers and their wives from Worcestershire and Shropshire.

After an excellent meal the chairman proposed the loyal toast. Mr. Fred Bennett, lay secretary, then announced apologies from the Rev. C. H. Barker (clerical secretary), Mr. W. F. Stenson (Crewe) and Mr. and Mrs. Colclough (Bilston). In his remarks, which followed, the Archdeacon said what pleasure it gave him to be present at the dinner and to see such a good attendance at this initial venture.

Proposing the toast of 'Church and State,' Mr. Gordon Goodson laid emphasis on the important parts these two institutions had in his life. He went on to say that he always felt guilty if he did not attend service after ringing, especially if leaving the tower to engage in worldly pleasures. As a Shropshire farmer speaking in Wednesbury, Mr. Goodson could not resist a reference to 'feather beds.'

Replying to the toast, Dr. A. B. Lavelle caused considerable amusement when recounting how the originator of 'feather bed farming' inadvertently read Chapter 56 of the Prophet Isaiah instead of Chapter 55 (readers please refer) at the civic service at Wednesbury Parish Church.

Proposing the toast of 'The Society,' Canon A. S. Jenkins said he observed that on the toast list this was put down as THE Society. Reference to Societies conjured up visions of all kinds of organisations from an Astronomical Society to the Mau Mau. No wonder ringers aroused suspicions about their 'Societies' when they locked themselves in a tower for hours at a time. Canon Jenkins said that he had always been curious as to what happened to those ringers who did not attend service after ringing. That evening Mr. Goodson had given him the answer—they went in search of 'worldly pleasure.'

Replying, Mr. Herbert Knight traced the progress the Society had made during his own long association with it, a period of nearly 60 years.

Mr. Frank Perrens, proposing the toast of 'The Ladies,' said that as recently as 25 years ago the presence of ladies in the belfry was frowned upon. How different it was to-day when in many towers the ladies just could not be done without.

In reply, Mrs. Joan Bennett mentioned that she was only speaking that evening under pressure from her husband, because he could not persuade any other lady to undertake the task.

Proposing the final toast, 'The Visitors,' Mr. B. G. Key stated that one could hardly regard Messrs. Perrens, Walker and Skidmore and the Worcestershire Association members as 'Visitors' and he preferred to ask the assembled company to rise and drink to 'Kindred Associations.'

Replying to the toast, Mr. Bernard Ashford expressed his pleasure at being present and remarked on the happy relationship which existed between the 'Worcesters' and the 'Staffords.'

Entertainment was provided by Mr. James Owens (tenor), Mr. A. V. Pearson (baritone), Mr. R. G. Wagstaff (accompanist) and the Brierley Hill and Tamworth bands of handbell ringers. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung by four stalwarts of the 'Staffords,' Messrs. H. Knight, E. Speake, H. Howell and F. Brotherton.

F. C. A. B.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

An enjoyable joint meeting of the North and North-East Devon Branches was held at South Molton on November 22nd. A grand welcome was prepared by the local band of call change ringers, who joined in the raising of the bells, altered the length of rope where required and later joined with some of our own ringers in a short touch of call changes. The local tower secretary had made all arrangements for the grand tea provided in the Church Hall.

The Vicar conducted the service and gave a most inspiring address. There was no business except fixing the date and place of the annual meeting of the North Devon Branch (December, 9th, 7.30, at Combe Martin).

The success of the meeting was largely the result of the good offices of the efficient Ringing Master, the Rev. J. H. B. Andrews, who kept the bells going to rounds, Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob. Visitors included Mr. Smale, from Okehampton, Mr. Field, from Dorchester, and others from towers between.

ROTHWELL'S CALENDAR

The bells of Holy Trinity, Rothwell, Northants, are being dismantled prior to being rehung on ball bearings by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough. They will be ready in time for the Coronation. An appeal fund to raise £1,500 for the bells and restoration of the south aisle roof has been opened. To help raise this sum the parish is selling a calendar with a beautiful sketch of the tower, price 2s. 6d. Applications, with remittances, should be sent to Mr. Brian Austin, 41, Harrington Road, Rothwell.

OBITUARY

MR. T. C. DAVIES

Although not a ringer, Mr. Theophilus Clive Davies, of the Old Vicarage, Hawkley, Hants, who died in King's College Hospital, London, was a great lover of bells. He financed, in 1949, the restoration and addition of two bells to complete the octave at Hawkley Parish Church. This he did in memory of his eldest son, who was killed in World War Two.

Mr. Davies, aged 81, was patron of the living of Hawkley, a lay canon of Portsmouth Cathedral and chairman of the Diocesan Board of Finance. He took a great interest in the young band of ringers in the Parish Church.

At the funeral service on November 19th Hawkley bells were rung half-muffled by C. Pound, R. Pound, A. Pound, D. Pound, Miss A. Stoddart, C. Stoddart, A. Stoakes and P. Coles.

MR. R. A. WARD

Very keen on anything connected with his church and a member of Daybrook, Notts, Parochial Church Council, Mr. Robert Arthur Ward, a regular Sunday service ringer, died on November 17th. He had nine peals to his credit.

To his memory 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples was rung half-muffled on the bells of St. Peter's, Daybrook, on November 23rd, by H. Cawthorne 1, B. M. Buswell (conductor) 2, Joan Hoodless 3, P. E. Ball 4, J. Troughton 5, J. A Barratt 6, A. Simpson 7, W. Perkins 8. First quarter in the method by 3 and 7.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

The annual meeting of the Society was held at the Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, on November 22nd. At the conclusion of routine business the Master vacated the chair, and Mr. E. Alex Young was unanimously voted to the chair to conduct the election of officers for the ensuing year. Elected were Mr. F. E. Collins, Master; Mr. J. E. Chilcott, senior steward; Mr. C. J. Watts, junior steward; Mr. A. B. Peck, secretary; Mr. A. A. Hughes, treasurer; and Messrs. E. G. Fenn and W. H. Pasmore trustees.

Mr. E. A. Young conducted the new Master to the chair and invested him with the badge of his office, placing in his hand the gavel with the traditional but simple dignity which has come down over many such ceremonies, and wished him a successful year of office.

The new Master paid a high tribute to the outgoing Master, Mr. J. G. A. Prior, and thanks were expressed to Mr. A. A. Hughes for his kindness and hospitality, and to Mr. Young for his services. Suitable replies having been given the members then proceeded to St. Dunstan's, Stepney, and some good ringing was enjoyed on this fine ring, which has recently been restored by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

Suffolk Guild

On November 15th St. Mary's Company, Preston, held their annual ringing meeting at which the following methods were rung: Stedman, Plain and Little Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Reverse Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge, Bourne and Netherseale Surprise.

In the evening the party enjoyed an excellent supper at the Six Bells Inn, followed by community singing, vocal and pianoforte solos and a varied selection of airs on the handbells by 'The Bell-chords Trio.'

Votes of thanks were accorded Mr. F. Day, organiser, and all who contributed to this enjoyable gathering, which ended with 'The Queen.'

F. D.

Two New Trebles for Marsden

Following suggestions from visitors that the addition of two trebles would result in a fine ring of ten the Marsden ringers have opened an Additional Bells Fund. An estimate received from the bellfounders, Messrs. Taylors, gives the cost of these two bells as £500.

Many schemes to raise the money have been decided upon. These include concerts, plays, jumble sales etc.

The framework for the two bells is already in place in the tower.

If any ringer would care to make a gift, no matter how small, it will be greatly appreciated.

Donations can be sent to either of the treasurers, who are:—Donald B. Cater, 43, Woods Avenue, Marsden, Huddersfield; Frank D. Livesey, 16, Wood Top, Marsden, Huddersfield.

North Mymms, Herts

The ringers of St. Mary's, North Mymms, were joined by friends from Hatfield and St. Albans for their annual outing on November 1st.

The first stop was St. Mary's, Reading, where touches were rung on the fine eight. The ringers continued to St. Mary's, Thatcham, where the light eight were, after an indifferent rising, rung to methods ranging from rounds to Double Norwich. The party then reached Swindon, where lunch was followed by ringing at St. Mark's.

After ringing at St. John-the-Baptist's, Burford, justice was done to an excellent tea. The party then set out for the last ring at St. Giles', Stony Stratford. On the return journey handbells were rung to end a very enjoyable day.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

WEST REGION B.B.C.

Dear Sir,—Now that the brevity of the Tetbury broadcast has been satisfactorily explained may I say a word in defence of the B.B.C.?

Here in the West Region we are particularly fortunate in that the Religious Director, the Rev. Martin Willson, is keenly interested in bells and ringing. Two years ago half hour programmes entitled 'From Tower and Steeple' were given and last winter, in his weekly programme, 'The Faith in the West,' the bells and ringers from a selected tower in each county in the Region were featured.

Furthermore, whenever bells precede a broadcast Sunday service from the West Region the fact, together with the name of the captain of the ringers, is published in the 'Radio Times.' One clear minute's ringing, free from any announcement, is the rule in the Region, and although Mr. Willson has been repeatedly asked to extend this he has said it is all he can manage to give.

It may be news to many of your readers to know that at 7.57 a.m. on Sundays in the Light Programme a bell record can be heard. At present the bells are those of St. Giles-in-the-Wood ringing good, but by no means perfect, call-changes. A series of recordings has, I understand, been made at Evercreech and will shortly supersede the St. Giles' record.

The reason for the happy relations existing between the B.B.C. and ringers in the West Region is that the initial approach was made by Mr. J. T. Dyke, whose tactful persuasion and persistence were as successful in this sphere as in so many others.—Yours faithfully,

E. J. TAYLOR

Tiverton.

FOOTNOTES TO PEALS

Dear Sir,—I should like to raise the question of footnotes to peals. It is a common complaint that too many ascriptions and commemorations are often attached to peal reports, but surely the limit has been exceeded by a recent report, a footnote of which imparted the information of the extent to which the band appreciated the merits of the composition. If this kind of appendage to peal reports is permitted we shall soon be having all sorts of candid comments, such as, 'The striking was appalling and only the ringer of the 6th, who is rather deaf, enjoyed a minute of it,' or: 'We were longing to break down and only the persistence of the conductor (who has now "circled" the tower) kept us going.' Peal reports are records of ringing facts and achievements, not of opinion and æsthetic judgments, however illuminating such may be, and footnotes ought to be strictly in accordance with that principle.—Yours faithfully,

P. T. ROBBINS (Rev.).

Bury, Lancs.

SHILLINGTON, BEDS, BELLS

Dear Sir,—May I ask Mr. Derek P. Jones while he is investigating, if the following is true concerning the Shillington bells:—Pulloxhill people sold their bells to Shillington to enable them to buy a new steeple, as, I understand, the church and tower were damaged during a very heavy thunderstorm.

I spent most of my schooldays at Pulloxhill in the early '80's and this story was common talk; I should like very much to know if it is true. The tower has only one bell. I used to watch my oldest brother ring it as it was always rung up and it amused me to see the sally go through the roof and back again. I did not know Treble Bob then!—Yours truly,

E. C. GOBEY.

Dale Abbey,
Ilkeston, Derby.

VARIATIONS, TRANSPOSITIONS AND REVERSE CALLINGS

Dear Sir,—I know Mr. Warrington would not approve of anything written before his parents were courting but I feel I must draw attention to 'A Treatise on Treble Bob, Part I.' by the late Jasper Whitfield Snowdon. The introduction to the first edition was dated April 11th, 1878. The whole of this book would be of great value to many of our would-be composers but Chapter V., in particular, headed 'The Transposition of Peals' is of interest in view of Mr. Warrington's learned words as to the difference between a variation, a transposition or a reverse calling. I would like to see the chapter reprinted in 'The Ringing World' in full but that would be too tedious for your non-technical readers. However, I hope I may be forgiven if I quote one or two apposite phrases. Snowdon writes:—

'I will first explain several ways in which peals can be altered in the arrangement of the calling so that, unless carefully examined, they may be easily mistaken for different compositions.

'The principles upon which these variations are produced should be thoroughly understood . . . . by all composers . . . . (a composer) may put himself to much trouble and make himself the laughing stock of the Exercise by reproducing a variation of some well-known peal and putting it forth as an original composition.'

'. . . . If anyone, however, takes upon himself to attach his name to a peal, it is his duty to use every endeavour to assure himself that he has not produced an old one. Although, if for this reason only, every composer should be acquainted with these principles, he will also find them of much use in varying any original composition he obtains, so that it can be sent out in the best possible form into which it can be transposed.'

'. . . These are striking instances of the importance of every composer assuring himself, by comparison, that he is not reproducing old compositions, as here we have 13 peals, all of which turn out to be mere variations of well-known originals.'

'. . . . There is another way of varying certain peals which actually changes the number of bobs in the peal, without making any difference, except, that by the admission or omission of certain bobs in certain places, the peal branches off into a different part of the original. . . .'

'As all compositions entirely depend upon the number of leads apart at which the bobs occur, on consideration, it will easily be understood that if a peal is reversed, that is, if the order in which the bob leads are apart is inverted the result will be a true peal. . . . . A little experience will, however, soon show a composer how to arrange any original composition in the most advantageous manner.'

The author then shows Middleton's Cambridge Surprise Major in two different forms—one starting with one home and the other with two homes. To my great relief, however, Snowdon does not attach the label 'Johnson's variation' to the second of these variations. For my own part I can see no reason why this custom should persist in the Exercise.

It occurs to me that other readers may have, as Mr. Warrington so obviously has, missed the point about reversing Middleton's. This is, of course, that the basic calling is two Middles and two Wrongs which even when reversed must still give two Middles and two Wrongs. What we know as Johnson's variation is the exact reverse of the other usually adopted calling. . . . .—Yours faithfully,

P. A. CORBY.

Note.—This letter has developed an added significance in view of the correspondence on a peal of Lincolnshire Surprise Major.—Ed.

PRESERVATION OF BELL FRAMES

Dear Sir,—In spite of all the attention given to the bells, ropes, etc., the bell frame is apt to be neglected. I have never heard of a diocesan surveyor climbing up to a lofty bell chamber in his ordinary routine of visitation to inspect the frame.

There are two enemies in the belfry which require the keen eye of an expert in every out-of-the-way corner viz.: (1) The Beetle; (2) Rust. One attacks the wooden frame, the other the steel frame.

(1) I have seen a good wooden frame honeycombed with the attacks of the beetle going on for years. Outwardly the frame may appear good, but underneath and in out-of-the-way corners the beetle has been secretly at work. A bell hanger in taking it down would not have it at any price.

There are remedies for this pest if taken in time.

(2) I have seen a steel frame, after a few years of neglect, go rusty, perhaps in parts not likely to meet the eye. There is a remedy for this. My son-in-law has just sent me his book, 'The fight against rust,' written under the auspices of the Corrosion Committee of the British Iron and Steel Research Committee, of which he (Dr. J. C. Hudson) is chairman. In this case a good protecting paint coating is the remedy. The correct type of paint is essential, not forgetting a good priming coat preceded by the correct surface preparation.

Ringers, see to your bell frames!—Yours truly,

J. M. TURNER.

Moulton, Northants.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD TOWER

Dear Sir,—There will doubtless be many ringing friends of our Parish Church of St. Michael, at Bishop's Stortford, who will be sorry to learn that the internal structure of the tower has become 'alive' and is in need of extensive repairs. Ringing has not been possible since August, a disappointment not only to our own band but to those touring bands who had permission to use the bells in the late summer.

We are faced with the problem of raising £500 or more to make the tower safe; so far a little over £100 has been collected. Parochial appeals are being launched but it will be a long and difficult time before sufficient funds can be found.

It cannot be denied that ringing has contributed in some measure to the 'loosening' of the tower structure. Accordingly the local ringers feel it incumbent upon them to contribute to the tower fund as generously as possible. Many touring bands and individual visitors visit our tower each year and enjoy a ring, and I am encouraged to write appealing to those who have had pleasure in such visits to join with us in making a contribution that will materially assist in getting our bells going again.

Out of consideration for the residents in the immediate neighbourhood of the church, peal ringing cannot be allowed, but the Vicar is always happy to accede to requests by visiting bands to ring for an hour or so, providing there is no clashing with existing church arrangements.

Those who are kind enough to help with a contribution, however small, should send it to me at the undermentioned address, and it will be gratefully acknowledged.—I am, Sir, Yours faithfully,

N. ROUND-TURNER, Hon. Sec.,
St. Michael's, Bishop's Stortford,
Society of Change Ringers.

National Provincial Bank, Ltd.,
Bishop's Stortford.

KENSINGTON.—At the Church of St. Mary Abbots, on Nov. 23rd, 1,251 Stedman Triples: F. R. L. Blewer 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, Miss S. Booth 3, Miss A. Castle 4, N. G. Hollingsworth 5, W. Wilson 6, B. A. Beauchamp 7, L. W. Bullock 8, J. Bullock 9, C. W. Ottley 10.

THE MIRFIELD TAN

Dear Sir,—You recently introduced the 'Mirfield Tan' and followed with the 'Cam' and 'Granta' variations. I submit the following idea which I have had in mind a number of years and does not upset the internal structure of the Kent and Oxford methods.

The advantages are that every lead is produced allowing any touch to be rung and only the leads which are musical to the ear of the conductor need be rung in full. A 'peal' or 'quarter' could be rung during any practice, Kent and Oxford could be spliced if required, or any of the variations of combined methods adopted with no new calls.

All that need be done is to ring both hand and back stroke only of the treble lead instead of the full lead. This means that the bell which would have gone in slow makes 2nds place and goes up again, while all the other bells omit one dodge. If a bob is called the usual 4ths place is made which holds the other bells in their dodging positions. Here are figures for keeping 7-8 from slow in the plain course:—

16487253
61842735
16847253
18674523
Omit lead
18765432
17856342
Omit lead
17583624
15738264
51732846
15378264
etc.

When two homes are called:—

21345678
—12346587
21435678
12436587
14235678
Omit bob lead
14326587
13425678
31426587
13245678
31246587
32164857
etc.

Why have I not voiced this idea before?

A band capable of ringing this can find music and variety in an abundance of other methods.—Yours faithfully,

F. G. BALDWIN.

Hillingdon, Middlesex.

LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE

Dear Sir,—I should like to apologise to Mr. William Barton, of Pudsey, for unknowingly attempting to 'own' one of his compositions of Lincolnshire Surprise.

Perhaps the enclosed is also one of Mr Barton's?

5,056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE

23456	B	M	W	H
34256				2
53246			—	3
42635		—	—	
52436		2		3
34625		—	—	
35426		2		—
43526		3		—
53624		—	3	
54326		2		—
23645		—	—	
23456	X			—

6th the extent in 6ths, 2nd never in 6ths at the C.E.s.

Yours sincerely,

JAMES TOPP.

Frome, Somerset.

THE DAYS OF EYE

THE old-established firm of bellhangers, George Day and Son, of Eye, Suffolk, passed out of existence by the sudden passing at Eye on August 9th last of Mr. Hubert Joseph Day, at the age of 63, while he was making slow but apparently good recovery from an illness which had lasted some time.

He was a ringer well known by some of the older ringers in Suffolk and Norfolk but he had not rung for some years. He served in both world wars—in the Royal Flying Corps in France in the first and in the R.A.F. in the second, on both occasions on the technical side in the workshops. Since his death the firm's tools and trade implements at Eye have been sold, and thus ends a chapter in bellhanging history. Very little in the way of bellhanging had been done by Days of Eye in recent years, but it was a firm with a long history behind it

Hubert was a son of Frederick (died 1922), who was a son of George; George's father being Joseph. It seems that Joseph was at first a carpenter and wheelwright and this business developed into that of bellhanging, making frames of wood or metal, repairing towers by linked anchors, and so on. It is said that bellhanging was taken up by the firm in 1779, but a 61-page booklet of testimonials published by the firm shows George Day and Son as being established in 1802. Their trademark was an eye.

The booklet contains testimonials up to 1908, the preface stating that the firm were prepared 'to give Estimates for Hanging in Oak or Iron Frames, Re-hanging, Re-casting and supplying Church Bells.' and guaranteed 'to carry out their work upon the most approved scientific principles, under their own superintendence, in a satisfactory and substantial manner at reasonable charges.' They 'confidently assure the Nobility, Clergy and Gentry that work will have care and prompt attention.'

There is some evidence that this was perfectly true as recently as to-day (November 24th, 1952), when the writer was told by the Rector of Worlingworth, Suffolk, that he had called in a buildings surveyor to inspect the battlements of the church there as repairs are needed, and the surveyor passing a critical eye over everything in the bell chamber and pointing to the eight bells there, said, 'Whoever hung those bells and made the frame knew his job.' Day and Son did the work in August, 1908. And, in passing, not longer than a month before Hubert Day died, he told the writer that 'Worlingworth is one of the sweetest little rings of eight to be found round here'—i.e., the centre of Suffolk. Also, in passing, Worlingworth bells have been very silent for a long time but things are getting moving there now.

The booklet of testimonials referred to above shows that Day and Son did work in over 70 towers in Suffolk, about 70 in Norfolk and at least 40 further afield, including Guildenmorden, Royston, Herts, 1878; Ross, Herefordshire, 1882; St. Mary's, Monmouth, 1883; Dixton, Monmouth, 1883; Foy, Herefordshire, 1886; St. Martin's, Birmingham, 1886; Holme Lacey, Herefordshire, 1887; Woolhope, Herefordshire, 1889; Prestbury, Gloucestershire, 1889; Newport Pagnell, Buckinghamshire, 1892; Meriden, near Coventry, 1897; Bacton, near Pontrilas, Herefordshire, 1907; and Hough, Grantham, Lincolnshire, 1908.

The well-known 12 at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, were rehung by Day and Son in 1883, the tenor being shown then as 41 cwt., but in 1885 Mr. F. Knights, Master of St. Peter Mancroft Society of Change Ringers and Norwich Scholars, wrote to Messrs. Day saying that the 'go' was as good as at the opening in 1883 when upwards of 200 ringers took part, and, he added, 'considering the long draught of rope and weight of metal, great credit will for ever be reflected upon the firm of Messrs. G. Day and Son, Church Bell-hangers, Eye. Weight of tenor being 43¼ cwt.'

All things must come to an end but it is sad to see the end of a firm of such long-standing and reputation as Day and Son.

Eye. CLAUDE RUSH.

LONDON SURPRISE by GEORGE BAKER

As the composer of Nos. 2 and 3 Versions of London Surprise Royal, I should like to learn what is wrong with these definitions.

No. 2 Brighton Version of London Surprise Royal is a PIVOT BELL extension, and never pretended to be anything different. It has been written out by myself up to and including 24 bells, the pivot place being 5ths place from the front on all numbers from and including eight bells upwards. The Royal of this method was rung at St. Peter's, Brighton, in February, 1926, and until some band rings the Maximus of the method that feat will never be outclassed.

It has been understood for over forty years that there is no perfect London Royal or Maximus, but there are numbers of extensions where there is no alteration from the Major until the treble enters 9–0 positions, and Nos. 3 and 4 are two good examples.

Both Nos. 3 and 4 are ROUND BLOCK extensions and have a perfect mathematical progression of 312–231 from Minor upwards and I give them below. To find the progressions add 7-8 to Minor Round Blocks and compare with the Major Round Blocks, add 9–0 to the Major Round Blocks and compare with the Royal, place Major Round Blocks below Minor, strike out all the bells lying still and compare the residue as below (heavy type indicates bells struck out):—

14263578 578
= =312
14263857 857

52136478 678
= =231
52137486 786

The same procedure for Major and Royal.

Next follow half-leads only of Round Blocks of Minor, Major and Royal; only half-leads are needed, because the last half of a method is the reverse of the first half. Here is the complete set of Round Blocks from Minor to Royal inclusive. Nos. 3 and 4 Royal have exactly the same Round Blocks except that No. 4 has one extra in each half-lead. No. 3 has 32 Round Blocks; No. 4 has 34 Round Blocks related to London Surprise, leaving ONLY SIX CHANGES foreign.

London S. Minor	London S. Major	Nos. 3 & 4 Royal
142635	14263857	1426385079
521364	52137486	5213749608
164235	16423857	1642385079
625314	72531486	7253149608
563241	86324157	8632415079
561423	57142386	5714239608
653142	68314257	6831425097
652413	75241386	7524139608
461253	46125837	4612583079
415326	41537682	4153769208
234651	23465817	2346581079
342516	34257681	3425769108
	34516872	3451687029
	24561738	2456179803
	31568274	3156827049
	24176358	2417639805
	31627548	3162784095
		2513874960
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FOR BEGINNERS—AND A WORD TO THE OLDER HANDS

XXIII.—HOW TO SET ABOUT CALLING GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Many beginners in conducting make a start with Grandsire Triples and we have been asked to devote one of these articles to telling the novice how to set about it.

Let us say, first of all, that the man who aims at being a 'conductor' must endeavour to make himself something more than a mere 'bob-caller.' The peal conductor shoulders more than the responsibility of putting in the bobs and singles at the right place. He must know whether the bells are right or wrong, so that he does not have necessarily to go to the end of the touch or peal before he knows if the bells will come round.

At first perhaps he will only be dead sure of his ground at certain intervals, when some definite change, which he has previously memorised, turns up. To do this he must be able to read the ropes, but it is better to be able to watch the bells working up to the required positions than to rely upon the eye at some particular fall of the ropes. One can be so easily deceived.

In cultivating the ability to watch the gradual development of the various positions of the bells, the conductor also acquires the knowledge and ability to correct mistakes if they should occur. It is easy, of course, to tell a man to dodge with him if the other ringer has shown that he is going to miss the dodge, but without an extensive knowledge of the relative positions of all the bells it is not so easy to give prompt and definite instructions when, say, the conductor is on the front and the two bells behind are clashing in obvious uncertainty as to which should be the first to hunt down.

From this it will be seen that the young conductor must extend his studies beyond mere bob-calling. In plain methods, for instance, he should be able to observe the coursing order of the bells, that is the order in which the bells follow one another through the sequence of the work of the method and come to lead.

For example, in Grandsire Triples, with two bells plain hunting—the treble and another—there are five bells 'working.' The conductor should first know the order in which they are coursing, next he should be able to anticipate any change in this order which a bob or single will cause, so that when the call has been made he is certain that the bells have come correctly into their new positions, or, if not, is able to direct them into their right place without hesitation.

A ringer with good 'rope-sight' can easily 'pick-up' the coursing order of the bells, but the anticipation, which is so necessary to real conducting, is more difficult, because it involves an additional mental process. It means that the conductor must hunt his own bell correctly, at the same time remember the existing coursing order of the bells, and also be able to transpose them into the next sequence in anticipation of the call he is going to make.

The novice must not expect that he can do all this at once; the ability comes only by study and practice. Some of it can be acquired when other people are calling by a close observation of what is going on.

First of all, note the bell in the hunt, then look for the order of the bells following the treble and the bell in the hunt. In the plain course they are 3, 4, 6, 7, 5, and this cycle will be maintained until a call is made, the only variation being that the last bell in one lead becomes first in the next. Thus the first lead of 3, 4, 6, 7, 5 becomes 5, 3, 4, 6, 7 in the second the 7, 5, 3, 4, 6 in the third and so on. This is brought about by the last bell in the series (having come to lead immediately in front of the treble) makings 3rds place and coming back in front of the rest.

When a bob is called, the transposition is different. The bell that has been in the hunt has then to be taken into consideration.

The bells as they course after the treble in the first lead are 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 5. If a bob is called the transposition moves the **two** last bells into position in front of the bell that has been in the hunt, and the first of these two becomes the new hunt bell, and can then be left out of consideration in the mental operations until the next call come along. Thus a bob at the first lead changes the 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 5 order into 7, 5, 2, 3, 4, 6; another bob at the following lead would make the coursing order 4, 6, 7, 5, 2, 3; but a plain lead would make it 6, 5, 2, 3, 4 (that is, always remembering that the 7th continues to course after the treble).

As a first step to conducting, then, we recommend the beginner to study the coursing order of the bells in touches which other people are calling, afterwards he can go on to the bob calling himself. We know that very often the process is reversed; that all the beginner troubles about is to call the bobs in the right place and leave the rest to luck, or somebody else. We, however, think that the most efficient way is to begin by understanding what the bells themselves are doing.

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION

Northern Division's Record Attendance

What is believed to be a record attendance of 83 members from 34 parishes attended the Northern Division's meeting at Great Dunmow on November 8th. It was most encouraging to see the many young members present. Ringing on the beautiful octave enhanced a big variety of methods.

At the service the Vicar (the Rev. D. Callum) welcomed the members to Dunmow, and Dr. L. Castleden read the lesson. A splendid tea was prepared in St. Mary's Church Hall by the wives of the local ringers.

Miss H. G. Snowden, District Master, presided at the meeting and welcomed all the visitors and thanked the Dunmow ringers and their wives for giving the tea. A small committee was formed to give advice and look after any bell restoration work in the Division. A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar, choir and organist for making the meeting a success and their services in church.

Handbell and tower bell ringing then concluded a very happy afternoon and evening.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY RINGING

Dear Sir.—Mr. Wm. T. Grice asks, 'Should bells on Remembrance Sunday be rung muffled or open this day?' his Vicar's opinion being one of thanksgiving as well as of remembrance.

Whilst not commenting as one in authority, I should like to voice my humble opinion.

Surely the Vicar answers the question. Ring **half**-muffled. Open strokes to peal out in thanksgiving and muffled strokes in quiet remembrance.—Yours faithfully,

Byfield, Rugby. F. W. HUTT.

ENTHUSIASM

They Rang in a Flooded Belfry

Few stranger experiences could befall any band of ringers than those which overtook a party of enthusiasts who travelled into the night from a recent meeting in South Molton, in North Devon, to visit two remote village towers some ten miles distant.

On arrival at one of the towers the party was met at the entrance by a very agitated Vicar, who, after welcoming them by the light of a lantern, said he would like to apologise for the dampness of the reception which awaited the ringers. Leading the way into the belfry, the Vicar pointed out a steady stream of water which was penetrating from the roof of the tower down to the floor of the ringing chamber, which was about an inch under water. This was due, the Vicar explained, to the guttering of the roof becoming choked. Nothing daunted, the ringers set to work to sweep and bale out the water, but as fast as they did so the water found its way back again. With not a dry spot anywhere to be found, the bells, not without difficulty, were raised in peal, the ringers standing with water gently lapping their feet, and the ropes, as they swished through the water, sprinkling moisture in all directions.

After the first touch the ringers began to feel somewhat chilled about the lower extremities and proceeded to utilise coffin trestles, stools and odd pieces of masonry as duckboards. If a bell suddenly dropped or a blow happened to be misplaced, it was usually attributed to the fact that an extra large drop of moisture had found its way down a ringer's neck from an overhead beam or a ringer's hands becoming so wet that a satisfactory grip on the sally was not possible.

Notwithstanding all the difficulties some very enjoyable touches of Stedman, Grandsire, Bob Minor and other methods were rung before the bells were lowered. A. W. P.

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Extract from 'The Ringing World' of December 6th, 1912

GREAT HAMPTON, WORCESTERSHIRE
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

On Sunday, Dec. 1st, 1912, in 2 hours and 17 minutes.

In the Belfry of St. Andrew's Church.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
5,040 CHANGES

Being 42 six-scores, called in ten different ways.

Miss Ellen M. Johnson (aged 12) ..	1-2
Joseph D. Johnson (aged 13)	3-4
*Miss Ruth Johnson (aged 10)	5-6

Conducted by Joseph D. Johnson.

* First peal. This is the first peal ever rung by three children, and was rung at the second attempt.

['The handbell peal at Hampton, near Evesham,' said the Editor in the following issue, 'is unquestionably a wonderful performance. . . for three children, whose average age is under 12 years, to score unaided a 5,040, makes one gasp in amazement . . . [One of the umpires] says . . . . "the calling was perfect all through, and the striking good . . . . " The conductor of the peal, which remains a record, is now secretary of the Worcestershire Association.]

Remembrance Day Ringing

Dear Sir,—I note with interest the letter in your issue of November 21st from Mr. Grice, of Maidstone. We always, at Aylesford, ring the bells half-muffled for the special afternoon Remembrance service, not because they sound mournful but because they sound different in a rather beautiful way. Of course, in one sense the Christian does not recognise any mournful occasion and, if perfectly logical, would never muffle the bells.—Yours sincerely,

E. S. JOHN HATCHER.

Ditton, Maidstone

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DEATH

BECKETT.—On Friday, Nov. 21st, 1952, Frank Beckett, for 40 years a loyal and respected member of the Oxford Society of Change Ringers and of the Diocesan Guild, passed peacefully away at his home at Headington, Oxford, aged 73 years. 1775

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ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Melbourn, Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 1720

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Eastern Division.—Meeting, Great Waltham (8). Saturday, Dec. 6th—amended date. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. H. Everett, The Chase, Boreham. 1577

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Mary's, Cheltenham, Dec. 6th. Bells (12) 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. Notify for tea.—P. Baker, 40, St. Michael's Avenue, Bishop's Cleeve. 1685

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, Dec. 6th, Bushey (8), 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to R. G. Bell, 131, Hamper Mill Lane, Watford. Tel. Watford 7936. 1715

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Meeting, Hollingbourne (6), Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 1730

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midlands District.—Meeting at Chilvers Coton on Dec. 6th. Bells (10) available at 3 p.m. Tea available for those notifying me by Tuesday, Dec. 2nd.—those notifying me. — Audrey A. Timms, 32, Redesdale Avenue, Coundon, Coventry. 1739

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION and ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. — Joint meeting, Dec. 6th, St. Giles-in-the-Fields' (8), 3-4.30; St. Martin-in-the-Fields' (12), 4-5.15; St. Margaret's, Westminster (10), 7-9. Tea easily obtainable in vicinity.—F. W. Goodfellow and K. Matthews, Hon. Secs. 1712

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Haddenham, Bucks, at 5.30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 6th.—H. Budger, Branch Sec. 1747

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Practice meeting, Shrewton (6), Dec. 6th. — Miss Eloie, 81, Hamilton Road, Salisbury. 1708

SALISBURY GUILD. — West Dorset Branch.—Annual meeting, Lyme Regis, Dec. 6th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4. Tea and meeting follow. Other towers open: Uplyme (6) afternoon and evening; Axminster (8) after 5.30. Names for tea, please.—C. H. Lathey. 1713

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Practice meeting will be held at Rettendon on Saturday, Dec. 6th, at 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided; please bring own food.—P. A. Sadler. 1736

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SUFFOLK GUILD. — Sudbury-Clare District. — Evening practice meeting, Dec. 6th. Bells (6) 5.30 p.m., Stoke-by-Clare.—L. D. Mills, Hon. Sec. 1721

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North Western District.—Meeting at All Saints', Benhilton, on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30 Tea and meeting in Church Hall after service. Nominations for District Officers. Notice for tea to Mr. Gosden, 12, Meadow Close, Sutton, Surrey.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Secretary. 1690

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern. — Quarterly meeting, Crawley (8), Dec. 6th, 3 p.m. Tea for those who advise.—G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley, Sussex. 1716

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Dec. 6th, at Christchurch. Priory bells (12) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Priory Cafe 5.15 p.m. followed by meeting. Notify by Wednesday, Dec. 3rd, please.—Davis, 16, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 1757

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch. — Branch annual meeting, Saturday, Dec. 6th., at Kempsey. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. followed by tea and business meeting. 1748

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Dunster Branch. — Annual meeting, Minehead, Dec. 13th. Bells 3. Service 4. Tea and business 5.—G Stacey, Minehead. 1766

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Sandy on Dec. 13th. Bells (6) 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m.—L. H. Bywaters, Sec. 1758

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Silkstone, Dec. 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided; bring food.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 18, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 1790

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Sutton on Dec. 13th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall 5. Names for tea, before Wednesday, Dec. 10th, to Mr. C. R. Robinson, 22, Lime Tree Avenue, Sutton-on-Hull. 1767

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Skelton-in-Cleveland (8) on Saturday, Dec. 13th, at 3 p.m.—P. W. B. Semmens, Hon. Sec. 1763

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nuneaton District.—Meeting at Bedworth, Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at Howard's Cafe. Names for tea not later than Tuesday, Dec. 9th, to A. J. Hinde, 15, Church Street, Bulkington, Nuneaton. 1779

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Ilkeston District.—Annual meeting at Ilkeston, Saturday, Dec. 13th. Meeting, School, 3 p.m. Tea 4 p.m. Ringing 4.45. Names for tea to D. R. Carlisle. 1756

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Annual meeting, Exeter, Saturday, Dec. 13th. Ringing, St. Mark's (new 8), 2.30-3.30. Service at St. Petrock's, 4 p.m. Tea and meeting, St. David's Institute, St. David's Hill, 4.30. Ringing, Heavitree, 7-8.30 p.m. Other Exeter towers if requested. Names by Dec. 9th.—F. Wreford, 24, Normandy Road, Exeter. 1677

EARDISLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE.—The recast and augmented ring of eight bells (John Taylor and Co.) will be dedicated by the Bishop of Hereford at 3 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 13th. All ringers and friends welcome. Names for teas, by Dec. 9th, to L. Evans, The Brouch, Eardisland, Leominster. 1717

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells (8), Dec. 13th. Tea for those who notify, by Dec. 11th, B. Collison, 169, Queen's Road.—C. A. Bassett. 1774

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at Fordham, Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Miss M. Grain, Dis. Sec. 1781

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Dedication of the recast and rehung ring of six at Wiggenhall, St. Mary Magdalen's, Saturday, Dec. 13th, at 3 p.m. Bells available after service. Tea 4.30. Names by 11th, please. Meeting 6 p.m.—J. E. Fox, Walpole Highway, Wisbech. 1787

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Annual meeting, Ashton-under-Hill, Dec. 13th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5. Names for tea, by Tuesday, Dec. 9th, to J. Beech, 6, Abbey Terrace, Tewkesbury. Tel. 2308. 1725

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Christ Church (10), Swindon, Dec. 13th. For tea advise W. Daniell, 14, Union Street, Swindon.—W. B. Kynaston.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Wotton-under-Edge Branch.— Annual meeting, Dursley (8), Dec. 13th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify for tea by Dec. 9th.—Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 1769

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting, Ewell, Dec. 13th. Usual arrangements. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 in Church Room. Business to nominate District officers for 1953. Names for tea, by previous Wednesday, to John Beams, 4, Cottage Road, West Ewell.—A. H. Smith. 1746

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at King's Langley (8), Saturday, Dec. 13th, 3 p.m. Names for tea, by Dec. 11th, to Mr. A. G. Cook, 10, High Street, King's Langley.—P. A. Martin. 1723

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Meeting at St. Stephen's, Bristol, Dec. 13th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Tea and meeting St. Thomas' (City) vestry 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Dec. 9th, to Mrs. Bennett, 5, Lancaster Street, Redfield, Bristol 5. 1761

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Next meeting at St. Bartholomew's on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Free tea. Business meeting follows tea. Names for tea to 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec. 1784

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Chorley Parish Church, Saturday, Dec. 13th. No tea arrangements; cafes nearby.—L. Walmsley. 1767

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—Meeting at Bispham on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided. —J. H. Foster. 1789

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Annual meeting at Rochdale Parish Church, Dec. 13th. Bells from 3 p.m. Business meeting 6.30. Nominations required for Branch president. Cafes nearby.—F. Pritchard. 1771

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness & Lake District Branch. — Practice meeting, St. Martin's Church, Bowness, on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. — N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 1791

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District. — Hugglescote, Dec. 13th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, School, 5. Names, by Dec. 10th, to H. Over, 130, Ashburton Road, Hugglescote.—C. W. Hall. 1764

LONDON COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Southern District. — Quarterly meeting, Dec. 13th, St. Mary the Virgin's, Mortlake. Bells 2.30.—J. H. Lott, Hon. Sec. 1792

MIDDLESEX AND LONDON GUILD.—Meeting at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, on Saturday, Dec. 13th, 3 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—T. J. Lock. 1782

NORTH DORSET RINGERS. — Annual meeting of the Branch at Gillingham, Dec. 13th, at 3. Visitors welcome.—Rev. Wm. Uphill, Stour Provost Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset. 1759

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford City and District Branch.—Meeting, St. Ebbe's, Oxford, Saturday, Dec. 13th. Ringing 2.30. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Dec. 10th, to Miss M. R. Cross, The School House, Radley, Abingdon, Berks. 1727

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Central Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Nether Winchendon, Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells (5) 2.45. Service 4. Names by Dec. 10th. Cuddington bells (6) available in evening.—E. F. Gibbard, Horn Street, Winslow, Bucks. 1785

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts District.—Meeting at Tuxford (6), Saturday, Dec. 13th (Edwinstowe unavailable). Names for tea by 10th to Mr. W. Brett, 1, Ashvale, Tuxford, Newark.—H. Denman. 1731

ST. DAVID'S GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Llanstephan on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Names to C. H. Hawkins, 2, Embankment Road, New Dock, Llanelly, Carms. 1752

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Redhill, Dec. 13th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by business meeting including nominations for District officers for 1953. Names for tea to Miss Illman, 12, Garlands Road, Redhill. 1742

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Practice meeting, Rogate (6), Dec. 13th, 3. Tea 5. Names for tea, please, to E. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis. 1773

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Wonston, Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 3.15. Tea 4.15 at Coach and Horses Inn, Sutton Scotney. Names, by previous Wednesday, to Mr. J. A. C. King, 29, Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester. 1751

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District. — Quarterly meeting at Rothwell on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Committee meeting 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify, by Wednesday, Dec. 10th, Mr. T. W. Strangeway, 21, Haigh Avenue, Rothwell, near Leeds. Special business: Election of new committee member; nominations to be sent to the District Secretary. Members please note these arrangements as no circulars will be issued.—A. E. Marsh, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1686

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch. — Annual meeting, Stroud, Dec. 20th. Bells (10) open 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. followed by tea and meeting. Notify for tea, by Dec. 17th, Mr. S. F. Price, 1, Bridge Cottage, Gloucester Road, Stonehouse, Glos. 1772

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LILLINGSTONE LOVELL, BUCKS.—The restored ring of four bells, new frame and fittings and new treble, making a ring of five, will be dedicated on Saturday, Dec. 20th, at 6.30 p.m. Ringing afterwards. All ringers and friends welcome. Refreshments for those who notify, by Dec. 17th, J. Smith, Keys Farm, Lillingstone Lovell, Buckingham, Bucks. 1786

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual meeting, Shrewsbury, Jan. 31st; details later. Outstanding subscriptions should be paid immediately. Nominations for secretary required. —W. A. Farmer, 70, Oakfield Road, Shrewsbury. 1761

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.—Preliminary notice.—Annual Dinner and Ringing Day will be held in Bristol on Saturday, Jan. 31st, 1953. Members, book this date. All ringers and friends welcome. Details announced later. 1778

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PEAL RINGING IN 1951

VARIOUS circumstances conspired against an earlier publication of the analysis of peals rung in 1951 which was presented and adopted by the Central Council at Lincoln last Whitsuntide. There were exclusions, numbering 32, for not complying with the decisions of the Council and there is likely to be another crop this year, as any student of methods published in our columns will expect. The year 1951 surpassed all previous years with a total of 2,925 recognised peals, the next best being 2,906 in 1949. Of the 2,925 peals on tower bells the following comparison is of interest :—

	1951	1950	1949	1948
Maximus ...	39	31	47	17
Cinques	48	50	43	43
Royal	121	86	109	92
Caters	104	89	99	82
Major	997	938	1,052	957
Triples	315	297	335	346
Minor & Doubles	1,008	870	839	821

The popularity of five and six bell ringing continues, the two main centres being Lincoln with 107 peals and Leicester with 78. No fewer than 434 of the total of 1,008 were single-method peals. The love of Minor ringing has continued during the current year.

Twelve bell ringing with 87 peals certainly held its own. No fewer than 20 Guilds or Associations scored a peal on 12 bells. In Maximus ringing the Leicester Guild were pre-eminent with some 14 methods, including Albanian, Bristol and Pudsey Surprise. St. Martin's Guild maintained their reputation with 16 peals of Stedman Cinques.

For ten bell ringing 1951 set a new standard with 225 peals. Thirty-five associations rang peals. There were 67 peals of Surprise Royal, with Cambridge (24) and Yorkshire (22) as the most popular methods.

Surprise ringing again predominated in the Major ringing, there being 533 Surprise peals in 54 different methods compared with 52 in the previous year. For years Cambridge has been the most favoured method, but it now takes second place to Yorkshire with 122 peals against 82 last year. Peals of Cambridge numbered 103 (against 101), Superlative 54 (47), London 51 (54), Bristol 44 (53), Rutland 19. While Oxford Diocesan Guild gained notoriety by their peal of 25 Spliced Surprise methods, the Chester Diocesan Guild had a peal in 16 methods and four in 12 methods.

Plain Bob Major with 201 peals might not only be regarded as an indication of favour but of more ringers advancing from Triples to Major ringing. The comparative figure last year was 185. Double Norwich Court Bob Major lost ground with 100 peals against 116; Kent Treble Bob had 89 against 83. The introduction of 'other' Plain Major methods, for many years advocated by Mr. E. H. Lewis and other speakers, has borne fruit. These methods are as hard to master as Surprise. The Chester Guild have given a lead in this direction, and we hope their example will be followed by other bands in search of something worth accomplishing.

In the realm of Triples ringing, Grandsire with 201 peals advanced from 157 and Stedman with 100 peals receded from 120. Handbell ringing showed a decrease for the second year with 293 peals against 362 in 1950 and 382 in 1949. Leicester and Bournemouth are the main centres, but handbell peals were rung for 38 Guilds and Associations.

For the third year in succession Leicester Diocesan Guild had most peals, with 250 against 194. The order of the other leading Associations is as follows: 2 Kent 176 (165), 3 Chester 172 (141), 4 Lincoln 172 (138), 5 Lancashire 163 (129), 6 Oxford Diocesan 131 (112), 7 Yorkshire 114 (142), 8 Bath and Wells 96 (87), 9 St. Martin's 92 (82), 10 Gloucester and Bristol 90 (73), 11 Norwich 90 (79), 12 Winchester and Portsmouth 83 (121), 13 Worcestershire 83 (67).

The Peals Analysis Committee (Messrs. Walter Ayre, G. L. Grover and H. Miles) have no light task in compiling and checking these records and in interpreting the wishes of the Council in peals to be recorded. Those who appreciate these tables owe them a debt of gratitude.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 35 cwt.

Henry O. Baker	*Treble*	†Gordon Benfield	7
Fred Dunkerley	2	Leslie W. G. Morris	8
Wilfred Stevenson	3	John Worth	9
*Thomas W. Strangeways	4	Alan A. Potts	10
C. Kenneth Lewis	5	Peter Laflin	11
John E. Bibby	6	Joseph W. Whittaker	*Tenor*

Composed by C. K. Lewis. Conducted by John Worth.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus. † First peal of Maximus.

CROYDON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 36 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in C sharp.

David E. Parsons	*Treble*	Frank J. Matthews	7
James G. A. Prior	2	Alfred B. Peck	8
*Thomas J. Lock	3	John S. Mason	9
Donald G. Clift	4	Frederick E. Collins	10
Harold N. Pitstow	5	Edward P. Duffield	11
John Hill	6	Wilfred Williams	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. Sedgley Conducted by Wilfred Williams.
* 300th peal.
Birthday compliment to H. N. Pitstow.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 29. 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Margaret,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 33 cwt.

Mrs. P. J. Staniforth	*Treble*	S. Anthony Jesson	7
Peter J. Staniforth	2	Brian G. Warwick	8
Mrs. H. J. Poole	3	*John B. Bennett	9
Winifred M. Burton	4	John R. Smith	10
*Colin Walker	5	E. Alan Jacques	11
John Bramley	6	Harold J. Poole	*Tenor*

Composed by William Pye. Conducted by Harold J. Poole.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus.
Specially arranged for J. Bramley, a member of the local band, on embarkation leave from H.M. Forces.

TEN BELL PEALS

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 22 cwt. in E flat.

John R. Mayne	*Treble*	G. William Morris	6
*Janet S. Bailey	2	†Frank T. Blagrove	7
*Robert G. Lay	3	†John D. Rock	8
Frederick G. Baldwin	4	Richard E. Price	9
William J. Ellis	5	Tony Price	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Reeves. Conducted by Tony Price.
* First peal of Royal. † First peal of Treble Ten.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Nov. 26, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,
A PEAL OF 5040 METROPOLITAN SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6½ cwt.

Mrs. H. J. Poole	*Treble*	Harold J. Poole	6
*John B. Bennett	2	S. Anthony Jesson	7
Ernest W. Rawson	3	*J. Frederick Milner	8
Mrs. P. J. Staniforth	4	John R. Smith	9
Peter J. Staniforth	5	Herrick B. Bowley	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Harold J. Poole.
* First peal in the method.

WIMBORNE, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
At the Minster Church of St. Cuthberga,
A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in D.

*†Frank L. Harris	*Treble*	†John Hartless	6
Louis J. Lockyer	2	Fred Price	7
William C. Shute	3	William E. Cheater	8
*Herbert H. Abrahams	4	A. Patrick Cannon	9
*David R. Reed	5	*Ronald N. Marlow	*Tenor*

Composed by Ernest Morris. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
* First peal of Treble Bob Royal. † First peal of Royal. The first peal of Treble Bob Royal on the bells.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. F. C. Hart, ringer, on completing 40 years as verger at the Minster.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mark,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 24 cwt.

*Ian P. McEwan	*Treble*	Maurice Thomas	6
Arthur Tomlinson	2	Fred Grundy	7
*Alan Pendlebury	3	Peter Crook, sen.	8
*Norman Tompkins	4	Percy H. Derbyshire	9
†Joseph Thornley	5	*Geoffrey Pearson	*Tenor*

Composed by John Rogers. Conducted by Peter Crook, sen.
* First peal of Caters. † First peal of Caters with an 'inside' bell.
In memoriam Fred Hindle, many years secretary of Blackburn Branch.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 7, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 7¼ cwt.

May Lomas	*Treble*	Alan A. Potts	5
Neil D. Lomas	2	Basil Jones	6
Anne Worth	3	Wilfred Stevenson	7
John Worth	4	Joseph W. Whittaker	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by John Worth.
A 21st birthday compliment to Mr. A. A. Potts.

BADSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James.
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

*Wilfred J. Newman	*Treble*	John Thomas	5
Sidney T. Holt	2	Reginald Woodyatt	6
Geoffrey J. Hemming	3	Cyril Tansell	7
*R. Roger Savory	4	Thomas W. Lewis	*Tenor*

Composed by Joseph W. Parker. Conducted by Sidney T. Holt.
* First peal in the method.

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 12¾ cwt.

C. Alfred Levett	*Treble*	Colin E. Verdon	5
Audrey Eldridge	2	R. George Roberts	6
Leslie J. Baldock	3	John A. Downing	7
*Alan A. Price	4	William Levett	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. Alfred Levett.
* First peal of Grandsire.
Rung fully muffled in memoriam Rev. John R. Sankey, Rector of this parish, who was interred the previous day.

KEMPSTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

C. Henry Harding	*Treble*	Andrew C. Sinfield	5
*Ernest Freeman	2	Pearl Inskip	6
Dennis Knox	3	Bryan F. Sims	7
†Ronald J. Sharp	4	Lewis H. Bywaters	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Lewis H. Bywaters.
* First peal of Cambridge Major. † 200th peal.

ICKLETON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1952, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in F.

REV. A. C. BLYTH (Selwyn)	*Treble*	R. D. EDGE (Queens') ..	5
R. B. MORRIS (Clare) ..	2	P. A. F. CHALK (Selwyn)	6
J. H. FIELDEN (St. Cath's.)	3	F. E. ROBERTS (Selwyn)..	7
W. J. RIDGMAN (Queens')	4	C. M. P. JOHNSON (Selwyn)	*Tenor*

Composed by S. H. WOOD (Magdalen).
Conducted by C. M. P. JOHNSON.
First peal of Major as conductor. First peal of Little Bob by all the band. A 21st birthday compliment to R. J. W. Housden (Selwyn).

MIDDLEWICH, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1952, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 20 lb.

*HENRY PARKER ..	*Treble*	*§CECIL RADDON	5
ERIC HORNBY	2	*HAROLD WORRALL ..	6
†WILLIAM ALLMAN ..	3	JOHN SCOTT	7
‡KENNETH EDWARDS ..	4	*HARRY W. HOWARD ..	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.
* 40th peal together. † First peal in the method away from the treble. ‡ First peal in the method. § 200th peal.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1952, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (6th Observation). Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM B. DAWSON ..	*Treble*	THOMAS H. CHARLTON ..	5
JOHN G. AMES	2	CYRIL WANDER	6
FRANK TAYLOR	3	AUBREY D. MILLS ..	7
STANLEY E. BENNETT ..	4	*AUBREY G. MOORE ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL WANDER.
* First peal.

SPELDHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1952, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 WARWICKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

BETTY M. VIDLER ..	*Treble*	WALTER H. DOBBIE ..	5
DORIS E. COLGATE	2	ROBERT T. LAMBERT	6
REGINALD E. LAMBERT ..	3	BENJAMIN F. BAKER	7
THOMAS E. SONE	4	ROBERT COLLINS ..	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
First peal in the method for all the band. First peal in the method for the Association.

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1952, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

CHARLES WENBAN ..	*Treble*	THOMAS J. CLARK	5
*ROY STODDARD	2	WILLIAM WENBAN	6
*JOHN SCHOFIELD	3	ALBERT C. WENBAN ..	7
ERNEST C. S. TURNER ..	4	JOHN E. ROOTES ..	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.
* First peal.

TWYFORD, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1952, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

*MRS. H. SMITH	*Treble*	ALAN R. PINK	5
*FRANK W. LEWIS	2	‡HAROLD SMITH	6
†WALTER HUNT	3	REGINALD W. REX	7
RONALD F. DISERENS ..	4	NOEL J. DISERENS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by NOEL J. DISERENS.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Cambridge Surprise. ‡ First peal of Surprise. First peal of Surprise as conductor.

WEM, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1952, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

EDWARD V. RODENHURST	*Treble*	F. HECTOR BENNETT ..	5
*WILLIAM A. FARMER ..	2	*CLIFFORD A. BARRON ..	6
SAMUEL BIRCH	3	MAURICE G. TURNER ..	7
ERNEST STITCH	4	HOWARD HOWELL ..	*Tenor*

Composed by W. ROYLE. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.
* First peal in the method.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Nov. 23, 1952, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt.

*PETER F. BORER ..	*Treble*	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ..	5
DORIS G. DOBBIE ..	2	RALPH BIRD	6
CYRIL S. JARRETT	3	†GEORGE KENWARD ..	7
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ..	4	HARRY PARKES	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Yorkshire 'inside.'

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 28, 1952, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's No. 2 Variation Tenor 10½ cwt.

MRS. H. J. POOLE	*Treble*	JOHN R. SMITH	5
HAROLD J. POOLE	2	J. RICHARD GRANT	6
*CECIL H. F. KNIGHT ..	3	JOHN B. BENNETT	7
ERNEST W. RAWSON ..	4	ALFRED BROUGHTON ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal of Stedman on 'inside' bell.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Nov. 28, 1952, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Six-part. Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

IAN WINDWOOD	*Treble*	SIDNEY A. PAICE	5
AUDREY M. TROTT	2	EDGAR R. RAPLEY	6
*NAN ICKERINGILL	3	LEONARD STILWELL ..	7
†EDWARD F. FOSBERRY ..	4	CECIL DENYER	*Tenor*

Conducted by LEONARD STILWELL.
* First peal. † First peal on eight bells. Bi-centenary peal for the bells, installed 1752, and first by St. Mary's ringers for 70 years.

ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1952, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in G.

REDVERS F. ELKINGTON..	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. LACEY	5
*JEANETTE M. SIMPSON ..	2	DAVID S. HARRIS	6
BARRY CORBISHLEY ..	3	GORDON H. ARGUILE ..	7
†ROBERT D. WILSON ..	4	MICHAEL D. STANIFORTH..	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by REDVERS F. ELKINGTON.
* First peal. † First peal of Cambridge Major.

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CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1952, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW THE GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

J. R. Pritchard's. Tenor 10 cwt.

*R. J. W. Housden (Selwyn)	*Treble*	R. D. Edge (Queens')	5
E. W. Taylor (Emmanuel)	2	C. M. P. Johnson (Selwyn)	6
W. J. Ridgman (Queens')	3	F. E. Roberts (Selwyn)	7
J. H. Fielden (St. Cath.'s)	4	P. A. F. Chalk (Selwyn)	*Tenor*

Conducted by P. A. F. Chalk.

* First peal.
Rung for St. Andrewstide.

BOSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1952, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in E flat.

William B. Dawson	*Treble*	John P. Morriss	5
Sydney Jessop	2	Norman V. Harding	6
Robert F. Brown	3	Frank Dewey	7
William E. Clarke	4	Albert H. Bennett	*Tenor*

Conducted by Norman V. Harding.
First peal of Grandsire Triples on the bells.

CARDINGTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1952, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

J. Reeves' (C.C.C. No. 174). Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in E flat.

*Roy A. Ward	*Treble*	Colin D. Mann	5
*Miriam Pettitt	2	Alan Smith	6
†C. Henry Harding	3	Derek P. Jones	7
Malcolm G. Hooton	4	*Bryan Pattison	*Tenor*

Conducted by Bryan Pattison.
* First peal of Major. † 200th peal. First peal as conductor.
Rung for Advent Sunday.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1952, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's. Tenor 21¼ cwt.

Patricia M. Clarke	*Treble*	Russel G. Parker	5
Leslie G. Brett	2	Walter Ruffles	6
George A. Fleming	3	Walter W. Miller	7
Llewellyn Allum	4	Albert E. Whiting	*Tenor*

Conducted by Patricia M. Clarke.
First peal as conductor, aged 15 years. Birthday compliment to George A. Fleming.

GREASLEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1952, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

Edward F. Gobey	*Treble*	Gordon A. Halls	5
Harold Taylor	2	Philip H. Whitaker	6
Edward C. Gobey	3	Francis R. Lowe	7
Kathleen I. Tivey	4	Denis R. Carlisle	*Tenor*

Conducted by Denis R. Carlisle.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1952, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's. Tenor 8 cwt. 3lb. in A.

Ronald W. Steward	*Treble*	Robert E. Lester	5
George E. Symonds	2	Keith W. Whittell	6
William J. Button	3	Harry D. Lister	7
Dudley H. P. Buxton	4	Garnham A. Blaxcell	*Tenor*

Conducted by Harry D. Lister.

HILLSBOROUGH, CO. DOWN.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1952, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MALACHI,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Ten-part. Tenor 20 cwt.

William Pratt	*Treble*	John T. Dunwoody	5
Jean Stewart (18)	2	Frank King	6
*Harry Chasty (19)	3	Harry Brown	7
†William Hall (16)	4	James Lewis (18)	*Tenor*

Conducted by Jean Stewart.
* First peal of Triples. † First peal. First peal as conductor. First lady to conduct a peal in Ireland.
Rung as a farewell to the retiring Governor of Northern Ireland, Earl Granville.

MARKET BOSWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Hinckley District.)
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1952, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5056 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt.

C. Richard Belton	*Treble*	†John W. Rawson	5
Alan Hough	2	W. Arthur Riddington	6
T. Kelham Deacon	3	Alfred Ballard	7
*Cecil E. Carr	4	Frank K. Measures	*Tenor*

Composed by E. Morris. Conducted by Frank K. Measures.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major.
Rung as a welcome to Sergt. Rawson, who is now stationed at Market Bosworth.

SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1952, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Reeves' reversed. Tenor 26½ cwt.

Stedman H. Symonds	*Treble*	Albert Catterwell	5
*Rosemary Seabrook	2	Leslie Mills	6
*Walter Scott	3	Thomas Bird	7
Maurice T. Symonds	4	George Pipe	*Tenor*

Conducted by Stedman H. Symonds.
* First peal of Grandsire.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

EASEBOURNE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1952, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 11½ cwt.

Mrs. E. R. Rapley	*Treble*	Edgar R. Rapley	4
Leonard Stilwell	2	Frank B. Lufkin	5
Ernest Treagus	3	William T. Beeson	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

HUNTINGDON.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Nov. 20, 1952, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 changes each of Double Court, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Norwich and Cambridge Surprise, and Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

John R. G. Spicer	*Treble*	Harold S. Peacock	4
Frank Warrington	2	Frank W. Lack	5
*Gordon D. Whitehead	3	Stanley Gilbert	*Tenor*

Conducted by Stanley Gilbert.
* First peal in seven methods. First peal in seven methods as conductor.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. R. G. Spicer for their silver wedding.

MARKET WEIGHTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1952, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

*Frederick Darbourne	*Treble*	Charles McGuiness	4
*Stella M. Kingdom	2	*John E. Dews	5
John B. Ibbotson	3	*Harold Walker	*Tenor*

Conducted by Harold Walker.
* First peal of Bob Minor.

STRETTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 24, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Consisting of one 2,160, and four 720's. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

DOUGLAS KIRKPATRICK	*Treble*	WILLIAM ALLMAN	4
HENRY PARKER	2	HAROLD WORRALL	5
CECIL RADDON	3	HARRY W. HOWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

OLD MARSTON, OXFORD.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Tues., Nov. 25, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores, with twelve callings. Tenor 5 cwt. in C.

FRANK P. WRIGHT	*Treble*	*ROBIN G. TURNER	3
PETER C. WRIGHT	2	†R. JAMES COOK	4
PETER BORDER	*Tenor*		

Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First peal of Doubles. † First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman Doubles by all the band, and for the Society. The conductor has now completed Stedman from Doubles to Cinques.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Nov. 26, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Single Court and Single Oxford and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

JAMES W. HAW	*Treble*	HENRY P. COLLIN	4
*JOHN NICHOLS	2	†BRYAN D. HILL	5
NEVILLE WHITNEY	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.
* First peal 'inside.' † First peal in three Minor methods.
Rung as a farewell peal to Mr. Bryan D. Hill, and also to the apprentices of No. 6 Radio School on leaving Cranwell.

FELPHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Nov. 27, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

JUNE M. CLEMENTS	*Treble*	HAROLD J. PESKETT	4
RICHARD WILSON	2	ERNEST TREAGUS	5
E. WINIFRED KEYS	3	HENRY C. WEAVER	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST TREAGUS.
First peal of Minor on the bells.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Nov. 27, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

HERBERT GOAKES	*Treble*	GEORGE BUSH	4
LEONARD SHARPE	2	AUBREY PEPPER	5
WALTER LONGFOOT	3	WILLIAM ROSE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.
Rung as a welcome to the newly-appointed Vicar, the Rev. J. Butcher.

WINWICK, LANCASHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 28, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 16 cwt.

JEAN GORSE	*Treble*	KENNETH EDWARDS	4
*HAROLD MONKS	2	RALPH TAYLOR	5
CLIFFORD SHAW	3	HAROLD WORRALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD WORRALL.
* First peal.

CULHAM, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being six different 240's, two 120's. Twice repeated. Tenor 6 cwt.

*BARRY DAVIS	*Treble*	†JOHN GREENWOOD	4
WALTER WEBB	2	RICHARD BROAD	5
*FRANK MOORING	3	CYRIL JAMES	*Tenor*

Conducted by RICHARD BROAD.
* First peal. † First 'inside.' First in the method on the bells,



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THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

*MARY F. MACKENZIE	*Treble*	ELIZABETH BROWN	4
†JOAN M. GRAY	2	‡PERCY K. WATERMAN	5
JEAN M. HARRIS	3	JACK MUSSELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by JEAN M. HARRIS.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Plain Bob Minor. ‡ First peal of Minor 'inside.'

Rung as a token of gratitude and respect to the Rev. H. W. Moule, on his retirement after 30 years as Vicar of the parish.

EAST HARLING, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.

LEONARD W. KING	*Treble*	FRANK PEARSON	4
WILLIAM EAGLING	2	FRANK C. J. ARNOLD	5
DR. PAUL H. A. JONASON	3	CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO	*Tenor*

Conducted by CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO.

ELLESBOROUGH, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different callings. Tenor 9 cwt.

HARRY C. JONES	*Treble*	WALTER LEE	4
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER	2	*MICHAEL HATCHETT	5
WILFRED EDWARDS	3	ROLAND BIGGS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND BIGGS.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise.

KINGSLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being 720 each of Wells, London, Durham, York, Cambridge, Ipswich and Norwich. Tenor 12 cwt.

ERNEST TWIGG	*Treble*	WILLIAM EDWARDS	4
ALFRED H. COTTRELL	2	WILLIAM CARNWELL	5
LESLIE HIGGS	3	WILLIAM HAZELDENE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM HAZELDENE.

MATHON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents of April Day, 15 extents of Plain Bob, 15 extents of Reverse Canterbury, and 6 extents of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt.

WILLIAM RANFORD	*Treble*	*JAMES WARD	4
C. WILLIAM NUTT	2	FREDERICK MERRICK	5
ROLAND E. LEWIS	3	†JOHN LANE	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. WILLIAM NUTT.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal.

Believed to be the first peal of Doubles on the bells.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, COLEGATE.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being extents of Wells, London, York, Beverley, Norwich, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 9 cwt. in G.

*DAVID HEIGHTON	*Treble*	*ARTHUR G. BASON	4
*GEORGE SAYER	2	WILLIAM CLOVER	5
*NOLAN GOLDEN	3	HENRY TOOKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal in seven Surprise Minor methods.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 DELIGHT MINOR

Comprising one extent each of Merton, Neasden, St. Albans, Burslem, Burnaby, Elston and Kirkstall. Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN E. ROOTES	*Treble*	JOHN R. MAYNE	4
ANNE B. SPEED	2	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	5
FRANCIS KIRK	3	HAROLD G. CASHMORE	*Tenor*

Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

The first peal of Delight Minor by all.

WEST DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's in 18 methods. 1, London and Wells. 2, Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Stamford and Rossendale. 3, Beverley, Hexham, Surfleet, York, Durham and Berwick. 4, Cambridge, Ipswich, Norfolk, Primrose, Hull and Bourne. 5, Beverley and Surfleet. 6, Cambridge and Ipswich. 7, York and Durham. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

*†ELIZABETH M. TAYLOR	*Treble*	CECIL WADE	4
ALBERT E. SCOTT	2	FREDERICK W. FRENCH	5
JAMES W. HAW	3	*WILLIAM H. OLDMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by CECIL WADE.

* First peal in 18 methods. † First peal of Spliced Surprise.

Rung on the eve of the Patronal Festival.

HOLYWELL, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Nov. 30, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

*REGINALD WYLMER	*Treble*	FRANK WARRINGTON	4
OLIVER NORMAN	2	HAROLD S. PEACOCK	5
JOHN R. G. SPICER	3	E. JACK PARISH	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First peal.

Rung for Advent and St. Andrew's Day.

HANDBELL PEALS

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Tues., Nov. 11, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
IN UNIVERSITY COLLEGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor size 15 in C.

*ROBIN G. TURNER	1—2	PETER BORDER	5—6
*PETER C. WRIGHT	3—4	FRANK P. WRIGHT	7—8

Conducted by FRANK P. WRIGHT.

* First peal of Triples upon handbells.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes.*
IN UNIVERSITY COLLEGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

FRANK P. WRIGHT	1—2	PETER C. WRIGHT	5—6
PETER BORDER	3—4	*R. JAMES COOK	7—8

Arranged and Conducted by PETER C. WRIGHT.

* First peal of Major.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
IN UNIVERSITY COLLEGE,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

PETER C. WRIGHT	1—2	PETER BORDER	5—6
*ROBIN G. TURNER	3—4	R. JAMES COOK	7—8

Composed and Conducted by PETER BORDER.

* First peal as a Bachelor of Arts.

LONDON.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Nov. 28, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
AT THE COUNTY HALL, S.E.1,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 13.

*THOMAS J. LOCK	1—2	†WILFRID G. WILSON	5—6
EDWIN A. BARNETT	3—4	*EDWIN J. LINDLEY	7—8

Conducted by EDWIN A. BARNETT.

* First peal of Little Bob. † First on handbells. The conductor's 150th peal on handbells.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Nov. 30, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes.*
AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's No. 2 Variation. Tenor size 15 in C.

*BRIAN G. WARWICK	1—2	PETER J. STANIFORTH	5—6
HAROLD J. POOLE	3—4	JOHN B. BENNETT	7—8

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal of Stedman on working pair.

ASH PRIORS, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Stedman and 660 Grandsire): W. H. Tarr 1, F. Mattravers 2, Miss B. Rowsell 3, G. Uglow 4, W. G. Gigg (cond.) 5, W. Warren 6. First in two methods for 2, 3, 4 and 6.

BEAMINSTER, DORSET.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): W. J. Bailey 1, C. Gibbs 2, M. Poole 3, J. L. Glyde 4, E. P. Bailey 5, E. Pannel 6, J. T. Barrett (cond.) 7, A. Meech 8. Rung for the visit of the Bishop of Sherborne after Confirmation service.

BULKINGTON, NUNEATON, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 8th, 1,280 changes: June Knight 1, Florrie Warden 2, Rosemary Ashley 3, Margaret Bailey 4, S. Carter 5, T. Elson 6, A. J. Hinde 7, H. E. Ashley (cond.) 8. Rung to mark the completion of 25 years as Vicar by the Rev. J. H. Dingley.

CASTOR, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Rose (cond.) 1, J. Plummer 2, B. Ball 3, H. Goakes 4, G. Hankins (first quarter) 5, J. Colson 6.

COALPIT HEATH, GLOS.—On Nov. 16th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (720 each of Kent and Oxford): G. Smart 1, L. Francombe 2, A. E. Rodman 3, M. Wiltshire 4, R. Williams 5, W. F. Scudamore (cond.) 6. First in method for 1, 4, 5 and 6. A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. L. Francombe.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Miles 1, Miss L. S. Skeet 2, M. Jennings 3, R. Gardner 4, S. Arnold 5, W. Slaughter 6, G. T. Jennings (cond.) 7, J. Laker 8. Rung for Confirmation service.

FINCHAMPSTEAD, BERKS.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. E. Elliot 1, M. Fleet (first 'inside') 2, Mrs. W. White 3, M. Mason 4, A. Fleet (cond.) 5, P. Mason 6. Rung to welcome the new Vicar (the Rev. Woosnam Jones).

HELMDON, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 24th, 1,440 Bob Minor: W. J. Chester 1, M. Saunders 2, F. Green 3, E. Lines 4, C. Hinton 5, W. Yates (cond.) 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to Albert Hinton, a member of the band, now serving with Her Majesty's Forces in Germany.

HOLYWELL, HUNTS.—On Nov. 21st, 1,440 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Wylmer 1, F. Warrington 2, O. Norman 3, E. J. Parish (cond.) 4, W. Papworth 5. Rung as a birthday compliment to Master J. Norman, son of Mr. O. Norman.

QUARTER PEALS

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Spliced Triples (containing 700 Oxford Bob and 560 Grandsire): Miss R. Lake 1, W. D. Ashdown 2, J. Salway 3, E. E. Retter 4, D. Callard 5, A. Holway 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, R. Sandford 8. First of Spliced Triples by all.

KERESLEY, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 18th, 1,280 Grandsire Doubles: W. Ensor 1, A. E. Bristow 2, P. L. Green (first quarter) 3, H. Folwell 4, W. A. Stote (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Jesse Morris, a former churchwarden.

MESSINGHAM, LINCS.—On Nov. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss L. King 1, G. E. Feirn (cond.) 2, Miss M. Lyall 3, D. Hewitt 4, Miss J. Blackburn 5, J. Ellerton 6. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Albert Lambkin.

OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON.—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Arbury 1, C. J. Turner 2, Betty Smith 3, J. Salway 4, B. Pidgeon 5, E. W. Rowe 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, E. E. Retter 8. Rung on the eve of St. Andrew's Day and Advent.

PARRAMATTA, N.S.W., AUSTRALIA.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Dunbar 1, J. Boutland 2, Joan E. M. Hills 3, W. Smith 3, A. R. Botting 5, R. W. Ferris (cond.) 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of 4 and 5.

PRISTON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Lippiate (13, first quarter) 1, R. Fry 2, K. Medway 3, H. Newman 4, E. Connock (cond.) 5, H. Butt (first quarter) 6. A birthday compliment to Mrs. Hughes, and a welcome home to Christopher Bennett following a serious motor accident.

PUTNEY.—On Nov. 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. R. L. Blewer 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, W. W. Bailey 3, N. G. Hollingsworth 4, C. H. Wood 5, C. W. Ottley 6, J. Bullock 7, F. W. Wicks 8.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob and 660 Grandsire): Mrs. M. M. Osborne 1, Mrs. J. C. Northan 2, Miss S. Booth 3, H. F. Perry 4, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 5, J. Merrett 6. First quarter in two methods for 1, 2, 4 and 6. Birthday compliment to Mrs. J. C. Northan.

ROYDON, ESSEX.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: F. Wright 1, S. Frost 2, A. Livings 3, B. Pike 4, B. Burton 5, L. Beal (first quarter as cond.) 6.

SOUTHAM, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 18th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss D. M. Palmer 1, Miss M. M. Middlemiss 2, A. R. Barratt 3, A. J. Hobley 4, G. Rathbone 5, H. M. Windsor (cond.) 6. First of Minor by all. Rung as a farewell to A. R. Barratt, joining H.M. Forces.

SOUTH CADBURY, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. H. Sargent (first quarter) 1, R. Gare 2, J. Bartlett 3, W. J. Tiley (cond.) 4, F. L. Andrews 5, L. J. Rendell (first quarter) 6.

SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. M. Snowling (first quarter) 1, Margot Thompson 2, R. S. Payne 3, G. H. Wright 4, J. Thurlow 5, J. W. C. Blythe (cond.) 6. Rung for the patronal festival; also a birthday compliment to Joan Thompson, a member of the local company.

STEEP, HANTS.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. M. Slater (13 years, first quarter) 1, Miss C. C. Roberts 2, Mrs. G. M. Hunt 3, Miss B. P. P. Brown (16 years, first quarter) 4, A. H. Fisher (cond.) 5, E. Hall 6. Rung for Advent Sunday.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Nov. 23rd, at Christ Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: W. Bullock 1, Miss M. E. Richards (cond.) 2, Miss P. Manning (first quarter of Bob Royal) 3, C. J. Gardner 4, E. J. Berry 5, R. J. Stokes 6, D. Goodridge (first 'inside') 7, W. Sidwell 8, R. Townsend 9, W. W. Daniell 10.

WARBOROUGH, OXON.—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Absolom (first quarter) 1, W. Absolom 2, F. Smith 3, R. Wells 4, F. Absolom (cond.) 5, R. Absolom 6.

WESTON ZAYLAND, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Jeanes (cond.) 1, S. Baker 2, L. Gigg 3, P. Tucker 4, C. Davis 5, G. Burge 6.

WREXHAM, DENBIGHS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Hodges, E. Webster 2, J. Barber 3, F. R. Evans (cond.) 4, W. Cathrall 5, J. Capper 6, D. Millward 7, C. Pridding 8. Rung to celebrate the 21st birthday of Mr. Maurice Cathrall, of Johannesburg, South Africa. Also on Oct. 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Hodges 1, E. Webster 2, E. Millington 3, F. R. Evans (cond.) 4, J. Clutton 5, J. M. Capper 6, A. Lea 7, C. Pridding 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. F. Mitchell. Also on Nov. 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Hodges 1, E. Millington 2, J. Clutton 3, F. E. Evans (cond.) 4, A. Lea 5, J. M. Capper 6, W. Cathrall 7, C. Pridding 8. Rung to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Capper.

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Christmas greetings from readers to their friends in the Exercise will appear in the issues of December 19th and December 26th. Price 3/- for up to 30 words.

BELFRY GOSSIP

When the Chester Guild held their meeting at Stalybridge on November 29th the chair was taken by the Mayor (Cclr. Percy Walton). For over 25 years the Mayor has been a regular service ringer at St. Paul's, Stalybridge, and he rang his first peal at St. Paul's in 1929.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Walker celebrate their 54th wedding anniversary to-day (Friday).

Carols on handbells will be popular this Christmas. During the past week we have sent out 20 requests for carol tunes on eight bells. This is in addition to the large number of early applications.

The Society of Roving Ringers rang a peal of Stedman Cinques on the bells of Exeter Cathedral last Saturday. Those who have watched the progress of this Society will congratulate them on ringing a very fine peal.

The peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal at Hillingdon on November 22nd was intended to be in honour of the birth of a son and heir to Mr. and Mrs. A. R. G. Turner, of the local band. The happy event did not occur until after the peal.

Errata.—The seven methods in the peal at Tibshelf (see page 758) should read, College Exercise, Capel, Sandal, Kingston, London Scholars, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. This was the first peal in seven methods by all the band except the conductor.

Mr. G. W. Taysom has 'circled' Carbis Bay tower, and is the second to do so. This is the only Cornish tower to hold this distinction. Also in the peal was Lieut. Dennis Roe, R.N., of Keighley, Yorks, who is again stationed in Cornwall after a period overseas. It was his first peal since 1948.

The first lady to call a peal in Ireland is Miss Jean Stewart, who is only 18. She started ringing in 1949 at the new tower of St. Donard's and rang her first peal there in March, 1951. She has 18 peals to her credit and her ringing capabilities extend to Double Norwich Court Bob Major and London Surprise Major. Her peal was called at the third attempt, the two failures were at Carrickfergus and arose from the hard going of the bells.

Another young lady to make her bow as conductor is Miss Patricia Clarke, of Ipswich, who called a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major from the treble at Debenham, Suffolk. Pat, who is only 15, started ringing two years ago at Rushmere. She has rung about 20 peals. Her rapid progress is partly due to the Grundisburgh influence and she cycles to this tower for their practices and also to Framsden.

Mr. Harold Walker has now rung peals of Plain Bob on 6, 8, 10 and 12 bells, after doing the same with Cambridge 23 years ago.

Will 'Outing Organiser' kindly forward his name to the Editor. We cannot publish letters under a nom-de-plume without knowing the name and address of the sender.

The peal of Cambridge Maximus at St. Margaret's, Leicester, enabled the Leicester youth, J. B. Bennett, to complete peals of Minor to Maximus in the method. It also demonstrates the progress of Leicester's young ringers. The band was completely local and with the exception of father and mother all are in their twenties.

We are sorry to learn that the attempt for a peal of 13,139 Grandsire Caters 'in hand' at Bournemouth on November 29th came adrift after 1½ hours through an early call. Although Mr. D. T. Matkin, the conductor, immediately put it right it upset the others. Another attempt on the record is planned for Jan. 31st.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

RELATIONS WITH CALL CHANGE RINGERS

An Example From Devonshire

Dear Sir,—I would like to make one or two comments on Mr. Head's article on Call Change Ringing because I fear some readers unfamiliar with the situation in Devonshire may have gained from it a false impression of the relations between the Guild of Devonshire Ringers and the call change ringers here.

It is not true that we ignore, or practically ignore, the efforts and work of these ringers; we are very much aware of them, and we admire their striking and their keenness. But in this county, at least, they have their own Association. The Devon Association of Church Bell Ringers, which is very active and very strong; indeed, its membership is far greater than our own and quite possibly doubles it. Nor may it be supposed that there exists any strife or rivalry between us; although the Association was originally founded in opposition to change ringing (as its old title, 'The Devon Association for the Encouragement of Call-Change Ringing,' implies), things have changed very much in the past 30 years or so, and attempts have been made to effect an amalgamation of the two Societies, though so far this has not come to pass.

However, a very great step on our part has been the abolition of the rule which forbade our members to take part in competitions, and another good sign was the joint Rally last year for the Festival of Britain, which was organised by members of both Societies, and attended by a great number of members of each. Many members of the Guild, whose home tower is a call-change one, ring there regularly, and only take the opportunity of meetings and practices elsewhere to practise their method ringing. I am happy to say that the number of those who refuse to ring call-changes in their own tower, and, therefore, rarely ring on Sundays, seems to be dwindling.

Such is the situation at present; we still hope that, at some time in the future, the union of the two societies will be possible, and that there will follow from it a union of the best points of each—scientific ringing, regularly practised by keen ringers, and perfectly struck.—Yours,

JOHN G. M. SCOTT (Rev.)

Exeter.

Dear Sir,—With reference to your leading article on the subject of Call Change Ringing in your issue of November 14th, those of your readers who file their copies will find all the points raised by Mr. Head very fully dealt with in a long letter over my signature which appeared in your issue of October 17th, 1947.

The call change ringers' organisation is the Devon Association of Ringers and I am happy to state that the very friendliest relations exist between that body and the Guild of Devonshire Ringers. A few years ago an approach was made by the Guild with a view to amalgamating the two bodies, but after several meetings between representatives of both sides the conclusion was reluctantly reached that the difficulties were too great. However, last year the were organised by a joint committee of the were organised by a joint committee of the Association and the Guild. I do not, therefore, consider that the Guild can be said 'practically to ignore the efforts and work of these ringers.'

The decision as to whether 'The Ringing World' should publish reports of call change competitions rests, of course, with the Editorial Committee. I have often thought that a list of the more important of these events might well be published in your columns before the holiday season to enable visitors to come and form their own opinions on first-class call changes

Incidentally, I know of at least three call change towers in North Devon where 'The Ringing World' is read every week.—Yours faithfully,

E. J. TAYLOR.

Tiverton.

THE APPLICATION TO RING

Dear Sir,—Reading the most recent contribution to this correspondence in your issue of November 28th I felt that a deadlock had been reached between two extreme points of view.

But surely it is as dangerous to assert that applications should be addressed always to the Incumbent as it is to assert that the Incumbent should never be approached directly. Dangerous in this sense, that it implies that rights have to be preserved, whether of the Incumbent, who is, of course, the legal custodian of the bells, or the ringers, who are, of course, essential to their proper function and maintenance.

'Fortunately a very good understanding usually exists between the ringers and their Incumbents' for

'If there is the proper relationship between Incumbent and ringers there will be no need to worry—each will consult the other in any eventuality.'

These quotations from the two sides of the correspondence surely give the key to the problem, if indeed problem there is. Misunderstandings do crop up from time to time, but how relatively infrequent they are; and how fatal it would be to try and legislate against them.

In the annual report of my own Association, the Kent County, lists of towers are given, with times of Sunday and practice ringing and the name and address of the tower secretary. He is the 'man on the spot,' who will be as helpful as he can to all enquirers, whether they reach him direct or through the Incumbent or through the tower captain. For in practice each and all receive letters from ringers, and each and all contribute to the courtesies, which none of us should expect as a right, but which all of us should be anxious to confer, not only to preserve the wonderful fellowship of the belfry, but as followers of Him to whose praise and worship our bells are dedicated.—Yours sincerely,

E. S. JOHN HATCHER.

Ditton, Maidstone.

C/O THE VICARAGE

Dear Sir,—In his letter to 'The Ringing World' the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead states: 'One could hardly write to the Captain of the Bellringers, c/o The Vicarage, could one?' Well, one can, and one does. One such letter arrived in Godshill identically addressed. Some have reached me even having the vague address: 'Chief Bellringer, Godshill.'

Correspondence so addressed certainly savours of super-optimism but usually achieves the desired result, i.e., permission to visit the tower and ring.

Even so, if the name and address of the tower correspondent is unknown to the writer, it is surely more correct (since any mail addressed c/o The Vicarage must go there) to address any such correspondence to the incumbent. In my experience there has never been a deliberate attempt to by-pass or dispute the legal authority of an incumbent.—Yours very humbly,

L. BAILEY.

Godshill, I.W.

Wimborne Minster is a rare tower for peals. Previous to the peal on November 29th the last was in 1938.

WINCHESTER DISTRICT DINNER

(Continued from page 793)

Mrs. C. H. Kippin, in a gracious reply, thanked the proposer for his kind welcome to the ladies. To-day the welcome to the ladies in the belfry was universal but such was not the case 30 to 40 years ago. She was not sure whether she was qualified to speak as a visitor. She had often come to see her parents in Winchester and always rang at local towers and meetings. It was only a few years ago that she had moved to the neighbouring town of Southampton but had always kept in close contact with Winchester.

A speaker not on the agenda was the Rev. H. Williams, of Hyde, who said this was a surprise to him to be called to reply for the visitors. He was, however, very pleased to be with them that night although he had no bells in his own church. He said he wished he had been a member of the Advisory Committee at the time when a predecessor of his had sold the bells of Hyde Church to be melted down to provide railings for the church. He further added that if he had the money he would have the railings melted down again to make some bells.

On the call of the chairman the company showed its appreciation of the services of Mr. J. A. C. King in organising the dinner by a round of applause.

The party then adjourned to an upstairs lounge for an informal concert given by Mr. H. Street (comedian), Mr. John Wills (conjurer), Mrs. M. Hatwell (mime and imitation) and Mr. S. B. Carey (vocalist).

A company of 78 attended the dinner. These were:—The Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth, the Rt. Rev. B. C. Corfield, the Rev. Canon C. P. Cowley, the Rev. W. O. Maundrell, the Very Rev. and Mrs. E. G. Selwyn, the Rev. H. Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Linter, Mr. and Mrs. F. Mouland, Mr. and Mrs. R. Osmond, Mr. and Mrs. P. Paul, Mr. and Mrs. G. Pullinger, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Reed, Mr. and Mrs. R. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. H. Street, Mr. and Mrs. — Westcott, Mr. and Mrs. J. Wilmott.

Mesdames Coombs, F. M. Humber, Jeffrey, C. H. Kippin, H. Mansell, K. Phillips, Roots, S. Smith.

The Misses B. Daysh, M. Denby, E. Edmonds, S. Hansford, P. Harris, P. Howlett, T. Jetten, D. Joy, S. Joy, D. King, A. Norris, — Sealy, R. Phillips, M. Smith, N. Smith, M. Spearey, M. Woodhouse.

Messrs. N. Andrews, R. Brewer, H. D. Buckingham, M. Butler, S. B. Carey, T. Chapman, P. Corfield, R. Currie, W. Glasspool, C. Haines, J. Halstead, W. Harrison, N. Hayes, D. Humber, J. A. C. King, M. Lakin, P. Long, J. Morgan, P. Nash, A. Newman, Richard Osmond, B. Paul, P. Sanders, S. Sanders, T. West, D. Vernier.

IRREGULAR METHODS

Dear Sir,—The Methods Committee has carefully gone into the question of irregular methods, as asked by the last Central Council meeting. The following statement is unanimous:—The committee **cannot** recommend any alteration or relaxation of the Decision of the Council that regular methods must have the bells in the same coursing order at each lead head and end.

Also following on from the last Central Council meeting, the committee invites anyone interested to a meeting on Saturday, January 3rd, 1953 at 2.30 p.m., at the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, to discuss that part of its 1952 report which was left over for further consideration, viz., that portion relating to the sequence of lead ends.—Yours sincerely,

K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

Convener.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION

Dedication of War Memorial

The memorial to the ten members of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association who lost their lives in the 1939-45 war was dedicated in Newcastle Cathedral on November 15th.

Previous to the service the bells of the Cathedral were rung half-muffled. These bells have a great tradition with Stedman through the tower's association with the late Mr. W. H. Barber, one of the greatest exponents of the method. One felt, with the 540 Stedman Caters in short courses, that his old pupil and friend, Mr. W. J. Davidson, conducted, there was ringing of the high standard of yore.

By the time the service commenced the central seats of the nave were completely filled with a large congregation. The service was conducted by the Provost of Newcastle, the Very Rev. N. M. Kennaby, M.A., with Mr. J. L. Keen at the organ. During the singing of the hymn 'Let saints on earth . . . .' the congregation followed the clergy to the south-west corner of the Cathedral. There the Provost dedicated the memorial and a wreath was laid by the immediate past president, Mr. W. N. Park. A course of Grandsire Triples with the 'Whole Pull and Stand' ten times was rung on handbells by Messrs. R. A. Gofton, J. Anderson, D. A. Bayles and K. Arthur.

As the hymn 'O God, our help in ages past' was sung the congregation returned to the pews and the president of the Association. Canon H. S. Stephenson, M.A., Rector of Gateshead, took his place in the pulpit. His address was one full of the certainty of the Christian belief in the life hereafter and must have given great comfort to the relatives and friends of the Fallen. The hymn 'Peace, perfect peace' was sung as the offertory for the War Memorial was taken by four officers of the Association—Messrs. F. Ainsley, D. A. Bayles, C. T. Lamb and W. F. Sheraton. The service concluded with the Blessing.

A short touch and the lowering of the bells concluded the ceremony, and ringers, relatives of the Fallen and friends took tea in the Cathedral library. This was an informal arrangement and enabled those who had attended to meet one another. The secretary made acknowledgment of the help and co-operation which he had received on all sides and announced that the collection had amounted to £8 5s. 9d., to which donations that day totalling £1 15s. had to be added—a most heartening and generous response which gives good promise that the total required should be raised before the end of the financial year.

The War Memorial for 1939-45 is an additional brass tablet, designed by Mr. G. E. Charlewood, T.D., R.R.I.B.A., and executed by Messrs. C. S. Ormerod, Ltd., of Gosforth. The Memorial for 1914-18 has been raised to enable the additional tablet to be placed below it and above a tablet of the Coldstream Guards. The names engraved on the tablet are:—

ARTHUR ATKINSON, St. Andrew, Hexham.
THOMAS B. BURNS, Christ Church, North Shields.
GEORGE R. S. HALLIDAY, Newcastle Cathedral.
JOHN LEIGHTON, St. Cuthbert, Stella, Blaydon.
DOUGLAS OLIVER, St. Cuthbert, Benfieldside.
CECIL QUIGLEY, SS. Mary and Cuthbert, Chester-le-Street.
DONALD E. REAY, SS. James and Basil, Fenham.
ARTHUR REWCASTLE, St. Hilda, South Shields.
JOHN E. RICHMOND, St. James, Benwell.
STANLEY WALKER, SS. James and Basil, Fenham.

BULWELL'S OPEN RINGING DAY

Bulwell Parish Church, dedicated to St. Mary-the-Virgin and All Souls, possesses a ring of eight (tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in E). The bells have been recently rehung on ball bearings by Messrs. John Taylor and Co, the rope circle improved and the sound in the ringing chamber modified by a deadening floor. The ringing chamber has been renovated and now has a most pleasing appearance.

An Open Ringing Day having been announced for November 29th, a goodly number of ringers assembled from North Notts, Derby, Melton Mowbray, Loughborough, Coventry, South Yorkshire, etc. Other strong motoring parties to their great regret had to cancel their visit owing to dense fog. The bells were kept going continuously during the afternoon until 4.30, when a short service was conducted by the curate, the Rev. P. G. Walker. After voicing the apologies of the Rector (Canon George Sprittles) for his unavoidable absence. Mr. Walker welcomed the visitors and said that he was himself learning to ring, thus being numbered amongst those who should always be mindful of the purpose of bells, to sound for God's glory.

Teas to suit all tastes and appetites were then enjoyed at a nearby cafe, and in the evening the bells were again fully occupied, methods up to London Surprise being rung. Every touch came round save one, owing to a false start, and the striking was good, even near excellent at times. There was no 'clattering and banging' (to quote the expression of a ringer who shall be nameless) that is, unfortunately, heard at many meetings.

Numerous were the expressions of appreciation of the 'go' of the bells and their tone outside. The hearing in the ringing chamber was pronounced just right; in fact, as one ringer said, 'If you can't strike properly here you can't anywhere.'

The total cost of rehanging, new floor and other work in the bell and ringing chambers was over £450, and thanks to the energy of the Rector and his co-workers, has been fully raised. This after collecting £3,000 for repairs to the church!

In view of the success of Bulwell Open Ringing Day, it is hoped to make this an annual event.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World' December 13th, 1912

LONDON

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Monday, Dec. 3rd, 1912, in 3 hours and 13 minutes

At 'George IV.,' Brunswick St., Haggerston

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES
5,007 CHANGES

Bertram Prewett	1-2
Ernest Pye	3-4
William Shepherd	5-6
George R. Pye	7-8
James Hunt	9-10
Alfred W. Grimes	11-12

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by William Shepherd.

This was A. W. Grimes' 100th peal during 1912.

[This was only the second occasion on which such a total had been reached—in 1888, J. W. Washbrook scored 127. Mr. Grimes' ultimate total was 112, which he surpassed the following year with 136 the latter remaining a record until Mr. H. J. Poole rang 143 a year or two ago. The peal was also of interest in that Ernest Pye had become the first to ring every pair of handbells to Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques.]

LONDON SURPRISE

Mr. George Baker, of Brighton, writes with reference to London Surprise on page 780:—

There is, however, one little error I missed in the proof you sent me. The 7th Round Block of Royal should be 6831425079 **not 97.**

14th CENTURY BELL IN DANGER

A Case For Immediate Action

Dr. Derek P. Jones, of Hitchin, who is making investigations into bells cast by John Dyer, of Hitchin, calls our attention to a 14th century bell at Hexton, near Hitchin, which is in danger of falling and being damaged:

This interesting Lombardic bell (about 6 cwt., 2nd out of a ring of three), he writes, is in a very precarious position in a mouldering wooden frame in a tower which all but collapsed in 1947. Only two walls are left standing and they look as though they may follow, being chalk rubble.

This bell should be removed immediately as it must date from before 1350. It may crack if it falls as it is nearly 50 feet from the ground. According to North this is the third oldest bell in Hertfordshire.

I remember hearing the three chimed for service at Hexton some years ago. They are hung for full compass ringing, with a very trivial metal slider device fixed to the frame side and a correspondingly short stay, both nearly eaten away with rust and woodworm.

All three bells retain their canons by which they are strung right out from the headstocks by numerous bands. There are (or were before 1947) pits for five bells, and evidence there is, too, of a fourth bell in the shape of a headstock hung in an otherwise vacant pit.

Chances of restoration seem slight; the nave is also disused and the village population cannot exceed 200.

HEADS OF WYE

For nearly 150 years a Head has been ringing bells at Wye, Kent, but that is ended. After 50 years of ringing Mr. Charles Head, captain of the tower and former secretary, has retired. His great-grandfather, grandfather and father were all ringers at Wye.

A plaque in the tower commemorates a peal rung on Christmas Day, 1865, when Mr. Head's great-grandfather, Thomas Head, with his four sons, John, James, George and Henry, participated.

The vestry book of the neighbouring parish of Kennington records that on Sunday, May 27th, 1882, the sixth bell was dedicated. The ringers were Robert Head 1, Harry Head 2, John Head 3, W. G. Peters, jun., 4, William Payne 5, Herbert Tourney 6. The first person to chime the new bell was Mr. George H. Head, now of Hanworth, Middlesex, who was then a boy at school, aged nine.

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DEDICATIONS IN THREE COUNTIES

BUXHALL, SUFFOLK

THE Parish Church of St. Mary, Buxhall, Suffolk, is quite spacious for a parish with a population of only about 400, but on December 2nd every seat was occupied when the restored and augmented ring of bells in its sturdy tower was dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Dunwich.

Buxhall, only two miles from Stowmarket, is a pretty parish on the West Suffolk border. Its houses are generally scattered and, from the church, which stands on the higher ground, the undulating fields and meadows roll away in all directions—ideal country for the best effect of 'bells across the meadow' at whichever point of the compass one happens to be from the church.

It seems but a few months ago when I saw in a local paper that the Rector, the Rev. C. N. Kendall, M.A., was announcing the proposed restoration and appealing for donations to the fund. The work which has been put into the effort and the generosity of those who contributed deserve all praise. The work in the tower was done by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd.

A 'Coronation Treble' (6 cwt.) has been added to the old ring of five, four of which are 17th century bells of Draper and of Newman. The tenor (15 cwt. 7 lb., F sharp) was by Gardiner, of Sudbury, dated 1739. It was cracked but has been recast and now bears both its old and its new inscriptions:—

'Gregory Copinger, Tho. Fuller C.W. Tho. Gardiner, Sudbury, Fecit 1739. Recast 1952 in memory of Capt. Arthur Charles Copinger Hill, 1st. Btn. Suffolk Regt. Missing near Caen, July, 1944. Gillett and Johnston, Founders, Croydon.'

Copinger is an old name in Buxhall. Sir William Copinger, Lord Mayor of London in 1512, was born at Buxhall and he left half of his property to charitable uses, the other half to his relations, who lived on in Buxhall and district and were so famous for hospitality that 'to live like the Copingers' became an expression in the neighbourhood.

The four middle bells of the ring have been turned and all six rehung with new fittings and framework.

The service was in the evening and the soft, golden light of the oil lamps which light the church showed through the windows and served as a guide up the long, straight path from the road. Snow lay here and there and the N.W. wind blew keen on the face. Inside, one found the western end of the nave packed with ringers from all around.

The service was fully choral, the clear tone of the Rector's voice now providing the lead and now the backbone to that country parish church choir, whose singing was more of the nature of Cathedral rather than country parish church. For an anthem they sang 'Worship Him and Sing of Him' (Caleb Simper) and at the end of the service a solemn Te Deum was sung—unaccompanied.

Mr. Cecil W. Pipe, secretary of the Suffolk Guild of Ringers, and Mr. Michael Howard, of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, read the lessons.

The Bishop, in his sermon, said that he would like to see more young men take up ringing. He referred to instances where he had visited churches and seen and heard of the difficulties under which some of the older ringers were struggling. In one case he found six bells but only four ringers; another where all the bells were rung but all the ringers did not come from that parish; and another where the Vicar asked him to have a word with 'the ringer' before he left. The Bishop agreed but asked the Vicar if it meant that there was only one bell. 'Oh, no!' said the Vicar, 'we have three bells and he rings them all. He is also the verger, my churchwarden, sings in the choir and is the sexton!'

The Bishop analogised bell ringing with the Christian life, taking in turn, 'Ring true,' 'Ring together,' 'Ring out the Old, Ring in the New' and 'Hold fast.'

During the service the Rector welcomed all ringers present, and ringing by band after band went on until a late hour. C. R.

CASTLE BROMWICH, WARWICKSHIRE

The fine Wren Church of St. Mary and St. Margaret, Castle Bromwich, now possesses a ring of bells worthy of the building. At a special service of dedication held on November 22nd the recast ring of six was dedicated by the Rector, the Rev. H. N. Forbes, M.A.

Five bells originally hung in the tower. To these Charles Carr, of Smethwick, added a tenor of 8 cwt. 2 qr. in 1893. This bell bore the unusual inscription: 'I celebrate the wedding day of George of York and Princess May. Deo Laus. 1893.' All the bells were of very poor tone.

Interest in a restoration was stimulated by a legacy from Mrs. Lucy Williams, widow of John Williams, for many years a local ringer. The six bells have been recast and rehung on ball bearings by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, who are to be complimented on the excellent tone of the bells. The founders were represented at the dedication by Mr. A. P. Cannon. Space has been left for two trebles which it is hoped to install at some future date.

Weights and additional inscriptions are as follows:—

Treble.—Allen Stephen Foden, Verger since 1921. 4 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

2nd.—Thomas Marshall Steer, Churchwarden 1946-51. 4 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb.

3rd.—Clifford John Shaw, Churchwarden since 1951. 5 cwt.

4th.—Kenneth James Green, Churchwarden since 1952. 5 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

5th.—George Ernest Tomlinson, Churchwarden 1949-52. 7 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb.

Tenor.—Henry Nicoll Forbes, Rector since 1921, 10 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

Total weight: 38 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

After the service the tower was open to ringers and over forty from a wide area took part in rounds and touches, according to their ability, until 8 p.m.

TONG, SHROPSHIRE

The Bishop of Shrewsbury (the Rt. Rev. R. L. Hodson) rededicated the bells of Tong Parish Church, Shropshire, on November 17th. The bells have been rehung in a steel frame to replace the former wooden frame and are now on ball bearings. The work cost £1,080, of which about £965 has been raised, including £320 received in gifts in memory of the late Sir Charles Mander. A new chiming manual, the gift of the Dowager Lady Mander, was also dedicated.

In his address the Bishop said the bells at Tong, like all church bells, were a stimulant to the people of the parish to rejoice together in God, for they summoned them to worship.

It was not a very good thing for people to sit in their houses listening to the church bells and saying, 'Don't they sound nice!' and then never go inside the church.

'I always think it is rather numbing,' he added, 'when some ringers ring the bells to call people to the service of God, and then never go inside the church themselves. Remember that, you ringers.'

In old days the church was practically the hub of the parish, and to-day there are things in Tong Church which were actually made by people living in the Middle Ages, who were only too proud to do something to enhance its beauty.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.

The Northern District held its November meeting at Baldock on November 29th. The weather was the worst of any day of the year but the attendance was far above that expected. The bells were set going at 3.15 followed by a short service conducted by the Rector (Canon L. P. Smith) with Miss D. Bate at the organ.

Tea was provided by Mrs. G. Howard at Ye Olde Bull's Head, 28 members being present. Mr. R. T. Newman made a welcome reappearance after being recently discharged from hospital, but did not take part in any ringing.

The Rector was elected to the chair for the business meeting. The next meeting will be the annual at Hitchin on Saturday, January 17th, followed by a meeting at Norton in February. Most of the standard methods were rung and Duffield went better than was expected.

Towers represented were Biggleswade, Clifton, C.U.G.C.R., Great Wymondley, Histon, Hitchin, Knebworth, Norton, Royston, Stevenage, Stotfold, Totternhoe and the local tower.

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RINGERS' DAY AT MARSDEN

The third annual ringers' day organised by the bellringers of Marsden, Yorkshire, proved to be a huge success. The local company raised the bells in peal shortly after 1.45 p.m. after which the visitors began to arrive.

Those present included ringers from Huddersfield, Longwood, Lindley, Elland, Meltham, Friezland, Ripponden, Kirkburton, Almondbury, Stockport, Halifax and Chapel-en-le-Frith. Methods rung included Kent, Oxford, Double Norwich, Plain Bob, Grandsire and Cambridge Surprise.

A meat tea was served in the Parochial Hall after which the bells were soon in use again.

In the evening the ringers split up, some to go to a whist drive and others to a dance. After the whist drive a supper of pie and peas was served. The Lindley Parish Church handbell ringers and the Marsden Church handbell ringers contributed several items during the dancing, which were loudly applauded.

The proceeds of the day, amounting to £13 10s., have been sent to the Additional Bells Fund.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Upwards of 60 ringers and friends attended the successful meeting of the Chester Branch at St. Paul's, Stalybridge, on November 28th. The Vicar (the Rev. Basil Hamer) conducted the service and in his address stressed the importance of ringing the bells for Divine service.

The tea in the School had been prepared by the wives of ringers, and the business which followed was presided over by the Mayor of Stalybridge (Cclr. Percy Walton), who is a member of St. Paul's band.

Mr. A. R. Elkins thanked the Vicar and wardens for the use of the bells and those who had prepared the tea. Acknowledging the vote of thanks the Vicar said visits from the Guild were always welcome.

During the meeting an appeal was made to increase the sale of 'The Ringing World.'

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Branch Meeting at Buckfast Abbey

The Mid-Devon Branch held a by-meeting at Buckfast Abbey, Buckfastleigh, on November 29th when, despite the very inclement weather, members and friends attended from the Exeter, Mid-Devon and Plymouth areas. One enthusiastic visitor motor-cycled all the way down from Guildford, Surrey.

Ringing throughout the afternoon consisted of Grandsire Triples and Caters, Stedman Triples and Plain Bob Major, whilst rounds were rung on the various combinations to suit the less experienced ringers.

After an excellent tea at a local cafe the usual votes of thanks were passed to the Lord Abbot of Buckfast and the Vicar of Buckfastleigh for the use of their bells, after which ringing took place at Buckfastleigh Parish Church.

A. L. A.

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MARDEN, KENT.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Collins (first of Triples) 1, P. Carter 2, Betty M. Vidler 3, Jill Haffenden (first of Triples 'inside') 4, S. G. Waters (cond.) 5, F. W. Mitchell 6, C. Claeys 7, J. Pert 8. Rung prior to a Confirmation service conducted by the Bishop of Dover.

FOR BEGINNERS—
And a Word to the Older Hands

XXIV.—TOUCHES OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Having got an insight into the working of the bells in their coursing, the beginner can go on to the bob calling. He will probably have observed that a bob cuts out one plain dodging place so that, for example, instead of dodging in 5-4 (down) in the lead after making 3rds place, a bob causes him to stop in 7-6 (down) and have a double instead of a single dodge.

If he is calling the bobs by the fixed positions of Wrong (7-6 down), Home (6-7 up), Middle (4-5 up), In (into the hunt), Out (out of the hunt) or Before (3rds place), he must be prepared for this omission. Wrong will come in the lead after 3rds; Home in the lead after 5-4 (down); Middle in the lead after 7-6 down; In, the lead after 6-7 up; but Before comes in the lead after 4-5 up, because it is the one position that a bob does not affect. The 'Out' comes at any given number of leads from the time the bell is called In; and obviously no other bell can be inserted between an In and an Out.

The time to call the bob is when the treble is in 3rds place on the way down. That may not be easy to observe, but, if you have mastered the rope-sight of coursing, you will readily see the bell hunting down immediately in front of the treble. The call is made when that bell begins to lead. As a help you can remember, also, that the call comes as you arrive in your dodging place, or if you are going into the hunt yourself immediately you have the lead.

As a simple beginning you can try any of the following touches:—

3, 5, 6 or 4 called Middle three times.
3, 5, 7 or 6 called Wrong three times.
3, 5, 7 or 4 called Home three times.
7, 6 or 4 called In and Out (next lead) three times.
2 called Out and In three times.

Here are 16 different ways of calling a touch of 168.

You can extend these by calling a single for the last bob, and then repeating the whole, except in the case of the second Out and In, when the Single should be called at the last Out. This use of singles doubles the length of the touch.

Other touches of 336 can be got by using the calling of the 7th In and Out and the 6th In and Out in any combination of three courses repeated. Thus:—

7th In and Out twice, 6th In and Out once, repeated.

6th In and Out twice, 7th In and Out once, repeated.

For brevity these might be indicated by the figures 7.7.6 repeated and 6.6.7 repeated. Other combinations which beginners can work out for themselves are 7.6.7; 6.7.7; 6.7.6; and 6.6.7.

Many longer touches can be made by the same process, but ringers who work out their own must not overlook the risk of repetition. It would be good practice to write out the lead-ends of the touches, and these can be produced by the following transpositions: 2 5 3 7 4 6 for a plain lead; 7 5 2 6 3 4 for a bob lead. If no singles are used, the touch is true if none of the lead-ends repeat.

A LOSS TO HASTINGS

Hastings ringers have lost a friend by the death of their Rector (the Rev. John R. Sankey). To his memory it is proposed to erect a memorial plaque and finish the restoration of the organ. When Mr. Sankey became Rector his first job was to re-roof the tower, where ringing was impossible except in very dry weather. In gratitude Mr. C. Alfred Levett, 42, Magdalen Road, St. Leonards-on-Sea, asks ringing friends for contributions towards the memorial fund.

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RETURN THANKS

BLATCH.—Mr. F. Blatch, of Fyfield, Ongar, wishes to thank all kind friends for letters of sympathy in his recent bereavement. Please accept this as the only acknowledgment. 1875

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Nomination of the honorary officers and notices of motion for consideration at the annual general meeting in accordance with the procedure laid down in the rules must be forwarded to me before February 1st, 1953.—Robert C. Heazel, Hon. General Secretary and Treasurer, The School House, Wimbish, Saffron Walden. 1797

EXETER CATHEDRAL. — The usual monthly Saturday practice which would have been held on Dec. 20th is cancelled for December only. The Cathedral ringers take this opportunity to wish all friends the Compliments of the Season.—F. Wreford, Hon. Sec. 1805

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Will members and intending visiting ringers kindly note that there will be no practice at St. Martin's on Dec. 16th and 23rd?—G. H. Fearn, Hon. Sec. Phone SPR1025. 1796

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BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Practice meeting at Kewstoke, Dec. 13th. Bells (6) 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.—A. J. Peacock, Act. Sec. 1793

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells (8), Dec. 13th.—C. A. Bassett. 1774

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at Fordham, Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Miss M. Grain, Dis. Sec. 1781

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Dedication of the recast and rehung ring of six at Wiggenhall, St. Mary Magdalen's, Saturday, Dec. 13th, at 3 p.m. Bells available after service. Tea 4.30. Meeting 6 p.m.—J. E. Fox, Walpole Highway, Wisbech. 1787

LADIES' GUILD.—North West District.—Meeting at Norbury (Hazel Grove), Cheshire, Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15 in School Room.—Frances M. Laflin, Dis. Hon. Sec. 1809

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch. — Meeting at St. Bartholomew's on Saturday, Dec. 13th. 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea only provided.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec. 1806

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.— Liverpool Branch.—Annual meeting, Dec. 13th, St. Francis Xavier's, Liverpool (8). Ringing from 2.30. Tea 5.30, followed by meeting.—J. M. Preston, Branch Sec. 1810

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District. — Quarterly meeting, Dec. 13th, St. Mary the Virgin's, Mortlake. Bells 2.30. Service 3.45. Meeting 4.15. Own tea arrangements. Evening ringing to be announced at meeting (possibly Richmond).—J. H. Lott, Hon. Sec. 1792

MIDDLESEX AND LONDON GUILD — Meeting at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, on Saturday, Dec. 13th, 3 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—T. J. Lock. 1782

NORTH DORSET RINGERS. — Annual meeting of the Branch at Gillingham, Dec. 13th, at 3. Visitors welcome.—Rev. Wm. Uphill, Stour Provost Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset. 1759

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford City and District Branch.—Meeting, St. Ebbe's, Oxford, Saturday, Dec. 13th. Ringing 2.30. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Dec. 10th, to Miss M. R. Cross, The School House, Radley, Abingdon, Berks. 1727

SUFFOLK GUILD. -- Bury St. Edmunds District. — Evening practice meeting, Dec. 13th, at Norman Tower, 6.30 p.m. Subscriptions will be collected.—W. Stannard, Dis. Sec. 1794

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Wonston, Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 3.15. Tea 4.15 at Coach and Horses Inn, Sutton Scotney. Names, by previous Wednesday, to Mr. J. A. C. King, 29, Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester. 1751

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—The Lord Bishop of Leicester will dedicate the ring of six bells at Wanlip Parish Church on Tuesday, Dec. 16th, at 8 o'clock. All ringers welcome. Buses from Leicester (St. Margaret's Bus Station) to Windmill Avenue, Birstall, then approximately ten minutes' walk. 1801

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Saturday, December 20th, 3 p.m. — A. B. Peck. 1877

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Luton District. — Meeting at Husborne Crawley (8), Saturday, Dec. 20th, at 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Dennis Knox. 1874

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch. — Alsager, Dec. 20th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea MUST be received by Dec. 16th. — W. Kerr, 26, Davenham Crescent, Crewe. 1799

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District. — Annual meeting, Staveley, Dec. 20th. Names for tea to Mr. A. Parsons, 42, Circular Road, Staveley. Business important. 1800

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Hunts District.—Meeting at St. Ives (8), Dec. 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Also please note A.G.M. at Huntingdon, Jan. 17th.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 1878

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch. — Annual meeting, Stroud, Dec. 20th. Bells (10) open 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. followed by tea and meeting. Notify for tea, by Dec. 17th, Mr. S. F. Price, 1, Bridge Cottage, Gloucester Road, Stonehouse, Glos. 1772

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District.—Meeting at Barnet (8), Dec. 20th, 2.45 to 8. Tea 5.—W. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 1876

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Ashford District) and HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Joint meeting, Biddenden, Dec. 20th. Service 4.30. Tea at Chequers. Notify Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 1783

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—Annual Branch meeting, Dec. 20th at Manchester Cathedral, 4.30 p.m. Ringing to follow business meeting. Make a special effort to attend.—R. Benson. 1808

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley and Leicester Districts.—Joint meeting, Earl Shilton, Dec. 20th. Bells (8) 3, Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please notify Mr. G. Newton, 26, Avenue South, Earl Shilton.—F. K. Measures, J. R. Smith. 1873

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting, Barrow-on-Soar, Dec. 20th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Boathouse. Names to B. S. Payne, 6, The Green, Syston. 1872

LILLINGSTONE LOVELL, BUCKS.—The restored ring of four bells, new frame and fittings and new treble, making a ring of five, will be dedicated on Saturday, Dec. 20th, at 6.30 p.m. Ringing afterwards. All ringers and friends welcome. Refreshments for those who notify, by Dec. 17th, J. Smith, Keys Farm, Lillingstone Lovell, Buckingham, Bucks. 1786

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Monthly meeting to be held at Goole on Saturday, Dec. 20th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (moderate charge). Please notify, on or before Dec. 18th, Mr. J. Waud, 41, Oxford Road, Goole.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 1802

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Quarterly meeting, Ditchling (8), Saturday, Dec. 20th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea by Dec. 17th. — P. F. Romney, 21, Woodsland Road, Hassocks. 1804

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Southern District. — Quarterly meeting, Eastwood (8), Dec. 20th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, by Wednesday, Dec. 17th, to Miss M. P. Burns, Airmyn, Church Lane, Bramley, Rotherham. The church is five minutes' walk out of Rotherham. —J. J. L. Gilbert. 1811

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THE MESSAGE

A PHRASE frequently heard is to claim that Charles Dickens immortalised Christmas in the homes of our country. But its roots are far deeper. The 'Mass of Christ' is first mentioned in the Philocalian calendar, drawn up at Rome A.D. 336, while the Christmas carols date back to the 15th century. The first printed collection of carols came from the press of Wynkyn de Worde in 1521, and contained the famous 'Boar's Head Carol,' which is still sung at Queen's College, Oxford, on Christmas Day. Charles Dickens, however, made a notable contribution by bringing to the ordinary people the spirit of goodwill. The secular side of Christmas is firmly enshrined to-day and is to a large degree commercialised. Such comments as 'a good Christmas,' referring to the amount of the business turnover, are frequently heard, or the term 'good' is measured by the degree of festivity—that little extra to eat and drink and the other things that gladden the heart of man. These aspects of Christmas are inescapable; they surround us on every side. We do not condemn them. The essence is the true perspective and remembering that these are all subsidiary to the main reason for the Feast of Christmas taking such a prominent part in our lives.

As these lines are being written the hoar frost has covered the countryside with its magical whiteness. There is a stillness over the land. Such a silence is good. It is an escape from the artificiality of modern life, provided almost mysteriously by Nature's unseen hand. The mind goes back to that same silence in the hills above Bethlehem nearly 2,000 years ago, broken in such a miraculous manner by the heavenly hosts proclaiming the birth of the Saviour with the message, 'Peace on earth; goodwill towards men.'

Such will be our responsibility to proclaim to our day and generation as we ring on Christmas morning. There is a purity in the sound of the bells when heard over a frosty countryside. The trebles become prominent, soaring their music above the hum of the tenors. In the stillness everything is accentuated; the least imperfection is at once detected. Let there be nothing false in our ringing this Christmas; may the message of goodwill be rung with that true sincerity.

We hope that a correspondent will not write to the Editor and say: 'My village was denied the heavenly message of "goodwill to all men" because the ringers were absent.' If ringing means anything more to us than a pastime or a game of football, we should be in our places in the belfry. The whole world will be waiting for the Christmas message to lift its thoughts from the paganism that in places surrounds its life, and where the bells are silent there is a spiritual tragedy. Ringing on such occasions in life is the fundamental purpose of the Exercise. This is the purpose of all our ringing: the masses of technicalities that at times seem to loom so large are mere trivialities compared with the Message. First and foremost we ringers are His servants and members of His Church.

For the bells to give their spiritual message of goodwill something more than the individual skill of the ringer is required. One essential demand is sincerity and belief in the purpose for which we are ringing. Goodwill in our own hearts is required. A preliminary is the casting out of that spirit of nastiness, distrust, petty fault-finding and self-glorification. The goodwill must start in our own tower and extend to the district and Guild or Association. Christmas is the time when we must throw off all that is worst in our characters and conduct and put on all that is lovely and of good report.

With such a spirit in our hearts we shall descend from the belfry and join with other members of Christ's family in the worship and adoration of His Son, Who was made carnate that through Him we may have life. Then the immortal gift of the love of God will transcend into our hearts and we can take courage with the thought:

Earthly kings their tributes brought Him,
Gifts of gold and spices sweet,
But as precious were the offerings
Humble men laid at His feet,
Simple shepherds' adoration,
Little children's wondrous love,
These were counted costly treasures
By the Lord of Heaven above.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Matthew,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 26¼ cwt. in D.

Frank E. Pervin	*Treble*	Edward Jenkins	7
Fred Dunkerley	2	Frank E. Haynes	8
Albert Walker	3	Wilfrid F. Moreton	9
Wilfred Stevenson	4	*Joseph W. Whittaker	10
Howard Howell	5	George E. Fearn	11
*Alan A. Potts	6	John Worth	*Tenor*

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Albert Walker.
* First peal of Stedman Cinques.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St Philip,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

*John McDonald	*Treble*	William C. Dowding	7
Muriel Reay	2	Frank E. Haynes	8
Albert Walker	3	Arthur V. Pearson	9
Edgar C. Shepherd	4	John Pinfold	10
Anthony Ager	5	George E. Fearn	11
Harry Poyner	6	†Henry H. Fearn	*Tenor*

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley. Conducted by Albert Walker.
* First peal on twelve bells. † 500th peal.
Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to Mr. Herbert Knight, of Wolverhampton.

EXETER, DEVONSHIRE.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1952, *in* 4 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 72 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in B flat.

Jill Brittain	*Treble*	John Hill	7
Kenneth W. Mackintosh	2	Noel J. Diserens	8
Audrey M. Bailey	3	Thomas J. Southam	9
David E. Parsons	4	T. Mark White	10
John Chilcott	5	Roger O. Fry	11
Michael V. Chilcott	6	William H. Kingcott Cyril Deem	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by David E. Parsons.
Rung by members of the Society of Roving Ringers.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
At the Collegiate Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 33 cwt.

Howard Howell	*Treble*	Ernest Stitch	7
Herbert Knight	2	J. Norman Hadley	8
Eric E. Speake	3	*Harry Griffiths	9
Christopher Wallater	4	Samuel Birch	10
Barnabas G. Key	5	Maurice G. Turner	11
Francis Brotherton	6	†W. George Page	*Tenor*

Composed by James E. Groves. Conducted by Howard Howell.
* First peal on twelve bells 'inside.' † First peal on twelve bells.
Specially arranged and rung as an 80th birthday compliment to Mr. Herbert Knight, and an appreciation of his 58 years' service in St. Peter's tower and for the Society.

TEN BELL PEALS

EWERBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew.
A PEAL OF 5031 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 15⅛ cwt. in D.

Peter N. Bond	*Treble*	Jack L. Millhouse	6
*Raymond F. Smith	2	*Archer T. Lowman	7
*Sydney A. Chambers	3	John Walden	8
*Herbert Lowman	4	John Freeman	9
Walter Tomlinson	5	Charles E. Brown	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First peal of Caters.
Rung for the Feast of St. Andrew.

FULHAM, MIDDLESEX.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 18¾ cwt.

Horace Belcher	*Treble*	John B. Sansom	6
Richard E. Price	2	John Chilcott	7
Michael V. Chilcott	3	John Phillips	8
F. Hector Bennett	4	Richard F. Deal	9
Kenneth W. Mackintosh	5	William H. Coles	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Richard F. Deal.
A birthday compliment to Hugh M. Page and the conductor.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 3, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter Mancroft,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB ROYAL
Tenor 37 cwt. 99 lb. in C.

*Cedric Curson	*Treble*	*George P. Adams	6
*Arthur G. Bason	2	*H. William Barrett	7
*Stanley W. Copling	3	George Sayer	8
*William Love	4	*Bert Gogle	9
*F. Charles Goodman	5	Nolan Golden	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by Nolan Golden.
* First peal of Royal in the method.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Nov. 20, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5120 GUILDFORD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

Charles W. Roberts	*Treble*	John R. Mayne	5
Thomas J. Lock	2	Alick Cutler	6
Anne B. Speed	3	Richard F. B. Speed	7
Thomas H. Francis	4	Alfred J. House	*Tenor*

Composed by R. F. B. Speed. Conducted by Charles W. Roberts.
First peal in the method by all the band, and for the Association.

SHEPSHED, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 24, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Botolph,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

Harold Marcon	*Treble*	Ernest Beadsmore	5
Roland Beniston	2	Joseph W. Cotton	6
Harold Kilby	3	W. Arthur Riddington	7
Paul Lea Taylor	4	Ernest Morris	*Tenor*

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by Roland Beniston.

HANSLOPE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt.

*Albert L. Cadwell	*Treble*	Frederick Vickers	5
Frederick C. Case	2	Victor S. Adams	6
Arthur R. Armstrong	3	Reginald H. Howson	7
William Yates	4	George W. Holland	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by George W. Holland.
* First peal of Major.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Lawrence.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
J. W. Washbrook's Variation of Thurstans' Four-part.
Tenor 10 cwt. in F sharp.

Fredk. E. Wilshaw	*Treble*	John W. T. Taylor	5
*Peter Marriott	2	Roland Beniston	6
Walter P. Whitehead	3	Joseph Wm. Cotton	7
Sidney H. Jones	4	George W. Ridgway	*Tenor*

Conducted by Joseph Wm. Cotton.
* First peal of Stedman.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicolas,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in E.

Joseph Wm. Cotton	*Treble*	Walter P. Whitehead	5
Walter G. Soar	2	Albert E. Thompson	6
Fredk. E. Wilshaw	3	Sidney H. Jones	7
J. W. Frank Trotman	4	Ernest Morris	*Tenor*

Composed by F. W. Grocott. Conducted by Walter P. Whitehead.

RANMORE COMMON, DORKING, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Barnabas,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

*Margaret Brown	*Treble*	Gordon W. Peters	5
Edwin J. Lindley	2	Albert Harman	6
John S. Seager	3	Arthur Smith	7
Rowland W. Morant	4	George Coldman	*Tenor*

Conducted by Albert Harman.
* First peal.

TRING, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt.

John G. A. Cleaver	*Treble*	‡D. Kay Adkins	5
*Freda G. Attwood	2	Alick Cutler	6
Frederick W. Brinklow	3	§William Wenban	7
†Reginald Rowley	4	Chris. W. Woolley	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by Christopher W. Woolley.
* First peal. † First peal of Surprise away from the treble. ‡ First peal in the method. § 200th peal.

WITHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt.

*Miss W. Mellin	*Treble*	D. Portway	5
J. Chalk	2	R. Suckling	6
W. H. P. Mellin	3	S. Bones	7
*Miss B. Succamore	4	E. Bright	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by R. Suckling.
* First peal.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Chalk and Mrs. E. Bright.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 1, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5056 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 47 lb.

Arthur W. Dickerson	*Treble*	Albert Pegg	5
Thomas R. Simmons	2	Nolan Golden	6
George Sayer	3	Bert Gogle	7
Herbert Howlett	4	Arthur G. Bason	*Tenor*

Composed by Henry Dains. Conducted by Nolan Golden.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 3, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
A PEAL OF 5088 WHITWICK SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

Horace O. Over	*Treble*	John A. Underwood	5
Mrs. H. J. Poole	2	Harold J. Poole	6
Ernest W. Rawson	3	Roland Beniston	7
*C. William Hall	4	John B. Bennett	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Craven. Conducted by Harold J. Poole.
* 75th peal. First peal in the method.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Dec. 4, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

*J. David Mozley	*Treble*	Anthony Ager	5
Muriel Reay	2	Arthur V. Pearson	6
George E. Fearn	3	Ernest J. Ladd	7
Edgar C. Shepherd	4	Bryan D. A. Woolley	*Tenor*

Conducted by Arthur V. Pearson.
* First peal.

DARLINGTON, DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 4, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 10 lb. in G.

*Ronald A. E. Dunn	*Treble*	W. Norman Park	5
†Doris M. Killingley	2	†Ronald D. Airey	6
†Denis R. Airey	3	†Richard Busby	7
‡Thomas Cooke	4	Roland Park	*Tenor*

Composed by H. Hubbard (C.C.C. 62). Conducted by Roland Park.
* First peal. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal in the method 'inside.'

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 4, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

Ernest H. Kilby	*Treble*	Alick Cutler	5
Thomas J. Lock	2	Richard F. B. Speed	6
Thomas H. Francis	3	Alfred J. House	7
John R. Mayne	4	Charles W. Roberts	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Charles W. Roberts.

DORCHESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Fri., Dec. 5, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

*R. James Cook	*Treble*	Peter C. Wright	5
Frances Edgar	2	John B. Guy	6
†Robin G. Turner	3	Frank P. Wright	7
†Donald Niblett	4	‡Peter Border	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Lewis. Conducted by Peter Border.
* First tower bell peal of Major. † First peal of Surprise 'inside.' ‡ 50th peal this year. The 200th peal rung by the Society.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 5, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

*Frank Walker	*Treble*	Arthur S. Richards	5
*Arthur Mason	2	Ralph Bird	6
Barbara A. Mitchell	3	Frederick J. Cullum	7
Cyril S. Jarrett	4	Herbert E. Audsley	*Tenor*

Composed by Ernest W. Tipler. Conducted by Fredk. J. Cullum.
* First peal of Yorkshire.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 5, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Being 1,728 Cambridge, and 1,664 each of Superlative and Yorkshire, with 121 changes of method. Tenor 19¼ cwt.

*Llewellyn Allum	*Treble*	*Russell Parker	5
*Patricia M. Clarke	2	*Albert E. Whiting	6
*Frank Ruffles	3	*Walter W. Miller	7
George A. Fleming	4	Leslie G. Brett	*Tenor*

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Leslie G. Brett.
* First peal of Spliced. First of Spliced as conductor and on the bells.

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BOCKING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE DEANERY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18¾ cwt. in E.

CLAUDE SNOWDEN	*Treble*	*FRANK L. HARRIS	5
*MRS. JEAN HARRIS	2	RONALD SUCKLING	6
LEWIS W. WIFFEN	3	WALTER ARNOLD	7
FRANK CLAYDON	4	HILDA G. SNOWDEN ..	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.
* First peal of London Major. First peal in the method as conductor.

BRADNINCH, DEVON.
THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DISEN,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. (approx.).

*REV. N. F. D. COLERIDGE	*Treble*	E. MAURICE ATKINS ..	5
BETTY SMITH	2	REV. J. H. B. ANDREWS ..	6
ELIZABETH BROWN ..	3	RODNEY B. MEADOWS ..	7
RENATE BUCKTHALL ..	4	REV. J. G. M. SCOTT ..	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.
* First peal of Major.
Rung for the Festival of St. Nicholas.

FLIXTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Taylor's Six-part. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

*JOHN ANTHONY SOMERS	*Treble*	GEORGE H. SHUKER ..	5
†DOROTHY A. RICHARDSON	2	PETER CROOK, SEN. ..	6
ETHEL COLLIER	3	WILFRID J. MOSS	7
NORMAN TOMPKINS ..	4	†CYRIL C. A. HARPER ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.
* First peal in the method. † First peal.
Rung to celebrate the wedding of the Vicar, Rev. P. A. Ettrick, to Miss E. M. Snails, of Shepton Mallet, which took place on December 4th at Shepton Mallet.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 7008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 6¼ cwt.

RONALD RUSSELL	*Treble*	ERNEST F. PAYNE	5
DENIS A. FRITH	2	PERCY D. BALDOCK ..	6
ERNEST MORRIS	3	JOHN H. BLUFF	7
EDWARD J. CLEMENTS ..	4	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
Longest peal by all except the conductor, and longest in this method for the Guild. The composition, now rung for the first time, appeared in 'The Bellringer,' 1907.

MOTTRAM-IN-LONGDENDALE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in F.

TOM WILDE	*Treble*	ERIC SIMPSON	5
*JOAN CARTER	2	JAMES CARTER	6
FRED PRITCHARD	3	WILFRED L. ROBINSON ..	7
JOHN R. HEAD	4	BRIAN HARRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.
* First peal of Kent.
Rung fully muffled. In memoriam Isaac Sidebottom, for many years conductor at the above church.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr.

*MRS. A. RICHARDSON	*Treble*	†SYLVIA CAIN	5
ALEC RICHARDSON	2	BASIL JONES	6
†ELISE BRENTNALL	3	JAMES A. MILNER	7
JAMES FERNLEY	4	WILFRED STEVENSON ..	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by JAMES FERNLEY.
* First peal of Major. † First peal of Kent Treble Bob.
Rung to celebrate Mr J. W. Hartley's 50 years as a ringer at Norbury Parish Church.

PROBUS, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PROBUS AND GRACE,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 11 lb.

*CLEMENT W. JOSE	*Treble*	JAMES P. BLOND	5
GEOFFREY W. TAYSOM ..	2	A. HUBERT EPLETT	6
MRS. A. S. ROBERTS ..	3	DENNIS ROE	7
ALAN CARVETH	4	REV. A. S. ROBERTS ..	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by REV. A. S. ROBERTS.
* First peal of Major. First in the method on the bells.
Rung on the Feast of St. Nicholas, and to commemorate the 55th anniversary of the first peal of Major rung in Cornwall.

UFFORD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in F.

JACK PILGRIM	*Treble*	FRANK L. FISHER	5
ROBERT E. LESTER	2	CHARLES E. FISHER	6
HARRY D. LISTER	3	RONALD W. STEWARD ..	7
WILLIAM H. MELLIN ..	4	NORMAN R. BAILEY	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

HEANOR, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 8, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in F.

JACK BAILEY	*Treble*	FRANCIS R. LOWE	5
KATHLEEN I. TIVEY	2	ALBERT E. THOMPSON ..	6
EDWARD F. GOBEY	3	MARK J. BARKER	7
HAROLD TAYLOR	4	PHILIP H. WHITAKER ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK BAILEY.
Rung to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the augmenting of the bells on this date. Also as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

SIX BELL PEALS

CUCKNEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD
On Fri., Oct. 3, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

JOAN SMITH	*Treble*	*ARTHUR B. COOPER ..	4
CYRIL WRIGHT	2	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE ..	5
GEORGE CHALLANS	3	HERBERT T. ROOKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.
* First peal of Cambridge Minor. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

EASEBOURNE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one 720 each of Single Oxford Bob, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

MRS. E. R. RAPLEY	*Treble*	ERNEST TREAGUS	4
LEONARD STILWELL	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN	5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	3	WILLIAM T. BEESON	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

EAST DRAYTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being a 720 each of Killamarsh, Cambridge Surprise, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Sandal, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt.

MISS K. BURCHNALL ..	*Treble*	ERNEST PRESTON	4
GEORGE CHALLANS	2	HAROLD DENMAN	5
MISS G. BURCHNALL ..	3	HERBERT T. ROOKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.
The first peal on the bells.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Nov. 25, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven extents. Tenor 7 cwt. in A flat.

*WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	*Treble*	T. REGINALD DENNIS	4
MARION GRAIN	2	ALBERT R. HURST	5
CYRIL A. HURST	3	*JOHN G. GIPSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.

* 25th peal together.

Rung to welcome the Rev. H. P. Hart, who was instituted to the Vicarage of Stapleford on November 19th.

COPPULL, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 16½ cwt.

WILLIAM O. FARRIMOND	*Treble*	HARRY BLACKBURN	4
JAMES W. GROUNDS	2	RALPH TAYLOR	5
KENNETH EDWARDS	3	JOHN ASHCROFT	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN ASHCROFT.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.
THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICTS GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 17 lb.

ALBERT RELFE	*Treble*	WILLIAM R. MANSER	4
*EDWARD J. JENNER	2	LUTHER J. HONESS	5
ERNEST J. LADD	3	CHARLES A. BASSETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor. E. J. Ladd has now rung each bell to a peal

Rung half-muffled for the death of Major A. Peareth, brother of the Vicar.

NEWINGTON (FOLKESTONE), KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being fourteen extents each of April Day (three callings) and Plain Bob (four callings), ten extents of Grandsire, called differently, and 240 each of Pitman's and Morris's arrangements.
Tenor approx. 10 cwt. in A flat.

*ROSEMARY P. LONGHURST	*Treble*	‡JOHN E. CHITTENDEN	4
†‡M. JOHN MARTIN	2	‡CYRIL A. WRATTEN	5
*G. FRANK GRAY	3	EDWARD J. WALKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

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

An 81st birthday compliment to Mr. F. A. Slingsby, a ringer at Cheriton.

NORTHBOURNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

JOHN F. PENFOLD	*Treble*	PETER T. RYE	4
*FREDERICK W. LAWRENCE	2	SGT. H. FURMINGER	5
JANET R. WELLS	3	GEORGE E. RUCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. RUCK.

* First peal away from the treble. First peal of Plain Bob by all the band.

Rung as a farewell to Sgt. Furminger, who returns to Germany to continue his service there.

WALPOLE ST. ANDREW, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Mon., Dec. 1, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 15½ cwt.

ERNEST MASTIN	*Treble*	JOHN FOX	4
CYRIL COUSINS	2	HARRY FOLLEN	5
*STANLEY ELSEY	3	WILLIAM ROSE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST MASTIN.

* 50th peal.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.



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FORDHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Tues., Dec. 2, 1952, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER AND ST. MARY MAGDALEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of York, London and Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 17¼ cwt.

*R. J. W. HOUSDEN (Selwyn)	*Treble*	F. E. ROBERTS (Selwyn)	4
C. M. P. JOHNSON (Selwyn)	2	W. J. RIDGMAN (Queens')	5
R. D. EDGE (Queens')	3	P. A. F. CHALK (Selwyn)	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. J. RIDGMAN.
* First peal of Minor.

IFFLEY, OXFORD.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Tues., Dec. 2, 1952, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's, Childwall, Double Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*SHIRLEY M. CLAYTON	*Treble*	PETER C. WRIGHT	4
†R. JAMES COOK	2	ROBIN G. TURNER	5
PETER BORDER	3	FRANK P. WRIGHT	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBIN G. TURNER.
* First peal. † First peal in seven methods. First tower bell peal as conductor.

WATERINGBURY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 3, 1952, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob, called differenty. Tenor 8¾ cwt.

ALBERT W. KELVIE	*Treble*	WILLIAM R. MANSER	4
FREDERICK S. MACEY	2	LUTHER J. HONESS	5
GEORGE F. CANTRILL	3	TOM SAUNDERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by TOM SAUNDERS.
A birthday compliment to the conductor. W. R. Manser has now 'circled' the tower.

COSBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1952, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 480 Reverse St. Bartholomew (two callings), 1,200 April Day (four callings), 1,200 Plain Bob (four callings) and 2,160 Grandsire (ten callings, including a 240 each of Morris's and Lindoff's).
Tenor 13 cwt.

ROY HALL	*Treble*	E. CHARLES TURNER	4
DENIS ALLSOP	2	PETER J. THOMAS	5
KENNETH H. ROWLAND	3	FREDERICK WATSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER J. THOMAS.

GREAT HORMEAD, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1952, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Plain Bob and two each of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

FREDERICK E. BARKER	*Treble*	JOHN M. KEMP	4
ROBERT HOWARD	2	PHILIP J. COWARD	5
ARTHUR J. BULL	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED J. HOUSE.
First peal on the recently retuned and rehung bells. Rung for the Patronal Festival.

ISLIP, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1952, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising seven extents in 15 methods with 86 changes of method, viz. (1) College Exercise Treble Bob, (2) Norbury Treble Bob, (3) Thelwall, St. Clement's, Childwall, Double Oxford, (4) Fulbeck, Reverse Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Double Bob, Plain Bob, (5) Single Oxford Bob, (6) Cambridge Surprise, (7) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in G.

CYRIL H. KINCH	*Treble*	HARRY P. FLOYD	4
DOUGLAS O. WILKS	2	EDGAR J. SMITH	5
CHARLES COLES	3	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
Rung on the Feast of St. Nicholas.

KINGSWOOD, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1952, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise, and two each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 17 cwt.

MARY FULLER	*Treble*	LEONARD A. TIDY	4
HILDEGARD I. G. BIRD	2	JAMES W. KNIGHT	5
*COLIN J. CHAMPION	3	†RALPH BIRD	*Tenor*

Conducted by COLIN J. CHAMPION.
* First peal in four methods. † 200th peal.
Rung to commemorate the centenary of the church.

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1952, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents of 120 (ten different callings). Tenor 13¼ cwt.

F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER	*Treble*	*W. ALAN MUDDELL	4
ANTHONY W. BARLEY	2	FREDERICK G. HOOPER	5
SIMON L. BARLEY	3	CHARLES J. COPP	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK G. HOOPER.
* First peal. The ringer of the treble has now 'circled' the tower.

RIPPINGALE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1952, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's: One of Cambridge and Primrose Spliced, one of Cambridge and Ipswich Spliced, two of Primrose, two of Ipswich and one of Cambridge. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.

*NEVILLE WHITNEY	*Treble*	WILLIAM H. OLDMAN	4
*JOHN NICHOLS	2	ALBERT E. SCOTT	5
CECIL WADE	3	JAMES W. HAW	*Tenor*

Conducted by CECIL WADE.
* First peal of Surprise.

HANDBELL PEALS

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 1, 1952, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT 160, BROCKWELL LANE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Original.

WILLIAM J. THYNG	1—2	ALBERT H. WARD	5—6
CLEMENT GLENN	3—4	SIDNEY F. PALMER	7—8

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
A birthday compliment by his fellow veterans to William J. Thyng, 80 on this date.

OXFORD.
THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 1, 1952, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT 147, KINGSTON ROAD.
A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor size 15 in C.

ROBIN G. TURNER	1—2	PETER BORDER	5—6
PETER C. WRIGHT	3—4	*BRIAN D. THRELFALL	7—8
FRANK P. WRIGHT	9—10		

Composed by HENRY W. HALEY. Conducted by BRIAN D. THRELFALL.
* First peal in the method and 100th peal.

OXFORD.
THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 2, 1952, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT 10, RICHMOND ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

PETER C. WRIGHT	1—2	ROBIN G. TURNER	5—6
BRIAN D. THRELFALL	3—4	FRANCES EDGAR	7—8

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by ROBIN G. TURNER.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1952, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT 10, STOCKMORE STREET,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C.

ROBIN G. TURNER	1—2	PETER C. WRIGHT	5—6
PETER BORDER	3—4	FRANK P. WRIGHT	7—8
R. JAMES COOK	9—10		

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. No bobs called.

OBITUARY

MR. FRED HINDLE

The Blackburn Branch of the Lancashire Association has lost one of its oldest members in the death of Mr. Fred Hindle, of 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn. He was a ringer at Blackburn Cathedral and joined the Association in 1907.

Mr. Hindle was also secretary of the Branch for many years, carrying out his duties in a most efficient and cheerful manner. One of the most even-tempered of men, he was always a great help to beginners. Of late years, owing to his illness and his inability to climb the belfry steps, he has done very little ringing. In all he rang about 120 peals.

He was laid to rest in Plessington Cemetery on December 1st.

MR. CHARLES WILLIAMS

One of the oldest ringers of St. Martin's Guild, Mr. Charles Williams, died on November 30th in his 82nd year. The funeral service was at Harborne Parish Church on December 4th and cremation took place at Perry Barr.

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The Editorial Committee acknowledge with gratitude the following donations to meet the cost of 'The Ringing World':—

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FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World,' December 20th, 1912

LONG STANTON, CAMBS

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, December 12th, 1912, in 3 hours and 16 minutes

At the Church of All Saints

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES 5,040 CHANGES

Tenor 6½ cwt.

Rev. H. Law James	Treble
Rev. A. H. F. Boughey	2
Rev. W. C. Pearson	3
William D. James	4
T. Reginald Dennis	5
William B. Kempton	6
Frederick Pitstow	7
*Rev. H. B. Woolley	Tenor

Composed by J. Carter. Conducted by Rev. H. Law James.

* First peal. The first peal on the bells.

[They had just been augmented from three to eight. The Vicar, the Rev. H. B. Woolley, was the father of one of the most able ringers of the present day, Mr. C. W. Woolley, and taking part in the dedication service was the Rev. H. G. Hooton, father of Mr. W. H. J. Hooton. The peal was also the 200th by the Rev. W. C. Pearson, Vicar of Henley, Suffolk, and founder of the Cambridge University Guild, 93 of them having been on his own bells.]

ISLEWORTH, MIDLX.—On Nov. 30th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Mrs. S. E. Charnley 1, Miss E. Farrell 2, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 3, S. Croft 4, F. D. Bishop 5, T. E. Davies 6, D. Charnley 7, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 8.

WEATHER HAZARDS IN LONDON

Joint Meeting of Middlesex Association and Cumberland Youths

The South and West District of the Middlesex Association was to have joined forces with the Cumberland Youths on December 6th for a meeting in London. Steeplekeepers kindly co-operated but the weather was forgotten. Keen frost and thick fog were a splendid combination to upset anyone's plans and the only ringers who ventured in from the south and west suburbs (and beyond) were the Ringing Master (Mr. R. D. Price), the secretary (Mr. F. W. Goodfellow) and Mr. Sansom, of Heston!

That is not to say the meeting was a fiasco. Far from it. There was a good sprinkling of Youths and many provincial visitors, bringing the total attendance to 40 or so. In the absence of Mr. George Cross through illness, ringing was in charge of Mr. T. H. Francis for the Youths, and Mr. Price for the County Association, and ranged from rounds to Cambridge Surprise on eight, ten and twelve bells.

Thanks were accorded to the steeplekeepers for meeting the visitors, and it was a great honour to shake hands with England's newest film star, the Wizard of Westminster—William H. Hewett. Due notice of the première of his film will appear later.

Ringing took place at St. Giles' and St. Martin's—both 'in-the-Fields,' and it was almost believable in that fog—and at St. Margaret's, Westminster. F. W. G.

NORTH KILWORTH, LEICS.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Doubles, being 240 Norfolk, 240 April Day, 360 Plain Bob and 420 Grandsire: C. N. Bennett 1, P. J. Thomas (cond.) 2, J. S. Haines 3, K. H. Rowland 4, D. Allsop 5. Rung for the Patronal Festival.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The Christchurch Cathedral Bellringers' Society, Christchurch, New Zealand, have forwarded to the Editor a Christmas card with their good wishes to all ringers in this country.

The clock at Chester Cathedral has neither hands nor face—'only bowels.'—Clockwise.

Oxford University Society's annual lunch will be held on February 7th, 1953.

Heard in a Gloucestershire tower:—The new recruit having broken the treble stay moves on to the secontd, looks round and says 'Look, three seconds going—gone.'

Mr. W. Kingscott, of Wrington, has had the unusual distinction of ringing the tenor of Exeter Cathedral from both positions—as a 'strapper' and now as the tenor man.

Owing to masonry work in the bell chamber at St. Margaret's, Leicester, there will be no further practice or Sunday service ringing until early New Year.

Mr. William Rose has had to wait 30 years to get his first peal at Walpole St. Andrew, Norfolk. His previous attempt to the successful one on December 1st was in 1920. This peal was lost in the last 720.

The peal at Lamberhurst, Kent, on November 29th, was arranged as a triple birthday compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Bassett and Mr. Albert Relfe. The bereavement of the Vicar by the death of his brother necessitated the ringing being half-muffled.

A small number of Mid-Devon members spent a very pleasant evening on a recent Wednesday when they visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lilley, which is at Perry Farm, Highweek, Newton Abbot. Grandsire Doubles and Triples and Plain Bob Minor were creditably rung on handbells after which Mr. and Mrs. Lilley kindly provided light refreshments.

The peal of Stedman Cinques at Exeter Cathedral by the Society of Roving Ringers was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. T. J. Southam. The band would like to express its grateful thanks to Mr. Fred Wreford and Mr. Cyril Deem for their trouble in arranging the attempt and preparing the bells.

The handbell table of the Peals Analysis Committee for 1951 will be published in our next issue.

'Tis said that Mr. Harold J. Poole had to dial 999 to invoke the aid of the police in ringing his 999th peal. The 1,000th has duly followed. Congratulations on a unique record.

Mr. Geoffrey Hemming, Master of the Evesham Guild of Ringers, is in Evesham Hospital undergoing an operation. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Mr. J. E. Jeater is spending Christmas in France from December 22nd to December 30th. Remittances arriving at his address between these dates will not be acknowledged until his return.

Mr. C. Woodcock, of Ipswich, informs us that the clock in the church tower at Stoke-by-Clare was, according to tradition, built by the village blacksmith about 1490. It keeps good time and has an hour hand only.

Mr. John Checksfield, of The Firs Farm, Tenterden, who has been sidesman and churchworker for several years, wishes to thank the Ashford band of ringers who so kindly rang for his 101st birthday on December 6th.

The band that rang the peal at Heanor on December 8th are indebted to the local ringers, who although not yet peal ringers themselves, gave the visitors a warm welcome and provided cups of tea and cakes after the peal. It was a grand gesture and very acceptable on a cold December night.

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TWO RINGS RESTORED IN LONDON

St. Mary's, Bow—St. Dunstan's, Stepney

LONDON, as is well known, suffered more in proportion to any other large city in loss of bells as a result of enemy action. This has considerably retarded progress in the art and has severely crippled the activities of the College Youths. Facilities for practice and peals have been very limited—only three practices per month being possible and opportunities for peals very few.

There are indications that a more hopeful state of things is coming about and on Sunday, November 30th, the Bishop of London rededicated a very nice ring of eight at St. Mary's, Bow Road, E. The church was crowded to capacity and there are signs that the sound of the new bells has reawakened interest in church life.

The tower of this church received a direct hit in 1940 and the bells, which came from the Whitechapel foundry in 1760, were irreparably damaged. Recently the top position of the tower has been rebuilt and Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have installed a delightful new ring of eight (tenor 14 cwt.), hung with modern fittings in a teak frame. The ringing room is now on the ground floor and the bells are easily handled from that position.

Arrangements are being made to control the volume of sound heard in the vicinity so that the bells will not cause any inconvenience to people living nearby. During the ringing for the dedication, people living in large blocks of flats near the church threw open their windows so as to appreciate the full beauty of the tone of the new bells.

Another restoration, which has been much appreciated by London ringers in general and the residents in particular, is that of the famous ring of ten at St. Dunstan's, Stepney.

The church was founded 1,000 years ago by St. Dunstan and the parish extended from the eastern boundary of the city to Barking. It included the parishes of Shoreditch, Bethnal Green, Whitechapel, Bow and what is now Limehouse and Poplar. Incidentally, the parish of St. Mary Bow, East, was one of the first to be carved out of the old parish of Stepney. The present church is a fine example of 15th century architecture and in the chancel is preserved a stone carving of the Crucifixion dating from the latter part of the 12th century.

The tower contains a ring of ten bells cast at the Whitechapel foundry in 1806 to replace a heavy ring of eight. The tenor was originally given to the Priory of Holy Trinity, Aldgate, in the 14th century and was sold with three others to St. Dunstan's Stepney, about 1540.

The church was badly damaged by bomb blast on more than one occasion and the upper part of the tower was found to be unsafe. The treble, 4th and 8th bells were found to be cracked. These have been recast. The others have been sandblast and retuned and the whole ring rehung with completely new fittings in cast iron framework. The upper part of the tower has been completely rebuilt. The weight of the tenor is 29 cwt.

At a recent meeting of the College Youths great satisfaction was expressed by all at the improvement in the tone and 'go' of the bells. The work was done by the Whitechapel foundry.

Opportunities for the College Youths to practise on these two restored rings will provide greater scope for advancement in the art.

J. F. S.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

The following officers have been elected for the Oxford University Society:—

Master, R. G. Turner (Jesus): secretaries, J. M. Wilson (Trinity) and S. M. Clayton (Somerville); treasurer, R. J. Cook (University).

TRIPLES AT NEWPORT (SALOP)

After a Lapse of 22 Years

The rededication of the eight bells of St. Nicholas', Newport, took place at a special choral evensong conducted by the Rector (the Rev. P. H. L. Bradley).

The second and sixth bells of the octave have been recast by John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. All the bells have been rehung on ball bearings, the old oak frame has been strengthened and J. B. Joyce and Co., Ltd., of Whitchurch, have installed new hammerwork for the clock chimes, the whole work costing about £550.

During the service the Rector gave a brief address in which he said that it was a happy coincidence for the bells to have been prepared in time for the celebration of the patronal festival that same evening. St. Nicholas was not only the patron saint of children, but also of those engaged in fishing and sailing the seas, and seeing that Newport, many centuries ago, was a small fishing port situated by a great inland lake, long since dried up, it was only natural that St. Nicholas should have been chosen as patron saint of the Parish Church. He concluded by thanking the bellringers for their loyal services over the years and all those who had subscribed towards the cost of the bells. 'People will bless this work for years to come.'

During the hymn 'For all the Saints' the choir proceeded to the west end of the church under the tower for the blessing of the bells by the Rector, who, immediately this had been done, chimed the second bell for a few moments. As an act of thanksgiving the choir, ranged in front of the altar steps, sang the 'Te Deum.'

The bells were soon pealing out their merry sounds throughout the small market town situated in the Shropshire plain. Visiting ringers were welcomed from Market Drayton, Gnosall, Lilleshall, Hadley and Chetwynd, including Mr. G. L. Hewitt, of the Shropshire Association, and all paid complimentary remarks on the 'go' of the bells—a fine tribute to Horace Myatt and Roy Marsden, of Messrs. Taylor and Co. Methods rung were Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Bob Major and Cambridge Surprise Minor. Mr. Tom Talbot, the tower captain, and his brother, Mr. Sam Talbot, will long remember this occasion as it presented them with the opportunity of ringing Grandsire Triples after a lapse of 22 years.

The inscriptions on the two recast bells are:

Second.—Commemorating Golden Wedding George and Mary Jones. P. H. L. Bradley, Rector. A. O. Talbott, I. Armstrong, Churchwardens. D. Keddie, Hon. Sec. P.C.C. Recast 1952.—Taylor, Loughboro'.

Sixth.—

Ring out the darkness of the land
Ring in the Christ that is to be
Ring on in happy memory of Charles Hughes Lomax
And Ann his wife who died February A.D. 1949.

Recast 1952.—Taylor, Loughboro'.

L. C. I. W

BELLS OF MAGDALEN, OXFORD

John Betjeman has written a poem on 'The Bells of Magdalen' which has been published in the winter number of the Cornhill Magazine. It was inspired by hearing the bells from the Botanic Garden, Oxford, on St. Mary Magdalen's day (July 22nd). Two of the eight stanzas are:—

'A grassy kingdom sweet to view
With tiger lilies still in flower
And beds of umbelliferae
Ranged in Linnaean symmetry
All in the sound of Magdalen tower.

Before the spell began to fail.
Before the bells have lost their power,
Before the grassy kingdom fade
And Oxford traffic roar invade,
I thank the bells of Magdalen tower.'

YOUNG RINGERS JOINING THE NORTH STAFFS

Association's Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the North Staffordshire Association was held at Stoke-on-Trent on December 6th and was attended by representatives from the following towers:—Astbury, Bucknall, Cannock, Newcastle, Stafford, Wolstanton, Norton, Broughton, Hanley, Brown Edge, Leek, Biddulph, Kinsley, Stoke, Longton, University College, Keele.

Tea was provided in the Church Hall at the invitation of the president, the Ven. P. Harthill, Rector of Stoke. He was supported by Mr. R. S. Anderson (chairman) and Mr. W. Carnell (secretary).

The annual business was conducted after tea and the secretary reported that twelve ringing meetings had been held during the year with an average attendance of 35. Thirty-nine peals had been rung, 19 on tower bells and 20 on handbells. The conducting had been shared by the following ringers.—F. W. Grocott 19, M. O. Slaney 5, F. W. Wilshaw 3, W. P. Deane, W. Hazeldene, G. H. Hall, Miss J. M. Henshaw, D. Knox, C. H. Page and P. Border one each.

Congratulations were offered to the band who took part in a peal of Royal in eleven methods on handbells.

The following officers were elected:—President, Archdeacon P. Harthill; chairman, Mr. R. S. Anderson; vice-chairman, Mr. A. Hall; secretary, Mr. W. Carnell; Ringing Master (6 bells), Mr. W. Hazeldene; Ringing Master (8 bells), Mr. A. Moore. A tribute of respect was paid to the memory of the late Alfred Ryder, who had been a regular member of St. Edward's, Leek, for 47 years.

The following towers are to be visited during 1953:—January, Longton; February, Burslem; March, Wolstanton; April, Cheddleton; May, Leek; June, Swynnerton; July, Broughton; September, Uttoxeter; October, Hanley; November, Bucknall; December, Stoke (annual meeting).

The president in welcoming the ringers, said that this year he noticed an appreciable increase in the membership of the association and was pleased to note that this was mostly among the younger generation. This was the largest attendance that had been at Stoke during the period of his presidency which had now lasted 18 years.

The chairman moved a vote of thanks to the Archdeacon for his very kind welcome, which was seconded by Mr. D. R. Whalley.

The company was entertained after tea by the following junior handbell ringers.—A. Pessall, A. Lambert, J. Wootton and J. Ratcliffe, who reminded us of Christmastide by the tunes of the usual carols. Much credit is due to Mr. F. Wilshaw for their training.

Ringing continued on the tower bells under the direction of the Ringing Master, Mr. Arnold Moore, until 9.15 p.m.

D. R. W.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD

The quarterly meeting was held at Sedgley on November 29th in very wintry weather but in spite of this 25 members attended. The curate (the Rev. D. Skelding) conducted the service in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar.

After tea Mr. Fred Bennett presided at the meeting. The appointment of a new secretary was again postponed until the annual meeting in April. Mr. Colclough, the present secretary, would be pleased to receive nominations for same.

Members then returned to the belfry for further ringing. The thanks of the Guild are due to Mr. Ben Fullwood for making all the arrangements.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD

Southern District Annual Meeting

Over 30 members and visitors attended the Southern District annual meeting at St. Catherine's Church, Gorseinon, on December 6th. The members represented Aberavon, Porthcawl, Cadoxton, Neath, Sketty, Llandilo, Cefn-Coed, Gorseinon, Duffryn, and the visitors were from Winchester and Stoke-on-Trent. Mr. Slaney, who is now teaching at Llandovery College, was accorded a special welcome.

The service was fully choral with some of the young ringers in the choir. The Rev. J. E. Lewis conducted the service and gave a very suitable address.

Tea was served in the Church Hall and as usual all were pleased with the good things provided. A vote of thanks was accorded to the ladies for preparing the food and service.

The chair was taken at the meeting by the Rev. J. E. Lewis, who welcomed the ringers to St. Catherine's. Mr. Arthur Hoare, hon. District secretary, and Mr. Trevor M. Roderick, hon. District auditor, were again elected for the ensuing year.

After much discussion it was decided to accept an invitation to Aberavon for an open practice to commence at 3 p.m. on March 1st. This is to take the place of the usual Guild meeting.

It was unanimously agreed to go on with the outing for 1953, and a proposal by Mr. Roderick to hold it on June 20th was carried. The route and chartering of bus were left to the committee.

With the object of encouraging young ringers Mr. Roderick proposed that after they had passed certain elementary preliminaries they should be introduced to the Master of the Guild at a quarterly meeting and that their names should be entered in a minute book. A rider that a suitable ringing book should be given to members was also carried.

Four life members and one ordinary member were elected. A vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. J. E. Lewis for presiding and for conducting the service, and to the organist and choir for assisting at the service.

It was regretted that Canon W. J. Thomas was unable, through illness, to be present. This was supported by Mr. J. T. Williams.

The Rev. J. E. Lewis, in his reply, said he would convey their sincere wishes to Canon Thomas.

A return to the tower by all kept the bells ringing to rounds, Grandsire, Stedman, Double Norwich and Cambridge until 8 p.m. J. A. H.

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Mr. Lathey Retires After 21 Years as Secretary

The annual meeting of the West Dorset Branch was held on December 6th at Lyme Regis, it having been proved not practicable to hold it this year at Bridport; and though Lyme is at the western extremity of the District, over 30 attended and there was no fog in this county to impede transport or dull the proceedings.

An hour's ringing on St. Michael's eight (destined for the foundry early in the New Year) preceded the service. The lesson was read by the Rev. A. Wheeler, Vicar of Beaminster, and an address was given by the Vicar of Lyme Regis, Canon C. C. Cox, based on the words from Psalm 122, v. 8: 'For my brethren and companions' sakes I will wish thee prosperity,' referring also to words from the lesson, I. Peter, 2: 'Honour all men, love the Brotherhood, fear God, honour the King.' He mentioned a talk given recently to ringers at a village meeting by the Bishop of Salisbury, when he spoke enthusiastically of the freemasonry and good fellowship among ringers and wished that the secret of its attainment could be passed on to other branches of Church work.

Tea followed at the Church Hall, arranged and served by Mrs. Cox and the wives of local ringers, and who succeeded in providing a very good meal at very nominal cost. Their efforts were very much appreciated by everyone.

A business meeting followed. On the proposition of the Rev. O. L. Willmott, Vicar of Loders, Canon Cox was unanimously re-elected chairman. The Rev. O. L. Willmott was re-elected as vice-chairman.

After 21 years' service to the Branch as secretary and treasurer, Mr. C. H. Lathey's resignation was very regretfully received. The chairman paid tribute to the efficient manner in which he had piloted the affairs of the Branch, expressing the thanks and good wishes of all members to him. In his place Mr. J. Barrett, of Beaminster, was unanimously elected.

Mr. H. D. W. Bishop was re-elected Ringing Master, and Messrs. G. S. Morris and A. Scott were elected Deputy Ringing Masters. New members elected were Mr. F. Good (Loders) and Mr. J. Rattenbury (Lyme Regis).

Quarterly meetings were arranged for Netherbury, Hawkchurch, Evershot and Litton Cheney. It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Beaminster. Thanks were accorded Mr. H. Sanders, organist, of Lyme Regis, for his accompaniment at the service.

Following the meeting a selection of carols was played on handbells by the Lyme Regis ringers. Further ringing then followed on the tower bells, and later, at Axminster, call changes and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Cambridge and London Surprise were rung.

JOINT MEETING AT BECCLES

About 40 members attended the joint meeting of the Norwich Diocesan Association (East Norfolk Branch) and the Suffolk Guild at Beccles on November 15th. Ringing on the lovely ten bells consisted of Plain Bob, Kent and Cambridge Royal, Stedman and Grandsire Caters, Bob Major, Grandsire Triples, and rounds for beginners.

The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. W. P. F. Hares), with the Rev. A. S. St. J. Heard (president of the Norwich Diocesan Association) reading the lessons.

After tea at the Co-operative Society's Assembly Rooms the president proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector and to Mr. E. R. Goate for arranging the tea. The next meeting (annual) of the East Norfolk Branch will be at Gorleston-on-Sea on February 28th.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

South-West Branch

Thirty-two members and friends attended the annual meeting of the South-West Branch held at St. Andrew's, Plymouth, on December 6th. Full use was made of the glorious ring of ten bells and touches of Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman were brought round. In addition, numerous plain courses of Grandsire Caters and lots of rounds were rung for the less experienced.

The Vicar, the Rev. W. H. A. Cooper, conducted a service in St. Andrew's Chapel at 4.30 p.m. and gave a short and inspiring address based on the apostle Andrew. Tea was served at 5.15 p.m. in the lower Abbey Hall by Mrs. Chaff and her helpers.

The business meeting which followed was presided over by Mr. H. H. Thomas, Branch chairman. The hon. secretary's report and the balance sheet for 1952, showing a balance of £14 0s. 2d. in the General Account and £3 6s. in the Instruction Fund, were unanimously adopted. The election of officers resulted in the unanimous re-elections of Mr. H. H. Thomas, chairman; Mr. T. G. Myers, hon. secretary and treasurer; Ringing Master, Mr. T. G. Myers; hon. auditor, Mr. H. O. Thomas. Representatives to serve on the general committee, W. G. Lavers, J. P. Sims and S. O'Shaughnessy. The Rev. J. D. Wakeling (Vicar of Emmanuel, Plymouth) was elected as a performing member.

The programme agreed upon for 1953-54 was: April 11th, Tavistock; Whit Monday, Annual Meeting of the Guild, in Exeter; June 27th, Joint meeting with Mid-Devon Branch, at South Brent; September 26th, Kingsbridge; January 16th, 1954 (annual meeting of the Branch), Plympton St. Maurice; all subject to permission being obtained.

Mr. T. G. Myers raised a discussion about a booklet by F. S. Worth on 'The Rings of Church Bells in the City of Plymouth,' and considered the Branch should assist the sales. The result was a decision to purchase 24 copies at 2s. each to resell to members and friends at the same price.

The Ringing Master urged members to consider doing extra for Coronation Year and suggested a peal attempt in each of the towers in union with the Branch to include as many locals as were prepared to make the effort. A lengthy cross-talk, rather than discussion, ensued, and it was finally agreed the secretary make the necessary inquiries and arrangements.

The chairman moved a sincere and grateful vote of thanks to the Rev W. H. A. Cooper for allowing the Branch to hold its meeting at St. Andrew's. T. G. M.

RINGERS' SERVICE AT MITCHAM

Twenty-one ringers from eight towers attended the annual ringers' service at Christ Church, Mitcham, on November 16th. The bells were rung from 5.30 to 6.30 p.m. and for a short time after the service.

Owing to the illness of the Vicar (the Rev. G. S. Johnston) the service was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Rush, of Tulse Hill, who also preached. The lessons were read by Mr. E. Jones and Mr. G. Pidwell, who were for many years members of Christ Church band. An appropriate carol, 'Ding, Dong, Dell,' was sung by the choir, and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by members of the St. Leonard's band, Streatham.

In his address on bells Mr. Rush said the ringing of bells was a ministry. If St. Paul had been alive to-day he would have said: 'Some are called to be administrators, some are called to be bellringers and members of the choir and teachers, all for the work of the ministry and for the perfecting of the Saints.' Bell-ringing was a vocation done not only for one's pleasure and satisfaction, but for the glory of God and for the benefit of His Church and for the benefit of mankind.

After the service the ringers were kindly entertained to light refreshments at the Vicarage.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

WHAT CONSTITUTES AN ORIGINAL COMPOSITION?

Dear Sir,—There is no need for Mr. Topp to apologise for having published a peal which someone else had produced; that has been done many times before and will, I suppose, be done again. An apology is really due from me for not having made my figures more public than just publishing them in a Yorkshire Association report. Incidentally, I make no claim to the composition which appears on page 780 of 'The Ringing World' but I shall be surprised if it is passed unchallenged—the scope of Lincolnshire Surprise is so small that I rather think all the possible peals on that plan will have been worked out.

Mr. Topp is to be commended for so graciously withdrawing his claim. Composers of bygone days were not always so ready to do that; they preferred to wrangle over the ownership of the peals they produced and their letters to 'The Bell News' and 'The Ringing World,' bitter and acrimonious though they sometimes were, provided interesting and amusing matter for the readers of the ringing press.

In at least one instance the rival claims to a peal of Superlative Surprise Major broke a long friendship between two eminent composers and the estrangement lasted a lifetime. Mr. Charles Henry Hattersley claimed that a 5,056 23-course block of Superlative produced by Mr. Arthur Craven was a variation of one of his peals. Mr. Craven objected on the grounds that his peal could not be extended whereas Mr. Hattersley's peal could be lengthened by the insertion of either one or two sets of three bobs at Home, and the same musical qualities maintained, as Mr. Hattersley's 'packing courses' were not of the same nature. The argument was carried on by a series of letters through the post, not in the columns of the ringing press, and some years afterwards I was privileged to read the letters which Mr. Craven had received—there were seven or eight of them. An indication of how the friendship between these two very likeable men deteriorated is provided by the type of address which Mr. Hattersley used: the first letter opened 'My dear Arthur,' the last one just 'Sir.' I think it was the reading of those letters which made me realise how right two men with opposite views can be and how difficult to say whether a composition is original or not.

One of the most difficult tasks I had to undertake in my long period as peal secretary of the Yorkshire Association was to decide whether certain compositions should be credited to the composers named or whether they should be classed as variations of some other men's work. I have always maintained that there can be no hard and fast rule on what constitutes an original composition and what is a variation.

Mr. Speed and Mr. Golden seem to suggest that all peals of a certain nature should be credited to the composer who produced the first one. If that is done the whole system of peal classification will break down: most twin-bob peals of Stedman Triples will have to be credited to Thomas Thurstans—or should it be William Hudson? Benjamin Annable's name will claim all the 82 variations his three-part peal of Bob Major is capable of producing: the Bob and Single peals of Grandsire Triples will belong to Vicars, perhaps John Garthon; and John Carter will no longer be entitled to the peals of Stedman Caters and Cinques which appear in his broadsheet. Who will be named as the owner of all the many 5,056 23-course peals of Surprise Major (Superlative, Yorkshire, Pudsey, etc.) that have the basic calling W.M.B. wrapped up in Q sets I do not know, and when we come to Treble Bob Major it seems to me that someone is going to be credited with a terrific amount of compositions he never saw and never even thought of.

If such a scheme is allowed to become operative all that a composer will need to do, provided he has the ability, is to produce one peal in one of the few channels still left unexplored and then sit back and let other people produce the variations of that peal, then he claims the lot. What the late Mr. Arthur Knights, that delightful personality whom I always regarded as one of the most able, certainly the most prolific, of composers the Exercise has ever known, would have said to such a suggestion I hesitate to think; by it, most of his life's work in peal composition would be taken from him.

It has been suggested that compositions should be numbered and not named; that would be one way out of the difficulty of course, but what a loss of tradition and personality there will be if ever that course is adopted —Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM BARTON.

Pudsey.

TANS, SINES AND COSINES

Dear Sir,—Reading of the Mirfield Tan being used as a call, I would like to point out that the call of 'Tan' has been in use in our Society for a number of years, though it is usually preceded by the call 'Black and.'

You may be interested to learn that we also find it useful to employ 'Sines' in appropriate situations in the belfry, with the usual response of 'Cosine,' but we have never yet been driven so deep into the trigonometry textbooks as to have to use 'Cosecants'; it is probably felt that this would be unfair on the members who read subjects other than mathematics.—Yours faithfully.

R. J. COOK.

Oxford.

AN EXTREME

Dear Sir,—Regarding the 'Mirfield Tan.' Another call sometimes inserted in these parts is an 'Extreme.' With treble at lead the bell in 5-6 up makes a Double Norwich Bob and the two back bells, normally the tenors, make three dodges.

Also there is the 'Treble Extreme' where the Treble turns back at 5-6. No doubt these variations may be useful when no other method but Kent is rung. Far better, however, to learn the elementary principles of Plain Bob, Treble Bob, Norwich, Grandsire or Stedman and then follow and fit in for service or practice ringing. We must appreciate the fact that all parties of ringers are made really welcome at Mirfield and it is only fair to let the older generation carry on in the old sweet way. In fairness to the younger generation, the better plan would be to teach them in a manner to stand their ground with other ringers instead of staying at home with an inferiority complex.—Yours faithfully.

A. W. BOND.

Lindley, Yorks.

ROTHERWICK CHURCH AND CHERTSEY ABBEY

Mr. J. Morley, of Reading, calls our attention to a possible association between Chertsey Abbey and Rotherwick Church, Hampshire.

The third of the six bells at Rotherwick is of the 14th century and is believed to be the second oldest bell in Hampshire.

The lettering resembles that seen on bells cast at the famous Wokingham Foundry, of which the Chertsey Abbey Foundry was the parent. John de Rutherwyk was Abbot of Chertsey from 1307 to 1346, and possibly he sent this bell as a present to his native village.

When Burghfield ringers had their annual outing this year they rang at Rotherwick. Our correspondent writes: 'We didn't stop very long as the bells went badly, the ropes cracked like whips and bits of dust and twigs dropped down our necks, presumably from jackdaws' nests.'

BREDON WITH BREDONS NORTON

Dear Sir,—Much as I used to love to hear the bells of Bredons Norton when I was a curate-in-charge (1919-1923), I must correct the dedication given in your report of a peal there on November 28th which was conducted by my good friend and parishioner, Mr. J. Thomas. I do so not that I want to quibble, but because the mistake opens up a matter of interest. The dedication of the chapel of Bredons Norton is unknown; it is one of those rare instances, and I believe the only one in Worcestershire.

It is the Parish Church of Bredon which is dedicated to St. Giles, where as far back as 1624 there was a ring of five.

The treble was by Abraham Rudhall, so was the 4th, but the 2nd, 3rd and 5th are interesting inasmuch as they were cast by William Whitmore in 1624. William Whitmore also, in 1639, cast bells for Frocester, Glos, but whether he was an itinerant founder or had a foundry I have not succeeded in tracing. (Can anyone enlighten me, please?) In my Bredon days these bells were rung but it always sounded as if the tenor was too heavy for the ring and was out of tune.

During my time there, however, there arose a new Rector, who did away with a rood screen in the making, which led to the approach to the belfry, and put a monkey ladder up the tower wall to a trap door on the belfry floor, making it, therefore, impossible for any ringer save the most virile to ascend to the ringing chamber. I believe the bells are merely chimed now, so no more do Bredon bells ring out across the nearby Avon and its lovely meadows. We used to hear the sweet-toned bells of Strensham across the river in my day but these are, alas, now silent.—Yours truly,

F. C. CHAMPION (Rev.).

Hinton-on-the-Green, Evesham.

THE DAYS OF EYE

Dear Sir,—Mr. Claud Rush's account of the Days of Eye is very interesting to me as it was through George Day rehanging the five bells at Brome, Suffolk, in 1886, that I started to ring. There the ringing chamber is so near the bells that the sallies go on the wheels at backstroke.

George was a very enthusiastic ringer in those far-off days. On most Sundays he would travel by train from Eye to Ipswich to ring for matins at St. Mary-le-Tower's, afterwards going to St. Paul's Cathedral, London, for Stedman Cinques in the afternoon.

It is noteworthy that he used expressions many times in conversation. When a lad was rescued from a pond he repeated 'Is he wet?' over and over again.

He also did repairs to pumps but did not like doing so and would say, 'I would rather get killed up a steeple than die down a well.'

The writer contacted him in his later days. On matters of business he would always remark, 'I now leave everything to the boy Fred.' Fred was then about 60 years of age.—Yours, etc.,

GEORGE E SYMONDS.

Ipswich.

CLACTON SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—The peal of Clacton Surprise Major rung at Helmingham on February 16th, 1938 (method and composition by the late G. Lindoff), is false. This has been proved by Mr. C. J. Sedgley. Consequently the peal has been withdrawn.—Yours faithfully,

L. G. BRETT.

RINGERS' NOTEBOOK AND DIARY

The fifth issue of this popular publication is now in circulation. From a typographical point of view this year's issue is an improvement on previous annuals. The concise manner in which essential information is provided makes this little notebook and diary the constant companion of all ringers who have aspirations in widening their knowledge of change ringing. It is an ideal Christmas gift.

QUARTER PEALS

ASHTON - UNDER - LYNE, LANCS. — At St. Peter's Church, on Dec. 6th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. Roberts 1, F. Popplewell 2, A. Rogers 3, W. Dransfield 4, F. Linfoot 5, A. Hinchcliffe 6, J. Pearson (cond.) 7, A. Rothery 8. Rung by visitors from Yorkshire. Also on Dec. 7th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. P. Schoolden 1, Miss P. S. Gatty 2, A. W. Stone 3, Miss B. A. Carter 4, W. Howard 5, W. Harrison 6, R. M. Edwards 7, D. Ogden (cond.) 8. First quarter of Bob Major for 1 and 2. Rung as a birthday compliment to the 2nd ringer.

BARKING, ESSEX. — On Nov. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. G. Mitchell 1, C. Fenn 2, H. Worboys 3, A. W. Beard 4, C. Wardell 5, D. W. Beard (cond.) 6, E. G. Cottis 7, P. J. Dawe 8. A 74th birthday compliment to Mr. C. Fenn.

BIDDULPH, STAFFS.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,680 changes in seven Surprise methods (London, Wells, Durham, York, Cambridge, Ipswich and Norwich): J. Stanway, jun., 1, J. Stanway, sen. (cond.) 2, L. Higgs 3, W. A. Weston 4, W. S.. Devenport (first quarter of Surprise Minor) 5, W. Hazeldine 6. Also on Nov. 26th, 1,680 changes in seven Surprise methods (being 240 each of London, Wells, Durham, York, Cambridge, Ipswich and Norwich): J. Stanway, jun., 1, A. H. Cottrell 2, L. Higgs 3, W. A. Weston 4, J. Stanway, sen., 5, W. Hazeldine (cond.), 6. In memory of Russell Hall, aged 25, a sidesman at this church.

BOSTON, LINCS.—On Nov. 30th, at St. Botolph's, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: T. Freeston 1, Lorna Briggs 2, S. Jessop 3, A. Freeston 4, G. Dawson 5, F. P. Harwood 6, F. Dewey 7, R. Brown (cond.) 8, J. Petch 9, W. E. Clarke 10. Rung for St. Andrew's Day.

EALING, MIDLX. — On Dec. 2nd, at the Church of Christ-the-Saviour, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Kathleen Ball 1, J. E. Lewis Cockey 2, J. Edward Churchill 3, Daphne Luke (first 'inside') 4, Beryl R Cowlin 5, H. J. Eldred 6, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 7, Audrey Palmer 8. First quarter by 1 and 8. A 70th birthday compliment to Mr. J. E. Churchill.

EWELME, OXON.—On Dec. 2nd, 480 Plain Bob, 360 April Day, 420 Grandsire: D. Absolom (first in three methods) 1, F. Smith (first in three methods) 2, B. Tuckwell (first quarter) 3, J. Goodman 4, F. Absolom (cond.) 5, R. D. Wells 6.

HONITON, DEVON.—On Dec. 6th, 1,392 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. Marshall 1, J. Salway 2, C. G. Turner 3, R. Woodley 4, E. E. Retter 5, J. Arbury 6, E. W. Rowe 7, G. E. Retter (cond.) 8. First quarter of Plain Bob Major on the bells since rehanging.

HUNGERFORD, BERKS.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Newman 1, Miss P. Manning 2, C. Savage 3, T. Stone 4, F. Read 5, A. Palmer 6, P. Anger (cond.) 7, V. Gilbert 8.

IFFLEY, OXFORD.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: L. Busby 1, H. Mair (first 'inside') 2, C. Bennett 3, W. Fern 4, J. Adams 5, T. Bowles (cond.) 6.

ANALYSIS OF TOWER BELL PEALS

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ASSOCIATION	MINOR: 201-126 Methods	21-200 Methods	20 Methods	17 Methods	16 Methods	15 Methods	14 Methods	13 Methods	11 Methods	10 Methods	9 Methods	8 Methods	7 Methods	6 Methods	5 Methods	4 Methods	3 Methods	2 Methods	1 Method	Min. (63 & Doubles (6)	DOUBLES: 15-21 Methods	14 Methods	12 Methods	11 Methods	10 Methods	9 Methods	8 Methods	7 Methods	6 Methods	5 Methods	4 Methods	3 Methods	2 Methods	1 Method	Total
An. Soc. College Yths.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Bath and Wells Dio.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9	—	1	2	3	1	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	1	5	2	—	18	56
Bedfordshire	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	3	—	1	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	13
Cambridge Univ. Gld.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Chester Diocesan	—	1	—	1	—	1	2	—	—	—	2	—	4	2	7	11	3	—	28	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	4	4	5	—	76
Coventry Dio. Guild	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	3
Cumberland & West.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Derbyshire Assn.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	2	2	1	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	12
Devonshire	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
Dudley and District	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Durham and Newcastle	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	9
East Derbyshire	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
East Grinstead	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Ely Diocesan	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	6	—	3	3	4	—	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	31
Essex Association	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	6	2	—	2	4	1	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	4	—	—	30
Gloucester and Bristol	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	3	—	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	5	8	—	33
Guildford Diocesan	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
Hereford Diocesan	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	1	—	2	—	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	9	18	—	41
Hertford County	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	—	2	—	1	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	17
Irish Association	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	5
Kent County	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	11	1	1	3	8	3	19	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	5	55
Lancashire Association	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	1	7	3	16	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	3	—	38
Leicester Dio. Guild	3	2	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	2	—	3	—	2	2	27	—	—	—	1	—	2	3	—	2	4	1	7	4	2	10	—	78
Lincoln Dio. Guild	—	1	—	—	—	3	1	3	—	—	1	29	3	5	8	17	3	21	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	1	5	—	—	4	—	107
Llandaff & Monmouth	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	6	—	11
Middlesex County	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	9
Midland Counties	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	2	1	—	10
North Staffs Assn.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	1	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	11
North Wales Assoc.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	3
Norwich Diocesan	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	2	5	2	4	3	3	3	13	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	39
Oxford Dio. Guild	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	3	1	2	2	3	1	12	1	—	3	2	—	1	1	—	2	1	2	1	1	1	11	—	—	53
Oxford University Soc.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
Peterborough Diocesan	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	1	2	2	2	8	—	—	—	1	—	1	1	2	1	1	2	3	5	2	2	1	—	40
St. David's Dio. Guild	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2
St. Martin's Guild	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	3
Salisbury Guild	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	2	—	10
Shropshire Association	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
Soc. R. Cum. Youths	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Southwell Dio. Guild	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	5	1	2	2	4	1	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	32
Stafford Archdeaconry	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	4	1	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	3	—	16
Suffolk Guild	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	5	7	6	5	2	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	2	—	44
Surrey Association	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
Sussex Association	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	1	—	—	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	30
Swansea & Brecon	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Truro Diocesan	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	4
Universities' Assn.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Win. and Portsmouth	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	9
Worcester & District	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	3	7	—	20
Yorkshire Association	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	2	4	2	2	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	22
Unattached	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	4	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	10
TOTAL	3	5	1	1	2	1	7	2	6	2	4	8	141	21	46	63	84	28	296	1	3	3	1	3	6	6	3	11	10	11	30	2	33	138	1008

LEAMINGTON, WARWICKS.—On Dec. 1st, 1,264 Bob Major: W. S. Oakley 1, R. J. Edden 2, E. H. Adams 3, T. W. Wyatt 4, H. C. Burt 5, C. H. Grindley (first of Bob Major) 6, H. Huxley 7, J. R. Ball (cond.) 8.

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTS.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mark Lewis (aged 12, first quarter) 1, S. L. Barley 2, A. W. Barley 3, W. A. Muddell 4, F. W. Midwinter (cond.), 4, R. J. C. Copp 6.

OXFORD.—At St. Mary Magdalen Church, for St. Hugh's Day, Nov. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Niblett 1, R. G. Turner 2, P. C. Wright 3, P. Border 4, F. P. Wright 5, R. J. Cook (cond.) 6.

STANWELL, MIDLX. — On Nov. 30th, 1,279 Doubles (Old, Norfolk, Plain, Reverse Canterbury, April Day, Norfolk, Cassington, Eynsham, Reverse Union, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas): Alan Cooke 1, Rita Thompson (first of twelve 'inside') 2, F. Blagrove (cond.) 3-4, K. Frith 5, Doris Thompson 6. For Advent Sunday.

STEEPLE LANGFORD, WILTS.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Lewis 1, Miss J. Gray 2, H. H. Abrahams (cond.) 3, J. Mussell 4, R. N. Marlow 5. A wedding compliment to Lealie Page, a Salisbury ringer, and Kathleen Briant, who were married in this church this day.

WORCESTER.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary on Nov. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Caters: R. G. Morris 1, G. Bowen 2, P. L. Blissett 3, D. R. Sayers 4, N. Haile 5, W. Lewis 6, A. Morgan 7, R. Woodyatt (cond.) 8, C. Tancell 9, F. C. Pugh 10.

WADHURST, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Minor (being 720 Kent Treble Bob and 540 Single Oxford): B. V. Collison 1, S. G. Ponting (first in method) 2, A. Relfe (cond.) 3, C. A. Bassett 4, E. J. Ladd 5, W. A. Kitchenside 6.

WEMBDON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Brooks 1, M. Stone 2, B. Chappell 3, E. Norman 4, F. Sweet (cond.) 5, O. Pole 6. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Mrs. Short, mother of R. D. Short, a local ringer.

FOR BEGINNERS—
And a Word to the Older Hands

XXV.

GRANDSIRE IN THREE-LEAD COURSES

Some of the earliest peals of Grandsire Triples were composed on what is known as the three-lead course plan, that is a plan by which the observation bell comes back to its plain course position every third lead. Such peals are not now much in favour, principally on the ground, we believe, that the observation bell never does the whole of the work included in a plain course.

There are only three positions in which it can fall, and these are Wrong (7-6 down), Middle (4-5 up) and Before (3rds place). The observation bell never goes into the hunt or dodges in 5-4 down or 6-7 up, and many people, therefore, look upon such peals as lacking in interest.

Nevertheless, this short-course plan provides excellent music for touches, for it is possible, for instance, by this means to get the full extent of 6-7 together at course-ends in a touch of only 1,008 changes.

Peals on these lines have usually the 6th as the observation bell, but the 5th or 3rd is sometimes used. If you want to keep the 6-7 together throughout your touch you must keep both these bells fixed and you do it by calling a Single at the first lead (bringing the 6th into 4-5 up, and the 7th to make the long 3rds). A three-lead course also necessitates a call to bring 6-7 together behind—it is that, indeed, which makes the three-lead course.

It is easy to call from any bell. Note the course-end, call a Single the next lead; have a plain lead when the 6th comes Before (unless your composition, as it may, provides for a Bob), and call a Bob or Single next lead as required.

When written out the calls may be noted as M., B., W., or 1, 2, 3, the figures denoting the lead of the course. Thus a touch of 168 can be written in either of the following ways:—

234567	M	B	W	234567	1	2	3
345267	S	—		345267	S	—	
452367	S	—		452367	S	—	
523467	S	—		523467	S	—	
234567	S	—		234567	S	—	

This touch can be doubled in length by calling a Single for either of the Bobs, and lengthened again by calling a Single for one of the other Bobs in alternate parts.

You can make up a great variety of touches for yourself, and you can get the 1,008 to which we have referred by using the following:—

234567	1	3
435267	S	S
352467	S	—
524367	S	—
423567	S	S

Repeat this five times with a Bob for Single at the end of the third and sixth parts.

If you want a 504 with twelve 6-7s, call the four course three times exactly as set out.

A very symmetrical five-part peal on this plan was composed by Thomas Thurstans, of Birmingham, for ever famous for his Four-Part peal of Stedman Triples. It is based on these four-course blocks.

In the first block a Bob at 2 (the 6th Before) is called. The rest is like the touch of 1,008. It brings up the part-end 7 2 3 4 6 5, and that is one-fifth of the peal.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' Church on Dec. 7th, 1,360 Bob Minor: H. B. Bull 1, M. J. Dyer 2, J. R. G. Spicer 3, J. Witney 4, H. S. Peacock 5, S. Gilbert (cond.) 6.

WOBURN, BEDS.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Double Norwich C.B. Major: W. Todd 1, P. Croft 2, E. Winters 3, H. D. Harris 4, D. Gullick 5, P. Mehew 6, D. Jones 7, F. Croft (cond.) 8.

SURREY ASSOCIATION
North-West District

Despite the clerk of the weather's efforts to black out the south-west of London with fog on December 6th, 19 members of the Surrey Association, representing ten towers, found their way to Benhilton (Sutton) tower and by three o'clock the bells were in changes.

At a service in the church, conducted by the Vicar, a very warm welcome was offered. Tea provided by wives of the local band was heartily enjoyed and exceeded the demands of the company as double the number had intimated their intention of being present. The business meeting followed and had to take place without the minutes as the secretary was fog-bound at Walton.

The following nominations for the District officers for 1953 were received: Master, F. E. Collins; secretary, R. Lathbury; treasurer, H. N. Pitstow; auditor, G. Peters and R. F. Layton; committee, E. J. Lindley, A. J. Adams, R. Davies, E. Gosden and Miss J. Smith.

Members are reminded that further nominations, in writing, may be sent to the District secretary up to January 3rd, in accordance with Rule 16.

Two new members were elected and the election of four others prior to peals was notified.

A proposal was put forward for practice meetings to be held in the months when no business meeting is being held and it was left to the committee to give this further detailed consideration at their next meeting.

The Vicar, replying to the vote of thanks for use of the bells and conducting the service, said he remembered very clearly a previous meeting he attended at Benhilton when tongue was served at tea. The next day he had to read the first lesson, which began, 'And he was given tongue.' He always associated the two and was happy to be with the company. He thought they should most heartily thank the local ladies, who had again provided such a sumptuous repast.

Further ringing took place after the meeting when the company was joined by that jovial character, W. J. Rawlings, who was not with them at tea because he could not find the place in the fog. Ringing ranged from rounds to Cambridge Major. W. F. O.

5,184 ALBURGH COURT MAJOR

By NOLAN GOLDEN

Central Council Collection of Plain Major Methods No. 121; first published by Gabriel Lindoff in 'The Bell News,' May 20th, 1910, page 196.

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Eleven times repeated substituting bob for the single home in all parts except the seventh. Contains the extent of 5-6 in 5-6. Rung at Saxlingham Nethergate, November 19th, 1952.

THE RINGER'S HYMN

By J. Campbell, Captain of St. Columb's Cathedral Ringers, Londonderry.

O Thou, who from the call 'Look-To'
And 'Treble's Going—Gone,'
Grant us no false course to pursue
But a true peal to win.

Help us to learn the rules aright,
See that the Treble man
Be one whose power is infinite.
Then lean on him we can.

Lord, hunting up help us to see
Who follows at each pull,
And when we dodge let all be free
From doubt, and strike not ill.

Then when we've run out to the back
And laid the blows behind,
Be Thou our course bell, mark the track
To lead our way we'll find.

Our God the Great Conductor shall
Make all the calls full dear,
We pray Thy help, we may not fall
Nor falter even here.

Then when the great 'That's All' shall sound
And we are all brought 'Home,'
Let each in his own place be found
Lest one of us shall roam.

With Thee as guide and stay through all,
Upholding to the end,
When at the last we're called to 'Fall,'
Then hail us each as Friend.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
Eastern District at Howden

About 25 members from 14 towers attended the winter quarterly meeting of the Eastern District at Howden on November 29th in cold, foggy weather. The service was conducted by the curate (the Rev. G. Richards).

An excellent tea was followed by the business meeting presided over by Mr. A. E. Sellers. Miss S. Kingdom (York) and Mr. Cromack (Carlton) were elected new members. Goole was selected for the next meeting, in March.

Mr. C. Barker asked those present to keep open January 31st, the date of the Beverley and District Society's annual dinner. A collection for the Association's Bell Repair Fund realised 14s. 6d.

The fine ring of eight was kept going during the afternoon and evening.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

The following appeared in the 'Birmingham Weekly Post' under the heading of 'A Hundred Years Ago.' It was taken from the 'Birmingham Journal' of December 4th, 1852.

Change Ringing

On Sunday evening last, eight members of the Society of Change Ringers of this town ascended the tower of the Parish Church, King's Norton, and succeeded in ringing in three hours and nine minutes a complete peal of Triple Bob Major, in the Kent variations, comprising 5,088 changes, being the first peal in that method rung on those bells. After the falling of the bells the performers were met by Mr. G. E. Clulee, who presented them with a sovereign and complimented them for their talent in striking and their exactness in the compass of the bells. John Perks was treble; John Bannister 2nd; Joseph Spencer 3rd; Robert Yates 4th; Robert Wright 5th; John Robinson 6th; John Day 7th; and William Chattell tenor. The peal was composed by Mr. Thomas Day and conducted by Mr. John Day.

BATHWICK, BATH.—On Nov. 26th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. J. Merrett 1, Mrs. D. Evans 2, A. S. Read (first quarter) 3, B. J. Fry 4, R. O. Fry (cond.) 5, K. F. Medway 6.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO ALL RINGERS

Best wishes for a Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year to all members of Eastern District Yorkshire Association, from Mr. and Mrs. Albert E. SELLERS, 3, Elwell Avenue, Beverley. 1842

To all friends, sincere greetings and good wishes for Christmas and the coming year from Mr. and Mrs. H. C. SPENCER, Lower Durrian, Stithians, Truro. 1836

To all our ringing friends, best wishes for a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year. —Mr. and Mrs. C. J. MATTHEWS, 177, Engadine Street, Southfields, S.W.18. 1834

Christmas greetings and every good wish for the coming year to all our ringing friends.—Mr. and Mrs. T. H. FRANCIS, 2, Camden Square, London, N.W.1. 1833

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL SOCIETY OF BELLRINGERS send seasonal greetings to all friends of the Cathedral Band and invite visitors to join them on Christmas morning at 9.45. 1832

Best wishes for Christmas, health and happiness to all our ringing friends for 1953.—Mr. and Mrs. R. LATHBURY and Miss N. SHORTER. 1830

Christmas greetings and all good wishes for the coming year to friends of 'The Ringing World' from Mr. and Mrs. E. D. POOLE, Marlow. 1828

Christmas and New Year greetings to all ringing friends from Mr. and Mrs. Arthur D. BARKER, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough, Bucks. 1825

The season's greetings for Christmas and every good wish for the New Year to all friends from Mr. and Mrs. Ernest J. LADD and Margaret, Tunbridge Wells. 1824

Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all ringing friends.—Mr. and Mrs. W. B. KYNASTON, 37, Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon, Wilts. 1840

The BEDFORDSHIRE YOUNG RINGERS send greetings to their ringing friends in Devonshire. May we all ring in the Coronation Year with scientific and call change ringing of the highest quality. 1839

Mr. and Mrs. Albert E. SELLERS send hearty Christmas greetings with best wishes for the New Year to all ringing friends, especially Beverley and District Society.—3 Elwell Avenue, Beverley. 1841

To all our ringing friends, wherever they may be, a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year from Mr. and Mrs. William D. ASHDOWN, Beare Cottage, Broadclyst, Exeter, Devon. 1823

To all friends—A Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year is the sincere wish of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. PULLING, 144, Woodside Road, Guildford, Surrey. 1807

To all ringing friends, old and new, Christmas greetings, sincere and true.—Mr. and Mrs. R. BULLEN, Darley Dale, Matlock, Derbyshire. 1879

Mr. I. EMERY extends his best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all ringing friends, and especially to his octogenarian colleagues—those who rang in the peal, and those unable to do so. 1880

All good wishes for Christmas and the New Year to ringing friends, old and new, together with prosperity to 'The Ringing World.'—Wm. SHEPHERD, 22, Chapel Grove, Addlestone, Surrey. 1882

APSLEY ST. MARY'S ringers wish all their friends a Happy Christmas and the best striking ever during Coronation Year. 1884

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. SONE, of Paddock Wood, Kent, send greetings to all ringing friends wishing them a Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year. 1885

To all our ringing friends far and near, a Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year from Mr. and Mrs. John WHEADON, Wilmslow, Cheshire. 1886

A very Happy Christmas and 1953 to our many friends.—Grace & Fred GOODFELLOW, Seaford, Slough Road, Iver Heath. (Note.—After seven years' waiting, we have it! Phone Iver 1039.)

Mr. and Mrs. BRADLEY, Abbeydale, Poltisko Terrace, Penrhyn, Falmouth, Cornwall (late 60, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham), send hearty Christmas and New Year greetings to all ringing friends. 1814

Best wishes for Christmas and New Year to all ringers and friends.—Mr. and Mrs. E. STITCH, The Laurels, 233, Penn Road, Wolverhampton, Staffs. 1815

From East Africa. Michael and Jean CAUSLEY send sincere Christmas greetings and best wishes for the New Year to all their ringing friends at home.—Box 543, Dar es Salaam, Tanganyika. 1820

Inst.-Cdr. and Mrs. Gordon CROSS and family send seasonal greetings to all ringing friends. 1821

A Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year to all our ringing friends in Kent and Sussex.—Mr. and Mrs. C. A. BASSETT and Ann. 1817

May all ringing friends have a very Happy Christmas and a Bright and Prosperous New Year is the sincere wish of Mr. and Mrs. Frank SKIDMORE, Bristol. 1816

All good wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all ringing friends everywhere from Mr. and Mrs. G. R. NEWTON, 57, Ampthill Road, Liverpool, 17. 1844

Best wishes for a very Merry Christmas and happy New Year to all my friends at home and overseas.—EVELYN STEEL. 1845

To all ringing friends, a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year. — J. B. HESSEY, 11, Queen Street, Chertsey. 1846

To all ringing friends good fortune, good health and good wishes for a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year. — Frederick WHITE, 68, Stratford Road, Luton, Beds. 1847

Christmas greetings and good wishes for the coming year to all our ringing friends. — Rosemary and Denis HOWARD, 8H Block, M.Q., Bulford Camp, Wiltshire. 1850

Mr. and Mrs. W. BOTTRILL wish all their ringer friends a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.—11, Kingston Road, Luton, Beds. 1848

To all ringers and friends the season's greetings, good ringing and records for the coming year.—Mr. and Mrs. L. G. BRETT. 1851

Sincere greetings and good wishes to all friends near and far.' — From Mr. and Mrs. T. M. RODERICK, Porthcawl. 1852

Seasonal greetings to all our ringing friends. —From Mr. and Mrs. F. I. HAIRS, The Stores, Lee Ground, Titchfield, Hants (Tel. Titchfield 2238). 1854

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Dear Sir,—I feel sure that the following compositions of Spliced London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative will interest those who like plenty of Bristol in the peals.—Yours faithfully,

A. J. PITMAN.

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42563	1	2	1	B B X B L

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1,952 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

By A. F. LEWRY

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LONDON.—At St. Saviour's Cathedral, Southwark, on Nov. 16th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. E. Chilcott 1, R. G. Lay 2, Janet S. Bailey 3, M. V. Chilcott 4, J. D. Rock 5, F. T. Blagrove 6, R. E. Price 7, T. Price (cond.) 8.

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DODDS.—On Sunday, December 14th, 1952, at St. Paul's Hospital, Hemel Hempstead, to Joyce (née Lewis), wife of Mr. Geoffrey Dodds, a daughter—Frances. 1835

SILVER WEDDING

DAVIS—CLARK.—On December 24th, 1927, by the late Rev. R. Fawkes, at St. James' Parish Church, Poole, Dorset, James Ivon to Eva May. Present address: Clydesdale, 109, Wimborne Road, Poole, Dorset. 1829

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Saturday, December 20th, 3 p.m. — A. B. Peck. 1877

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Meeting, St. Nicholas', Wallasey (6), Dec. 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 1881

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District. — Annual meeting, Staveley. Dec. 20th. Business important. 1800

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Hunts District.—Meeting at St. Ives (8), Dec. 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Also please note A.G.M. at Huntingdon, Jan. 17th.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 1878

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District.—Meeting at Barnet (8), Dec. 20th, 2.45 to 8. Tea 5.—W. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 1876

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Ashford District) and HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Joint meeting, Biddenden, Dec. 20th. Service 4.30. Tea at Chequers. Notify Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 1783

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting is at Ramsbottom on Saturday, Dec. 20th. Bells from 3 p.m. Nominations for Branch officials should be in at this meeting.—J. Porter. 1883

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Quarterly meeting, Ditchling (8), Saturday, Dec. 20th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5—P. F. Romney, 21, Woodsland Road, Hassocks. 1804

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Southern District. — Quarterly meeting, Eastwood (8), Dec. 20th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. The church is five minutes' walk out of Rotherham.—J. J. L. Gilbert. 1811

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—Walton-on-Thames, Dec. 26th. Bells (8) from 11 a.m. All welcome.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Sec. 1831

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch. — Meeting, Windsor Parish Church, Saturday, Dec. 27th, 6.45 p.m. Ringer's Diaries available at meeting.—Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 1826

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tuesday, Dec. 30th, 7.15 p.m., advanced method practice, Christ Church, Ealing Broadway. Saturday, Jan. 3rd, general meeting, St. Mary's, Putney, 2.45. Service 4.15. Tea, Gordon Restaurant, 5 p.m. Business and nominations 5.45. Ringing, All Saints', Fulham, 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 5th, 7.15, practice, St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge. Annual general meeting, Southwark Cathedral, Saturday, Feb. 7th. Everyone welcome. — Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. Hou 3921. 1853

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — N.E. Branch. — Annual meeting, Tiverton, Saturday, Jan. 3rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to C. G. Dymond, Silverton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—A.G.M. will be held at Harlow Town (8) on Jan. 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by meeting. Names, please, to G. Blake, Dis. Sec., Teesta, Jack's Hatch, Epping Upland, Essex. 1819

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. Division.—Annual meeting, Walthamstow, St. Mary's (10), Jan. 3rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., to be followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to Mr. H. Rumens, 32, Woodstock Road, Walthamstow, E.17. 1827

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Annual meeting, Jan. 3rd, at the Tamworth Arms Hotel, Moor Street, City, at 6 o'clock. Bells available:—Cathedral (12) 3 p.m.-4 p.m.; St. Martin's (12), 4.15 p.m.-5.45 p.m.—G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec., 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Phone SPR 1025. 1812

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District annual meeting.—Saturday, Jan. 3rd, at St. Mary's, Nottingham. Bells 2.30 p.m. Please make own tea arrangements. 1818

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Annual meeting, Winchester, Saturday, January 3rd. Bells: Cathedral (12) 1-2, 6-7; St. Maurice's (6) 7-8.30; other towers if wanted. Meeting and tea St. Maurice's Hall, Colebrook Street, 2.30. Service in Cathedral 5.15. Names, by previous Wednesday, to Mr. J. A. C. King, 29, Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester. 1822

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PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD—Northampton Branch.—Annual, All Saints' (8), Jan. 24th. Service 4 p.m. Special tea arrangements with concession for fully paid Branch members later.—E. Nobles, Hon. Branch Sec. 1843

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—The annual lunch will be held on Saturday, Feb. 7th, 1953. Members wishing to come, please notify David Gallop, Magdalen College, as soon as possible. 1837

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. Wood 1, S. Kathleen M. Knight 2, P. Page 3, B. J. Luff 4, J. W. Meade 5, H. Wood 6, F. W. Burnett (cond.) 7, W. Wicks 8.

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'FLINTSHIRE AND ITS BELLS'

THE low, sandy coast, with the estuarine flats along the Dee, and the appeal of Rhyl, with its fine beaches, as a holiday resort, have made parts of Flintshire familiar to the large populations of Lancashire. But there is another side of the county, the western half, where the steep limestone escarpment rises to 1,800 feet behind Prestatyn, which escapes the ordinary holiday-maker. 'The Ringing World' has frequent reference to the county, either on account of peals or outings, as Flintshire has five rings of eight bells and nine of six.

For the antiquarian interested in bells, this, the smallest of Welsh counties, is a happy hunting ground, and Mr. Ranald W. M. Clouston has provided the Cambrian Archæological Association with a readable volume. There is still much virgin country in Wales in the matter of bell surveys. This is only the third county to have its bells recorded, previous works being 'The Church Bells of Monmouth' by Mr. A. Wright and in 1947 'The Church Bells of Radnorshire' by Mr. Frederick Sharpe.

Flintshire can trace its Christianity back to the days of the Celtic Christians, as is instanced by the monastery at Bangor Iscoed. A MS. book written by the Rev. D. Maurice tells of the finding on the hill, near the church at Cwm, of three four-cornered bells, and called respectively 'The yellow bell of Cwm.' 'The white bell of Abergele,' and 'The blue bell of Llandulas.' These old bells were handbells, which were taken round with the priest and used to call people to worship, the services generally being in the open air. The bells were probably made of riveted iron plates which, when exposed to the atmosphere, disintegrated, no trace of them now exists. There is, however, a late 14th century priest's bell at Caerwys. From the small Lombardic letters, Mr. Clouston suggests a date of about 1380, but the shape is of a later period, and he gives a word of caution, suggesting that the Lombardic lettering had been handed down.

The idea of the 'bells going to the people' seems to have been carried on in Holywell as recently as 1857. St. Winefride's well is at Holywell, and the town gained the reputation of being the Lourdes of Wales. The original bell of nearly 8½ins. diameter is preserved in the church, although there is a crack right through the waist. Thomas Pennant wrote in 1795: 'The church has only one bell, and that not to be heard at any distance, so that the congregation is assembled by a walking steeple, a man with a small bell, who sounds the notice through every street.' Mr. Clouston explains that the bell was suspended by a strap from the neck of the bell-man, who wore a leather pad on one knee, and who caused the bell to ring on every step. The earliest record of the bell is in 1714. A salary of two guineas a year was in 1758 paid to the bell-man. The churchwarden's accounts also recorded an allowance of clothing to 'the boy who is to carry the bell.'

The second bell in Flintshire, which is of pre-Reformation date, is in the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, Ysceifiog. It was cast at the old Nottingham foundry, the shield also appearing on bells at Stoneleigh (Warwickshire) and Muston and Kegworth (Leicestershire), in conjunction with the initials R. K. The Clibury foundry of Wellington (Salop), with a branch establishment at Holt (Denbighshire), some nine miles south of Chester, is responsible for eight bells. As might be expected, the Rudhalls, of Gloucester, are well represented. Abraham Rudhall I. (1679-1735) and Abraham Rudhall II. (1718-1735) have two rings of six at Bangor-on-Dee and at Mold, and Abel Rudhall (1736-60) a ring of six at Hawarden and four at Worthenbury. Thomas Rudhill (1760-83) had a ring of six at Hammer, now recast, and two other bells, and John Rudhall (1785-1830) a ring of six at Overton, except the tenor and the second bell at Bangor-on-Dee.

Coming to more modern times, both Messrs. John Taylor and Co. and the Whitechapel Foundry have made notable contributions to the county's bells. Messrs. John Taylor and Co. have the ring of eight at Rhyl (1876) to their credit, a six at Hammer (1890), a six at Hope (1920), a chime of five at Prestatyn (1949) and a chime of eight at the Roman Catholic Abbey, Talacre (1937).

From Whitechapel came the largest church bell in the county, the 25 cwt. tenor at St. Asaph's Cathedral (Messrs. Taylor and Co. recast the treble here in 1947), and 42 other bells dating from the treble and second at Caerwys in 1787. The octave at Northop and five bells to complete the octave at Bodelwyddan and five bells to make a ring of six at Flint (and later the tenor) were among the bells from this foundry.

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Closely related to bells is perhaps the shapeless mass of metal preserved in the Cathedral Church of St. Asaph. This is said to be from the bells destroyed by Owen Glendower in 1402, when he burnt the church.

Mr. Clouston undertook his survey in March and April, 1948. The record is made more interesting by the many illustrations and drawing of founders' marks, and forms a valuable addition to antiquarian bell records.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 11, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Martin,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Consisting of 1,008 Belgrave; 576 each of Leicestershire, Pudsey, Buckinghamshire, Buckingham and Wigston; 432 each of York and Yorkshire; 144 each of Lincolnshire and Lindsey with 96 changes of method. Tenor 25 cwt.

Mrs. H. J. Poole	*Treble*	S. Anthony Jesson	7
*Harold J. Poole	2	Harry G. Wayne	8
Ernest W. Rawson	3	Sidney O. Cheney	9
Mrs. P. J. Staniforth	4	E. Alan Jacques	10
Peter J. Staniforth	5	†Herrick B. Bowley	11
John R. Smith	6	William J. Root	*Tenor*

Composed by Kenneth A. Roe. Conducted by Harold J. Poole.
* 1,000th peal. † 50th peal of Surprise Maximus. First peal of Spliced Surprise Maximus to be rung in 10 methods. All the ringers are members of the Cathedral service band.

LONDON.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Dec. 13, 1952, *in* 4 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Saviour, Southwark.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 48 cwt. 9 lb. in B.

Wilfred Williams	*Treble*	Walter Allman	7
Michael V. Chilcott	2	John Worth	8
Alan A. Potts	3	John S. Mason	9
C. Kenneth Lewis	4	John H. Crampion	10
John E. Bibby	5	Frederick E. Collins	11
Leslie W. G. Morris	6	Edward Jenkins	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by John Worth.

TEN BELL PEAL

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 13, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 19 cwt. 17 lb.

*Mrs. H. Kimber	*Treble*	Henry J. Sanger	6
Alfred E. Reeves	2	*Robert G. Field	7
George W. Massey	3	Edward J. Chivers	8
Percy Hull	4	Joseph T. Dyke	9
Thomas W. Kimber	5	*Arthur J. White	*Tenor*

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Joseph T. Dyke.
* First peal of Caters.
Rung to mark the completion of 30 years as a ringer at this church by the ringer of the 6th, and as a tribute to George Stacey, of Minehead, who this day retired from the office of secretary of the Dunster Branch of this Association after 50 years' service.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary, Old Town,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in F.

*Leslie J. Baldock	*Treble*	Frederick H. Dallaway	5
Ronald W. Pankhurst	2	Frederick J. Lambert, jun.	6
George Beeney	3	William A. Kitchenside	7
Harold G. F. Reynolds	4	Frank H. Hicks	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. Wilde. Conducted by Frank H. Hicks.
* First peal in the method. First peal in method as conductor.

STANFORD-LE-HOPE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Margaret,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

Thomas G. Fox	*Treble*	Frank V. Gant	5
Mrs. R. F. Deal	2	John F. Grove	6
Frederick W. Housden	3	Frank B. Lufkin	7
David W. Beard	4	John H. Crampion	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Parker. Conducted by John H. Crampion.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 8, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Remigius,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

*Nolan Golden	*Treble*	George Sayer	5
†David Heighton	2	Bert Gogle	6
Vincent R. Ovens	3	Charles H. Moore	7
William Love	4	Arthur G. Bason	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Nolan Golden.
* 100th peal at this tower: 10 times round the 'circle.' † First peal in the method.

LEICESTER.
THE NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS.
On Tues., Dec. 9, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Royal Foundation Church of St. Mary-de-Castro.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's No. 2 Variation. Tenor 16 cwt.

Ex-Det.-Sergt. E. C. Turner (Leicester City)	*Treble*	Ex-Sgt. H. G. Jenney (Leicester City)	5
*Inspector H. J. Poole (Leicester City)	2	Ex-Cons. F. E. Wilson (Leicester City)	6
Cons. C. H. F. Knight (Leicester City)	3	Cons. E. A. Jacques (Leicester City)	7
Sgt. J. W. Rawson (Leicestershire & Rutland)	4	Cons. J. O. Daniels (Leicester City)	*Tenor*

Conducted by Inspector H. J. Poole.
*999th peal.
A birthday compliment to John E. Clarke, of the South Wigston band, who celebrated his 84th birthday recently.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Thurs., Dec. 11, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 10¾ cwt.

*Miriam F. Pettitt	*Treble*	*Colin D. Mann	5
C. Henry Harding	2	C. Edward Jeffries	6
Andrew C. Sinfield	3	†Bryan Pattison	7
Ronald J. Sharp	4	‡Geoffrey Kirby	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. Edward Jeffries.
* First peal of Triples. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal.
A birthday compliment to C. W. Sinfield, 51 years churchwarden.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD
On Thurs., Dec. 11, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

*Anita Norris	*Treble*	†Tom Chapman	5
*Dennis Brown	2	Norman Hayes	6
†Molly Denby	3	‡R. A. Reed	7
†Richard M. Currie	4	*Tony B. Wright	*Tenor*

Conducted by Norman Hayes.
* First peal. † First peal in the method. ‡125th peal. First peal as conductor and of Grandsire Triples.
Rung in honour of St. Nicholas, and of the birthdays of the eldest and youngest members of the local band, Mr. W. Tucker and Miss A. Norris respectively.

SEFTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Thurs., Dec. 11, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Helen.
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt.

Jack McKee	*Treble*	Brian Threlfall	5
Thomas Hammond	2	Thomas W. Hesketh	6
William H. Deacon	3	Edwin C. Birkett	7
*Eric Edmondsen	4	Joseph Ridyard	*Tenor*

Composed by E. Timbrell. Conducted by Joseph Ridyard.
* First peal in the method.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 12, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

GEORGE A. FLEMING	*Treble*	†LLEWELLYN ALLUM	5
FRANK RUFFLES	2	ALBERT E. WHITING	6
*PATRICIA M. CLARKE	3	RUSSELL G. PARKER	7
WALTER W. MILLER	4	LESLIE G. BRETT	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY (No. 35). Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.
* First peal of Yorkshire. † First peal 'inside.'

ALVERSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 13, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13¼ cwt.

*EDWARD A. MARSH	*Treble*	HAROLD A. NOBES	5
BLANCHE M. BALL	2	PATRICK PAGE	6
†S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT	3	JOHN H. HUNT	7
JOHN W. MEADE	4	FREDERICK W. BURNETT	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.
* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.'

AMBROSDEN, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 13, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E flat.

*CYRIL H. KINCH	*Treble*	REGINALD W. REX	5
*HERBERT H. ALEXANDER	2	*GEORGE F. BURTON	6
*EDMUND E. PEARSON	3	*EDGAR J. SMITH	7
FREDK. A. H. WILKINS	4	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 13, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT,
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
J. Carter's Twelve-part. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

*FREDK. WM. PINCHBECK	*Treble*	HENRY SQUIRES	5
WILLIAM H. DALE	2	H. LESLIE SQUIRES	6
*FREDK. S. PARSONS	3	*H. REGINALD WOODS	7
JAMES H. MUSSON	4	DENIS A. FRITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENIS A. FRITH.
* First peal of Plain Bob Major. First peal of Major as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to two stalwarts of the Guild, Arthur McKears and John Cragg.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 13, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENB,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21¼ cwt. in E flat.

*RONALD W. STEWARD	*Treble*	JAMES BENNETT	5
*GEORGE W. PIPE	2	HARRY D. LISTER	6
ROBERT E. LESTER	3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL	7
GEORGE A. FLEMING	4	CECIL W. PIPE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY (No. 41). Conducted by GEO. W. PIPE.
* 75th peal together.

ECCLESTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 13, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in D.

SAMUEL JONES	*Treble*	HARRY THOMAS	5
RALPH G. EDWARDS	2	SAMUEL JONES, JUN.	6
HENRY O. BAKER	3	J. WILLIAM CLARKE	7
FREDERICK R. EVANS	4	BRIAN D. THRELFALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by SAMUEL JONES, JUN.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. Samuel Jones on his 84th birthday.

STONY STRATFORD, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 13, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¾ cwt.

EDWIN R. LAMBERT	*Treble*	HERBERT C. EDWARDS	5
*K. MARY COWLEY	2	†REGINALD H. HOWSON	6
WILLIAM J. CHESTER	3	GEORGE W. HOLLAND	7
WILLIAM H. YATES	4	GEORGE E. GREEN	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by GEORGE E. GREEN.
* First peal of Cambridge Major 'inside.' † First peal of Cambridge Major. First peal of Cambridge Major on the bells.

WORCESTER.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 13, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 2,016 Bristol, 1,920 London, 576 Cambridge and 544 Superlative, with 119 changes of method. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

ALLEN MORGAN	*Treble*	SIDNEY T. HOLT	5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	2	REGINALD WOODYATT	6
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT	3	*CYRIL TANSELL	7
GEORGE E. LARGE	4	THOMAS W. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES TOPP. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise. First peal of Spliced Surprise in the city of Worcester.
A welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. Malcolm Richards.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 13, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND THOMAS OF CANTERBURY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
James S. Wilde's Variation of Middleton's. Tenor 25¼ cwt. in D.

CHARLES H. MOORE	*Treble*	WILLIAM CLOVER	5
H. WILLIAM BARRETT	2	GEORGE SAYER	6
NORMAN V. HARDING	3	HENRY TOOKE	7
ARTHUR G. BASON	4	NOLAN GOLDEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

NORTH ELMHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Dec. 14, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
A PEAL OF 5120 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 82 lb. in E.

SIDNEY MARSHALL	*Treble*	GEORGE P. ADAMS	5
CEDRIC CURSON	2	CECIL V. EBBERSON	6
NOLAN GOLDEN	3	GEORGE SAYER	7
WILLIAM LOVE	4	BERT GOGLE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

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FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

NORTH CREAKE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Nov. 30, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

FREDERICK H. BEALS	*Treble*	CECIL V. EBBERSON	4
DAVID EMMERSON	2	JOHN COUZENS	5
ROBERT ALLCOCK	3	TONY OWEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by TONY OWEN.

LODDON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 1, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

*EVELYN KILLINGTON	*Treble*	CHARLES BAILEY	4
†JAMES W. FORDER	2	GODFREY G. WALPOLE	5
STANLEY W. COPLING	3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.

* First peal. † First peal in seven methods.

The ringer of the 4th last rang a peal of Minor in seven methods in 1913.

BLANKNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 5, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Ipswich, Norwich, Hull, Bourne, Cambridge, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

AMOS INGALL	*Treble*	RONALD APPLEWHITE	4
BERTIE BEE	2	MOSES BILLINGS	5
PETER MASON	3	LOUIS WILLDERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by MOSES BILLINGS.

Rung to celebrate the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. R. Applewhite and a birthday compliment to the conductor.

BATHAMPTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt.

*JOYCE S. COWARD	*Treble*	LEONARD COLES	4
WILLIAM F. J. COPE	2	MAURICE HELPS	5
†KENNETH F. MEDWAY	3	ERIC NAYLOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERIC NAYLOR.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor 'inside.'

CHESTER-LE-STREET, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AND ST. CUTHBERT,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 21 cwt.

*ROGER CHICKEN	*Treble*	†CYRIL MORDUE	4
†ENID I. C. PRESTON	2	SAAMUEL C. WALKER	5
WILLIAM A. SMITH	3	DENIS A. BAYLES	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal. The conductor's 150th peal.

Rung to mark the dedication earlier this day of a rose bed and plaque in the churchyard to the memory of H.M. King George VI.

SOUTH WALSHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 extents: the 15 variations of calling with the normal start. Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

NOLAN GOLDEN	*Treble*	*ARTHUR G. BASON	3
*CEDRIC CURSON	2	*H. WILLIAM BARRETT	4
*GEORGE SAYER	*Tenor*		

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Stedman Doubles. First peal of Stedman on the bells.

SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 ALL SAINTS' DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four different callings).
Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in E flat.

ANN BARR	*Treble*	MICHAEL W. FAIREY	4
*ALEC G. ISAACSON	2	CLIVE M. SMITH	5
DAVID W. BARR	3	BRYAN E. CARSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by CLIVE M. SMITH.

* First peal 'inside.' First peal in the method.

Rung within the octave of St. Andrew's Day.

TUNSTALL, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise and Double Court, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and one 720 of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb.

A. G. LING	*Treble*	J. SMY	4
F. SHAW	2	A. SMITH	5
A. A. LING	3	E. STEWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. G. LING.

First peal on the bells since retuning and rehanging in steel frame.

DUSTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Northampton Branch.)
On Tues., Dec. 9, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 lb.

*ALAN C. COZENS	*Treble*	KENNETH D. PERKINS	4
†GEORGE ROOME	2	BERTIE O. SODEN	5
IVOR J. DICKIN	3	ERIC NOBLES	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERIC NOBLES.

* First peal of Minor with Treble Bob. † First peal of Minor in three methods. First peal of Minor since 1927.

Rung to commemorate the Dedication Festival.

STISTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 10, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

HAROLD W. MOORE	*Treble*	ALAN R. SYDER	4
*MRS. M. MOORE	2	SHIRLEY A. BARRINGER	5
ALBERT SAUNDERS	3	TERRY EARLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by TERRY EARLE.

* First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor.

NEWTON-NOTTAGE, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 11, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Eleven 240's, plus the ten extents repeated.

CHARLES M. DAVIES	*Treble*	GWYN I. LEWIS	4
TREVOR M. RODERICK	2	*EDMUND J. MORRIS	5
ALFRED HANNINGTON	3	WILLIAM T. PETTY	*Tenor*

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.

* 25th peal. A tribute to churchfolk of the parish who are generously supporting the Welsh Church Appeal.

ASH, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 13, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Wells, London and Cambridge Surprise, and two each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

PETER G. SHERWOOD	*Treble*	E. JOHN WELLS	4
REX J. CORKE	2	WILLIAM H. VIGGERS	5
G. KENNETH WILLIAMSON	3	EDWARD J. BRAGG	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWARD J. BRAGG.

First peal in five methods by all except the conductor. First in five methods as conductor.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Alfred Raggett and Miss Ena Butler, of Bentley.

BETHERSDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 13, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 16 cwt.

MARY F. FENSOME	*Treble*	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	4
HARRY BAKER	2	WILFRED W. RING	5
PERCY REEVES	3	WILLIAM C. MARSHALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRED W. RING.

First peal as conductor.

A birthday compliment to Mrs. H. Jarvis, mother of Peter Jarvis, who was to have rung in the peal but was unable to do so owing to illness. Thanks are due to Mr. Reeves for standing in at short notice.

NEWICK, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 13, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of a 720 each of (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Double Court, (3) Double Oxford Bob, (4) St. Clement's Bob, (5) Single Oxford Bob, (6) Oxford Treble Bob and (7) Kent Treble Bob.
Tenor 5 cwt. 27 lb. in B.

*C. JOHN PIPER	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	4
FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN.	2	ARTHUR F. LEWRY	5
†ARCHIBALD G. GRIMWOOD	3	FRANK H. HICKS	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

* 25th peal. † First peal in seven methods and also first extent of Surprise. First peal in seven methods on the bells. First peal on the bells since rehanging on ball bearings by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

Rung as an 85th birthday (Dec. 13th) compliment to Mrs. F. J. Lambert, sen.

PURLEIGH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 13, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

IVAN SAUNDERS	*Treble*	HORACE J. MANSFIELD	4
SIDNEY R. LINNETT	2	*ARTHUR HUBBLE	5
ERNEST W. RICHARDSON	3	SYDNEY C. EASTER	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR HUBBLE.

* 25th peal.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mary Hubble.

RAYNE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 13, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 7 cwt.

*JOHN BROWN	*Treble*	†HAROLD MOORE	4
MRS. M. MOORE	2	ALAN SYDER	5
RONALD SUCKLING	3	TERRY EARLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.

* First peal (age 12 years). † First peal 'inside.'

SANDON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 13, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Two extents of Cambridge Surprise and one extent of Plain Bob. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

PETER J. CAME	*Treble*	ERNEST W. FURBANK	4
JOHN WEST	2	JOE E. G. ROAST	5
HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	3	ARTHUR H. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

First peal in four methods on the bells.

WILLINGHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 13, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr.

OLIVER NORMAN	*Treble*	E. JACK PARISH	4
*FRANK ELSOM	2	GEORGE A. WALKER	5
FRANK WARRINGTON	3	GEORGE E. CRISP	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First peal.



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RINGERS I REMEMBER

JOHN BUTTERY (Leicester).

IN my early days young aspirants to the art did not get the encouragement or opportunities that are possible to-day. My father introduced me into St. Mark's belfry along with my schoolmate, Fred Staniforth (now of Kibworth), just over fifty years ago. When we could handle a bell, if we got a 'rise' or a 'fall' we were lucky, especially if a full team turned up. Our job was to stay at the tower bottom and see that only ringers came in. St. Mark's at that time was in a slum area and 'drunks and disorderlies' were frequent and often caused trouble. Among the 'élite' of those days were the brothers Stephen and William Cooper, John Buttery, William Willson, Charles H. Fowler and others now gone to their rest.

One of the most outstanding and interesting personalities was John Buttery. He had 'inherited' the leadership of the old Leicester ringers from Edward Biggs, and for many years —long before my time—was the recognised conductor. He was an educated man and (I believe) in his younger days was a tea taster, which was a position of high repute. Alas, he fell on evil times and his taste developed for stronger beverages than tea!

His first peal was rung in 1869 at All Saints', Loughborough, on the old eight, and from that time he took part in many praiseworthy performances. His first peal as conductor was at St. Mary-de-Castro, Leicester, and in 1874 he took part in a peal of Caters at St. Mary's, Nottingham. In 1877 he composed and called the centenary peal of Caters at St. Margaret's commemorating the 10,080 rung there 100 years before. In 1880 he called the first peal of Stedman Triples ever rung in Leicester, and in 1885 he called the first of Grandsire Caters for the old Midland Counties Association and also their first of Stedman Caters. In 1891 he turned St. Margaret's tenor in to the first peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal in Leicester. In 1894 he called Thurstans' Stedman Triples on handbells and later the first of Stedman Caters to be rung on handbells in the county. He took part in the 'silent' peals of Triples, Caters and Cinques, and most of his peals were of special merit.

Buttery was gifted with a ready speech and many are the tales told of his doings. He married a cousin, Fanny, and she, after the death of their first born, turned somewehat mental and led old Jack an awful life. He came down greatly in the social standard, yet still, in spite of it all, maintained a quiet dignity and dressed as well as he could.

A PERSUASIVE CHARACTER

I never remember him without his walking stick! He developed a suasive tongue and could wheedle money out of anybody. He often used to go round for Christmas boxes two or three times a year, calling at factories and warehouses and shops all over the town! When he called the first peal of Stedman Caters in Leicester he went round and not only collected enough to erect a most elaborate board (now in St. Margaret's), but also to give a tripe and onion supper to all Leicester ringers. Once after ringing for Christmas at St. George's—then possessing six bells—he espied a wedding carriage stop nearby. He coaxed Mr. Willson to go with him and went and called on the bridegroom. After the usual congratulations he said, 'We have been ringing the bells for you.' The bridegroom replied, 'How could that be? I've just got married at Charles Street Chapel and there's no bells there.' Old Jack was not stumped—he said, 'Ah, yes! we knew that, so we rang at the nearest church!' They were taken in, given a glass of wine and 2s. 6d. each.

Another time after ringing muffled for a funeral there happened to be a wedding following. Old Jack went and told the wedding party they had been ringing. The bridegroom said, 'But you rang muffled!' Jack replied, 'Yes, but only one side—the open side was for you.' He collected the fee!

CORONATION RINGING

Never shall I forget the Coronation of King George V. in 1911. All the city bells rang at given times during the day so that there was continuous ringing all the time. We at St. Margaret's started first, and after our spell old Jack went across the way to the 'Queen Victoria' Inn to wait the next turn. After this had been done St. Martin's rang a peal, and Jack—instead of going home for a meal—went and listened to this peal in the 'King and Crown' opposite. At the end of the day he was properly 'soaked.' He came down Church Gate on his sea-legs—all over the place—and how he got up St. Margaret's tower I do not know. While we rang a touch he sat in the corner and promptly went to sleep! Rousing him up to take part in the last touch of the day, he made vain efforts to pick up the end of the rope. It was therefore placed in his hand. Evidently he could see several sallies and could not grasp any, so this was also placed in his hand. Then 'Go' was called, and he—on the 2nd—rang a perfect touch with not the slightest sign of a bad blow—to my youthful amazement.

When he called my first touch of Caters I asked him how many changes that was: he replied, 'I can't tell you, my lad; I make it up as I go along.' However, the next week he brought the touch written out in pencil on a blue sugar bag! That night he called another 500 odd and the next week brought the figures written on the back of an old election paper! Once after ringing, the company adjourned to the 'Queen Victoria' opposite and after a time Jack was missed. A search failed to find him, so one went across to the belfry, but no sign of him there. Eventually they found him—fast asleep—on the bottom steps of the turret behind the door leading to the church.

Once when coming out from ringing, the leading ringers saw Fanny, dead drunk, being wheeled off to the police station on a handcart. They promptly blocked the door so that Jack should not see the sight. Fanny would, on occasion and for no apparent reason, when in company in the ringing hostel, suddenly go mad and scratch poor old Jack's face till the blood poured from it. In spite of all this he was a most lovable character and always did his best to keep respectable.

As has been shown, Buttery's performances were all of special merit, yet he was ever ready to stand down in favour of others and always willing to help a learner by imparting some good advice. He died on December 19th, 1913, aged 62, and six of his brother ringers bore him to his rest. I was one and took part in the handbell tribute over his grave.

ERNEST MORRIS.

BIRMINGHAM RINGING

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motto; W. H. Barber conducted it. I rang in the peal but was not one of the selected band. I was there helping to pull up the bells and look at the ropes. Mr. Ernest Holloway, now a trustee, failed to turn up, so I was roped in in his place and so rang my first touch of Maximus in 3 hours and 42 minutes, a feat of which I was very proud. There are only four of that band now living—Ald. A. P. Smith, Albert Walker, Joseph Piggott and your truly,

A. J. HUGHES.

FIFTY YEARS AGO AT BIRMINGHAM

Mr. A. J. Hughes' Reminiscences

Just over 50 years ago service ringing at St. Martin's was only done every third Sunday morning in each month when besides the local band notable ringers would attend from such distant places as Derby, Swindon, Cheltenham and Worcestershire and often stay until the Tuesday practice. There was no dearth of local ringers and four capable conductors were available in the persons of Bill Short (the regular conductor) W. H. Barber, J. E. Groves and Albert Walker.

The then Rector of St. Martin's informed the Guild that he saw no reason why the bells should not be rung regularly every Sunday morning, it being so well done once a month. A voluntary regular band was then formed and the bells have been rung regularly (except war period) every Sunday since. There are very few of this first regular band now with us. Among them are Alderman A. P. Smith, Albert Walker, J. Reggatt and myself (perhaps there are others). The towerkeeper then was Jobey Joines, followed by Frank Banks and John Neal. The methods were the four standard ones but chiefly Stedman, which was always rung faultlessly, Bill Short being a very capable and expert conductor.

Mr. Godden, of Barwell's bell foundry, was the secretary and held the post for 20 years, to be succeeded by A. P. Smith and Tom Reeves, each for another 20 years and now succeeded by the very capable ringer and conductor of the Cathedral band, Mr. George Fearn. In those days the bells of St. Philip's were in bad-going order and there were no regular practices, but the bells were always available for visitors on Henry Johnson Dinner days, and very occasional peals were attempted there. There was not the co-operation between the two bands then as there is at the present time.

There were many excellent ringers in the surrounding districts and there was always a good attendance on practice nights; if not in the belfry there would be familiar faces in the meeting house. Members of the band in those days included such ringers as Tom Russam, Tom Reynolds, A. E. Pegler, E. Holloway, W. H. Barber, T. Piggott, Tom Pigott, J. E. Groves, Det.-Sgt. Painter (tenor man), Syd Jessop, Bernard Witchell (Erdington) and his band of young ringers which included George Swan, Frank Fay; also Charles Dickens and John Dickin from Sutton and others I can't recall. The King's Norton men included the Master (Ald. J. S. Pritchett) and Percy Taplin, the Smethwick youths, Joe, Tom and George Piggott and the writer, Samuel Reeves, from West Bromwich, and later his son Tom. W. Rock Small (Tipton) and J. Jagger (Oldbury), previously from Burton-on-Trent, Walter Bryant and John Buffery, also of Smethwick, and many others. Frank Smallwood, I think, started at Bishop Ryder's. There was a practice night for the youngsters if they wanted it on every night of the week, Friday nights being at St. John's (Deritend), now demolished.

We must not leave out John Carter, the celebrated composer and inventor and maker of the first ringing machine, and Mr. Tom Miller, the bell tuner, who was a very capable tower and handbell ringer; also Harry Withers and John, from Selly Oak. The capabilities of each are too well known to need description.

I left the district in 1903 as also did W. H. Barber. I went to London, Bangor, Rhyll and Bradford and am now back in Bangor. W. H. Barber went to Bangor, Dublin, Edinburgh and Newcastle, in that order..

It will be 50 years on January 13th next that the first peal of Forward Maximus was rung at the Bull Ring. This peal was the creation of John Carter and named after the Birmingham

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BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Winchester (first quarter) 1, A. Clayton 2, E. Reece (first quarter 'inside') 3, F. Jennings 4, J. Galyer 5, R. D. Tomlin (cond.) 6, L. Reece 7, S. Kimber 8.

BRIDGWATER, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Floyd 1, E. Chapman 2, E. Young 3, F. Greedy 4, C. May 5, B. Jeanes 6, W. Gigg (cond.) 7, G. Burge 8. A farewell to Mr. E. Young, who is leaving for Stone, Staffs.

BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE.—On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. E. Usher 1, R. Robinson 2, F. R. Evans 3, J. B. Budd 4, A. G. Watkin 5, F. H. Birks 6, D. H. B. Millward (cond.) 7, L. R. Millward (first quarter) 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Nancy P. Hanton Johnstone, formerly a ringer at this church.

BEXLEY, KENT.—At St. Mary's, on Dec. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (being 480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): Miss W. M. Ward 1, Miss B. R Thompson (first quarter as cond.) 2, P. Braund (first 'inside') 3, P. P. Brown 4, J. Eden 5, Miss M. Andrews 6.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—On Dec. 13th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,280 Rutland Surprise Major: G. W. Rashbrook (79) 1, Jean M. Harris 2, F. L. Harris 3, E. E. S. Johnson 4, A. Cansdale (first of Surprise Major) 5, A. R. Andrews 6, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 7, E. P. Duffield 8. First touch of Rutland by all and on the bells.

FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.—On Dec. 7th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: K. H. Treweek 1, R. H. Mills 2, L. Knott 3, R. E. Woods 4, A. Page 5, T. Page (cond.) 6. First in method for 1, 2 and 4.

GORLESTON-ON-SEA, NORFOLK.—On Dec. 9th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: C. Parnell 1, J. G. W. Harwood 2, P. G. W. Newstead 3, A. Wigmore 4, J. Denton 5, A. W. Bird 6, R. Garwood 7, A. Crowe (cond.) 8. Rung as a compliment to the long service as ringer of C. Parnell (54 years), A. Crowe, J. Denton and J. Harwood (50 years).

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Dec. 14th, 1,320 Surprise Minor (669 Ipswich, 624 Cambridge Spliced): G. L. Perkins 1, F. Warrington (cond.) 2, F. R. Nicholls 3, W. Ransom 4, A. Clements 5, H. S. Peacock 6.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Joyce M. Roberts (first quarter) 1, G. Beency 2, B. Stepney (cond.) 3, C. J. Piper 4, C. Booth 5, A. Ellis 6.

QUARTER PEALS

HERNHILL, KENT.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: H. Manuel 1, C. Eades 2, B. J. Luck 3, Miss E. S. Wyles 4, E. Eades 5, W. S. Palin (cond.) 6 F. Pack 7, R. Harris 8.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Cornwall (first quarter) 1, R. Biggs 2, A. Newton 3, A. Cox 4, N. Cornwall 5, W. Lee 6, P. Newton (cond.) 7, V. Evans 8. First quarter on the bells since recasting.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 16th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. V. Chapman (first quarter) 1, L. G. Toseland (first of Major) 2, R. F. Turner 3, R. G. Black 4, C. W. Bird 5, H. Baxter 6, R. March 7, P. I. Chapman (cond.) 8. A 16th birthday compliment to R. V. Chapman.

LONG BUCKBY, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles, comprising 120 each of Norfolk, Old Bob, Kennington, April Day, Plain Bob, Southrepps Pleasure, Clifford and Canterbury and 300 Grandsire: J. Eales 1, R. Holland 2, M. Amos 3, S. Summers 4, E. Orland (cond.) 5. First quarter in nine methods by the local band.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.—At St. Margaret's Church, on Dec. 11th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: G. Howlett (cond.) 1, E. Newson 2, A. Bird 3, J. Kindred 4, A. Coleman 5, D. Mitchell 6, R. Coates 7, P. Kindred 8.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. S. Morris (cond.) 1, E. L. Taylor 2, Mrs. C. W. Powell 3, H. Arscott 4, A. Scott 5, G. Whitemore 6, R. Keeley 7, H. G. Keeley 8. Rung for Confirmation service.

MANGOTSFIELD, GLOS.—On Dec. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Beakes 1, E. Palmer 2, M. Wiltshire 3, M. Jefferies 4, W. F. Scudamore (cond.) 5, J. Jefferies 6, J. G. Jefferies 7, T. Jefferies 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the late Mr. W. H. Seers, of Bath.

NEWPORT PAGNELL, BUCKS.—On Dec. 6th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: M. Orme (first on eight bells) 1, P. Croft 2, P. Mehew 3, J. Church 4, D. Gullick 5, W. Todd 6, E. Winter 7, F. Croft (cond.) 8.

NORTHAMPTON.—At St. Giles' Church on Dec. 6th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal: H. Wooding 1, J. King 2, B. P. Morris 3, J. E. Skerrit 4, E. E. Whitmore 5, B. Austin 6, W. Whitmore 7, B. Cope 8, G. E. Watson 9, R. G. Care 10. A birthday compliment to Mrs. G. Care.

NOTTINGHAM.—At St. Mary's Church, on Dec. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Giles (first quarter) 1, Joan Hoodless 2, C. Barnes 3, G. Glenn 4, A. Simpson 5, P. H. Speck 6, W. Nichols (cond.) 7, A. E. Hoodless 8. In memoriam Fred Blood.

RIPPINGALE, LINCS.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Nov. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. R. Marsh 1, Mrs. H. Adams 2, Mrs. V. Williamson 3, J. Nichols 4, B. Boyfield 5, N. Whitney (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. S. Laxton, a local ringer for 50 years, who was at one time secretary of the tower.

SALISBURY, WILTS.—At St. Paul's Church, on Dec. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 4, 6, 8 covering): J. Turner (first quarter) 1, Miss E. Eloie 2, F. E. Manns (cond.) 3, J. Maidment 4, P. Blackman 5, Miss E. Ball 6, W. Romaine 7, J. Merrifield 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to F. Yule, ringer and choirman.

SAPCOTE, LEICS.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (180 Stedman, 1,080 Grandsire): Rita Stratford 1, Christine Stratford 2, R. Hall 3, A. Chapman 4, M. E. Brown (cond.) 5, J. Turner 6. Also on Dec. 14th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: R. Hall 1, Dorothy Stratford 2, T. Cooper 3, M. Abbott 4, A. Chapman 5, M. E. Brown (cond.) 6. First 'inside' for 2 and 5. Both rung by the Sunday service ban.

SYDNEY, N.S.W.—On Nov. 30th, at St. Mary's Basilica, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Miss M. Winter (first of Major) 1, G. Logan (first of Major 'inside') 2, Miss J. Wells 3, J. J. Cummins 4, K. Stacey 5, E. J. Fowell 6, T. W. Goodyear 7, L. R. Curran (first of Major as cond.) 8. First of Major on the bells. Rung in memoriam R. H. McDonald (late captain of St. Mary's).

WIDCOMBE, BATH.—On Dec. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (silent): H. Newman 1, W. Prescott 2, G. Hawkins 3, R. Fry 4, S. Woodburn 5, R. Perry 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. W. H. Seers, tower master of Widcombe for many years, who died on December 5th, aged 92.

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We start 1953 with a number of new postal subscribers, but we want many more. The co-operation of meeting organisers and tower captains towards achieving this aim would be much appreciated.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Geo. Stacey, the grand old man of Minehead, has just retired after 50 years as secretary of the Dunster branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association. Has such a record of being a ringing secretary ever been surpassed?

There was an assembly of veterans at Gorleston-on-Sea on Dec. 9th, when 1,344 Plain Bob Major was rung. The quarter was in honour of C. Parnell (54 years a ringer), A. Crowe, J. Denton and J. Harwood (each 50 years).

A strong contingent of Chester Guild ringers visited London on Dec. 13th and rang a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus on the bells of Southwark Cathedral in four hours and five minutes.

To the list of octogenarian peal ringers must be added the name of Mr. Samuel Jones, of the Chester Diocesan Guild. He rang the treble to a peal of Grandsire Triples at Eccleston for his 84th birthday on Dec. 13th.

From Shirley, Birmingham, we have received this week a progress report of the girl trainees in the tower. They now number eleven between the ages of 12 and 18 and are making progress. Three can ring 'inside' for Grandsire Triples and the remainder are able to plain hunt in the same method. Three can ring the tenor behind for touches.

At Eardisland, where a ring of eight has been provided, local opinion is divided as to whether the bell-hanger and his assistant worked all night or slept in the tower. Hot drinks were delivered in an effort to keep them warm; there was no time to shave so the beards they grew kept out the cold. Their persistent toil was rewarded; the last details were completed with two hours to spare before the dedication service.

Chester-le-Street has a novel memorial to King George VI. in the form of a rose bed shaped like a St. Cuthbert's Cross, containing 56 rose bushes—one for each year of the late King's life. The dedication of the memorial was followed by a peal on Dec. 6th. Two of the ringers were Durham University students—Enid Preston, of Luton, and William Smith, of Buxton. Their help to the local band while 'in residence' is much appreciated.

We hear frequently of 50 years a ringer, but it is a rare distinction for one closely connected with ringing to complete over 50 years as churchwarden. The bells of Maulden, Bedfordshire, were rung to a peal in honour of this fine record of Mr. C. W. Sinfield.

It was a disappointment that Mr. Peter Jarvis was unable to stand in the peal at Bethersden, Kent, on Dec. 13th owing to illness. At short notice Mr. Percy Reeves deputised for him, and his action was much appreciated by the band.

'The Bristol Evening Post' featured recently an article dealing with the bells and ringing personalities in the five churches in the Gordano valley in North Somerset. The Ladies' Guild should remember the Gordano valley, as two ringers from Portishead rang in the first all-ladies' peal at Cubitt Town in 1912.

Who was the West Country ringer who on the previous occasion he left his native county forgot the name of the village in which he was staying? It is said that he went to a bus depot to see if he could spot the name on the front of the bus. Knowing this propensity for forgetfulness, he was well looked after when he recently spent a few days in the Home Counties, and to the gratification of all concerned has arrived home safely.

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SCARBOROUGH RINGERS PROUD OF THEIR BELLS

THE restored ring of eight at St. Mary's Parish Church, Scarborough, Yorks, was rededicated at morning service on Sunday, Dec. 7th, by the Archdeacon of York, the Venerable G. F. Townley, a former Vicar of Scarborough. The tower had been silent since the middle of August, when Messrs. Gillett and Johnston removed the bells for retuning. Returned towards the end of last month, they now hang in new fittings throughout, on one level.

The service was conducted by the Rev. Frank E. Ford (Vicar), assisted by the Rev. Sydney J. Smith (Curate). Matins over, there came an inspired rendering of Purcell's bell anthem, 'Rejoice in the Lord alway.'

The act of rededication took place immediately after the anthem. Eight of the twelve ringers left their pews and made their way up to the tower, while the Captain, Bert Sutton, and a representative of the Yorkshire Association (Mr. Edward Hudson, Northern District Secretary) moved forward to the chancel, followed by the churchwardens and the Vicar. Handing the verger's Communion rope to the Archdeacon as a token of those in the tower above, the Vicar said: 'Venerable Sir, we request you to rededicate the bells, which have been tuned and restored and now hang in this tower to the glory of God and the use of this Church.' The Archdeacon then rededicated the bells and one minute of rounds was rung, the ringers standing in the following order: H. Robson, W. B. Kirby, J. A. Robertshaw, G. Sutton, W. H. Barker, H. Spencer, G. W. Frayne and G. Beach. All then returned to their seats during the singing of the hymn 'Lifted high within the tower, all our bells are set on high.'

ARCHDEACON'S ADDRESS

The Archdeacon based his address on the text, 'In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses holiness unto the Lord' (Zechariah xiv. 20).

He began by thanking the Vicar for the honour bestowed upon him in being asked to rededicate the bells of his old parish, and congratulated the people of St. Mary's on their bold efforts to preserve their 900 year old church, the restoration of the ring of bells being part of a much larger scheme.

Having always been a lover of bells, he regretted that until he became Vicar of Scarborough he had never had a ring of bells at any of the churches of which he had been incumbent. When at St. Barnabas', Linthorpe, Middlesbrough, he had secured a ring of eight for that church, including three pre-Reformation bells, but the war had intervened and the church was still without a tower and the bells were in storage.

The Archdeacon then told the congregation something of the history of British campanology. In tracing the growth and development of ringing and, in speaking of the part which bells played in the life of the English people, he displayed a knowledge of the Exercise which could only come from one who dearly loved bells and ringers. He spoke of the thrill he experienced when the war-time ban was lifted and he had had to find ringers at short notice. Only Mr. Barker of the present band had been available then, but Mr. George Halksworth, although almost eighty years of age, had come forward and, with members of H.M. Forces who were stationed there, they had raised a team. The bells had rung again as they had been ringing since 1852 and as they would again be ringing now. St. Mary's bells were part of Scarborough known and loved by residents and visitors alike, and they would go on calling people to worship. 'The bells of St. Mary's and other churches ring out to call people to church,' he said. 'Another Christmas is approaching, and St. Mary's bells will ring out a message of peace and goodwill to all men. It is goodwill we want in the world to-day, and it can only be given by men and women who live together in happiness and holiness with God.'

The text, which has been used a good many times in services at which ringers have been present, was given an interesting interpretation by the preacher. He pointed out that the mitre of the high priest bore an inscription similar to that which the prophet Zechariah hoped see upon the bells of the horses. Behind this rather odd vision lay the hope that the day would come in which every work of artist and craftsman would speak of the holiness (wholeness) of God, and all departments of life would acknowledge Christ as King. It was significant that the rededication of Scarborough bells was taking place on the Second Sunday in Advent, Bible Sunday, for the central message of the Bible was that of the bells' witness to a God who lives and reigns supreme.

After the service members of the congregation packed the newly-decorated bell chamber to watch the bells being rung, and in 20 years the writer has never seen so many people there at one time. The Archdeacon mounted the stairs to shake hands with all the ringers, and was the first to sign a handsome new visitors' book given for the occasion by Mrs. Davison, in memory of her husband, Frank, who was a ringer there from 1898 to 1938.

Numerous expressions of appreciation on the improved tone have since been made, which can be summed up in the Vicar's comment, 'They certainly sound better outside.' That the restoration has made an immense improvement in both their tone and 'go' is the considered verdict of the local ringers.

A GENEROUS GIFT TO POCKLINGTON

A New Yorkshire Eight

IN 1914 five old bells in the Parish Church of All Saints, Pocklington, Yorks, were recast and a new treble was presented by Mr. Francis Scaife and his wife to commemorate their silver wedding. At the same time a frame for eight was installed. Now, after many years, the octave is complete.

Mr. Francis Scaife, a member of an old Pocklington family, for 16 years filled the office of churchwarden. He died on October 29th, 1937, but his devotion to his Parish Church was not limited by his death.

In accordance with his will, fine, lucent glass now gleams in the great west window of the tower, and two new bells, the one commemorating the testator, and the other Mary Jane, his wife, at length complete the ring. But even these notable gifts do not complete his generosity. £400 is bequeathed for the payment of ringers; £100 for their instruction, and £100 for the improvement of the choir.

Mrs. Mary Jane Scaife, who was born in the year of the battle of Inkerman, died on January 9th, 1952, at the age of almost 98 years.

The gifts were dedicated on December 6th by the Rev. I. McNaughton Smith, Rector of Rounton (formerly Vicar of Pocklington) who also preached the sermon. Taking as his text 'The latter glory of this House shall be greater than the former, saith the Lord of Hosts, and in this House will I give peace,' the preacher recalled the devotion of Francis Scaife and his family to the church and his great work for the restoration and preservation of the fabric. He said he was glad to see so many young people present at that service and commended to them the dignity and joy of bellringing which was not simply a matter of tugging at ropes but was a matter of great skill and service to the church.

After the dedicatory prayers rounds were rung by the local ringers under the leadership of Mr. C. Bairstow. At the conclusion of the service Mr. Bairstow was joined by ringers from Beverley, Hull and York, and a touch of 504 Stedman Triples was rung. Mr. J. P. Fidler (representing the founders of the new trebles, Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., Loughborough) also took part. Further ringing took place under the direction of Mr. S. H. Steel, District Ringing Master, Yorkshire Association.

At tea Canon F. Richardson, Vicar of Pocklington, welcomed the visitors and said it was a proud day for his own ringers who were fortunate in having, as leader, Mr. Bairstow, who had arranged for the bells to be rung for all the Sunday services.

A comprehensive vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. A. E. Sellars, (vice-president, Yorkshire Association and president, Beverley and District Society), who said Pocklington now had a very nice ring of eight and he was pleased to hear the bells were to be rung every Sunday, which was the most important thing.

Mr. H. Walker seconded and said there was a connection between Pocklington and York because five of the old bells were originally cast in the York foundry. Again, in 1914, when the bells were recast by Warners, the same firm were busy 'cobbling' the Minster bells. The work at York only lasted a few years but that at Pocklington much longer. He congratulated the local ringers on having acquired two very beautiful treble bells which rather improved the sound of the old six; the tenor was rather poor and should be recast as soon as possible.

Mr. J. P. Fidler said that, as was usual, his firm had made the best possible job of the work they had undertaken. He was not satisfied with the old bells but that could not be helped.

Mr. C. Bairstow replied on behalf of the local ringers and said they were not experienced campanologists but that was of secondary consideration to the bells being rung for Sunday services. He had made arrangements that would result in all eight bells being rung every Sunday for the next six months at least.

INSCRIPTIONS

The new bells are inscribed:—

Treble.—'Francis Scaife Bonæ Memoriæ Me Dedit.'

Second.—'Hilariter Resono, Francis Scaife Inbente.'

On each is the foundry mark of John Taylor and Co. and '1952.'

The inscriptions on the six old bells are:—

Third.—'Presented by Francis Scaife and his wife Mary Jane Scaife (nee Howbrigg) to commemorate their silver wedding.' John Warner and Co., 1914.

Fourth.—'Te Deum Laudamus.' G. Dalton, York, 1784. R. Walker, J. Gartham, churchwardens.

Fifth.—'Voco Veni Precare.' S.S. Ebor 1912. J. Lowe, Vicar, J. Manby, C. Baitson, churchwardens.

Sixth.—'Gloria in Altisimis Deo.' E. Sellars Ebor, 1734. Wil. Chambers, Thomas Linton, churchwardens.

Seventh.—'Soli Deo Gloria Pax Hominibus' 1650. M.B.P.B. I.L. P55.

Tenor.—'Memento Mori' S.S. Ebor. 1722. Joseph Lowe, Vicar, George Overend, John Horsley, churchwardens.

On the back five: 'Recast by John Warner and Co. 1914.'

The tenor weighs 17 cwt. 11 lb. H. W.

OBITUARY

MR. W. H. SEERS

The news of the death of Mr. W. H. Seers was received by his many ringing friends with regret. This grand old man of West Country ringing passed away at Southmead Hospital, Bristol, on December 5th, only a few days short of his 93rd birthday. He had recently undergone a major operation, which had been preceded by several months of illness.

'General Smuts,' as he was known to the members of both the Bath and Wells and the Gloucester and Bristol Associations, learnt to ring in the city of Bath in 1875, and at that time had many connections with the Abbey. He later took up residence in the parish of Widcombe, where he joined the band of ringers at St. Matthew's. It was at this tower that he held for a great number of years the post of Master and steeplekeeper.

In 1930 he came to live in Bristol and soon attached himself to the towers of Warmley and Mangotsfield, where his enthusiasm and genial disposition made him a welcome personality.

He was never a great peal ringer, having only rung seven, but this did not stop his enthusiasm, for at the grand age of 90 he rang his last quarter peal.

He was a regular attender at the branch meetings, when he was so often heard to tell tales of his weird activities as an undertaker, and of how he survived the tragic Wellow railway disaster whilst attending the St. Matthew's ringers' outing in 1876.

The funeral service was held at the Chapel of the Abbey Cemetery, Bath, on Dec. 11th, conducted by the Rector of Mangotsfield, the Rev. W. P. Beard. There were many ringing friends present from both Mangotsfield and Bath. Handbells were rung at the graveside by W. F. Scudamore (secretary of the Bristol Rural Branch) 1–2, J. G. Jefferies (Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Association) 3–4, W. Baverstock (Bath) 5–6, W. Prescott (Master of Bath Abbey) 7–8.

During the evening half-muffled quarter peals were rung as a token of respect to a loyal churchman at St. Matthew's, Bath, and St. James', Mangotsfield. W. F. S.

MR. ISAAC SIDEBOTTOM

Friday, November 28th, saw the passing, at 80 years, of a great Cheshire ringer, Mr. Isaac Sidebottom, of Mottram. He began his eventful peal ringing career in 1890 with a peal of Grandsire Triples at Mottram, but soon followed the Mottram tradition of Kent Treble Bob, and almost all the rest of his fifty or so peals were in this method.

He soon became a conductor, usually calling from the treble, and took the Mottram band through many 'long lengths' of Kent, leading up to the then longest in the method. This was 16,680 changes composed by E. Timbrell, and rung at Mottram in 9 hours and 40 minutes on June 8th, 1906. He was the last surviving member of this band.

Mr. Sidebottom had not rung for some time, being bedridden for the last five years.

On Saturday, December 6th, a fully-muffled peal in his favourite method was rung on Mottram bells. B. H.

MR. FRED BLOOD

The death occurred last week of Mr. Fred Blood at the age of 75. He was an old member of the Midland Counties Association, and at one time secretary of the Nottingham district.

For 16 years he was a regular service ringer at the church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, Nottingham, until ill health and increasing deafness compelled him to retire. His association with the tower and his interest in ringing were maintained to the last.

The funeral took place on Saturday, Dec. 13th, preceded by a service at St. Mary's Church, conducted by the Vicar (Canon R. H. Hawkins), and attended by fellow ringers.

YORK MINSTER

At the Snowdon Dinner the Dean of York announced that during the forthcoming restoration of the south-west tower the opportunity would be taken to block up the louvres and alter the roof by inserting louvres behind the parapets. This, he said, would have the effect of softening the sound of the bells near the tower, but would enable them to be heard at greater distance. A similar alteration had been carried out at Lincoln, and he saw no reason why it should not be done at York.

The work of restoring the west front is now well in hand; scaffolding has been taken up to the parapet of the nave gable and much stonework has already been renewed. A start has been made with the scaffolding of the south-west tower, and this will reach to the pinnacles before work on the fabric commences. Several years will elapse before the work of restoration is completed, and it may be necessary to stop all ringing for a period, but in the end this magnificent ring of twelve will be heard to far greater advantage than ever before.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World' December 27th, 1912

LONDON

The Middlesex County Association

On Thursday, December 19th, 1912, in 2 hours and 43 minutes

At Brunswick Street, Haggerston

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5,031 CHANGES

Bertram Prewett	1–2
William Shepherd ..	3–4
James Hunt	5–6
E. Maurice Atkins ..	7–8
Alfred W. Grimes ..	9–10

Composed by C. Charge.
Conducted by William Shepherd.

All the above company have scored over 50 peals during 1912.

[Probably a unique performance, though it could doubtless have been equalled in Birmingham or Leicester during recent years. The above band averaged just over 76 peals each when the final totals for 1912 were known.]

PRESTBURY BELLS AND THE DAYS OF EYE

In the year 1889 the existing Rudhall six at Prestbury, Gloucestershire, were rehung in a new frame by the Days, and two new trebles added to complete the octave. There can be no doubt about this as there is the name carved in the frame for all who choose to go up the ladder and see. And what a frame it is! Those bells have never been silent for any long period in these 63 years and many a peal has been rung on them. The bearings just wore out and now they have been replaced by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank by ball bearings.

On December 3rd the Vicar (the Rev. W. H. Hill), the curate, Jack Thomas, who did the job, and the local band met in the tower for a short service after which the bells were rung again. Their silence lasted four months. It is a lovely job and with a frame as good as any for miles around the ringers look forward to another long unbroken period of ringing.

A cheque for £281, which more than covers the cost, was handed to the church treasurer by the ringers.

Those whose bells need attention can take inspiration from Prestbury. It can be done. A welcome awaits any who may visit Prestbury for service ringing on Sundays at 5.30 or at practice on Tuesdays. C. R.

HIS 84th BIRTHDAY

Mr. Samuel Jones, of Eccleston

Saturday, Dec. 13th, was a great occasion in the village of Eccleston, Cheshire, for on this day Mr. Samuel Jones, that veteran of the Chester Diocesan Guild, celebrated his 84th birthday. Such an event naturally called for ringing and, with Sam himself on the treble, an excellent peal of Grandsire Triples was brought round in 3 hours 17 minutes, his son calling from the sixth.

Prolonged 'firing' afterwards proclaimed the success to the village. Sam rang faultlessly throughout, expressed himself entirely satisfied with the performance and, after a young lady representing the Press had covered several pages with mysterious hieroglyphics, led the way to his house.

Here the band was met by members of his family, the Rector and other friends who had gathered for the party. A table loaded with good things for the 'inner man' carried as its centre-piece a handsome cake topped with four candles—the odd eighty being omitted for the sake of convenience, since it might have taken longer to light and extinguish them with befitting dignity than to ring the peal!

Following a sumptuous repast, glasses were charged and Mr. Sam Jones, jun., gave the toast of the day, expressing the congratulations and good wishes of all who were privileged to be present. Then followed the talk of bells and peals which by tradition must always take place when ringers gather together until, with further expressions of goodwill, affectionate farewells were taken and Sam was left to enjoy a well-earned smoke by the fireside.

Mr. Jones is well known to ringers all over the country, for the glorious eight at Eccleston have at some time or other attracted most of the famous men of the day and a great many more of the not so famous. A glance at the visitors' book in the tower will clearly indicate how true this is. Sam has received most of them, led the way in the long climb to the ringing chamber and even to-day is usually the least affected by the exertion. He has a wonderful memory for names and faces and, as might be expected, a great store of anecdotes, some amusing, many very interesting and some illuminating!

He has been a towerkeeper at Eccleston since ringing commenced 45 years ago, and during the whole of that time the bells have been his untiring interest. The fact that they go as well as ever is a tribute to the care and attention which he has given them. He possesses that rare human quality, reliability.

Illness? No. What, never? Well, hardly ever. The writer can only once in 30 years remember his being ordered to bed, a procedure which caused him to take an extremely poor view of the medical profession in general. It is perhaps hardly necessary to add that his stay in bed was of the shortest possible duration.

Many ringers from many towers will wish to associate themselves with the congratulations and good wishes expressed by those who rang in the birthday peal of Cheshire's 'evergreen' Sam Jones. J. W. C.

5,120 TREBLE BOB MAJOR

By NOLAN GOLDEN

M	B	W	H	23456
			—	42356
2	—	1	2	26354
	—	2	2	42563
2			2	24365
1	—		2	63425
2	*		2	65324
2	—	1	2	54326
1	—	2	1	32546

* In and 5ths. Repeated.

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Rung at Wells, Norfolk, September 14th, 1952

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ARRANGING OUTINGS

Dear Sir,—Following the publication of the letters by two clergy on the legal custodianship of church bells, several of my fellow ringers in this district have requested me to reply giving the facts as to how I proceed in arranging all the very happy and successful outings which we have completed.

Firstly, write to the district secretary, who will gladly forward all details, such as tower captains' addresses, possibilities of permission, state of bells, places available for meals and, yes! even parking facilities for coaches. Then write to the addresses supplied, not forgetting replies paid, and afterwards a letter of thanks to the local ringers and ALL the church authorities.

We must remember that very large efforts have been made in the past to unite all ringers into a Christian fellowship by belonging to our local associations which are affiliated to the Central Council, thereby making us into a large army of comrades.

The attitude of 'I'm Boss' is greatly to be deplored. All ringers know who are, but it's very unchristianlike to keep rubbing it in; after all, they are paid servants of the Church, whilst we are voluntary workers, and usually do the work in raising funds for repairs, etc.?

In the few instances that I have been advised to write to the incumbent very few have been satisfactory, and one replied that he supposed he'd better give consent, but could not see anything in it, as his choir never wanted to tour round singing in different churches, so I replied, saying, 'If that's the idea you have of fostering Christian fellowship we shall not be coming.'

Our own Vicar leaves the choir to our organist and the bells to us, and our whole church runs very smoothly. On his arrival here he informed me that he would not interfere only in case of trouble, and his services have never been required.

My own home church, which used to be thriving like my present one, had a new dictatorial incumbent in 1939, and there are now no ringers, and a very small choir, with an even smaller congregation.

Less than 20 miles from here a good octave was installed free of all cost to the church, and has been practically silent for years, until a new incumbent was installed a few months ago.

Some ringers are difficult to handle, some suffer with an overdose of 'I'm It,' some are not such good ringers as others, but all large organisations must contain these people, but if we ignore these little faults of one another and get on with doing our very best, we shall become the envy of every other organisation. This year I have received five letters unopened from our Vicar addressed to the Ringers' Captain, c/o The Vicarage.—Yours sincerely,

OUTING ORGANISER.

P.S.—Our own Vicar commands the respect of us all by his lovable and understanding attitude.

VAR. TRANS. REVERSE CALLINGS

Dear Sir,—I do not wish to distress Mr. Corby, but . . .

Act I.: At the Chapel in the valley the sexton is chiming the one bell for Matins.

Act II.: Enters the Vicar, who asks, 'What are you ringing this morning?' The Sexton: 'Johnson's, but not the variation, nor the transposition, nor the reverse, but just a version for you to see whether this old bell hits the clapper on either side. It sounds just the same to me.'

Best Christmas wishes, Mr. and Mrs. Corby. —Yours truly,

F. WARRINGTON.

THE ROCHDALE MEETING

Dear Sir,—The annual meeting of the Rochdale Branch, Lancashire Association, on Dec. 13th last, was advertised in 'The Ringing World' notices to take place at Rochdale Parish Church. On arriving there at 3 p.m. we found the bells, as a ring, to be out of order; a clapper was missing from one of the middle bells. None of the local ringers was there to meet us, which is not unusual for the Parish Church, and the first notice we received of the missing clapper was a chalked notice on a box in the ringing chamber.

All Saints', Rochdale, ringers immediately came to the rescue and took us over to their church, where we held the meeting. A notice was left on the Parish Church door to this effect.

May I apologise to any ringers who may have been inconvenienced by travelling to Rochdale and finding the Parish Church deserted.

Our thanks are due to All Saints' ringers and their Vicar for allowing the meeting to take place there without any notice whatsoever.—Yours faithfully, F. PRITCHARD,

Rochdale Branch Secretary.

HEXTON'S DANGEROUS BELLS

Dear Sir,—With reference to your report on the condition of the tower and bells at Hexton, Hertfordshire, on behalf of the Towers and Belfries Committee of the Central Council I have taken up the matter with the Central Council for the Care of Churches who have approached the Diocesan Authorities regarding the necessary immediate action which should be taken to preserve the bells.—Yours sincerely, FREDERICK SHARPE.

Launton, Bicester, Oxon.

FIRST LADY TO CONDUCT PEAL IN IRELAND

Dear Sir,—Surely the footnote to the peal at Hillsborough should read 'The first lady resident in Ireland to conduct a peal in the country.'

One has recollections of a peal of Stedman Caters rung at Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin, on July 30th, 1927, conducted by (as she then was) Miss E. K. Fletcher. This performance was rung for the Irish Association and should be in the report for that year.

A CORRESPONDENT.

Oldham, Lancashire.

NORFOLK IMPERIAL

Dear Sir,—Could any reader tell me what method was rung to the name 'Norfolk Imperial,' as it is not given in the Table of Performances in the new Plain Major book. I believe the peal was rung some time towards the end of 1946, presumably in Norfolk.—Yours sincerely, D. A. FRITH.

Grantham.

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Quarter Peals.—Lyme Regis 2s. 6d., Salisbury 2s., Hemingford Abbots 1s.

WINDSOR, BERKS.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Painter (first quarter) 1, E. S. T. Farr (cond.) 2, R. Tabraham 3, E. Armstrong 4, K. Buckingham 5, A. J. Glass 6, B. Taylor 7, J. Painter 8.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Chew Deanery Branch was held at Portishead on December 6th. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. and continued until the service, which was conducted by the Rev. C. G. Shipley, who gave a few words of welcome.

Tea was taken at a nearby cafe and the Rector of Portishead (the Rev. W. L. M. Coombes) presided at the business meeting which followed.

Officers were elected as follows:—Chairman and Ringing Master, Mr. H. W. Knight; vice-chairmen, Messrs. L. Derrick and L. Pullin; secretary and treasurer and representative on the Diocesan General Committee, Mr. P. G. Yeo.

Mr. George Yeo, who has been a ringer at Long Ashton for 65 years and the Diocesan Committee Representative for over 40 years, announced his resignation from the office. Tributes were paid and a hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Yeo for his long and faithful service.

Three new members were elected from Clapton-in-Gordano, four from Wraxall and three from Kingston-Seymour.

It was decided that, subject to permission being granted, the next quarterly meeting should be held at Chew Magna in April, with practices at Winford, Nailsea and Chew Stoke for January, February and March respectively. The bi-annual Corporate Communion will be held at Wraxall on April 26th.

After the usual votes of thanks a return was made to the tower. M. J. H.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The minutes of the November meeting record another successful gathering at Liversedge on November 29th.

The bells were raised in peal at 3 p.m., and ringing enjoyed until tea time at 5 p.m. The Liversedge company are to be congratulated on arranging tea when most of the visiting members did not send in any notification of their intention to be present.

The business meeting was held in the same room. The President was chairman, and members were present from Armley, Collingham, Drighlington, Elland, Guiseley, Halifax, Headingley St. Chad's, Leeds Parish Church, Liversedge, Pudsey, Rothwell and Thorner.

Three new members were elected, viz.: Miss Dorothy Hogg (Leeds Parish Church), Miss E. M. Bryce (Headingley St. Chad's), and Brian C. Capewell (Liversedge).

A vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and the local company was proposed by Mr. Irvin Slack, and seconded by Mr. T. W. Strangeway, and duly carried. The Vicar, acknowledging the thanks, referred to Fred Hodgson and the many years' service he had given to the Liversedge tower; he is missed greatly. Mr. Ernest Betts supported the Vicar, and said they were always pleased to see the Society, and hoped everyone had enjoyed themselves.

As this was the last meeting the Society would hold this year, the President wished everyone a happy Christmas and looked forward to seeing all members at the next meeting in January, 1953.

HUDDERSFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY

Nine members of the Huddersfield District Society visited Ashton-under-Lyne on December 6th. An excellent quarter peal of Treble Bob Major and a touch of 576 were rung at St. Peter's in the afternoon.

Following a good tea, ringing took place at the Parish Church. Treble Bob Major and Royal were rung, although striking was uneven for a time. Striking improved, and various touches were introduced before a good lower in peal took place at 8.45 p.m. Thanks are due to Mr. Gee, a former member, and now residing near Ashton, for the excellent arrangements.

BELLS IN ENGLISH LIFE

By ERNEST MORRIS

(Continued from page 557.)

SOME of the earliest bells on record were unquestionably very small and probably of the kind one still sees on the baby's rattle, viz., a hollow metal sphere with a loose pellet inside it. Such bells in all likelihood formed the fringe of the robe of the High Priest (Exodus 28 ch., 31-34 v.; also 39 ch., 25-26 v., and Ecclesiastes 45 ch., 9 v.), in which they were placed alternately with pomegranates, all being made of gold. This addition of bells on robes or vestments was intended to help the worshippers to follow mentally the steps of their hierarch as he passed into those sacred portions of the Tabernacle which were concealed from all eyes but his own.

In mediæval times a similar method arose of adorning the vestments of Christian priesthood. We have notices of several magnificent robes which were thus decorated. Conrad, Abbot of Canterbury, had a cope fringed with 140 little silver bells and 51 of silver gilt tinkled round a cope of Lanfranc.

Ricalfus, Bishop of Soissons, in his will dated 915, speaks of stoles adorned in a similar manner, and Peterborough Abbey had maniples of a like kind.

BELLS ON CLOTHING

Ladies also wore little bells jingling at their girdles; knights attached them to their armour; and the high curled shoes of the time frequently ended with a bell on the pointed toe. In this connection we are reminded of our nursery rhyme:—

'Ride a cock-horse, to Banbury Cross,
To see a fine lady on a white horse;
Rings on her fingers, and bells on her toes,
She shall have music wherever she goes.'

The usage was of Eastern origin and is very ancient. In the Bible there is reference to the Jewish imitation of the custom where Isaiah (3 ch., 16 v.) describes the 'daughters of Zion' as 'walking and mincing as they go, and making a tinkling with their feet,' and further denounces judgment on them and the destruction of all their finery and 'their tinkling ornaments.' Persian monarchs bedecked themselves with bells, and the women of Arabia and Persia wore them on their anklets. Wearing of bells became a special badge of the fool and jester, and they attached them to their caps, their shoes, their elbows, the heads of their carved staves and indeed all over their persons and their insignia. Longfellow in 'King Robert of Sicily' refers to them thus:—

'Nay, not the King, but the King's jester, thou
Henceforth shall wear the bells and scalloped cape.'

Again, in Thornbury's 'Songs of the Cavaliers,' we read about the jester when about to deliver his 'sermon,' who:—

'. . . . shook his head and bells, and leaped upon a chair.'

The last official jester at the English court appears to have flourished as late as the reign of Charles II., and under the date February 13th. 1667-8 in 'Pepys' Diary' we read:—

'Mr. Brisband tells me, in discourse, that Tom Killigrew hath a fee out of the Wardrobe for cap and bells, under the title of the King's Foole or Jester, and may revile or jeere anybody, the greatest person, without offence, by the privilege of his place.'

Morris dancers in olden times were commonly bedecked on May-day with jingling bells, especially upon the knees, so their sound might keep harmony with the dancing. 'Cobbe's Prophecies, his Signes and Token, his Madrigells, Questions and Answers' (1614) thus alludes to this custom:—

'It was my hap of late, by chance
To meet a country Morris-dance.
When, cheefest of them all, the Foole,
Plaied with a ladle and a toole:
When every younker shak't his bels.'

In the churchwarden's accounts of St. Helen's, Abingdon, under the date of 1560, there is the entry for 'two dossin of Morres bells'; and in a similar record belonging to Kingston-upon-Thames we find, among other expenses connected with the 'Mores dawnsars' in the reigns of Henry VIII. and his successor, '12d. for bellys.'

BELL AROUND MALEFACTOR'S NECK

Small bells were used in the camps and garrisons of the Greeks, were hung in triumphal cars and sometimes used in the temples. They were also hung on the necks of malefactors on their way to execution, and from this Greek custom—it is said—was derived the Roman one of hanging a bell and a scourge to the Emperor's chariot that, in the height of his prosperity, he might be admonished against pride and be mindful of human misery. Small bells also in many ways formed part of the equipment of war. The early Britons had bells fastened or suspended at the butt ends of their spears that they might make a rattling or jingling noise when the weapons were brandished. Thus Lingard, describing the accoutrement of the British warriors, says:—

'They possessed no other defensive armour than a narrow target; their weapons were a dirk, an unwieldy sword hanging from the waist by an iron chain, and a short lance from one extremity of which was suspended a bell.'

The Goths also were accustomed to incite their forces to military ardour by clanging cymbals and bells in honour of their gods. In a similar way the Greeks waved their shields as they entered into battle, producing thereby a martial clangour from the sounding of innumerable little bells which were hung within the hollow of each shield.

A curious use of bells in warfare is recorded by Plutarch in his 'Life of Brutus.' He tells us that Brutus and Cassius drove the Lycians into Xanthus and there besieged them, and continues:—

'As a river ran close to the town several attempted to escape by swimming and diving, but they were prevented by nets let down for that purpose, which had little bells at the top to give notice when anyone was taken.'

AS HORSE TRAPPINGS

The use of bells in the trappings of horses, and especially those trained for war, is very ancient. The prophet Zechariah (xiv. ch., 20 v.) mentions the 'bells of the horses,' and several of the sculptures discovered at Nineveh represent horses with bells hanging from their bridles or (as is sometimes seen even to-day on the modern cart-horse) fixed on top of their heads. This form of decoration for harness became very general and is even now not entirely obsolete. Russian horses frequently carry bells within an arch which surmounts the native horse collar, and in England the horses of the old tram cars sometimes wore a single bell suspended from their collars. One of the tokens or signs used by pilgrims who visited the shrine of St. Thomas of Canterbury was a number of bells inscribed 'Campana Thoma,' which were attached to their horses' bridles. No doubt the little bell-shaped flower 'Canterbury bells' obtained its name from the ancient symbol of an accomplished pilgrimage. Edgar Allen Poe's references to the use of bells on the harness of sleigh horses is well known:—

'Hear the sleigh with the bells—silver bells.
What a world of merriment their melody foretells!
How they tinkle, tinkle, tinkle,
In the icy air of night!'

In 1916 the writer had some correspondence on the matter of horse bells discovered in the Isle of Wight by Miss Hearn, a local antiquarian (see 'Isle of Wight County Press,' February-March, 1916). She found one set belonging to a team of five horses and stated: 'We have a few sets left on the Island—can you tell me who cast the bells in those quaint days of narrow roads when motor cars were not dreamt of?' I was able to inform her that at Aldbourne, Wilts, an important bell foundry flourished from 1694 to 1825. The first owners were the family of Cor, and subsequently it passed to Robert Wells, who held it from 1764 to 1799 and was joined by his son James in 1781. James carried on alone from 1799 to 1825. Wells' bells are very common in the neighbourhood and are remarkable in that their inscriptions are often placed on the sound-bow, and in one or two instances **inside** the bells.

FIRST MAKER OF HANDBELLS

The first maker of handbells—in tune—I can trace is Robert Wells, and a Marlborough paper dated June 6th, 1772, bears an advertisement in which 'horse bells' are named among other things for which the Aldbourne foundry was famous at that time. I, myself, possess a set of 'latten bells' besides several pack-horse bells stamped 'R. W..' and at this moment in the 15th century parvis of St. Margaret's Church, Leicester, I have quite 50 such 'latten bells,' most of which are stamped **inside** with the same initials.

The usage of such horse bells was not a matter of fancy but doubtless arose from the idea that the joyful tinkling of the bells would stir the animals to greater exertion and higher courage. Andrew Marvell declared that 'the pack-horse tires without his bells,' and for this reason the camels of an Eastern caravan carry their bells, as did the long lines of burdened horses which with us preceded the introduction of the stage coach. The sound of the bell, too, is useful in helping the owner to trace the animal that wears it; thus it became common on the necks of cattle and with flocks of sheep and goats. To this present day it is usual in many districts abroad to hear the sound of sheep and cattle bells on the mountain sides, or on the broad plains, which form their pasturage.

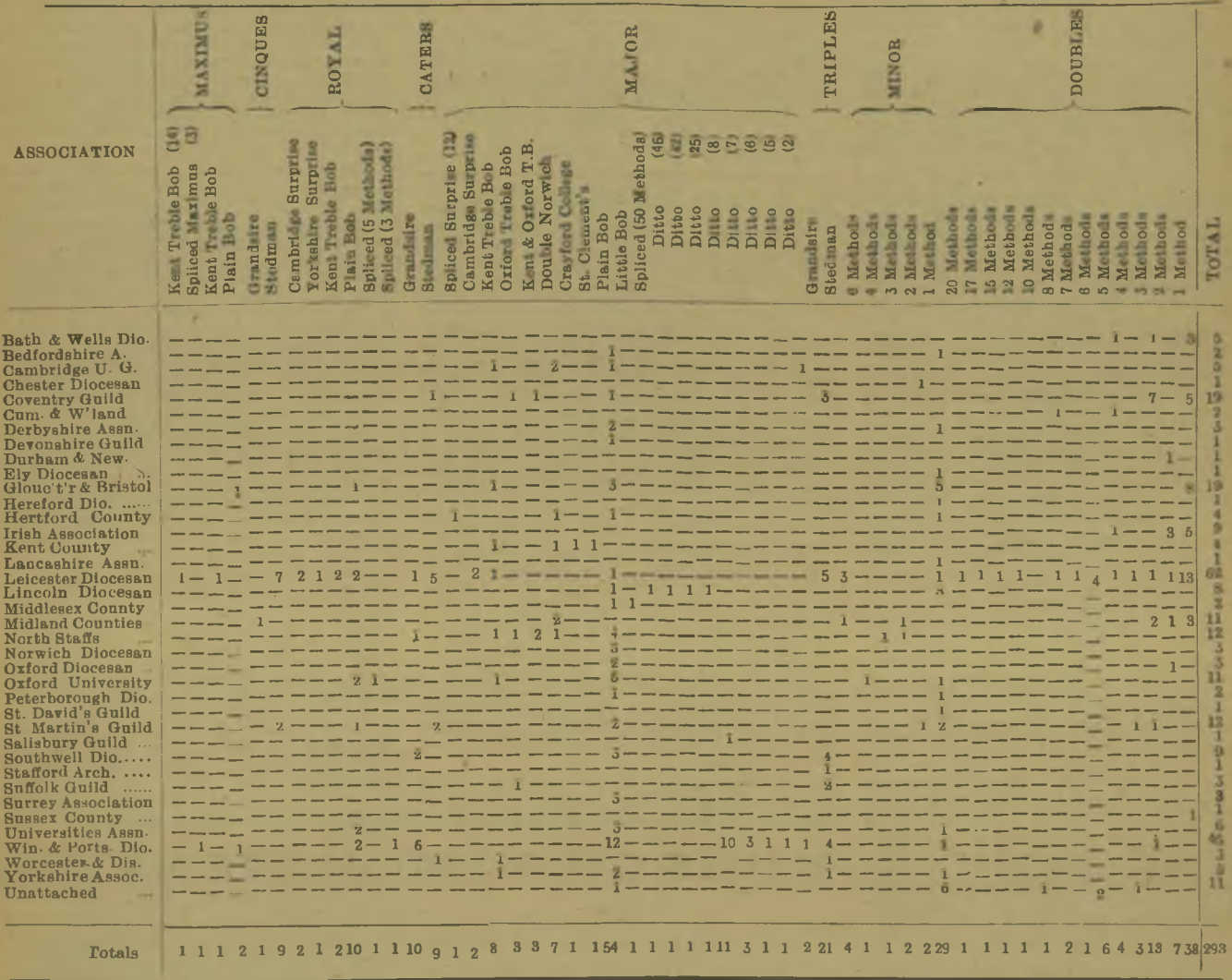
IN ALL WALKS OF LIFE

So in all walks of life throughout the ages and in almost every country the bell is used in hundreds of ways. It used to announce to passengers waiting the approach of the railway train. In America it also served the purpose fulfilled in England by the shrill engine whistle. It tells when the steam boat is about to start on its journey and the sharp tinkle still announces the approach of the bicycle. It summons scholars to school and often is used as a signal for silence and attention when they are there: it is the president's call for order in assemblies; and often is used to mark the limit of time permitted by the various speakers. It announces the moment when the curtain is about to rise for the commencement of the opera or play; it calls the labourer in the factory or mill; and in many other ways serves a useful purpose in everyday life.

In spite of the introduction of other means of communication, such as gongs (which are really a form of bell) buzzers, etc., the bell still holds its own. When a visitor arrived in Spartan days he announced his coming by a shout: the Athenian or Roman rapped with his knuckles, and the old-fashioned door-knocker was but an improvement on this. The door bell was a still further advance on these

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methods. House bells are said to date from the days of Queen Anne, and the electric variety is only of recent introduction. Shakespeare, however, knew of the bell as a domestic signal, for we find Macbeth (Act ii., Sc. i.) saying to his servant:—

'Go, bid thy mistress, when my drink is ready,
She strike upon the bell.'

Within the monasteries the inmates assembled, not only for worship but for every other requisite purpose, by the sound of the bell. It provided what Byron called 'the tocsin of the soul—the dinner bell!' It summoned the servants when needed and often used to arouse the household to the duties of the day.

[Concluded.]

OXFORD.—At St. Ebbe's Church on Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. P. Wright 1, G. Harper (first quarter) 2, P. C. Wright 3, R. J. Cook 4, P. Border 5.

5,152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

By MICHAEL SLANEY

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Contains the extent of the 7568s, 7856s and 5867s (tittums). Also all the 6578s and 5678s at the course ends.

First rung on August 20th, 1952, 'in hand,' for the North Staffs Association, conducted by the composer.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,280 Cobham Surprise Major: W. Newberry 1, A. H. Winch 2, Alan Smith 3, B. Hawkins 4, G. Peters 5, G. Marriner 6, A. Smith 7, A. Harman (cond.) 8.

NEW ZEALAND PROGRESS

Enclosing his annual subscription to 'The Ringing World,' Mr. A. G. A. Caldwell, ringing master of St. Peter's Cathedral, Hamilton, writes:—

We are progressing steadily, if slowly, with our ringing, and are now ringing Bob Doubles and Bob Minor for services and practising Grandsire Doubles. Our highest flight to date has been to ring a plain course of Bob Triples.

Our biggest difficulty has been with conducting, but we have been greatly helped in this by Colin Ward, who has recently come to us from Christchurch, where he has been ringing for several years.

We also welcome Mr. A. J. White, a veteran ringer from Auckland, who comes 80 miles each month to ring with us on our Wednesday practices and the following Sunday service rings. He was delighted to see in your 'Forty Years Ago' feature mention of his name in a record of ringing at St. Matthew's, Auckland. He is now 76 years old, and does get immense pleasure out of ringing with us.

AMONG THE VILLAGE BELLS IN DEVON

Forty-One Towers Visited This Year

VILLAGE churches in Devon are dotted about in quaint places, sometimes on hills where towers stand out as landmarks, sometimes in pleasant valleys and combes. The churches are of unique interest, and the bells are the pride of villagers. Few village rings are silent on a Sunday. It is the joy of our party of change-ringers to motor through these villages in the summer time rousing the interest of many a rustic in what they call scientific ringing. The local ringers check our faults and often praise when they are pleased. 'Weight of tenor?' you may ask, and the reply may be: 'We always called it 20 cwt., but it is 17 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.' This sort of thing occurs frequently, and an explanation has been given that old founders called 100 lb. 1 cwt., and that anything approximating to say 1,800 lbs. would be 18 cwt.

We met for our first trip on May 28th at Shobrooke (tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb., 'old' weight 15 cwt.), where Messrs. Myers, Mr. Atkins, with Messrs. A. W. Searle and G. Burrows, Rev. J. H. B. Andrews, Rev. W. H. Smale, with Mr. W. H. R. Smale, Miss Pat Gilbert and Mr. F. C. Smale rang touches on the handy six. We were met by the Rector, the Rev. C. C. Kelway. Through pleasant lanes we moved on to Stockleigh Pomeroy, where even Mr. Searle discovered a fresh tower. We enjoyed a 'go' on the light ring of three tuneful bells. The church has many points of interest, perhaps the most unique being the altar, with the five crosses carved on the marble.

Narrow lanes led us to Cheriton Fitzpaine (15 cwt.), where the 'go' was heavy. At Cadbury (12 cwt.), Canon Coleridge's old home, Mr. Bill Myers joined our party, and the Vicar (Rev. D. W. D. Phillips) welcomed us. Touches being rung, we proceeded to Cadeleigh (7 cwt.), where we found a handy six. Our next call was Halberton (16 cwt.), which has a fine church and a lovely six. We enjoyed our ringing, and Mr. Stafford Green joined our party. Then followed Hemyock (21 cwt.), Burlescombe (17 cwt.) and Holcombe Rogus (17 cwt.), which, though a mixed six in which a mediæval founder, Kingston, Bilbie, Pennington and Wroth had a hand, Mr. G. H. Myers thought the best of the trip.

A WHIT MONDAY TOUR

On Whit Monday we assembled at Buckerell (8 cwt.), where Miss B. M. Boyle and her party, as well as Messrs. A. and R. Truman, joined our company. Touches being rung, we ran on to St. Paul's, Honiton (13 cwt.), a very good eight, on which we rang Triples and rounds. On our way to Axminster (24 cwt.) we called at Shute, where the Vicar (the Rev. A. Joslin) gave a hearty welcome and watched our ringing with interest. At Axminster Mr. N. Mallett joined us and good touches of Triples came round. Kilmington (11 cwt.) and Musbury (14 cwt.) were our next towers, and though we could not ring at Colyton, the church and the Old Church House Cafe were most interesting to all our company.

We appreciated the eight at Seaton (14 cwt.) and again touches of Triples were well struck. By way of the main road and a 'stickle' hill to the village, we found the Branscombe Church nestling in a deep combe. The local ringers gave us a welcome, and good touches of Doubles and Minor were rung. Our conductor, Mr. Tom Myers, thought this trip was one of our best.

TALATON TENOR

On July 9th our company included Preb. E. V. Cox and Rev. J. H. B. Andrews, Messrs. Myers and Smale, with Mr. R. Truman and Messrs. Searle and Burrows. Talaton was the starting point, and the Rector (Rev. F. H. Simpson) gave us a welcome. Ellacombe thought Talaton tenor (12 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb., called 15 cwt.) the finest bell in the county. The founder is supposed to have been Roger Semson in Queen Mary's reign. Talaton has a good six, and our striking of Doubles and Minor was good.

Payhembury (15 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.) followed, and at Feniton (9 cwt.) we were met by the Rev. A. G. Chappell, the Rector, who joined us in a touch of Grandsire Doubles. The six are very tuneful. Our next stop was Luppitt (12 cwt.). The Vicar (Rev. B. A. Finn) gave us a welcome, and all our touches of Doubles and Minor were beautifully struck. Luppitt commands very fine views. We paused at Upottery for tea, but could not ring because of illness near the church. At Membury there was delay and our ringing limited, due to a faulty headstock of the fourth bell. On this occasion Mr. E. Morris and party assembled for a peal, but had to be content with a 'quarter.' At Colyton (24 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb.) we rang Doubles on the noble six. It was a long run to Ottery St. Mary (18¼ cwt.), and a puncture caused our late arrival, so it was we had to be content with a touch of Stedman Triples.

CHURCHES WITHOUT PINNACLES

The South Hams was the district selected for our succeeding trips. The itinerary on Aug. 20th started at Kingsbridge (13 cwt.), a handy octave, and took us to Charleton (12 cwt.), Chivelstone (12 cwt.), E. Portlemouth (14 cwt.), South Poole (12 cwt.), Sherford (12 cwt.), Stokenham (15 cwt.) and Stoke Fleming (17 cwt.). On this occasion our company were sorry to hear of the illness of Preb. Cox, who had arranged to be with us, and the Rev. J. H. B. Andrews brought along Messrs. Burrows and Searle. Miss Pat Gilbert was also with us.

The towers we visited are unique. They have no pinnacles and are finely built of very hard slaty material. The churches are impressive, and contain rood screens of the Portlemouth type. The homely stairway to the belfry at Kingsbridge was unusual, and the ringing chamber at Stoke Fleming reminded us of a parlour with certificates replacing pictures, electric clock and polished lino on the floor. At East Portlemouth we were met by the captain of the tower, who reads 'The Ringing World' regularly. On the belfry walls were many certificates of merit, and all was in good order.

On September 4th Miss B. M. Boyle brought along Messrs. Searle and E. J. Ryall in place of the Rev. J. H. Bandrews. The start was Ugborough (23 cwt.), an impressive octave, which we thought needed tuning. A local ringer helped with Grandsire Triples. The church is a gem. Our next call was Modbury (17 cwt. 1 qr.), a fine six. The broach spire is rather unusual in Devon. Then followed Loddiswell (9 cwt.), a musical ring amid historic surroundings, and Churchstow (13 cwt.), a somewhat neglected six. As we approached West Alvington we were impressed by the fine pinnacles on the tall tower. We found an excellent six (tenor 16 cwt.) in good order. Many merit certificates adorn the walls of the belfry. The wife of the captain praised our ringing. Thurleston (12 cwt. 2 qr.), our next call, has a fine six. Our tea in the hotel was an event. Then we visited Galmpton (6 cwt.) and were pleased with the merry little six. There is romantic country here. We finished at East Allington (13 cwt.).

Thus it is our party visited 41 of the village towers in Devon this summer and enjoyed every minute of the time spent. The ladies of our party also have had a happy time, the change of scenes appealing to them, and we are sure that Mrs. Myers and her sister and Mrs. Smale and her sisters, Misses A. and E. M. Risdon, owe much to Mr. Searle's note book and his wealth of knowledge of the churches visited. He is 83 and rings little in these days, but he enjoys our tours, and we are sure he values the appreciation of our lady friends.

FREDK. C. SMALE.

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

The Editorial Committee of 'The Ringing World,' and the Editor and his staff wish all ringers every happiness this Christmastide. With confidence and encouraged by the wide measure of co-operation they look forward to the Coronation year being a memorable one in the annals of the Exercise.

Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all my ringing friends wherever they may be, and grateful thanks for good fellowship in 1952.—Paul FIELD, Buckland Newton, Dorset. 1868

This is Tom MYERS wishing his friends all that is good for them for Christmas and the New Year. May their ringing in 1953 bring credit to our art. 1858

All good and much adventure to all ringing friends, especially those in East and West. With Barbara Harris, a special greeting to new friends made at Leicester recently. — Jean FREER. 1859

Sincere greetings to all ringing friends, especially those in Kent, Middlesex, Northants, Leicestershire and all Cumberlands.—Ronald J. SHARP. 1862

Christmas greetings and a happy New Year to all our friends, from George and Hilda MASSEY, Parbury Bungalow, Frome, Somerset. 1860

Christmas greetings and best wishes for the New Year from Mary and Jim PAGE, 51, Cecil Crescent, Hatfield, Herts. 1861

Mr. Stafford H. GREEN, now at 35, Arundel Street, Forest Lodge, Sydney, N.S.W., sends his best wishes to all ringers for a happy Christmas and a bright New Year.

Heartiest Christmas greetings to ALL ringing friends wherever they may be; especially the Editor and 'The Ringing World,' the Chester, 'Dick' Langford; Samuel Jones (84), Sam., jun.; the Archdeaconry, Howard Howell, Barney Key; the Derbyshire, Bill Lancaster, Sid Jones; North Staffs.; the Shropshire, Ted Rodenhurst; Worcester, Geof. Hemming; Norwich, Nolan Golden; Lincoln, John A. Freeman; Midland, Joe Cotton; Peterborough, Ron (and Mrs.) Noon; St. Martin's, Birmingham, Albert Walker; North Wales, Fred Evans; Ashton-under-Lyne; Ted Walker, Dover; Harry Overton, Wrenbury, ill.

Good health and good ringing for the new (1953) and succeeding years. — Frank STENSON, Crewe. 1866

To all ringing friends, greetings, at this festive season, and best wishes for good health and prosperity throughout the coming year. — Charles ROUSE, 52, St. George's Drive, Cheltenham, Glos. 1864

My Christmas greetings for 'The Ringing World.' To all my ringing friends, wherever they may be, the joys of a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year. — Leonard DERRICK, Nailsea, Somerset. 1867

Mr. A. R. WILSON and his fellow ringers at Holy Trinity Church, Hobart, Tasmania, send cordial greetings to all ringers in the Homeland.

Mr. F. E. JEATER extends Christmas greetings to all postal subscribers. He reciprocates the good wishes and kind thoughts received from many friends.

Mr. Peter N. BOND sends sincere greetings and good wishes for Christmas and New Year to all his many ringing friends, and especially to fellow Cumberlands. 1873

The season's greetings to all my ringing friends throughout the country from Richard E. MANTON, Ibstock, Leicester. 1872

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MISCELLANEOUS

DANBURY, ESSEX.—Sunday service ringing and Wednesday practices will recommence on Sunday, Dec. 28th. 1865

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MEETINGS

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Derby District. — Annual meeting, St. Peter's, Dec. 27th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Miss K. Tivey, 232, Chellaston Road, Derby. 1856

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch. — Meeting, Windsor Parish Church, Saturday, Dec. 27th, 6.45 p.m. Ringer's Diaries available at meeting.—Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 1826

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Practice cancelled, Tuesday, Dec. 30th, Christchurch, Ealing Broadway. Saturday, Jan. 3rd, General Meeting, St. Mary, Putney, 2.45. Service 4.15. Tea, Gordon Restaurant, 5 p.m. Business and nominations, 5.45, All Saints', Fulham. Ringing 7 p.m., Monday, Jan. 5th, 7.15, practice, St. Mary, Lambeth Bridge. Annual General Meeting, Southwark Cathedral, Saturday, Feb. 7th. Everyone welcome.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. HOU. 3921. 1853

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District. — A.G.M. on Jan. 3rd. Elstow 2.30-4. St. Peter's, Bedford, 2.30-4.25. Service 4.30. Tea (1s. 9d.) at 5, can be guaranteed only for those sending names before the day to Michael Stephens, 24, Durler Avenue, Kempston. 1874

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — N.E. Branch. — Annual meeting, Tiverton, Saturday, Jan. 3rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to C. G. Dymond, Silverton.

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION & SHEFFIELD DISTRICT. — Joint quarterly meeting, Chesterfield, Saturday, Jan. 3rd. Ten bells available. 1875

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Annual General Meeting at Ely (8), Jan. 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Miss M. Grain, Dis. Sec. 1881

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—A.G.M. will be held at Harlow Town (8) on Jan. 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by meeting. Names, please, to G. Blake, Dis. Sec., Teesta, Jack's Hatch, Epping Upland, Essex. 1819

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. Division.—Annual meeting, Walthamstow, St. Mary's (10), Jan. 3rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., to be followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to Mr. H. Rumens, 32, Woodstock Road, Walthamstow, E.17. 1827

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Blackburn Branch.—Annual branch meeting, Burnley, St. Peter's, Jan. 3rd. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Cups of tea provided.—Chas. W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 1877

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch. — A combined practice at Sandhurst (6) on Saturday, Jan. 3rd, at 6 p.m. —B. C. Castle. 1857

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Oundle Branch.—Annual meeting Jan. 3rd, at Benefield (6 bells), commencing 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by Dec. 28th to Mrs. Clarke, 7, Bassett Place, Oundle. 1855

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Annual meeting, Devizes, St. John's (8), Jan. 3rd. St. Mary's (6) and St. James' (6) also available. Names for tea to Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 1871

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Annual meeting, Jan. 3rd, at the Tamworth Arms Hotel, Moor Street, City, at 6 o'clock. Bells available:—Cathedral (12) 3 p.m.-4 p.m.; St. Martin's (12), 4.15 p.m.-5.45 p.m.—G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec., 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Phone SPR 1025. 1812

SWANSEA & BRECON GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Mary's, Brecon, Sat., Jan. 3rd. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow. Names please to W. Smith, Stanbury, Penbont Road, Talgarth, Brecon. 1879

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Annual meeting, Winchester, Saturday, January 3rd. Bells: Cathedral (12) 1-2, 6-7; St. Maurice's (6) 7-8.30; other towers if wanted. Meeting and tea St. Maurice's Hall, Colebrook Street, 2.30. Service in Cathedral 5.15. Names, by previous Wednesday, to Mr. J. A. C. King, 29, Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester. 1822

LADIES' GUILD.—North-Eastern District. —Inaugural meeting, St. John's, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells (8) at 2.30 p.m. Tea at Roma Cafe, Bigg Market (3s.), at 4.30. Names by Wednesday, Jan. 7th, to Mrs. McGuiness, 72, Rokeby Drive, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 3. 1880

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wymondham, on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.15. Tea at 5 p.m. in the Vicarage Room, for all who send names or numbers not later than Wednesday, Jan. 7th. No names, no tea. — H. Tooke, Branch Sec., 11, Long Row, The Lizard, Wymondham, Norfolk. 1876

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